



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

MARCH 2016

JUNE ELLENSBURG MEETING -SAVE THE DATE-

We'll be meeting **Friday, June 17th** in Ellensburg at the Hal Holmes Center. Please plan on a dinner together on Thursday- location TBD.

Details to follow.

APRIL WEBINAR

****There will not be a March webinar.**

Next Webinar Wed., April 6 10am-11am

Presenter: Todd Murray (new CAHNRS Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Unit Lead)

Topic: A Vision for the MG Program

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 (found under "Meeting" in the upper left corner of your screen) after entering the meeting to test your equipment. We're going to be discussing ideas for evaluating the impact of the MG Program. Feel free to use your camera/microphone to join in the conversation!

May Webinar

Presenter: Margaret Veibroek (Douglas County Director)

Topic: Master Gardeners and Food/Recipes

IDEAS FOR PRESENTERS FOR THE 2017 STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE

If you're not already aware, the cat will officially be out of the bag now! The MG Foundation of Yakima County has graciously (and bravely) offered to host the 2017 State Conference!

Carol Barany is co-lead for the Education Committee and wants to know if you have suggestions for speakers.

Note from Carol-

My committee is working on assembling speakers for the WA State MG Advanced Education Conference to be held in Yakima in 2017 and we're off to a great start. Do you have suggestions for speakers? Is there someone in your county or region you would recommend? I know there are extraordinary resources out there that we may not be aware of. We're hoping to hear from you. See you in Yakima in 2017! All the best from Carol Barany.

Please contact Carol at carolbarany@gmail.com with your ideas.

PNW MANAGEMENT HANDBOOKS

Note from Todd Murray (CAHNRS ANR Unit Director)-

Due to the cost and current budget constraints, we will no longer be providing complimentary copies of the PNW handbooks.

The PNW Management Handbooks are available online at <http://pnwhandbooks.org/>

If you desire a printed copy, please order those directly from Oregon State University at the links below.

PNW Insect Management Handbook

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/insect>

PNW Plant Disease Management Handbook

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/plant>

PNW Weed Management Handbook

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/weed>

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT TRAINING INFORMATION AND OUTDATED PUBLICATIONS ON WEBSITES

I know it's challenging to stay on top of, but please make sure you are removing outdated training information and outdated publications from your website. This information can often be easily found by the public through an internet search and it puts WSU at risk of having outdated and possibly illegal pesticide recommendations in circulation. Please be highly cognizant of this.

Thank you.

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION DOCUMENT

Attached is a document that will help you and your MGs decide what projects your program should be taking on. Colleen Miko (in Kitsap County) originally developed it with her MGs and presented it at our meeting last September. Howard Voland revised it slightly with his MGs and posted it to SharePoint. It will be discussed with a group and then added to our Volunteer Handbook when that undergoes revisions this fall. You will find this document very helpful!! It's also posted to our SharePoint site. Thanks, Colleen!

FUN FACT

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has declared **2016 the International Year of Pulses**.

Visit their website [to learn more](#).

CE OPPORTUNITY FOR MGs

Whidbey Gardening Workshop (Flier Attached)

March 5th, 2016

Oak Harbor, WA

For more information go to: Whidbeygardeningworkshop.org

2016 Master Gardener Spring Symposium

March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Yakima, WA

Details [here](#).

7th Annual Cabin Fever Gardening Symposium

Saturday, March 12

Spokane, Washington

Attend this conference and you'll become inspired about spring, earn CE credits, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow gardeners. This is a time to learn and have fun. Attendees can choose four out of twelve outstanding class options with topics ranging from landscape design tips to broader issues of environmental stewardship. Many of our speakers are leaders from WSU, Federal and State agencies, and small business.

For more information go to: mgfsc.org.

To purchase tickets on-line, please visit mgfsc.org.

WSU Master Gardener Advanced Workshop (Flier Attached)

March 26th, 2016

Longview, WA

Speakers and topics:

Jenny Glass: Plant problem diagnostician at WSU Puyallup Plant and Insect Diagnostic Laboratory
Hands on learning for solving the perplexing plant problems that we encounter.

Todd Murray: WSU Skamania County Extension

Review of insect pests and new insect invaders that are a local concern for their environmental or economic impact

Alec Kowalewski: OSU Assistant Professor, Turf Specialist

Integrated Pest Management for Turfgrass

MG COORDINATORS NATIONAL RESOURCE PAGE

Including information on:

- Program Planning
- Hosting a Master Gardener Class

https://sites.google.com/a/extension.org/emg_coordinators/home

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NATIONAL EMG COORDINATORS CONFERENCE

September 19 - 23, 2016

Yellowstone National Park

(Still no details about registration)

INTERNATIONAL MG CONFERENCE

July 10 - 14, 2017

Portland, OR

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

NATIONAL EXTENSION CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEERISM

April 10-13, 2017

Asheville, North Carolina

For more information like the Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/1NECV>

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The EMG online discussion archive can be accessed at: <http://create.extension.org/node/93850>