



# MASTER GARDENERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

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## NEWSLETTER

**January 2013**

### **Yard and Garden 2013 is Around the Corner!!!**

Spring begins on January 5th as we learn to make 2013's gardens the best yet. Speakers will focus on growing food from the soil up, extending the seasons, managing water, and reaping ALL the benefits of our gardens...AND this year Master Gardeners will be there before, during the break, and after the lecture to answer garden questions. Come enjoy the fine line up of speakers!

**Note:** This year, Y&G is taking place at the **Jefferson Co Fairgrounds** located at **4907 Landes St in Pt Townsend.**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Dr. LAURA LEWIS, WSU**

***Geography of Food, Origins of Agriculture***



**January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**CRAIG COGGER, WSU**

***Soil Fertility, Management***

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Dr. CAROL MILES, WSU**

***Tunnels and Cold Frames, Extending the Seasons***



**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**MIDORI FARM**

***Vegetable Gardening by the Salish Sea, Local Microclimates***

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**JEFF THOMPSON, Snohomish County MG**

***IRRIGATION, How to Water Your Garden Smartly and Easily***

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**GRAHAM KERR**

***In the Garden, the American Dream meets the American Ethic***



*The Y&G Committee*

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*Pre-Christmas snow on the Coyle. Submitted by: K Burns*

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## Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden



Welcome to my first attempt at a "Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden". Barring a board coup d'etat or membership uprising, there should be eleven more to follow. Before you become all breathless in anticipation, let's see how this one plays out.

Unfortunately, as I write this, it's mid-December, the new board has yet to meet, and I haven't done anything in an official capacity.

So let's review 2012 from my perspective as a member. I think it was an excellent year. Yard and Garden was a success, the MG Plant Sale was too, and the Secret Garden Tour was one of the two best I've ever seen (I've seen two, by the way).

The MG training program turned out an amazing group of overachievers who tend to cheerfully leave their hands in the air when volunteers for difficult and important tasks are required. Of course the "old" Master Gardeners (those who were MGs before the latest class, regardless of age) played parts both big and small for all of these and other endeavors.

It's an amazing organization composed of interesting and dedicated people. I look forward to working with the others on the board — all of whom are smarter and wiser than I (and probably stronger and faster, as well) as we work our way through changes or challenges that lie ahead. I'm sure we'll prevail.

*Submitted by: Bob Grindeland, JCMGF Chair*



### Message From the Out-Going Chair

As I step down from the position of JCMGF Chair, I wish to thank all of you for your support and involvement during the last two years. I feel we have provided valuable support to our community while continuing to enjoy doing so.

All of you are aware that our organizational relationships are going through some long overdue changes which will put us more in line with our WSU Foundation contemporaries. The result should be that we will be more professional and better trained and will provide our Community improved education and advice. As individuals, it shouldn't change much in what we do and I am sure we will continue to enjoy the camaraderie with our fellow Master Gardeners and the satisfaction of community service.

You have a fine new Board headed up by Chair Bob Grindeland. I know that you will continue to give them your full support.

*Thank you, Roger McPherson, Out-Going Chair,*

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## M.G. NEWSLETTER

Do you have an idea for an article in the newsletter? A book review, a favorite recipe or perhaps an upcoming gardening event? Do you chair an MG committee? Please submit all items for publication to Ali Dyche at 360-732-0433 or via email at [alibruce113@yahoo.com](mailto:alibruce113@yahoo.com), by the 20th of the month. Thank you!



## January Foundation Meeting

***Micaela Colley*** Organic Seed Alliance,  
***Genetically Modified Organisms***



Micaela Colley is the Executive Director and Research & Education Director of the Organic Seed Alliance. Micaela manages participatory plant breeding, research and education projects with farmers, university researchers and other seed professionals. She is chair of the biennial, national Organic Seed Growers Conference, and has authored several educational publications covering topics on organic seed production, on-farm crop improvement and variety trialing and teaches workshops on seed related topics. Micaela has 11 years of experience in the organic seed field including past experience in the organic seed industry.

***Laura Lewis***

Laura will address WSU Extension Master Gardeners' mission and how WSU Extension and Jefferson County Master Gardening Foundation work together while supporting each other to carry out the Extension mission of educating our community.

### ***Seed Exchange***

Bring your saved seeds harvested from your garden. Please label. Bring envelopes or other storage containers for seeds you'll want to take in exchange



***Master Gardeners' General Meeting and Board Report***

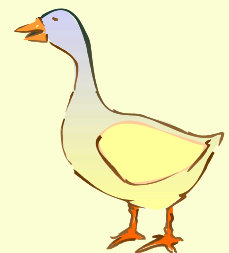
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Tri Area Community Center, Chimacum

## HAVE YOU EVER WANTED A GOOSE?

Free to good home. 1 picked on Toulouse goose. Gender unknown, but suspect male. Age about 2-3 years old.

Barbara Schultz  
360-379-0338





## CONFUSED ABOUT THE CHANGES TO THE FOUNDATION?

We encourage *everyone* to attend the January Foundation meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Tri Area Community Center. Dr. Laura Lewis will join a panel of Foundation members to explain the organizational changes taking place between WSU and the Foundation. The rational, mutual and specific needs of both organizations, and transition plans will be explained. And there will be all the time we need for questions and answers so everyone's concerns and confusions will be addressed. This isn't scary or draconian as the rumor mill has led many of us to think. Please plan to be there.

The program will begin at 3:00 with Micaela Cox from the Seed Alliance. If you'd like, please bring seeds to exchange. When Micaela has finished and we've had our refreshments the panel will begin, most likely around 4:00.

Do come and hear about it for yourself. It is the only way to know what the real facts are.

Candace Gohn, JCMGF Vice-Chair

## MG COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Training will be held January 23 through April 24 on Wednesdays. Any MGs that wish to help, in any way, contact Sarah. We welcome you help. We will be using Twin Vista Ranch on Marrowstone Island for some of the training as well as the WSU office meeting room and doing field trips and plant ID out in the community.

Plant Clinic had a meeting to discuss the next clinic year. Changes and more information coming up in February newsletter. Needed curious MGs and MGs that like research to help educate the public.

*Submitted by: Sarah Fairbank; JCMGF Coordinator*

## NAME THAT PLANT

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 14**

**SUBMITTED BY: ALI DYCHE**



## MG Lending Library Report



The Master Gardener lending library is being reorganized due to donations of many books (tripling our current amount of books), and the upcoming move. Right now we're trying to bring in any wayward books that have been checked out & not returned. Some of these checkouts date back to the beginning of 2010, and some of the checkouts are difficult to read. So do us a favor & have a look around your house. If you find any of the libraries books, bring 'em back to the WSU extension & put them on the return shelf. There's been a shelf reserved - with a nice big sign - for our returns. The following titles are checked out:

Compost Educators Guide  
Sustainable Gardening  
Wild Flowers & How to Grow Them  
Rain Gardens  
Random House book of Herbs  
PNW Landscape  
A-Z American Horticulture  
Taylors Guide to 50 Shrubs, Plants for Dry Gardens (May be 2 different books)  
Cass Turnbolls Pruning  
2 DVD's: July/May Gardening  
Field Guide to the Slug  
Plants of Lewis & Clarks Expedition  
Root Weevil Control on Rhodedendrons  
Greenhouse Basics  
Biology of Plants  
Forest Practices Illustrated  
Backyard Market Garden  
Gardening & Perennials, Best Shade Plants (May be 2 books)  
Step-by-Step Container Gardening



Thanks,  
Sonja

## SGT—BEAUTIFUL & BOUNTIFUL - JUNE 22, 2013



Yes, Port Townsend IS beautiful and bountiful (I say this as I look out the window at the wind, rain and in some areas snow). And, despite our stormy days, spring will inevitably arrive and treat us once again to the beauty of the Pacific North-west. Mark June 22 on your 2013 calendars now so you don't miss Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation's annual Secret Garden Tour. Seven beautiful, bountiful and sustainable gardens in the Port Townsend area will be highlighted to give you new ideas and methods for improving your own gardens.

Don't worry, Deb and I won't let you forget as we seek your help with coordinating gardens, serving as docents, parking directors, coordinating ticket sales, publicity, signage and poster distribution. You can run, but you can't hide from the 2013 Secret Garden Team!

Happy holidays - Diane Threlkeld & Deb Darminio, 2013 SGT Co-Chairs



## An Omitted Recipient of Fall Grants



### Grant Committee Report Quilcene School Garden

My apologies to you all for omitting a report in the December Newsletter on one of our grantees; the Quilcene School Garden Project. Candice Cosler is the coordinator of this garden through the Jefferson County Farm to School Program. She has worked with this garden for several years and feels it is important that children learn about growing food and get interested early in their life about horticultural endeavors. The Quilcene community also supports the project. In the past we have helped them with tools, seeds, plants a greenhouse upgrade and this time some additional fencing, mulch and plants. Candice is one of our best in giving us reports and pictures of any project she is involved in. She was also a coordinator for the Grant Street Garden, which we have also funded in the past.

**See how hard they work in this garden!!**



*Submitted by: Shirley Williams, Grant Committee Chair*



## A MESSAGE FROM TONIE FITZGERALD

Dear MG Program Coordinators,

Child abuse continues to be a terrible societal problem that unfortunately extends to colleges and universities. In addition, recent laws have broadened the legal requirements for reporting child abuse to the proper authorities. WSU Extension remains committed to its efforts to prevent the abuse and exploitation of children and vulnerable adults.

In our continuing efforts to assure a safe environment for all program participants, Washington State University Extension is requiring criminal background screening and child protection training for all faculty, staff and volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults. Master Gardener Volunteers have already gone through the background screening when they applied to the program. The new "child protection training", which includes information about vulnerable adults, is a new requirement.

This training on how to report suspected abuse is a 20-minute narrated presentation called Put the Child First. You and volunteers may view it anytime on a home computer or they may arrange with you to use an office computer. Register for the training by following directions in the attached document. Registration in the Breeze system is proof of participation in the training event.

The following paragraph contains more explanation of the law that mandates this training:

The 2012 Washington Legislature enacted Senate Bill 5991, which requires all higher education employees to report suspected child abuse or neglect. As of June 7, 2012, "administrative, academic and athletic department" employees, including student employees, now have the mandatory duty to report such information directly to law enforcement or the Department of Social and Health Services. These employees join K-12 teachers, healthcare professionals, and others who have long had this mandatory duty to report. All other higher education employees (those who are not administrative, academic, or athletic department employees) are required to report suspected abuse to designated supervisors within 48 hours.

Please distribute the attached document to ALL volunteers, and kindly request their compliance. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Tonie

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## Congratulations MG Volunteers!!!

THANK YOU to WSU Jefferson County Master Gardeners for all your time and talents!

This year 76 WSU MG volunteers have worked 6,450 hours for our community!

*Submitted by: Sarah Fairbank*

## Gardening Resolutions

New Year's resolutions date back to 153 BC when the mythical king Janus, depicted with two faces, one looking ahead and one looking backward became symbolic for looking into the future and seeing the past. The Julian calendar came into being about 46 BC when Caesar developed a solar calendar that better reflected the seasons. The Romans under Julius Caesar named the first month of the Julian calendar after Janus. Most Asian cultures use a lunar calendar, but just about everyone celebrates the New Year, regardless of what day it occurs on the solar or lunar calendar. "Gardening resolutions" allow us to revisit our gardens—to see what worked or didn't, to resolve what needs to be changed or simply to plan our approach for the coming year. Here are few resolutions to toss about:

### **RESOLVE TO---**

**Reduce your carbon footprint by relying less on power tools, more on hand tools**

**Apply sunscreen often**

**Plant more edibles**

**Reduce/eliminate the use of pesticides try an integrated pest management using alternatives to chemicals which often end up in ground water**

**Plant every plant purchased within one week!**

**Add rain barrels for water conservation**

**Visit more public gardens for inspiration**

**Attract more pollinators by incorporating plants that they love—alyssum, catmint, etc.**

**Water in the early mornings**

**Mulch regularly to conserve water and inhibit weeds**

**NOT procrastinate—create a calendar with monthly gardening tasks or TO DO lists**

**Plant the RIGHT plant in the RIGHT place—respecting sun and hydration needs**

**Organize your tools, keep them sharp, clean and oiled as necessary and in good working order—they are your best friends**

**Make a plan for an efficient drip irrigation system**

**Compost the good stuff**

**Keep leaves raked and out from beneath plants—left in place they harbor overwintering pests and a variety of diseases**

**Propagate your own plants**

**Eliminate orphan plants (unless it is a stunning focal point) replace with more impactful groupings.**

**Last but not Least—Resolve to Eat, drink, and dance, smell the roses and be merry in the garden instead of simply working in it all the time.**

**Happy New Year!**

Gardening Resolutions: 2013  
Garden Column 12/26/2012  
Christina Lacie



## ***NATIVE PLANT GARDEN 2012 SUMMARY***



### **OPPORTUNITIES COMING AT THE NATIVE PLANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**

**We have worked our fannies off and our knuckles to the bone in 2012 so it wont be long before Kul Kah Han's Garden will be the place where you, as a home gardener, botanist, student, environmentalist or curious member of the community, can visit and find everything you need to study, appreciate and incorporate the many benefits of native plants into your life.**

**Since last March;**

**--We have progressed from 350 linear feet of paths to 925 feet.**

**--We have planted 30 additional species bringing the current total to 240.**

**--We have completely revised our style of plant I.D. signage and thanks to a grant from JeffCo Master Gardeners will have installed 100 of them in new metal holders by the end of March 2013.**

**--A 6' X 8' kiosk has been designed by a local architect and will be built this winter by a local volunteer carpenter using materials paid for by a grant from Wa State Native Plant Society.**

**—A map of the garden is underway by a local landscape designer and the brochure is in the design phase and will be available by spring.**

## ***NATIVE PLANT GARDEN 2012 SUMMARY CONT.***

**What might this mean to you? Opportunities are now availing themselves. We hope that you will find some of them interesting enough to jump on board and play an important part in how this garden will be utilized and enjoyed by the community at large:**

**\*Join the Advisory/Planning Committee to begin the first week of February 2013. These will be monthly or quarterly and the pace will depend on the members. Several enthusiastic people have shown interest and there is room for more. Possible topics; What sort of festival will be held to celebrate the grand opening of the garden? When will the various educational overlays be added, such as water catchment demos, ethnobotany, including edible plants, propagation tips, botanical illustrations, themed garden art and more?**

**In what ways will the garden interface/collaborate with other non profits who value native plants?**

**\*Become the new Project Coordinator This person needs to have good organizational skills, plan and run meetings and oversee the activities of others on the Advisory/ Planning Committee. It is possible that this could become a paid position if funding becomes available. After this new system is underway, Linda Landkammer plans to phase out of the administrative tasks leaving her more time to be in the garden.**

**\*Join the Plant Selection and Placement Group who will meet as often as they choose beginning early March to select new species for the various ecosystems and to locate the plants. One example is the new Lawn Alternative area in the Meadow with six large patches that are now ready for planting. The group can decide on different combinations of small shrubs, grasses and flowers that would be appropriate. Many other opportunities await. (Stewards will play an integral part on this committee)**

**\*Become a Steward of one of our garden areas This person will adopt a particular ecosystem and oversee the planning and planting that goes on there. Stewards usually continue to learn about native plants by reading, hiking and/or just experimenting and watching the plants through the seasons. Linda is willing to get people started and be available for consultation.**

**To gain more information about any of this, please contact Linda Landkammer who looks forward to speaking with you at [wild4nature@q.com](mailto:wild4nature@q.com) or 360 379 8733.**

**P.S. For those who donated toward the rockwork project, we have earmarked that money and will complete the work as soon as the situation allows. Thanks again.**

**P.P.S. Master Gardeners may earn hours toward certification.**



*Submitted by: Linda Landkammer*

## Winter Pruning Tips

It is time to begin thinking about winter pruning. February (after the coldest part of the winter is over and before sap rises) is right around the corner—but now is the time to survey your trees and shrubs and clean, sharpen and oil your pruning shears, loppers and saws. Pruning promotes fast growth in spring, encourages fruit development, improves plant appearance and helps maintain the desired size and shape. Deciduous trees and shrubs sans foliage are easier to prune because the architecture of the plant is obvious. Remember that spring flowering trees and shrubs should be left alone—lilacs, rhododendrons, forsythia, etc. Pruning these will eliminate the buds that are already set. They should be pruned after they bloom. If you are in the least bit unsure about whether or not to prune a tree or shrub—let it be. Ask for help or do some research. Here are a few tips to ponder before you begin this yearly task.

Survey your plants. Stand back and take a serious and comprehensive look at the tree or shrub from the top down. Take note of the architecture, the bones of the plant. Where would the plant benefit from a bit of downsizing? The rule of thumb according to the Arbor Day Foundation is to avoid pruning more than one quarter of the tree's crown in any one season although many agree that one third is the rule.

Take your time and look for dead, diseased or injured branches. Those should be the first to be pruned. Secondly, remove suckers from the trunk or ground around the trees well as “water sprouts” (vigorous upright shoots that look like a stream of water coming from a fountain) that steal energy from the plant and are basically unproductive (fruit or flowering-wise). The third step is to look for secondary branches that rub against each other or cross each other; they are next to be cut back. Once these three pruning tasks are complete, stand back and look again at the architecture of the tree. Take your time. Then proceed to the pruning of the primary branches, but only if necessary remembering the one quarter or one third rule.

To allow for more light and air into the crown of the plant, remove overgrown and smaller branches. Cut the branches about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " above a node or bud at a slight angle. The cut should face the outside of the plant to force new branch growth in that direction.

Although some trees and shrubs are forgiving with the occasional not so ideal hack job, remember that pruning is an art form in a sense. Again, take your time and work aesthetically with the bones of the tree and all parties involved will be content.

*Winter Pruning Basics  
Garden Column 01/02/2013  
Christina Lacie*

## Thanks for all the hard work!!!

Thanks to all those who worked in the Master Gardener Park, especially Erica Iseminger, Kathy Grace, Betty Petrie, Dorothy Rath and Susan Yadon. If I have forgotten anyone or missed mentioning those who took over this summer, please forgive me. We'll be back out there again in 2013. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Judith Johnson



## Miscellaneous Tidbits, Happenings and Items of Interest



—The North Olympic Fruit Club promotes the growing of fruits and nuts. They provide a wide range of useful information in their monthly programs which are offered free to the public. The club meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Tri-Area Community Center at 7 pm.



—The Olympic Peninsula Mycological Society is a group devoted to the knowledge of mushrooms, from harvesting wild species to home cultivation. Different topics are covered each month and programs are free to the public. OPMS covers the entire Olympic Peninsula, and thus meets alternating months at the Tri-Area Comm. Center and the Gardiner Comm. Center. Meeting nights are the second Wed of the month and meetings begin at 6:30 pm.



***DONE FOR THE YEAR, BUT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION ANYTIME!!!***



***THE MARKETS ARE CLOSED FOR THE YEAR AND WILL RESUME IN SPRING.***

—East Jefferson Bee Keepers are a group of bee enthusiasts that meet to share tips, ideas and experiences both good and bad on the matter of raising bees. Educational programs, to be announced as scheduled are free to the public. EJBees meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Jefferson Co Library at 6 pm.



*If you have a misc tidbit, happening or item of interest that you would like posted on the bulletin board, please submit your item to Ali Dyche at [alibruce113@yahoo.com](mailto:alibruce113@yahoo.com) by the 20th of the month.*

## READING ROOM



While checking out a favorite book store, I found “The Complete Book of Fruit: A Practical Guide to Growing and Using Fruits and Nuts” by Bob Flowerdew.

Mr Flowerdew has made it very easy to understand the basics and not-so-basics about growing fruits and nuts. He has broken his book into two parts. Part one covers fruits and is broken down into categories covering orchard fruits; soft, bush and cane fruits; annual tender fruits; perennial tender fruits; tropical and sub-tropical fruits, shrub and flower garden fruits; and nuts. This is accomplished by way of including many different aspects of the fruit and the knowledge needed to grow them. For example, it provides information for each type of fruit ranging from cultivation to recipes to companion planting to weed/pest/disease control and more!

Part two offers a variety of information that includes soil and site preparation, harvesting and storing, as well as fertility and water management and a whole lot more!!

There is a pleasant balance that is found here in this book. It's entertaining, informative, and creative, allowing for the reader to skim through, gleaning tidbits here and there, but compelling enough to draw the reader in for a more thorough perusal. A very enjoyable read that I strongly recommend to anyone wanting more information on growing fruits and nuts.

*Submitted by: Ali Dyche*







### Moraga Pear Pie

Adapted from *The Great Book of Pears* by Barbara Jeanne Flores.

Prep time: 20 min

Cook time: About 1 hour and 15 min

Total time: About 1 hour and 35 min

Yield: Serves 6

This blue ribbon recipe comes from 82 year-old Jean Podell who won Moraga, California's pear recipe contest. The town, which was built in the last hundred years on Bartlett orchards, still has many producing trees along its bike trail and open spaces. In 1999, Moraga organized a community harvest and its first annual Moraga Pear Festival to celebrate its history.

#### Ingredients

- 1 unbaked prepared pie shell for open-face pie, or use 2 shells for a two-crust pie
- 5 to 6 large Bartlett pears to fill pie shell, peeled, cored, and sliced
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted and cooled
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Fill the pie shell with the pear slices. For an open-face pie, arrange the slices in circular spirals. In a small bowl, beat together the sugar, butter, flour and eggs. Pour over the pears.
3. Place the pie on a cookie sheet and bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 and bake 1 hour. Cover loosely with foil to prevent over browning during the last half hour of cooking time.
4. Serve warm.



*Submitted by: Roger McPherson*

## NAME THAT PLANT ANSWERS

### Lenten Rose/Helleborus

**Category:**  
Perennials

**Height:**  
12-18 in. (30-45 cm)

**Spacing:**  
15-18 in. (38-45 cm)

**Hardiness:**  
USDA Zone 4a: to -34.4 °C (-30 °F) through  
USDA Zone 9b: to -3.8 °C (25 °F)

**Sun Exposure:**  
Partial to Full Shade

**Danger:**  
Parts of plant are poisonous if ingested

**Bloom Color:**  
Pink  
Purple  
White/Near White

**Bloom Time:**  
Late Winter/Early Spring/Mid Spring

**Foliage:**  
Evergreen  
Deciduous  
Smooth-Textured

**Other details:**  
Average Water Needs: Water regularly; do not over-water  
Soil pH requirements:  
6.1 to 6.5 (mildly acidic)  
6.6 to 7.5 (neutral)  
7.6 to 7.8 (mildly alkaline)

**Propagation Methods:**  
By dividing rhizomes, tubers, corms or bulbs (including offsets)  
Allow cut surface to callous over before planting

**Seed Collecting:**  
Bag seedheads to capture ripening seed  
Allow pods to dry on plant; break open to collect seeds

By [Happenstance](#)



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# PHOTO GALLERY



*Clockwise from right:*

Rainbow at Chilto Beach, Neah Bay.

December rose at Chilto Beach, Neah Bay.

Chilto Beach, Neah Bay.

After the fall, Chilto Beach, Neah Bay.

*Submitted by:*  
Patricia Weedman



*Below:* The snow piles higher at the Burns house.  
*Submitted by:* Kris Burns

*Right:* The McFadden's front yard on Lake Leland. *Submitted by:* Mike McFadden





# JCMGF December 2012 Board Meeting Minutes



## JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 6, 2012

**Members present:** Voting members –Roger McPherson, Chairman; Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Phil Meany, Treasurer; Board Members –Mark Clark, Pat Aniotzbehere, Marian Meany. Non-voting member – Laura Lewis, Jill Bacchieri, WSU JC Extension, MG Coordinator – Sarah Fairbank. Guests - Candice Gohn, Shirley Williams, Sonja Henderson, Sharon Garrels, Diane Threlkeld

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Roger McPherson, Chair, at 3:00 PM in the WSU Madrona Room.

**Quorum:** Six of the nine voting board members were present.

**November 2012 Master Gardener Foundation Board Meeting Minutes:** The November MG Foundation Board meeting minutes were approved by quorum of votes through e-mails. There was a short discussion regarding how quickly the new secretary, Jill Bacchieri, will be able to turn the minutes around. Jill said that she can do within 24 hours and will email them to the board. The board will then send corrections to Jill by 6PM the following Tuesday, so that she can submit them in time for the foundation meeting and newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Phil Meany, treasurer, reported that the MG Foundation was successful in getting its bank balance below \$30,000 (\$26,621.04 balance on 12/6/12).

All grant checks have been issued.

Phil said that we should close out the CD we have that matures in early January and move that into the checking account to meet first quarter obligations. Interest rates are so low on those CDs. that it is much more convenient to have some excess in checking.

Action Item: Phil will help the board with the letter we will need to submit to Kitsap Bank regarding our new treasurer.

Phil passed out a 2013 preliminary budget. He said that notably missing was the Yard and Garden income. He said that the new board needs to talk about "publicity" and a number of other budget items. Phil added a new category "WSU/MG State", which should also need to be discussed. Sarah informed us that training for new MGs, advanced education, and plant clinics are going to WSU's budget now. Comments were made that this will change the budget numbers quite a bit.

Phil said that we haven't had a big merchandise purchase since 2008, therefore 2013 is much higher due to depleted inventory.

There was a question about line item, "Membership Retention and Team Building". It is for things like the rental of beach club room for the foundation holiday party.

Phil said that the budget's purpose is to function as a basic financial plan. The treasurer puts the budget together, and the board needs to approve it.

Mark read from the by-laws regarding the rules for the outgoing treasurer regarding the schedule for developing and approving the budget.

Phil mentioned that a figure like the \$4000 merchandise expense can throw a budget off (because of when it hits the budget and then when the actual income from sales comes in).

Shirley said that the total grants for this year has been about \$9000. She said that the board had decided in 2008 that we needed to start using the foundation money, so grant distribution evolved. She said that the grants have given MG a lot of good publicity and that it puts the education money to good use. She said that the board now needs to decide if the grants should continue or if there is another way to better use the money. No vote required on this. We vote on the new budget in February. Mark recommended that by the January meeting that we have the input from WSU on the WSU portion of the budget. Phil recommended that we have a separate working session on this topic.

**Comment by Laura Lewis Concerning WSU Office Space:** Laura said that WSU has lost a lot of its space in their current location, WSU has maintenance issues, and their rent is being increased by 50% in 2013. Therefore, WSU has actively been looking for a new home. They are negotiating a long term lease (10-15 years) with the Cupola House in Port Hudson. There will be ample classroom space and substantial rent decrease. Laura mentioned that WSU was in the Customs House for 80 years before moving to Tri-Area. She's hoping to move to the Cupola House by late January. The Marina Room can seat up to 80 people, which we can use for foundation meetings. Sarah said that thanks goes to Mike McFadden for being so instrumental in this negotiation. We may still do some other meetings in the Tri-Area to accommodate the rest of the community.

**Voting by Emails Procedures** – Mark can't find anything in our own bylaws, but he found something in the **state** bylaws regarding voting by email. This was brought up because of the recent grant confusion (Shirley thought that Roger had received email approval on the grants.) Shirley said that there are times when people are out of town and she thinks we need to be able to do an official email approval.

Action item: Mark said that there's nothing in the bylaws that precludes email voting, and will look into adding new wording to our by-laws and will propose a simplified version of the wording in the state foundation's bylaws.

**Yard and Garden Committee:** Candace said Yard and Garden brochures have been mailed out; she brought extra brochures and flyers for everyone to take and post.

Sarah noted that there are 500 foundation envelopes in file cabinet, so that we know to use these for any future mailings.

Sarah said (later in the meeting) that Yard and Garden has two more meetings to get everything finalized. They are still looking for a few more volunteers for the "Ask Me Table".

**Holiday Party:** Roger mentioned the holiday party this Saturday. If anyone can show up a little early to help set up tablecloths, etc., that will be helpful.

**Tri-Area Community Center Contract:** There was discussion regarding Roger doing a month to month contract with Tri-Area Community Center until WSU moves into PT. Rent is \$50/month right now at Tri-Area. Laura is not sure what our rent for that room will be, so it was decided that we should just continue to rent the Tri-Area through June to be safe.

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**Coordinator's report:** Sarah mentioned that a drawer full of MG items were donated to The Swan School and that they were very grateful.

MG Training is now up to 10 applicants, and Sarah knows of 3 others who will likely be joining in. Sonja has volunteered to organize the file cabinet literature and needs a key. Phil has one to give her.

### **Outstanding Issues for 2013:**

Foundation – WSU relationship, including the pending MOA. Laura needs time in the January foundation meeting to answer questions.

Mark asked that WSU communicate answers to outstanding issues to the Board before going to the general Foundation membership.

Sarah said she would pass that request to Laura.

Review of programs to either clarify their status as non-WSU or change them to make them qualify. This is a topic to go forward to the new board (advisory board issue- Marcia, Shirley, Candace, Mark)

Specifics of WSU “liability insurance coverage”

D&O insurance - Mark will put together an article for the state and for our board and he'll try to analyze what's covered by WSU and D&O. Phil put in a line for insurance (D&O included). Mark said the quote is \$700/yr.

Structures and Procedures for Grants Program – Mark mentioned an earlier board discussion about ideas for inclusion of new people to the grant board. Shirley said that everything people need to know is online, so is wondering what the issues are. She's open to advice.

Managing Foundation Funds – Mark said that the new board needs new ideas on how to manage our funds. Phil said that this would be better to decide after the WSU budget decisions are made

Strictness of requirements for receipts for travel

JCMGF Speakers Bureau – Sarah said that Laura and she would like to know when anyone is going to do a talk, so that it can be pre-approved by WSU. Mark said this would help identify whether they were speaking as a WSU MG rep (on WSU-approved topics) or a JCMGF rep (on non-WSU-approved topics).

Recruiting Volunteers for Leadership Roles – Roger commented on the number of volunteers from the last few years of trainees. Candace said this was due to Sarah.

2013 MG State Conference Sales - conference is in Everett next year

**Other Business:** Sarah said that Laura has provided us space in the front office for using the computer, if we need it.

State Foundation Newsletter – Roger said that the state foundation is looking for inputs for their newsletter.

Question was brought up asking if there is a way to print out the newsletter for people who don't have access to computers. Right now we don't have anyone to do this.

Sarah brought up using “Google Docs”; these are online and maintained by membership. Contact Sarah Fairbank for a password. Sarah warns that for your own password, don't use the word “password” in the password and don't save your password in the check box area.

Action Item: Mark requested that Sarah send him the new names from the last few years of training, so they will be added to the State ListServ.

**Adjournment:** Roger adjourned the meeting at 4:45PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Jill Bacchieri, Incoming Secretary*

## 2012 Annual Master Gardener Holiday Party Run Down



Each December the JCMGF forgoes the monthly Foundation meeting in favor of our Annual Holiday Party. It was another wonderful success, full of food, laughter, fun and best of all...good company!!!

The Foundation provided ham and turkey prepared by Sharon Commander and Susan McMahon. The rest of the feast was potluck. The sides and dessert dishes shared were, as usual, outstanding!! Hugh's Apple Pie and Roger's Moraga Pear Pie were wonderful hits! Nice job guys!! (See page 13 for Roger's Pear Pie recipe.)

We had our traditional White Elephant, sadly, sans The Singing Flowers, as they finally died. We did have some lovely additions to take their place such as the Cat appetizer holder, the red-neck wine glasses and the children's picture book in Russian.

Looking forward to our 2013 Party and the great time to be had! See you there!!

*Submitted by: Ali Dyche*

## Schedule of Events

**Jan 3-** Board mtg; 3 pm; WSU/Madrona room  
**Jan 5--**Y&G w/Dr Laura Lewis; 10-noon; Jefferson Co Fairgrounds  
**Jan 10-** Foundation meeting; 3 pm; Tri-Area Comm Center  
**Jan 12--**Y&G w/Dr Craig Cogger; 10-noon; Jefferson Co Fairgrounds  
**Jan 19--**Y&G w/Dr Carol Miles; 10-noon; Jefferson Co Fairgrounds  
**Jan 23--** MG Training begins; every Wed through Apr 24  
**Jan 26--** Y&G w/ Midori Farm; 10-noon; Jefferson Co Fairgrounds

**For all other items, activities and events,** please see Misc Items on page 6

**MG Board Meeting** - First Thurs of each month; 3:00 pm, WSU/Madrona room

**MG General Foundation Meeting** - Second Thurs of each month, 3-5pm, Tri-Area Comm. Center.

**Plant Clinics are now closed until spring 2013.**

**D**o you have an item for the Calendar/ Schedule of Events? Please submit to the editor at [alibruce113@yahoo.com](mailto:alibruce113@yahoo.com), or call Ali at **360-732-0433**. Committee chairs, please submit dates, times and locations of your meetings.

**Newsletter Deadline:** **20th** of the month.



# January 2013

| Sun    | Mon              | Tue                 | Wed                   | Thu                               | Fri    | Sat                             |
|--------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
|        |                  | 1<br>New Year's Day | 2                     | 3<br>JCMGF Board Mtg 3 pm         | 4      | 5<br>Y&G 10-12 Dr Laura Lewis   |
| 6      | 7                | 8                   | 9                     | 10<br>JCMGF Foundation Mtg 3-5 pm | 11<br> | 12<br>Y&G 10-12 Dr Craig Cogger |
| 13<br> | 14               | 15                  | 16                    | 17                                | 18     | 19<br>Y&G 10-12 Dr Carol Miles  |
| 20     | 21<br>MLK Jr Day | 22                  | 23<br>MG Training     | 24                                | 25     | 26<br>Y&G 10-12 Midori Farm     |
| 27<br> | 28               | 29                  | 30<br><br>MG Training | 31<br>                            |        |                                 |



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