



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

MARCH 2017

## APRIL WEBINAR

CANCELLED- I'll be traveling our usual first Wednesday of the month, as well as the following week.

## MAY WEBINAR

Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-11am

### AGENDA

- **Guest Presenter: Jim Kropf (Natural Resources and County Operations Director)**
- **Topic: Affirmative Action- Reaching Parity in Your County**
- Clinic/Pesticide Survey Protocol and Timeline
- July Coordinators Meeting
- Please send me other agenda items

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/948881790>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +14086380968,948881790# or +16465588656,948881790#

Or Telephone:

Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 948 881 790

International numbers available: [https://zoom.us/join?m=Xjl9edoTYiSf5AdfO-zUux6gzd\\_9L9W7](https://zoom.us/join?m=Xjl9edoTYiSf5AdfO-zUux6gzd_9L9W7)

## JUNE STATE MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS MEETING

### **State MG Program Coordinators Meeting**

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am-3pm

Confluence Technology Center

285 Technology Center Way #102

Wenatchee, WA 98801

<http://ncwctc.com/>

**A block of rooms is reserved at:**

Best Western Chieftain Inn

1017 N. Wenatchee Ave  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
Phone: 509-665-8585

\*\*Ask for "WSU Extension room block."

**Reservation cutoff date is April 30, 2017.**

Agenda TBD.

TA and budget information to follow.

## **CLINIC SURVEY TALKING POINTS FOR PROGRAM COORDINATORS AND MGS**

Please use the attached document to explain to MGS why we're asking them to collect clients' email addresses and the purpose of the clinic evaluation.

## **IMPORTANT WSU PESTICIDE POLICY AND TRAINING (Please be sure the MGS in your county get this information)**

If you engage in pesticide research, application, handling, or recommendation activities as part of your WSU employment, you must follow all WSU Pesticide Policy requirements as defined in the WSU Business Policies & Procedures Manual (BPPM).

Refresh your knowledge of WSU Pesticide Policy requirements by visiting [WSU Employee Resources](#) at the Washington State Pest Management Resource Service (WSPRS) website. The Pesticide Policy training modules are available as videos, video transcripts, and podcasts.

Find the related WSU Pesticide Policy BPPM sections here:

- [Overview \(BPPM 45.65\)](#)
- [Approval to Make Pesticide Recommendations \(BPPM 45.67\)](#)
- [Use of Registered Pesticides \(BPPM 45.69\)](#)
- [Experimental Use of Pesticides \(BPPM 45.70\)](#)

WSU Pesticide Policy applies to ALL WSU EMPLOYEES (with or without a pesticide applicator's license) who are engaged in pesticide-related work, including students, **volunteers**, faculty and staff.

If you have any questions about the training, pesticide policy, pesticide license requirements, or experimental use of pesticides, please contact Dr. Catherine Daniels, WSU Pesticide Coordinator, at 253-445-4611 or [cdaniels@wsu.edu](mailto:cdaniels@wsu.edu).

## **UPDATED HERBICIDE BROCHURES FROM WSDA**

<http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/docs/597BSingleSheet.pdf>

<http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/docs/597ATriFold.pdf>

## **STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

## [2017 State MG Advanced Education Conference](#)

"Can You Dig It"

September 20-23, 2017 (Registration opens April 1)

Yakima, WA

[YouTube video](#) (Very fun!!)

## MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF WA STATE NEWS

- The MGFWS is **looking for an Executive Vice President**. The job description is attached- please share with the MGs in your county.
- Is your county **interested in hosting the 2018 State MG Advanced Education Conference?**

Note from Kathleen LaFrancis Eaton (President Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State):

Attached is a cover letter, and the official RFP for the 2018 Advanced Education Conference. Please review them, and spend some time with your local Master Gardener group considering the experience of hosting our conference next year. You can contact John Strong or any of his 2017 Conference Steering Committee to find out how much fun they are having, and how they're looking forward to the conference. Yes, it takes some time and some planning. But there are lots of folks out there who are willing to help... from prior conferences and from your neighboring counties. And it really is fun, and it brings your volunteers closer, and forms a great camaraderie.

- Have an **article, program or fund-raiser** to submit to the quarterly **Seeds for Thought Newsletter?** Submit it to Erin Landon ([editomgfws@gmail.com](mailto:editomgfws@gmail.com)) by April 1 for the May issue.

## NATIONAL CITIZEN SCIENCE BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG PROJECT

**From Peter J. Jentsch (Department of Entomology, NYSAES Cornell University):**

This project plays an important role in our understanding the spread of invasive insects and most importantly, the future successful deployment of biological control efforts to manage the insect in urban and agricultural environments.

We are asking that you consider sending along the attached PDF with embedded links to your digital newsletter and posting the link of the 'National Citizen Science Project' in your Facebook page for residents of your county to post an image (for verification) and participate in the project.

The link to the Citizen Science BMSB website also provides to participants all of the information to take part in the National Citizen Science Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Project:

<http://blogs.cornell.edu/jentsch/a-national-march-madness-citizen-science-project-to-find-the-brown-marmorated-stink-bug-2017/>

Likewise, we are inviting all of the other 48 states also participate for us to best monitor the spread of the insect.

To do so we would like participants to verify the EDDMaps submission of the BMSB by requesting they submit a clear image of the specimen and post it into the EDDMaps link to upload the image for verification of BMSB presence in that township/county:

<http://www.eddmaps.org/west/report/insects.cfm?>

If need be, clear images can also be submitted to:  
[bmsbproject@cornell.edu](mailto:bmsbproject@cornell.edu)

## **A TREE'S LIFE CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT**

**From Steve Frank (North Carolina State University Department of Entomology):**

We just launched a citizen science project called A Tree's Life. The goal is to understand tree growth, and thus services, across latitudinal, altitudinal, and urbanization gradients. Volunteers just need a red maple in their yard and we will send them a dendrometer to measure annual DBH growth.

This is an easy project for homeowners, Master Gardeners, or even schools.

For more info and to sign up visit the project web page:  
<http://ecoipm.org/a-trees-life/>

Or blog post:  
<http://wp.me/p4VY1G-1iV>

Email [a-trees-life@ncsu.edu](mailto:a-trees-life@ncsu.edu) with questions.

## **SEE IT? REPORT IT! WA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL APP**

An updated app from the Washington Invasive Species Council lets you report unusual sightings on your smartphone or computer.

### **Full Press Release Links:**

Release URL: [http://rco.wa.gov/doc\\_pages/press/2017/165.shtml](http://rco.wa.gov/doc_pages/press/2017/165.shtml)

Facebook

Post: <https://www.facebook.com/WAInvasiveSpeciesCouncil/posts/1070182453105278>

### **App Download Links:**

Google Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bugwood.wainvasives>

Apple iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wa-invasives/id826772026?ls=1&mt8>

## 2017 INTERNATIONAL IMGC INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

### Registration

**Master Gardeners can get CE while attending.**

**July 10-14**

**Portland, OR**

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

A few notes about the conference:

- hotel rooms at our discount hotel (The Inn at the Convention Center) have already filled. Rooms at our two other hotels (DoubleTree Portland and Crowne Plaza) are filling quick. Please make your hotel reservation soon, to take advantage of these great summer rates for Portland. (Hotel information at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/lodging/>). <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/lodging/>.
- two tours (Columbia Gorge and 3 Iconic Gardens) have already filled. One tour that is being a bit overlooked include 'Pines to Pruners' (\$63 per person): Iseli's Nursery (<http://www.iselinursery.com/>) <http://www.iselinursery.com/> is renowned for their conifer displays, and Red Pig Tools (<http://www.redpigtools.com/>) <http://www.redpigtools.com/> is a place of pure artistry (I had the Blacksmith, Bob Denman, sign my tools . . . I love them so much. Another is 'History and Harvest to Table' (\$173 per person): a must see for lovers of the farm to table movement. Meriwether's restaurant and Skyline Farms (<https://www.meriwethersnw.com/>) <https://www.meriwethersnw.com/> is the Pacific Northwest's version of Blue Hill at Stone Barns. It is one of a very select group of restaurants that is truly farm to table. This tour includes lunch at this world-renowned restaurant, a tour of Skyline Farms, and a visit to the owners' personal garden.
- several classes are performing extremely well (e.g. Lee Reich's 'Weedless Garden', Lucy Hardiman's 'Full Frontal Gardens', Harry Olsen's 'Better Vertical Gardening', among others). A few gems that seem to be overlooked by many include Amy Garrett's 'Dry Farming' and Alice Doyle's 'Gardening with Grafted Vegetables'. Amy is working with farmers in the Pacific Northwest to perfect the art of growing vegetables \*\*\*without any irrigation\*\*\*. After two summers of work, farmers are reporting great success growing a variety of crops as dry farmers. The tricks seem to be in understanding your soil type, controlling weeds, and getting your crops in at the right time of the year. Her work is truly revolutionary, and has great promise for home gardeners. Read more about Amy and her class at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/confirmed-speakers/amy-garrett/> <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/confirmed-speakers/amy-garrett/> . Alice Doyle is also a pioneer, being the first grower in the US to offer grafted vegetables to home gardeners. Read more about Alice and her class at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/confirmed-speakers/alice-doyle/> <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/confirmed-speakers/alice-doyle/> .
- our second gardening film festival movie is now 'Microcosmos' (hidden world of insects). Warner Brothers pulled public showing rights for 'Little Shop of Horrors', so we had to choose a replacement film. Learn more about our film festival at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/film-festival/> <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/film-festival/> .

We hope that you'll join us at the 2017 IMG. And, if you can't join us, we hope that you'll help us spread the word. Come join the 531 folks who have registered already, to have a fun and educational week in beautiful Portland, Oregon. We're so excited to host you.

-Gail Langellotto (OSU State MG Program Coordinator)

## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CAHNRS NEWS**

To subscribe to CAHNRS News, send an email to Lisa Johnson, [janowski@wsu.edu](mailto:janowski@wsu.edu). She will get you added to the email newsletter. Here's a link to the December issue: <http://cahnrs.wsu.edu/html-email/email/cahnrs-news-december-2016/>

## **CE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MGs**

### **2017 Horticulture Series (Flier Attached)**

Right Tree, Right Place April 20 – October 26, 2017  
Wenatchee, WA  
Fliers Attached.

### **Arthropod Extravaganza; Insect and Spider Identification Workshop**

March 25, 2017  
Longview, WA  
[More...](#)  
Flier Attached.

### **NACAA Horticulture and Master Gardeners Tour**

France and Malta  
April 25 -May 26, 2017

Links with more information:

**Travel Information Form:** <http://www.nacaa.com/2017/TravelerInfoForm-Argentina2017.pdf>

**Itinerary with Photos:** <http://www.nacaa.com/2017/NACAAHorticultureMasterGardeners-April26-May62017.pdf>

**Terms and Conditions:** [http://www.nacaa.com/2017/al\\_Terms\\_Conditions\\_Privacy\\_Policy-NACAAFrance\\_Malta2017.pdf](http://www.nacaa.com/2017/al_Terms_Conditions_Privacy_Policy-NACAAFrance_Malta2017.pdf)

### **Purdue Master Gardener Study Abroad to England**

May 23-June 5, 2017  
[More...](#)

## **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](https://sites.google.com/a/extension.org/emg_coordinators/home)

## **EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS E-NEWS BLAST**

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## **NEWSLETTERS**

WSU Green Times [Newsletter](#)

Archived State MG Program [Newsletters and Webinars](#)

## **FOR ARCHIVED NATIONAL EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER COORDINATORS WEBINARS**

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