



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

FEBRUARY 2014

FEBRUARY WEBINAR

This Wednesday, February 5th, 10am-11am

Go to <http://breeze.wsu.edu/mg> and log in as a guest a few minutes before the meeting. Don't forget to run the Audio Wizard after entering the meeting to test your equipment.

Agenda

- Guest Presenter: Jami Gechas (Human Resources Coordinator) – this will be an informal question and answer session with Jami
- Topic: Special Accommodation Requests
- Volunteer Satisfaction Survey
- State Report

Please let me know what other items you'd like put on the agenda.

COORDINATORS' SURVEY (Just a reminder, and thank you to those of you who've already filled it out)

In an effort to insure I am supporting you as a MG Program Coordinator and/or MG Program Faculty Lead, I would appreciate it if you'd take a few minutes to fill out a quick survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z5MPTPV>

I value your opinion tremendously and will use your feedback to make necessary changes.

Please note that ALL coordinators are welcome to fill out the survey, even if there are two of you in the same county.

VOLUNTEER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Well, as many of you know, the link to the survey has been distributed to Master Gardener Coordinators and Master Gardeners, but there are some problems with the survey itself. A couple of questions (Question #2 and the last question, for example) require an answer and "Other" should have been an option, but it is not. I'm hoping that Master Gardeners will answer the questions to the best of their ability. I realize that because of my mistakes, some of the data collected may not be valid. This is something I'll have to do my best to work around. Should you hear from any of your Master Gardeners regarding problems with the survey, feel free to have them email me directly or if they'd rather remain anonymous, please forward me their concerns. My sincerest apologies for my mistake. Here is some text you can use, if you like, to introduce the survey to MGs:

Dear WSU Extension Master Gardeners,

I want to personally thank each of you for your hard work toward, and your dedication to, the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program. WSU Extension recognizes Master Gardeners as valued partners in extending WSU research to residents throughout Washington State and to that end, would appreciate you taking ten to fifteen minutes to fill out the following survey. The purpose of the survey is to determine where there are opportunities for the MG Leadership to improve in supporting you as a volunteer, as well as, to know what we're doing right. Your opinion is so valuable that in return for your time, you may log 30 minutes of Program Support in the WSU Online Volunteer Database. Please note that there are some problems with the structure of the survey and I sincerely apologize for the oversight. I hope that you will be patient with the mishaps and that you will answer each question to the best of your ability.

The survey results will be shared with everyone, but please note that your individual responses are anonymous.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to share your opinion with the WSU MG Program Leadership about the Master Gardener Program, your opinion matters to the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program Leadership!

-Nicole Martini

FACULTY CHANGE

Gwen Stahnke (Turfgrass Management Specialist with the WSU Puyallup R&E Center) is now working for Walla Walla Community College. She's no longer available to give talks to Master Gardeners.

Here are some turfgrass resources that your MGs might find helpful:

Hortsense - <http://pep.wsu.edu/hortsense/>

Home Lawns bulletin - <http://gardening.wsu.edu/lawns/>

Diagnostic Labs:

Pullman - <http://plantpath.wsu.edu/diagnostics/>

Puyallup - <http://puyallup.wsu.edu/plantclinic/>

SUBMIT TO CAHNRS NEWS

Promote your workshops, news article write ups and other items you'd like to share with CAHNRS at this link:

<http://news.cahnrs.wsu.edu/marketing/cahnrs-news-submission/>

EMERITUS CERTIFICATE

Attached is a certificate you can use to acknowledge a Master Gardener who has recently become Emeritus.

It's also posted on the state website: <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/certification>

SOUTH KOREAN MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

Save the date—September 25-27 with tours on the 28th

Location—GyeongGi-Do Agricultural Research and Extension Service (South Korea)

Conference website should be available in early March.

MESSAGE FROM LINDA CHALKER-SCOTT (Please share her message with Master Gardeners)

Dear WSU Master Gardener -

I'm working on an update of Kruckeberg's "Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest." We will be adding some new plants and would like to have gardener feedback.

So if you are interested in having your favorite PNW native featured in the new edition, here's what you do:

1) Be sure you have either a copy of the book or request the list of possible inclusions from me. (That way you won't be including plants that are already in the book.) To get a copy of the list, just send me a message and I will send an electronic file.

2) Suggest up to two dozen species that you'd like to see included in the newest edition. There are some conditions for this. They must be plants that grow well in gardens and landscapes - either you have them or have seen them. And you need to have some very specific reasons why you think they should be part of someone's garden.

Finally, if you send in suggestions, I'll enter your name for drawing for prizes! The grand prize will be specifically given to whomever we think provides the best overall list. And that prize will be a signed copy of the new book.

Please pass this on to anyone you know who gardens with PNW native plants. The more information we get, the better this resource will be. Please have your list sent in no later than February 14, 2014 for consideration.

-Linda Chalker-Scott (lindacs@wsu.edu)

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Got Fruit Trees? – February 19th and 22nd

WSU Snohomish County Extension is pleased to present Westside tree fruit expert Gary Moulton in a two part lecture and hands-on workshop on Dormant Pruning. Part 1 is Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014; 6–9:00pm at WSU Snohomish County Extension's Cougar Auditorium, 600 - 128th St SE, Everett, WA inside McCollum Park. Part 2 is the following Saturday, Feb. 22, 2013; 11-2pm at Ed's Apples, 13420 339th Ave SE, Sultan, WA.

Topics covered include the basics of pruning with an emphasis on the techniques and goals of dormant pruning. During the lecture, you'll learn what issues can be addressed or exacerbated, the physiology of a tree's response to pruning, along with what to look for when deciding to prune, or not to prune. Then, during the Saturday hands-on, you'll put theory into practice as you work in small groups to prune several trees in the orchard at Ed's Apples.

Cost for the lecture only is \$35, for both lecture and hands-on is \$60 per person. Those attending the hands-on session must also attend the Wednesday lecture. For the Saturday Hands-On: Please dress for weather and mud; bring gloves, pruners, and saws.

Enrollment is limited. Registration and prepayment is required to hold your spot. To register online, visit www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/438394, or download the form at

snohomish.wsu.edu/documents/Pomology2014.pdf and mail with your check. For registration information, contact Karie Christensen at (425) 357-6039, e-mail christensen4@wsu.edu.

For more information on the workshop, contact Andrew Corbin, corbina@wsu.edu, (425) 357-6012.

Whidbey Island Gardening Workshop

Save the Date!

Island County Master Gardener Foundation presents:

2014 Whidbey Gardening Workshop

"It's All About Gardening!"

March 8, 2014
Oak Harbor High School

Featured: Over 36 classes from beginner to advanced

New! 5 learning tracks - Mix and Match

Garden Design: Landscaping, Four Season Design, Low Maintenance, Yard Renovation, Water-Wise

Gardening Basics: Pruning, Propagation, Tricks of the Trade, Rain Barrels, Greenhouses, Planting Containers, Soil

Ornamentals: Grasses, Roses, Ground Covers, Trellis Design, Bulbs, Shade Plants

Sustainability: Composting, Gardening for a Lifetime, Organics, Insects - Good and Bad, Weeds, Natives

Fruits and Vegetables: Tomatoes, Raised Beds, Vegetable Garden Planning, Year Round Food, Home Orchards, Berries, Culinary Herbs, Food Preservation

New! Panel Sessions "New to Whidbey"

Keynote Speaker: Marty Wingate - Author, radio show advisor, and popular speaker about gardens and garden travel.



On-line registration begins February 4, 2014

Gift Certificates available

Call 360-240-5527 for information

JANUARY PUBLICATIONS UPDATES (attached)

NEW/REVISED PUBS Pub # (Book Code)	Title	Price
FS126E	Onion Thrips NEW https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=fs126e Online Only	N/C
EB1870	Pasture Renovation <i>Reviewed and reinstated from Out of Print</i> https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EB1870 Online Only	N/C
EB1897	Haymaking on the Westside <i>Reviewed and reinstated from out of print</i> https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EB1897 Online Only	N/C
FS100ES	Injertos Horticolas:Sandia (Vegetable Grafting: Watermelon) NEW https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FS100ES Online Only	N/C
EB0762	2014 Pest Management Guide for Grapes in WA Revised	\$9.50

OUT OF PRINT PUBLICATIONS Pub # and (Book Code)	Title
MISC0474 (4077)	Bugs of Washington and Oregon- Lone Pine publication
MISC0229 (3808)	Interior Cedar-Hemlock-White Pine Forests: Ecology and Management (1994)
MISC0230 (3809)	Interior Douglas-Fir, the species and its management (1991)
MISC0231 (3810)	Prescribed Fire in the Intermountain Region (1989)
MISC0232 (3811)	Ponderosa Pine, the species and its management (1988)
MISC0234 (3813)	Short Duration Grazing (1986)
MISC0235 (3814)	Weed Control for forest productivity in the interior west (1986)
MISC0236 (3815)	Lodgepole Pine, the species and its management (1985)

MASTER GARDENER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Please note, individuals hired are strictly prohibited from representing organizations they maybe members of. They will be lawn & garden consultants representing the hiring company.

How to Apply:

For anyone interested, to Apply you send a brief resume or description of gardening experience via email to weekendwarriors@bayer.com. This email must include full contact information, name, address, and phone number to be contacted. You will be contacted shortly.

The Detailed Job Description is as follows:

Position: Temporary Weekend Sales Representative – Lawn & Garden Specialist

Job description:

The primary responsibility of this Temporary Weekend Sales Representative role is to provide in-store lawn and garden expertise to promote sales of a specific product line at Home Centers within an assigned territory. Incumbent will also build relationships with store personnel for the duration of the program.

This position requires working 5 hours each Saturday for a 10 week period, with a start date between March through April based on geography. Can work around an occasional conflict if necessary. The location of this position is will be communicated to you prior to you starting.

The representative will:

- Promote the sales of lawn & garden products
- Provide lawn and garden expertise to consumers
- Ensure understanding of proper usage of product based on label instructions
- Build and maintain relationships with key store personnel
- Coordinate with co-workers and store personnel to maintain inventory levels on racks, shelves and displays. Straighten and dust products as needed.
- Provide excellent customer service to consumers and store personnel

Required qualifications:

- Demonstrated lawn and garden knowledge
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills
- Demonstrated good verbal and written communication skills
- Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English
- Ability to stand comfortably for five (5) consecutive hours
- Ability to perform light lifting, up to 25 pounds
- Ability to work a flexible schedule – weekends and holidays
- Demonstrated good organization and planning skills
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Basic computer skills
- Access to the Internet/Email and Cellular phone

Preferred Qualifications:

- Trained in lawn & garden techniques (ex. Horticulture training, Master Gardener certification, related education) or equivalent level of lawn & garden expertise
- High School diploma or equivalent
- One to two years of sales or retail work experience
- Lawn and Garden chemicals knowledge
- Previous Home Center consumer product merchandising work experience
- Previous lawn care and/or pest control work experience
- **Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking Spanish. (Regional requirement)**

Although it may not be for everyone, please forward this email to anyone who may find it fun and rewarding helping people in their community.

Please send any questions, concerns or ideas to weekendwarriors@bayer.com