



MASTER GARDENERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

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NEWSLETTER

Foundation Programs and Updates



May 2012

We are in need of a new Program Chair or Co-Chairs. Currently it is being done by our Board Co-Chair and she is needing to pass it on to another/s. Janet will explain how she has done this for the last year. Most of 2012 has been scheduled already. Sept-Nov is all that is left for this year, as our annual Holiday Party is held in Dec. If you are interested, please contact Janet Mizuguchi at either rarjsm@msn.com or (360) 437-8128.

May- Our very own Christina Lacie will give a talk on organic gardening. This is the class that was offered by Kitsap County Master Gardeners.

Virginia Crandall, the Horticulture Building Superintendant and Floral Dept Supervisor for the Jefferson County Fair Assn, will speak briefly on the activities in the building at the fair in Aug and how the JCMGF might be able to help out with those activities for hours.

June- This month we will hold a plant swap. If you have extra plants you'd like to share or you missed out on that special plant at the MG sale in May, this might be the afternoon for you! If you'd like to let people know what you are bringing or would like to let others know what you are looking for, please contact Ali with this info by May 20 for it to be posted in the June newsletter in time for the meeting.

July- Due to low attendance at past July meetings, we will not be holding a July Foundation meeting this year.



Aug- Our Annual Picnic is held in Aug and more will be announced on it as details like time, date and location are finalized.



Submitted by: Janet Mizuguchi

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Photo submitted by: Erica Iseminger

THE MG PLANT SALE IS HERE!!!



REMINDER:

The Master Gardeners Plant Sale is the place to pick up beautiful Mother's Day gifts. The sale is **May 12th** in WSU's parking lot. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13th.

The ribbon will be cut at **9:00 am**. We will have four guest nurseries joining our plant sale in order to have a dazzling display of plants for you.

Submitted by: Barbara Schultz, Plant Sale Chair

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Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden



Is Spring arriving this year? Well at last my pears and plums are blooming and I have harvested some rhubarb and asparagus. For all of us, I am sure that means you have some great plants for our 12 May Plant Sale.

Most of you have already passed your plants on to Barbara Schultz (379-0338) or Erica Iseminger (732-0562) as previously requested. But, if you are like me, you might have some more that you may still want to get into the sale. If you do, please call Barbara or Erica and let them know your plans and make arrangements. You are probably going to need to hold on to house plants until the Friday evening before the sale. Don't forget you need to label them.

If you missed the April Foundation meeting, you missed Dick Schneider's great presentation on how to successfully grow tomatoes in Jefferson County. You may want to get a friends notes and hand outs.

In May our own Christina Lacie is primed to give us a presentation on Organic Vegetable Gardening. She is really setting the standard for the rest of us, getting advanced training and putting it to good use, here and in her Leader columns. During the winter Christina took a four day course in Kitsap County on organic gardening and she just completed another two day course in Sequim on native plants.

Getting ready for summer, Roger McPherson.



Y&G 2013 Planning Meetings

Our Yard and Garden 2012 was a fantastic hit thanks to a great many volunteers and Y&G 2013 can be even better with the input and suggestions of others to help put it together.

For the best Yard and Garden we can have, we need people to share ideas for speakers and their topics for our 2013 lecture series. Also, we can always use suggestions for ways to make the series more efficient perhaps or make a job easier for someone. For example, did folks like having the lecture at the Fairgrounds or not?



Monthly meetings have been scheduled for every third Monday of the month at 10:30 in the Madrone Room at WSU.

If you are unable to attend the meetings but have ideas, questions or suggestions to share, please feel free to submit them to Ali Dyche at either 732-0433 or alibruce113@yahoo.com.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Submitted by: Ali Dyche, Y&G Chair

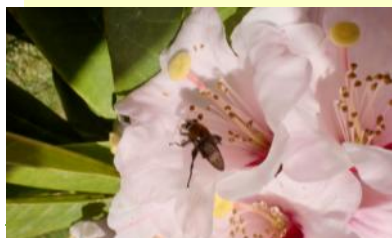


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M.G. NEWSLETTER

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, by the **20th** of the month. Thank you!



SECRET GARDEN TOUR 2012



The stage is set for the tour: all the gardens have coordinators, docents and many even have musicians. The committee chairs heartily thank everyone who stepped up with an offer to help on our most profitable fund raiser of the year. Tickets will go on sale by May 15th, perhaps sooner, at our local garden centers and on line at www.secretgardenjeffco.org. At the May Foundation meeting we will have posters to distribute to volunteers who can post them around the community. Candice will email a list of likely locations to the list serve and she would appreciate everyone helping out with the distribution. Thanks again everyone. It is going to be a fabulous tour!!!



Submitted by: Candice Gohn, SGT Chair

NAME THAT PLANT



Answer on page 7

With a chick-chick here and a chick-chick there...

Kathryn Kapp and I briefed four Kindergarten classes at Chimacum Primary School on the Chick Program on 11 April. A dozen eggs were placed in the incubator and included five different breeds of chickens. On 2 May, we should have chicks.



On 31 March, I presented a briefing at WSU on raising chickens.



Submitted by: David Self, Chick Program Chair

READING ROOM



If you have pest issues in your garden then "Bugs, Slugs and Other Thugs: Controlling Garden Pests Organically" is the next bedside book for you!



Rhonda Massingham Hart simply guides you through many different pest deterrent techniques, all organic and all easy for the backyard gardener to put to use in their own yards, gardens, lots and plots.

You will learn about the habitats and habits of our fellow garden lovers, from birds to deer to slugs to bugs. Ways are suggested to defend your hard-earned fruits, veggies, flowers and other leafy things. There are a great deal of options provided, some more tried and true, and some a bit more unconventional and new.



You will also learn how to identify which pest is the offender, allowing you to use the best repellants for the mysterious intruder in your garden beds. There are also some suggestions to prevent the unwanted guests from inviting themselves from the get-go.

So take a look at "Bugs, Slugs and Other Thugs" and you will likely find a solution to a problem or two!



Submitted by: Ali Dyche

PLANT CLINICS



Laura Lewis held a plant clinic meeting after the JCMGF meeting on Thursday April 12. The meeting was a refresher for all of us on clinic procedures.

Two clinics are already in operation. The WSU Tuesday clinic leads are Mary Anne Desfosse, Julia Blaloney-Smith and Dianna Wilkund. We welcome Diana back into MG action after health issues slowed her down last year. The Friday Food Coop clinic leads are Barbara Smith, Janine Scott, Dan Post and Beth Young. Chimacum clinic lead is Mike McFadden which going to start in May, weather willing. A few of the 2012 trainees have attended clinics to watch and learn. There will be an outreach and clinic booth at the Earth Day celebration in Port Townsend April 21 and at the Quilcene Plant Sale May 26 in Quilcene. Sign up and join us. It is always interesting and a great time to learn something new as we work cooperatively to solve plant problems.



Submitted by: Sarah Fairbank

ANNUAL TRAINING

We are more than half way through this years' training. Trainees have helped with Herbie, signed up for plant sale work and Secret garden tour docents. One trainee has agreed to co-chair the Sunfield Food Garden committee. In the coming weeks we learn IPM and Pesticides; Diagnostics and Pathology; sustainable gardening and water issues. May 2 will be plant clinic day. The plant clinic leads will be in the classroom with samples for problem solving, fun and learning for everyone.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday May 30 for our "graduation" potluck noon at the Cotton Building (the old police station on Water St) in Port Townsend.



Planting seeds



Lou and his tools



Insect day with Janine Scott



A very rainy afternoon in Rosewind's vegetable garden.

Submitted by: Sarah Fairbank, Training Chair

MG COORDINATOR'S REPORT



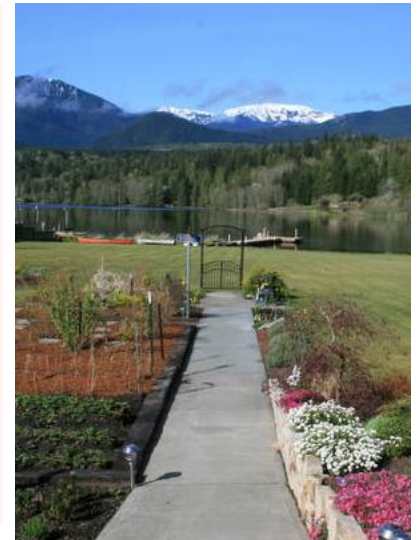
Each month I attend a web meeting of all the MG coordinators in all the counties in Washington. Tonie Fitzgerald organizes these meeting with informative speakers and a time for us to share what is happening locally. The meeting are archived and many of them could be used for JCMGF meetings or other MG trainings. This month's web meeting was about food safety and food preservation. WSU is working to revise the food safety handbook and write fact sheet which will be ready later in 2012 and 2013. We are fortunate to have Ali Dyche, who has completed the WSU food safety training in 2010, as a resource. With any food and food preservation questions at clinics, please refer them to either Ali Dyche or Laura Lewis.

Submitted by: Sarah Fairbank, MG Coordinator

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Grants/Scholarship program received 12 applications for grant money and one scholarship application. We will meet April 23 to make a decision on the lucky recipients. What a wonderful field of applicants to choose from! The Grants committee will submit their selections to the Board May 3 for their approval with notification to the applicants and publications of the results to follow shortly after that.

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Mike and Joy McFadden's at Lake Leland

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE!!

As of the end of March, the following volunteers have newly achieved Emeritus status by reporting a career total of 500+ volunteer hours:

Pat Aniotzbehere - 584
Ali Dyche - 772
Ora Hickman - 562
Erica Iseminger - 512
Lorna Ross - 502



Also, the following Emeritus volunteers have reported an additional 100 hours or more over last year:

Kathy Boyker – 1346	Janet Mizuguchi-1301
Kris Burns – 2701	Dana Purnell- 786
Mark Clark – 1346	Marcia Schwendiman-1018
Sarah Fairbank – 2774	Diane Threlkeld-742
Michael McFadden – 815	Shirley Williams-1440
Roger McPherson - 816	



Your time and efforts are very much appreciated. Stickers to be presented at our May foundation meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE!



Submitted by your Membership Committee, Kathy Ryan and Pat Aniotzbehere



A Tanager enjoying the McFadden's yard

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 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 Community Center and the Gardiner Community Center. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. *May is Gardiner*



—The Port Townsend Saturday Farmers Market, located on Tyler St in Uptown Pt Townsend, will be open for the 2012 growing season from Apr-Dec. Market hours are Apr-Oct from 9 am-2 pm and Nov-Dec from 10 am-2 pm.

—The Chimacum Farmers Market, located at The Chimacum Farmstand at 9122 Rhody Dr (the Chimacum 4-way stop), will be open for the 2012 season from May-Oct. Market hours are 10 am-2 pm.

—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 Saturday of the month at the Jefferson Co Library from 8:30-9:45 am.



—The 77th annual Rhododendron Festival, one of Jefferson County's largest and oldest celebrations in the area, will take place May 14-19. There will be a wide variety of events ranging from the Rhody Run to the Bed Races to the Grand Parade! Come join the fun! For more information contact Rita at rhodygrandparade.mail.com.

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 by the 20th of the month.

Herbie the Seed Program Update

We had a very successful Herbie the Seed/Root Viewer season this year. With classes at Chimacum Creek, Swan School, Quilcene and Grant St. Also Pat Roberts of 4H took a video tape of Quilcene and is going to make a DVD for promotion and training.



Submitted by: Glen Koch, Herbie the Seed Program Chair

WE ARE NOW AN OFFICIALLY CHARTERED CHAPTER!!!

The Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation (JCMGF) has been active with the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State (MGFWS) from its earliest days. We have sent a County Representative to sit on the Board of Directors, we have contributed Regional vice-Presidents and a Treasurer, and we have more than once hosted the annual advanced education conference. Jefferson County is a player at the state level.

However, while the By-laws of the MGFWS describes "Chartered Chapters," nobody had bothered to actually produce a paper charter. This lapse is currently being corrected, and we are pleased that the Jefferson county Master Gardener Foundation is the first county MG foundation to execute its charter as a chapter of the WSMGF.

Our current Chairperson, Roger McPherson, recently signed the charter and returned it to Chris Bailey, President of the MGFWS. No surprise we are again leading the way!



Submitted by: Mark Clark, MG Foundation

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CONSERVANCY GARDENS FIELD TRIP



A field Trip is planned to visit the Conservancy Gardens on Bainbridge Islands on Saturday, June 30th. The five gardens are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have a love for very special gardens, this is a field trip you will not want to miss. These gardens are only open on Bainbridge Island every 5 to 6 years. This is an opportunity to visit some Conservancy Gardens close to home!

The cost of the field trip is \$5.00 per garden. The Gardens include:

Frogwit, featuring several species of Japanese maples, one palm tree and the anchor colors yellow and chartreuse.

Huntley House is a three-and-one-half garden featuring all that will grow in this Pacific Northwest island micro-climate.

Osmun Garden is primarily a shade garden designed as a park like setting directing the viewer's eye from one point of interest to another one further on.



The Osmun Garden

Madison Hill Garden is designed to provide color and interest year round. In addition to flowers and shrubs the area includes a pond, a desert garden and a vegetable garden.

The Skyler Garden has pathways through serene surroundings of a variety of perennials and hundreds of ferns. The shade garden is a favorite gathering spot for a variety of birds.

In addition to the five gardens on Bainbridge Island, **Heronswood** in Kingston is also on the tour. This garden-nursery specializes in rare and unusual plants.

If you would like to attend this field trip, please contact Sharon Commander at cmdrs@cablespeed.com or phone her at 437-2486. Educational hours will be awarded for this field trip. We will plan to car pool from Port Townsend Park and Ride leaving at 9:00 a.m. sharp or from Port Ludlow recycle center parking lot at 9:15 a.m. As it gets closer to the date of our trip, I will supply maps and a schedule of gardens stops.

For more information on the gardens, see www.conservancy.org/opendays/open-days-schedule.

Submitted by: Sharon Commander



"Thalia" daffodils
submitted by:
Kris Burns



Catching Honeybee Swarms

Since I'm looking over my bee's woodenware, I thought I'd better have some tools and hive bodies ready for honeybee swarm season. Honeybee swarms may stay in an area for an hour, a day, or much longer until their numbers die out. Last spring, I answered several swarm calls.

The first swarm call came from a homeowner on Marrowstone Island. She said that honeybees had had settled in their decorative mailbox. The wife was very concerned because the mailbox was in their garden and their young grandchildren were due that afternoon for an outdoor picnic. After asking identification questions about the swarm, I rushed to the end of Marrowstone Island only to discover that these were wasps not honeybees and suggested other steps for removal.

One call came from a couple I know who live in Port Townsend. Just as I was rushing there, my phone rang. Their voices sounded upset and they said the bees were leaving. I asked them to try and follow the bees and I'd be there in 10 minutes. Luckily, the swarm moved into a low lone tree on public property about 100 feet away from their house. They both watched from a safe distance as I climbed a ladder to the branch about 5 feet off the ground and shook the swarm into a hive box. I waited about 15 minutes for more stragglers to join the others in the box and whisked them away.

I found myself back on Marrowstone Island but this time it was a more unusual situation. When I got the call, I asked how long the swarm had been there and was told, "About a month." And, "There's this white stuff around them." I arrived to find the swarm was higher in the tree than described. The bees had taken up residence and the white stuff was actually their comb. The comb was attached to a tree limb of almost 4 inches in diameter. I could tell that the number of bees were dwindling and in another week might be gone.

I climbed as high as was safe. The limb had to be cut in order to remove the hive. I would not be able to reach it comfortably as the hive was hanging above the last safe ladder rung and at an awkward angle. I spread a tarp below, took a deep breath and climbed the ladder carefully with a hand saw. I reached way out with my left hand, supporting the limb at the end of the comb and sawed carefully and slowly with my right.

The weight of the limb plus the comb plus the fact that both hands had to be over my head made this situation even more difficult. As I cut, I had to stop often, for the temperature was rising in my bee suit. Plus I was wearing leather beekeeper gauntlets. Finally, the limb was off. Several pieces of dry comb with bees attached had broken off and fallen on the tarp. I carefully and slowly climbed down with the limb, comb and bees. More of the limb needed trimming to fit it, the bees and the fallen comb in the hive box. Once home, I cut the comb with bees attached and tied it into individual frames and set it in a hive box.

You can't save every honeybee swarm. A swarm may move quickly, be too high or in an unreachable area. After all the problems they've been having of late, it's very satisfying to rescue a swarm of honeybees.

Submitted by: Judi Stewart

"A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay;
A swarm of bees in June
Is worth a silver spoon;
A swarm of bees in July
Is not worth a fly."

– Rhyme from
England

Submitted by: Ali Dyche



Here's a pic of a raised bed we just finished. We made it out of 9 pallets, weed cloth, and cedar trim. *Submitted by: Jill Jones*



THE NATIVE PLANT DEMO GARDEN NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION WEEK 2012

For the past 7 years during Native Plant Appreciation Week we have presented an educational event related to northwest native plants. This year, our major goal is to complete the infrastructure of the garden and all week long we are appreciating our native plants by accomplishing projects that lead to their well being.

Sunday April 29th (12:30 to 4:30pm) ROCK WORK DAY

Eve Dixon and Linda Landkammer plan to build 75 ' of path edging. Others who enjoy or have experience putting rocks together a bit like puzzle pieces are invited to join us.

Monday April 30th (5-6pm) KUL KAH HAN ' S STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

We gather at the park to review progress on 7 projects. There will be a whirlwind tour and you are welcome to join us if you ' d like to see whats going on this year.

Tuesday May 1st (10:30 to 2:30) POTTING IN THE GARDEN & NURSERY DAY

Help us dig volunteers from the beds and pot them up, move small plants to bigger pots, make labels, rearrange the nursery, etc. 2 hrs of work earns you some plants.

Wednesday May 2nd (10:30 to 4:30pm) WEED and MULCH DAY

We need 4 people (2 hours each) to reduce the rambunctiousness of spring weeds by removing them (they go on the compost pile) and to spread mulch on the relieved beds.

Thursday May 3rd (10:30 to 4:30) BRANCH REMOVAL AND PRUNING DAY

Limbing up of trees and pruning of shrubs at Forest edge. Professional pruners with tall ladders are highly prized and willingness, pole loppers and muscles are very welcome as well.

Friday May 4th: (10:30-4:30pm) RAIN BARREL RENOVATION DAY

Please come help us clean out the barrels, remove rusty screws, drill new holes in barrels, cut plastic tubing to length, saw metal downspout material, add more gravel beneath barrels, etc. We need people who have the tools and know how to do these things because we are lacking both.

Hope to see some of you.

P.S. We plan to hold a PATH BUILDING DAY in May.

Linda Landkammer, Designer-in-Chief
Kul Kah Han Native Plant Demo Garden

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Answer to Name that Plant

A big, bodacious, beautiful plant, *Helianthus*, or the perennial sunflower is imposingly tall and floppy with large (up to 4-inch), bright yellow flowers that form in loose clusters. Most of these natives thrive in full sun and are not fussy about soil. The taller ones may need support. Excellent for cut flowers.

Light:

Sun

Zones:

4-9

Plant Type:

Perennial

Plant Height:

3-10 feet tall

Plant Width:

3-4 feet wide

Landscape Uses:

Beds & Borders

Special Features:

Flowers,Cut Flowers,Attracts Birds,Attracts Butterflies,Drought Tolerant,Tolerates Wet Soil,Deer Resistant,Easy to Grow

“Lemon Queen”, “Low Down”, “Mammoth” and “Autumn” are a few types to try.



JCMGF April 2012 Board Meeting Minutes



JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2012

Members present: Voting members – Roger McPherson, Chair; Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Phil Meany, Treasurer; Linda Pfafman, Secretary; Board Members – Ali Dyche, Mark Clark, Mike McFadden, Marian Meany; Non-voting member – Bob Grindeland; Visitor – Kathy Ryan; WSU JC Extension – MG Coordinator – Sarah Fairbank

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Roger McPherson at 3:00 P.M.

Quorum: Eight of the nine voting board members were present.

March 1, 2012 MG Board Meeting Minutes: These minutes were approved at the Master Gardener's General Meeting on March 8, 2012 by a quorum vote of the MG Board Members.

Report of Recent Meeting with Dr. Lewis: Roger and Mark met with Dr. Lewis on April 4th to discuss a proposed new Memorandum of Agreement. During that discussion she shared her organization chart of Washington State University as it relates to the Master Gardener Program and Foundation and WSU Extension in Port Hadlock. There was a brief discussion of the organization chart, but the topic was tabled until Dr. Lewis is able to present it at a Board Meeting.

MOA Discussion and other JCMGF Governing Documents: Mark Clark explained his earlier suggestion that there is no reason to change the Articles of Incorporation of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation. Master Gardeners who have completed the training, signed the pesticide agreement form, perform and book 35 hours each year of volunteer work (including 10 hours in education) are eligible to become members of the Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation. Currently they sign a renewal form each year. Mark said he was mistaken to include this on the renewal form, and suggested we should not require annual renewal of Foundation membership in the future. The proposed new bylaws will say that once they have joined, they do not need to do so again because they remain members until they move, resign, or die. Only MG Foundation members can hold a position on the Board and can vote.

Kathy Ryan stated that there are currently around 80 members. Sarah and Pat attempted to contact all non-renewing members at least three times.

A brief discussion followed concerning the performing and recording of volunteer hours. Those who have not reported sufficient hours should be contacted and asked to remedy the situation within three months or they will be officially removed from the Master Gardener roster. They can still be members of the Master Gardener Foundation even if they are not in good standing.

Sarah will send a link to the new Master Gardener Handbook. There is a new form in the MG Handbook that waives liability for nonmembers who work on MG projects. The State also is now keeping the originals of the pesticide agreement and a copy is kept at the Port Hadlock Extension.

The MG Board discussed how to get the MOA, by-laws, and handbook approved by the general membership. Currently there is no MOA as it expired several years ago. It was mentioned that perhaps the Foundation should charge dues as that would lend clarity to who is a member of the Foundation and who is not a member.

Vote to accept Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of presenting the document to WSU for their internal review and approval process: Mike moved and Ali seconded to accept the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated April 5, 2012 with the exception of deleting the following words – “maintain a system to” from article 3, paragraph (7). The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Review of Master Gardener Foundation By-Laws (dated 4/5/12) and Handbook (dated 4/2/12): Mark asked that the Board review the By-laws and Handbook and get comments to him by 4/20/12.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phil Meany reported the bank balance of 4/4/12 was \$33,461.57.

Joan Wilder and David Self reviewed the Master Gardener financial records and found them to be correct as reported by the 2011 treasurer on 3/15/12. A signed letter to that effect is in the records. The Master Gardener training project has a current total gain of \$99.05. Sarah asked Phil to review the income as it did not seem correct. Phil also reported on the status of the Friends of Master Gardeners membership fees (income of \$30 for the first quarter of 2012) and it was noted that the renewal requests have just been mailed. Phil also distributed copies of the accepted 2012 budget on a spreadsheet along with 2011 Actual Income and Expenses.

Committee Reports:

Field Trip Committee: Sharron Commander is working on arranging this year's field trips. She wanted to know if there was any way to get a field trip designated as earning education hours for MG volunteers – specifically for the trip that will be to 5 conservancy gardens.

ACTION ITEM: Sarah – Ask Toni if the field trip to the 5 conservancy gardens can be counted as advanced training hours for Master Gardeners.

4/15/12 will be a work day at the Sunfield Food Garden. Ten people attended the Food Garden meeting yesterday.

Kathy Boyker and Hugh Musser will be asked if they would consider being on a nomination committee for next year's MG Foundation Board. Sarah Fairbank will also check to see if a member of the 2011 MG class would join the nominations committee.

Input from the Coordinator: Sarah pointed out that the State paid for the Master Gardener badges in 2012, but will no longer be able to do so. The cost per badge is approximately \$4.25. Sally has asked if she should place an order for MG brochures (\$250 for 1,000 or \$325 for 2,000). This item was not budgeted.

Beth Young has resigned as Chairman of the Plant Clinic Committee. Sarah is asking for volunteers to head the plant clinic.

Contract with Tri-area Community Center: This contract for meeting space for the general MGF meetings expires in April. Roger was authorized to contract with them for a year on the second Thursday of each month at \$50 per meeting (NOTE: no meetings in July, August and December).

Newspaper articles: Christine Lacie and Diane Wiklund will be writing articles. Several board members complimented Christine's “Seeds for Change” article. Christine Lacie would like to take a Native Plant Landscaping Workshop that will be sponsored by the Clallam County Conservation District. The Board agreed that this should count as Advanced Education for Christine.

Yard and Garden: The first meeting for next year's Yard and Garden Series will be Monday, April 9, 2012. Ali will chair this series for 2013 and hopes to have regular monthly meetings.

Washington State Master Gardener Foundation: Mark Clark has accepted the position of Chair of the communications committee. He is working on establishing written charters between the State and each county's MG organization.

Reminder: The next general MGF meeting on April 12 is to be a “snack” potluck with a short business meeting. Ali suggested to Marian to use the listserv to remind members.

Adjournment: Janet moved to end the meeting and Ali seconded the motion. No one objected. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Pfafman, JCMGF Secretary

JCMGF April 2012 Foundation Meeting Minutes



JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION GENERAL MEETING REPORT/ MINUTES April 12, 2012

MG General Meeting:

45 people attended the meeting that began at 3:05 PM at the Tri-Area Community Center.

Presentation: Dick Schneider from Rain Coast Farms lectured on Growing Ripe, Full-Flavored Tomatoes in Port Townsend.

Meeting: Roger McPherson chaired the meeting after the tomato-growing presentation (starting at approximately 4:30 PM). He reminded the membership that magnetic backs for the name badges were available for the charge of \$2.20 each. Roger briefly reviewed the minutes of the 4/5/12 MG Foundation Board meeting, highlighting the two planned field trips on 6/30 and 8/17 (Sharon Commander), the gardening articles in the PT Leader (Christine Lacie and Diane Wiklund), and the Yard and Garden Series meeting next Monday, 4/16 (Ali Dyche).

Plant Sale: Erica Iseminger led the discussion about the plant sale. Donations are still being accepted and transportation was arranged for the plants and books that were brought to the general meeting. More volunteers for the day before and the day of (May 11 and May 12) are needed. Erica will send out a guideline statement that will notify all volunteers who are working the sale as to when they can personally purchase plants (the idea is to let the Public have first choice). There will be a list stating donor's names for the more popular plants so in case they are sold out, the Master Gardener can contact the donor to see if more are available for purchase.

Secret Garden Tour: Barely enough Master Gardeners have volunteered to cover the Secret Garden Tour – they could use a few more. This year Secret Garden Tour tickets can be purchased on-line. The Master Gardener Park will be advertised as one of the gardens on the tour. Shirley Williams asked if anyone had a labeler that could be used to label the plants in the park.

Grants/ scholarships: Shirley Williams announced that the grants/ scholarship committee has received 13 applications this year. They plan on awarding about half of the funds (\$5,000) this round, and retaining half for the grant/ scholarship applications in the fall.

Earth Day: Sarah asked for and received one volunteer for Earth Day between 9:15 and 11:15 to cover the booth.

Work Day at Vegetable Demonstration Garden at Sunfield School: Erica Iseminger announced that a work day at the Sunfield Food Demonstration Garden is set for April 29th between 11 AM and 2 PM. The work party will migrate to Spring Rain Farm afterwards to celebrate. Plans are being made to have 4 quack grass eradication testing plots to find which method is the best way to remove quack grass from the fields.

Quilcene Plant Sale: Mike McFadden announced that there will be a plant sale in Quilcene on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (May 26th) from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Quilcene Masonic Hall (170 Herbert Street).

Chick Raising Project: David Self talked briefly about the chick raising project at Chimacum Creek Primary and about his talk at WSU on raising chickens to a “small but quality crowd.”

Plant Clinic Meeting: Dr. Lewis will lead a plant clinic meeting following the MG Foundation general meeting.

Sarah Fairbank's report on MG training class: The Master Gardener class of 2012 is about halfway through the curriculum. A mock plant clinic is planned for May 2nd for the trainees. Sarah asked the membership for sample vegetable problem specimens for the clinic. She then introduced the MG trainees in the audience.

Habitat for Humanity House: Nancy Villegran reported one last Habitat for Humanity House will be “planted” on April 21 and that the program is breaking ground for four more houses in Jefferson County. Dana Purnell will assist the Habitat for Humanity MG project.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Meany gave a brief treasurer's report. As of April 12, 2012, all Jefferson County Master Gardener's accounts total \$33,290. The Master Gardener Training Class has current expenses of \$710.95 and an income of \$810. Joan Wilder and David Self have conducted a “review” of the 2011 accounting and found no problems.

The meeting was adjourned.

Note: During the break, 9 members of the board (a quorum) voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 4/5/12 rev.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Pfafman, Secretary
4-17-12

Schedule of Events

May 2012




May 3- Board mtg 3 pm WSU/Madrone room
May 10- Foundation meeting 3-5 pm, Tri-Area Comm. Center
May 12- JCMGF Biennial Plant Sale
May 20-Chimacum Farmers Market opens for the 2012 season; 10-2
May 20-Chimacum Plant Clinic starts; 10-2 every 2nd and 4th Sunday; Chimacum Farmers Market at the Chimacum Farmstand
May 21-Yard and Garden Committee mtg; Madrone room; 10:30 am
May 30- Trainee Graduation Day; Cotton bldg
For all other items, please see Misc Items on page 6











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

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

WSU Plant Clinic-Every Tue; 1-4 pm
Co-op Plant Clinic- Every Fri; 2:30-5 pm
Chimacum Plant Clinic-Every 2nd & 4th Sun, 10-2

Y&G Planning Mtg-Every third Mon; 10:30 am

 Do you have an item for the Calendar/Schedule of Events? Please submit to the editor at alibruce113@yahoo.com, or call Ali at 360-732-0433. Committee chairs are encouraged to submit dates & times of meetings!
Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 WSU Plant Clinic 1-4 pm	2 MG Training 9-4 	3 Board Mtg 3:00 pm	4 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30-5 pm	5
6	7 	8 WSU Plant Clinic 1-4 pm	9 MG Training 9-4	10 Foundation Mtg 3-5pm	11 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30-5 pm	12 MG Plant Sale 9 am 
13 Mother's Day 	14	15 WSU Plant Clinic 1-4 pm	16 MG Training 9-4	17	18 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30-5 pm	19 
20 Chimacum Farmers Mar- ket opens 10-2 Plant Clinic 	21 Y&G Planning Mtg 10:30 am	22 WSU Plant Clinic 1-4 pm	23 MG Training 9-4	24	25 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30-5 pm	26
27	28 Memorial Day 	29 	30 Trainee Graduation Day 	31		



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