



MASTER GARDENERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

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NEWSLETTER

INDIAN ISLAND FIELD TRIP

A field trip is planned for Indian Island on Friday August 17th. We will all meet at the gate to Indian Island at 1:00 pm. We will travel into the bus parking lot about 1/4 mile in from the gate. The trip is limited to 40 people.

This educational trip provides beautiful scenery, a chance to view many species of wildlife, and some local history of our beautiful area. Indian Island was a Superfund site, cleaned and redesigned with state-of-the-art environmental areas.

Bring your field glasses to view the wildlife! We hope to fill the bus, so please sign up early. You are welcome to attend a second time, and you will learn something new!

I will need your names, as they appear on your picture ID (driver's license) by August 10th. You will need your driver's license to enter Indian Island.

Educational credit will be given for this trip.

Please contact me: Sharon Commander at cmdrs@cablespeed.com or at 437-2486.



Submitted by: Sharon Commander



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"Cosmos in a Watering Can" submitted by:
Kris Burns

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Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden



While out hiking in lovely Yellowstone, I've come across quite a few amazing plants. My little fold out guide is not adequate for identifying the beautiful Wildflowers I am seeing.

I have enclosed some photos of these mysterious flowers in the hopes that one of you will be able to identify it. They will be this month's Name That Plant. I will have a new book for next months letter.

The Rosy Pussytoes and Silky Phacelia are about to bloom-- those should create interest. I did miss one great opportunity at 11,000 feet in blowing snow: Alpine Forget Me Nots. The plants were about 2" across, 1/2" high, covered with bright blue 1/4" flowers.

Enjoy your summer!

Submitted by: Roger McPherson JCMGF Chair



Summer Foundation Programs

July- Due to low attendance at past July Foundation meetings, we will not be holding one this month.



Aug- Our Annual MG Picnic is held in Aug. Spouses/ significant others are welcome to join us. This year it will be Saturday, Aug 18. It will be held at Mike and Joy McFadden's house on Lake Leland, located at 288982 US Highway 101, Quilcene.

The Foundation will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and salmon with the rest of the meal being potluck.

Please R.S.V.P. Janet Miziguchi at rarjsm@msn.com on your choice of entrée so that we can plan the purchases accordingly.



Submitted by: Janet Miziguchi

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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 Recap



Secret Garden Tour was a complete success. We hosted over 450 guests from as far away as Alaska and netted over \$5750.00 for our scholarship fund. Online ticket sales were trouble free and yielded sales of 45 tickets which was the second highest selling venue this year. Most frequently heard comments were things like, "Everyone looks so happy and relaxed" and "What an unusual group of gardens – there was something for everyone". The committee chairs, garden coordinators and docents were terrific, to the person. We pulled together and put on a tour that not only pleased us all but made us some money as well. Next time you see them, please give special thanks to Kris Burns, Kathy Grace, and Bob Grindeland who were true blue hard workers from the get go. Great job one and all.

*Submitted by: Candice Gohn; SGT Chair
Photos submitted by: Kris Burns*



Day of ticket sales. Kathy Grace, ticketmaster and Janet M.



New intern, Susan Cronshaw, co-chair of garden #7. Guests certainly enjoying the day.



Peony in full bloom at garden #5.



Garden #7, Hugh Musser showing guests the clever deer fencing

Secret Garden Tour 2012 Recap Cont



Co-coordinator for garden #7, Jenny Jenkins, talking with MG/guest Kathi Boyker.



Co-coordinators for garden #5, Lorna Ross and Diane Threlkeld.



New intern, Ann Klosterman, greeting guests at garden #4.

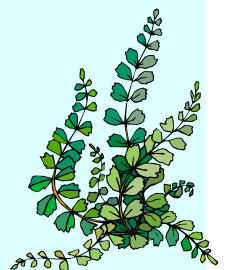


Tour chair, Candice Gohn, talking to Christina Lacie and Bob Grindeland at garden #1.



Dan Post, coordinator and musician for garden #3.

Photos submitted by: Kris Burns



NAME THAT PLANT

Below are the unknown Wildflowers I took photos of here at Yellowstone National Park. See if you can identify any of them for me!!

Roger McPherson

(Some possible answers are available on page 7) Ali Dyche



#1

#2



#3



#4



WE HAVE FOUND PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS!!!



Please welcome Laura Klose, Ann Klosterman, Sherine Murphy and Ann Raymond as JCMGF's new Program Co-Chairs!

They will comprise the committee that develops the educational programs for our monthly Foundation meetings beginning in September.

We look forward to future presentations!

Submitted by: Ali Dyche

Herbie the Seed Update



The 2012 program included five classes at Grant St., four classes at Chimacum, one class in Quilcene and this year one at Swan School. At Chimacum this year we got to experience "the ultimate" Herbie the Seed venue. Due to the restructuring and combining of classes there was an empty classroom during our visit, so we actually had each class come to us. This was wonderful because we didn't have to tote the materials from class to class and we were able to be all set up and ready for the kids when they arrived.



While speaking to Michele Moriarty, who has a very active gardening program at Quilcene, we discussed how the kids in East Jefferson County are so much more garden savvy than just 5 years ago. Because of budget cuts, most of the classes we visited this year had 25+ students and were combined grades. But the number of veteran and intern MGs made even the larger number of kids in each class very workable.

The teacher evaluation letters have started to come in and our fan base continues to grow. Here is an example from Sarah Walker at Grant Street : "great adult - child ratio, very organized presentation and preparation. The students are very excited to check their viewers daily. Thank you for a well planned activity."



My thanks and appreciation goes out to all the MGs and interns who both participated in the classes or worked on logistical support. This program would not exist without you. I would also like to thank the teachers and schools for opening up this wonderful opportunity to interact with the children.



Submitted by: Glen Koch; Herbie the Seed Chair

FREE SEED GIVE AWAY!!!

Here is a link to an organization that provides free seeds to those that qualify for their grants. For more information just click on the following link to find out more about it. http://america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/index.php



Submitted by: Evelyn Barras

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I would like to announce Jill Bacchieri as a new certified Master Gardener from the 2012 class. Just one month after completing her training. Pretty impressive!



Also, Janell Jelliffe from the 2011 class just completed her internship and is officially a certified Master Gardener.

WAY TO GO JILL AND JANELL!

Submitted by: Pat Aniotzbehere; JCMGF Membership

Kitchen Korner

Sumptuous Spring Veggies



Now most of us adore fresh spring vegetables but a lot of us know only a few ways to prepare these tender tidbits and would like to add a few more techniques to our veggie cooking repertoire besides sautéing and steaming and basic dinner salads.

Baked Minted Carrots

8 cups carrot slices
1 tsp salt
1/3 cup brown sugar
3 tbs butter
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint

Place carrots in a buttered casserole with a cover (foil may be used in place of a cover). Sprinkle with salt and brown sugar. Dot with butter. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 70 minutes or until tender. Makes 6-8 servings. Any firm veggies or mix of them may be substituted for the carrots.

Spring Salad

1 cup sliced carrots
1 cup sliced radishes
1 cup sliced Hakurei turnips
1 cup sliced green onions
2 sliced garlic scapes
1 1/2 cups baby spinach
1 cup Kalamata olives
1/2 cup crumbled Feta
2 sliced hard boiled eggs (optional)
1 cup cooked chicken breast (optional)
Balsamic vinaigrette dressing

Once I have washed and prepared all of my ingredients, I place them in a large mixing bowl. If I am using the salad as a main course, I add the eggs and chicken. If it's a side dish, I omit them. I choose not to toss the salad with the vinaigrette as any leftover salad (spinach in particular) can get soggy. It's a wonderfully bold and flavorful salad and quite capable of standing alone as a main course. If a milder or sweeter flavor is preferred, try substituting apple or pear slices for the olives and use a raspberry vinaigrette. Makes 6-8 servings.

Submitted by: Ali Dyche

NAME THAT PLANT ANSWERS

These are my best guesses at Roger McPherson's unidentified wildflowers from Yellowstone. Feel free to send in answers!

Ali Dyche



Agoseris glauca
False Dandelion



Eritrichium nanum
Alpine Forget-Me-Not



Viola adunca
Blue Violet



Fragaria vesca
Wild Strawberry

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 Community Center and the Gardiner Community Center. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. *July 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 first Wednesday 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 by the 20th of the month.

READING ROOM



While wandering a treasured local bookstore, I found a wonderful little book entitled “Butterfly Gardens—Luring Nature’s Loveliest Pollinators to Your Yard” by Brooklyn Botanical Garden.



It includes an array of the more commonly seen species in North America. In this book you will find that the focus is on plants that are very attractive to a large assortment of different butterfly species and in which climate these particular plants are best suited.

It covers the best ways to plant your butterfly attractive flowers to best lure them to your garden as well as ways to encourage them to stay as residents, and perhaps lay their eggs providing a future generation of beautiful pollinators fluttering gracefully around your yard.

You will also find information on how to create watering stations for butterflies to “puddle” at, how to blend sunny and shaded areas for them to warm and cool themselves as well as other environmental niceties that butterflies find appealing and will draw them to your garden, hope fully to stay!

If you are looking for a bit of information on how to bring these beautiful creatures to your yard without being inundated with it, take a look at “Butterfly Gardens—Luring Nature’s Loveliest Pollinators to Your Yard”.



Submitted by: Ali Dyche

UP AND DOWN WITH FLOATING ROW COVERS

A couple of weeks ago a man came into the WSU Plant Clinic, plopped down in the chair and said, “How do you grow bok choy?” Those of us in the room paused, and then asked some of the plant clinician’s favorite questions, “What have you tried?” and “Tell us about your garden”.

This was no neophyte gardener. He described how he coddled the starts in his green house, and then planted them out in the garden bed. But they were quickly eaten by slugs or soon went to seed. After explaining about the need to put his bok choy into a cold frame to harden off, the discussion moved to using floating row covers as a way to keep the ground a more uniform temperature, and protect plants from some pests.

I may have waxed on about the benefits of floating row covers, as new converts often do. This is the first year I’ve tried using a floating row cover in my own garden. After seeing them for years here and there, I decided to give them a try. According to our Master Gardening course text book,

“Fabric row covers come in different weights and can increase day temperatures by 4–8°F. Lighter fabric row covers (0.45–0.55 oz/sq yd) are generally promoted as insect barriers and are not recommended for winter use.” (Chapter 6 page 36)

Early In March as I was planting out my first crop of bok choy, green cabbage, kale and broccoli, I remembered I had some row cover material I had purchased the previous summer at a local hardware store. Somehow I never got around to using it on a garden bed. After rummaging through my garden shed I discovered it in a corner. I threw the cover over the newly planted bed and placed 5-6 stones around the bed. I put the cover on loosely so the fabric would have the ability to move as the plants grew. I also purchased PVC pipe and hardware to make hoops for the bed, but I haven’t gotten to that point yet. I didn’t even cut my fabric- there is probably enough length to cover two beds. I’ll get to that eventually.



Floating row cover rising with the growing plants.



Healthy plants revealed from under the row cover.

UP AND DOWN WITH FLOATING ROW COVERS CONT.

Weather Protection

The row cover has made a big difference in this bed's plant growth. By May I was harvesting huge heads of bok choy and my cabbage is nearly ready as well. My garden is windy and cold as many Jefferson County gardens are, and since I live near Hood Canal, the wind often contain salt. The row cover protects the plants from wind, cool (and downright cold) temperatures and perhaps even some of the salt. I've had bigger and better harvest sooner with the row cover. And it is so easy.

Pest Protection

But now to floating row covers and protection from pests. The news here is not so positive. Yes, the row cover can prevent the cabbage moth from laying eggs on plants they love, such as brassicas. Bravo! But what I discovered was a bit of a cautionary tale.



Moth resting on the floating row cover in my garden.



Cabbage Moth pupa. Next stage- Cabbage Moth.

While digging in the bed next to the one with the floating row cover, I unearthed a funny looking red-brown, hard cased "thing" about a half inch long, with a slowly wagging tail. Hmm. Some stage of a good insect? Wouldn't that be nice. No, what I learned after a little work on the computer, was that I had uncovered the pupa stage of the Cabbage Moth. The next stage in this guy's metamorphosis is the cabbage moth then the laying of more eggs and on and on. And I had found more than one pupa. So I had cabbage moths lurking in my garden soil. I looked over my shoulder at the bed of plants happily growing under the floating cover and realized that there might be cabbage moth pupas just waiting to finish their cycle. I could have inadvertently created a lovely enclosed environment for young cabbage moths to thrive and lay their eggs.

So I must go back to the tried and true methods of Cabbage Moth control even under the floating row cover: checking the underside and top of leaves for small green worms, then hand plucking them before they get large and create more damage. Some people use Bt, but I choose plucking since my garden is relatively small. Be sure to repair floating cover rips with duct tape, as the moths are great at finding ways in.

This same caveat goes for slugs, as well. The floating row cover will not keep slugs from damaging plants, especially if they have already found great places to hide before you put on the row cover.

The floating row covers are not a panacea for all the challenges of gardening. However, I'll continue to use them for some of my beds, especially my brassicas, as they are easy to use and I love the earlier and bigger yields. And my bok choy was wonderful- even with a slug holes in the leaves.

Submitted by: Ann Raymond

BIOCHAR— WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO USE IT

I first heard the word “biochar” at a grange presentation given by Al Latham, retired manager of the Jefferson County Conservation District. In the biochar process of pyrolysis, plant waste is heated to about 500 degrees Celsius but without the presence of oxygen. During pyrolysis, biomass decomposes into syngas, bio-oil, which can be used as fuel and biochar. So the term biochar used broadly refers to a form of fine-grained charcoal made from biomass waste. This is different from commercial charcoal made at higher temperatures with chemical additives for backyard barbeques which is undesirable for agriculture. Biochar could be made from wood, dry plant matter, waste feedstock, manures and even bones. What you have is carbon, stable in soil. Using biochar reduces your total fertilizer requirements. Biochar also holds gasses; recent research has proven biochar-enriched soils reduce carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide emissions. Al talked about his biochar burn barrel and showed photos of a friend’s vegetable garden in Joyce where the owner made biochar and used considerable quantities in his garden. Always wanting a large vegetable garden, he cleared a large section of standing trees for a garden and greenhouse. The trees were cut into firewood. The brush and stumps were piled and burned into biochar by smothering the burning pile with soil as it smoldered but before it burned to ash. The burned wood, now charcoal, was tilled into the new garden area. Photos of vegetables grown the first year were amazing. I had to see for myself and was invited to visit the garden. Everything in the garden was tall and sturdy. Stalks were thick; leaves dark and glossy, some even waxy. Broccoli heads were large with tight buds. The garden’s perfume was heady. I knew I had to learn more.

Compost is a source of nitrogen and is biodegradable; it has a half life of about four years in the soil, needing to constantly be replenished. Biochar lacks nitrogen but since its half life is over 1,000 years, it’s much more permanent than compost. Biochar works together with compost. With every application of biochar, the biochar soil levels increase. Much like vermiculite, biochar is non-nutritive as it helps to retain moisture and nutrients, including nitrogen. Biochar can also increase phosphorus availability and mycorrhizae activity.

Similar to biochar is Terra Preta, the dark nutrient rich soil found in the Amazon. Archaeologists digging in the Amazon found rich Terra Preta next to low productivity soils in the 1960s. Centuries ago, Terra Preta was amended with biochar. Made by field waste and garbage by indigenous Indians, they’ve been mining biochar in Brazil and selling it for potting soil. Ancient biochar deposits have been located in Guyana, Amazonia and deposits up to 23,000 years old have been found in Costa Rica. It was by the late 1990s before scientists understood that biochar was a type of charcoal that enriched the soil and soil scientists started examining its use.

The reality of having crops as healthy as those in the Joyce garden is getting closer. My interest in biochar is only as a fertilizer or soil amendment. Research has shown that crops using biochar have pronounced increases in crop size, yield and soil water holding capacity. There’s a marked improvement in degraded soil. There’s less loss of nutrients, a reduction of aluminum toxicity and an increase in soil pH or liming capacity. The pH increase occurs rapidly where other benefits may take more time, depending on soil conditions. Biochar effects are more pronounced in our region since high alkaline soils won’t experience nearly the same benefit as acidic soils. Remember that the beneficial effects of adding biochar are lasting. I’ve also read differing opinions as to the amounts of biochar to use, anywhere from 10% to 25% per volume of soil and 1 pound of biochar per 2 feet of area.

BIOCHAR— WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO USE IT CONT.

I used Al Latham's double retort method for my initial batches of biochar along with 15, 30, 55 and 85-gallon metal burn barrels, metal cutting tools and 8-inch diameter pipe for a chimney. I soon switched to a trench method in order to produce greater biochar quantities and not burn up my winter kindling stores. You must watch the pile and not leave it unattended. It's not supposed to burn all the way to ash. I stop the burn with water when the wood becomes charcoal and then cover it in compost. When cool, resulting biochar/compost mix is shoveled into metal garbage cans. I've been using it to amend my soil along with small quantities of additional nitrogen. Microorganisms in biochar are using the nitrogen to break down the carbon. The jury's still out when it comes to measuring my garden's results. I'll know more at the end of this growing season. In the meantime, I'm making as much biochar as possible and also using it to speed up the decomposition of my compost pile. You can't have too much biochar.

University of Washington's Department of Chemical Engineering is headed by Daniel Schwartz. He's leading a team of PhD students who developed a biochar conversion technique and are commercializing their technology with the help of a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

When forests are logged, managed or selectively trimmed to be less susceptible to fires, there are usually huge piles of stumps, branches and other woody debris left lying on the ground at the site. The students created a technology which can turn these woody waste piles into biochar. The team developed a light weight blanket with tiny holes that can be adjusted. Their blanket wraps around a burning pile of forest slash to form a biochar kiln. By restricting oxygen under the blanket, a slow smoldering pyrolysis method leaves chunks of biochar. The blanket is portable and easily managed so it can be transported to remote areas all across the country where forests have been cut or thinned. The blanket method eliminates having to cart these slash piles miles out of the area which is expensive and uses up fuel. The group is field testing their idea this summer. Almost 6 million tons of woody debris has been removed from Pacific Northwest forests alone each year. The students will be selling their biochar to support reforestation projects.

There are several web sites and on line videos which demonstrate the various biochar production methods. This is one of the better examples and close to Al Latham's burn barrels:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXMUmy8PpU&feature=related>

An excellent book on biochar which helped me immensely is "The Biochar Revolution." If you'd like to try some biochar without making it yourself, small bags of charcoal used in aquariums are sold through local pet stores. A larger quantity at a reasonable price with no chemical additives can be found at Lowe's under the brand name of Cowboy Charcoal.

<http://www.cowboycharcoal.com/>



Image of Biochar

Submitted by: Judi Stewart

JCMGF June 2012 Board Meeting Minutes



JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2012

Members present: Voting members –Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Phil Meany, Treasurer; Linda Pfafman, Secretary; Board Members – Pat Aniotzbehere, Ali Dyche, Mike McFadden, Non-voting member – Bob Grindeland; Visitors – Sonja Henderson (class of 2010) and Shirley Williams; WSU JC Extension – MG Coordinator – Sarah Fairbank

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair at 3:03 PM.

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

May 3, 2012 MG Board Meeting Minutes:

The May 3, 2012 minutes were approved at the Master Gardener's General Meeting on May 10, 2012 by a quorum of the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Meany, Treasurer, distributed the financial report of - June 7, 2012.
The current balance is \$29,082. The Plant sale netted \$2,259. The financial report is available upon request.

JCMGF Documents: Jefferson County Master Gardener Program is not in compliance currently with the WSU Master Gardener Program. WSU has declined to sign the Memorandum of Agreement that was submitted to them. Hopefully, changes will be implemented over the next year at the county level to bring JCMGF into compliance with the state program. In particular, changes are needed in the wording of the MOA and JCMGF Foundation policy and procedures.

Dr. Lewis plans to establish an advisory committee with 2 members at large (Marsha Schwendiman and Shirley Williams) plus 2 from members from the MGF Board. The Advisory Committee will meet quarterly to plan a county needs assessment and to consolidate MGF committees and activities making sure that each includes a robust educational component.

Membership: Pat Aniotzbehere gave a report on MGF membership. Currently there are 104 members plus 11 interns. Twenty-two members are inactive. Fifty-three indicated that they wanted to be MG Foundation members on the annual renewal form. As of June 7 at noon, 3,329 volunteer hours have been reported in 2012. Of the 90 active members, 67 have reported hours (74%). Jefferson County ranks third in the state behind Yakima (at 75%) and Spokane (80%). In 2011, 52% of members reported hours, and in 2010, 71% reported. There are 11 Friends of MG.

Ali Dyche motioned that a letter be written and sent to the 22 inactive members notifying them that they aren't in compliance with Master Gardener certification and what action needs to be taken to get in compliance. Mike McFadden seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

State MG Conference in Pasco September 13 -15. Mark and Sarah will be attending the conference in Pasco. Ali Dyche volunteered to sell JCMGF merchandise at the conference. Mike McFadden did this one year and made \$1400. He reported that the items with lighter colors sold better because JCMGF were the only ones carrying these items. There was a discussion about storing and ordering merchandise and reimbursing travel expenses for Ali Dyche.

Garden Conservancy Field Trip – June 30th from 10 AM to 4 PM: Janet Mizuguchi is handling this field trip. The five gardens are listed on the JCMGF website and a link is listed in the newsletter. Carpools are encouraged, but everyone is on their own to make travel arrangements. There is a \$5 cost per garden. Educational credit will be given.

August JCMGF Picnic: Mike McFadden will host the JCMGF Picnic on August 18 at 12 noon.

Mike McFadden

288982 US Highway 101 Quilcene (Lake Leland)

RSVP to rarjms@msn.com on your entre choice of salmon, hot dogs, or hamburgers. Everyone is expected to bring a side dish.

Grants Committee: Shirley Williams reported that the grants committee is tightening up on some of the rules. Each grant request site will receive a site visit and those awarded funds will be expected to submit receipts and give a report. The application has also been revised. Sunfield demonstration garden did not work out.

Plant Sale: Two boxes of extra books remain from the Plant Sale. The Board decided to donate them to the Pt Townsend library book sale.

Program Committee for monthly meetings: Laura Klose, Ann Klosterman, Sherine Murphy and Ann Raymond have volunteered to find speakers for the monthly MG Foundation meetings.

Secret Garden Tour: Ticket sales going well. A Secret Garden Tour Chairman is needed for 2013.

MG Training / new class representative: Jill Bacchieri will be the new class representative to the Board. Eleven people graduated and two did not meet their obligations. Next year there will be some changes to the training program: there will be a contract specifying a payment date, quizzes must be completed before class, and only two absences will be excused. In addition, trainees will spend one day in Clallam County and Clallam County interns will spend one day in Jefferson Co.

Yard and Garden Program: Ali Dyche presented contract with the Fair Board for the Yard and Garden 2013 Series. The pros and cons of two buildings (the 4-H Building and the Art Building) were discussed. The dates will be January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9. There is a \$50 nonrefundable deposit and proof of insurance must be provided.

Clallam County Master Gardeners have invited JCMGF to share a potluck lunch at Woodcock Garden 5-acre site. The date was not specified.

WSU booth at Jefferson County Fair. Sarah Fairbank will get an educational display at the WSU booth to promote the MG training in 2013. Nine people have shown interest in the class.

Spokane Workshop – How to Get and Keep Volunteers: Sarah Fairbank requested travel reimbursement to attend the Spokane Workshop in mid-September. Phil Meany made a motion (Ali Dyche seconded) to cover Sarah Fairbank's registration fee, lodging and mileage. The motion passed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Submitted by: Linda Pfafman; JCMGF Secretary

JCMGF June 2012 Foundation Meeting Minutes



JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION GENERAL MEETING—June 14, 2012

MG FOUNDATION GENERAL MEETING: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM at the Tri-area Community Center. Twenty-two people and one guest attended.

INTRODUCTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: Griffin weir Hoins, Valedictorian of the 2012 Chimacum High School graduating class, was introduced as a recipient of a MG Scholarship. This summer he will be working at identifying eelgrass from a research vessel as it journeys around Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands. This September he will be attending the University of Washington studying Marine Science.

PLANT EXCHANGE: Plant exchange was conducted by Sarah Fairbank.

MASTER GARDENER CLOTHING MERCHANDISE: Master Gardener Logo clothing was available for sale to members at a discounted price.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Meany reported that we have \$29,082 in checking and saving. Plant Sale gross income was \$3,316.00 with expenses of \$1,057.00: Plant sale net is \$2,262.00. \$3,400.00 has been spent on grants in 2012.

REMINDER -- NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JULY

SUMMER PICNIC: The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 18th, at Mike McFadden's place. A listserve notice will be coming out soon to RSVP to Janet Mizuguchi for a main dish selection of salmon, hot dog, or hamburger.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR: Sarah Fairbank said that WSU Extension will have a booth at County Fair in the Agricultural Building. Other WSU Extension programs will share the booth. Sarah is looking for Master Gardener volunteers to help with the booth on August 10th – 12th.

MG COORDINATOR REPORT: Jill Bacchieri is the 2012 Class Representative to the MG Foundation Executive Board. A committee of new interns - Laura Klose, Ann Klosterman, Sherine Murphy and Ann Raymond – will plan monthly meeting programs beginning September.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:

Mark Clark stated WSU has returned the MOA with comments and the document will be further reviewed.

MG Park maintenance: Shirley Williams passed around a signup clipboard for MG Park summer maintenance.

YARD AND GARDEN: The 2013 Yard and Garden Lecture Series will be moved to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The programs will be in either the Art or the 4-H building. The Yard and Garden Committee has a standing meeting every 3rd Monday of each month in the Madrona Room at WSU at 10:30 AM.

SECRET GARDEN: Candice Gohn believes all the gardens are ready. On-line ticket sales are better than expected.

FIELD TRIP: A listserv message announcing that website for The Garden Conservancy Tour has been posted. The field trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th. There will be no central organization of transportation for this field trip.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:25 pm

Thanks to Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chairperson for recording the meeting minutes and submitting them on June 15, 2012.



Schedule of Events

July 5– Board mtg 3 pm WSU/Madrona room

July 16-Yard and Garden Committee mtg;
Madrona room; 10:30 am

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. ***NO FOUNDATION MEETING
FOR JULY 2012!!!***

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 edi-
tor at alibruce113@yahoo.com, or call Ali at
360-732-0433. Committee chairs, please sub-
mit dates, times and locations of your meet-
ings.

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

July 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 WSU Plant Clinic 1- 4 pm	4 Independence Day	5 Board Mtg 3 - 5 pm	6 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30 - 5 pm	7
8 Chimacum Plant Clinic @ Chimacum Farmers	9	10 WSU Plant Clinic 1- 4 pm	11	12 No July Founda- tion Mtg	13 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30 - 5 pm	14
15	16 Y&G Planning Mtg 10:30 am	17 WSU Plant Clinic 1- 4 pm	18	19	20 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30 - 5 pm	21
22 Chimacum Plant Clinic @ Chimacum Farmers	23	24 WSU Plant Clinic 1- 4 pm	25	26	27 Co-op Plant Clinic 2:30 - 5 pm	28
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