



MASTER GARDENERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

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NEWSLETTER

December 2012

Master Gardener Annual Holiday Party



Mark your calendar for Saturday December 8th, 2012 for the annual Holiday party. The event will be held at the Port Ludlow Beach Club, 121 Mariner Drive Port Ludlow. The festivities will begin at 2:00 pm. and end about 5:00 pm.

The Master Gardener Foundation will furnish the turkey, ham, coffee and tea. Please bring table settings and a side dish or dessert to share, and your choice of beverage.

Once again we will have our traditional "Yankee Swap," so find a "white elephant" or gardening item for about \$10. Each year we have a number of returning gifts. I wonder who'll win the singing flowers, this year? A number of great door prizes will be offered. You must be present to win.

Please RSVP so that we know the number of tables to set up and the amount of food to purchase. Please call Sharon Commander 437-2486 or e-mail Sharon at cmdrs@cablespeed.com.



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We hope to see all Master Gardeners and their spouses/partners at the Holiday Party. This is a fun event no one will want to miss!



Garlic Scapes. Submitted by:
Linda Pfafman

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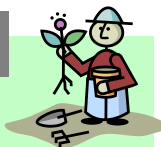


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Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden



From the Chair, December

I assume that you all had a nice Thanksgiving and included in your thanks your appreciation of living in and enjoying such a wonderful part of the world. I thank all of you for your support of the Foundation's programs, WSU, the Board and me. The Foundation is going through changes that will put us more in line with WSU Master Gardener Guide Lines and improve the quality of the information we present to our members and, most importantly, to the public. In January we will have a new Board to lead us into the future. I am very pleased with the Board you just elected. Many of its members are recent MG Course graduates who have already demonstrated their enthusiasm, knowledge and ideas.

Our 8 December Holiday Party will give you a chance to meet the new Board and also have a great time. I hope to see you there.

Roger McPherson, Chair JCMGF



Secret Garden Tour



Saturday, June 22 - reserve this day on your calendar now for the 2013 Secret Garden Tour.

"Beautiful and Bountiful" is the theme for next year's tour and it will feature several new, inspiring gardens in the Port Townsend area. Discover new ways to increase the sustainability of your garden design.

Master Gardener volunteers have made this annual fundraiser a "don't miss" event each year, and we'll be looking for your help again!

Submitted by: Deb Darminio & Diane Threlkeld, SGT Co-Chairs



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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!



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

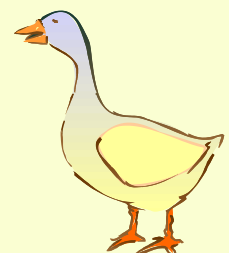


Tri Area Community Center, Chimacum

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



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

January 5th

Dr. LAURA LEWIS, WSU

Geography of Food, Origins of Agriculture



January 12th

CRAIG COGGER, WSU

Soil Fertility, Management

January 19th

Dr. CAROL MILES, WSU

Tunnels and Cold Frames, Extending the Seasons



January 26th

MIDORI FARM

Vegetable Gardening by the Salish Sea, Local Microclimates

February 2nd

JEFF THOMPSON, Snohomish County MG

IRRIGATION, How to Water Your Garden Smartly and Easily



February 9th

GRAHAM KERR

In the Garden, the American Dream meets the American Ethic

Currently we still need volunteers to help with refreshments and with the "Ask Me" Desk.

If willing to assist in these categories, please e-mail v.sherine@hotmail.com or SusanCronshaw@gmail.com

NAME THAT PLANT

ANSWERS ON PAGE 13

SUBMITTED BY: ALI DYCHE



*Hint: This plant
flowers in July and
August.*



Introducing our 2013 JCMGF Board

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Public and Press Invited to Dedication of Ranch to WSU



NORDLAND, Wash. – Dedication of a Marrowstone Island organically managed farm to WA State University was celebrated at a public open house 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Twin Vista Ranch, 6456 Flagler Rd., Nordland. The press was invited to attend the dedication 4-6 p.m.

Owner Lisa Painter donated the 26-plus acre Jefferson County farm and property, valued at \$800,000, to the university to serve as a center for educational outreach and agricultural development. Painter and her partner, the late Jeanne Clendenon, purchased the farm in 1972 and began diversifying management and on-farm operations to include production of beef and small livestock, honey, fruits and vegetables, grain, pasture and hay.

Painter and Clendenon developed the property to be energy efficient with installation of solar panels, a windmill and solar water heating systems - all of which are still in use. More recently, the ranch has been primarily focused on organic beef cattle production.

Twin Vista Ranch operations will continue but, through the gift to WSU, the farm will serve as an incubator for FIELD

(Farm Innovation, Education and Leadership Development) internship graduates and a research space for germplasm maintenance and breeding for area production systems - in particular fruit and nut tree germplasm as well as dryland production. The farm also will be used for classes, workshops, seminars and educational retreats hosted and sponsored by WSU Extension.

By Nella Letizia, College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences

Submitted by: Sarah Fairbank



Grants Committee Announces Recipients of Fall Grants

The Grants committee received ten outstanding applications from the community. It required heavy-duty reading and site visits to all the proposed projects. We met on October 20th. And after discussion, compromise and deliberation, we agreed to fund seven of them. Unfortunately, I was given 24 hours notice to fly to New Jersey for Red Cross Health Services before I presented the information to the board, so there was a delay in processing the information and getting the checks to the applicants, but the recipients should have their checks by now. The committee will be making site visits to check on the progress of these projects. Please feel free to contact me if any of you would like to accompany us on these site visits.

The projects for all of us to watch as they develop are:

Tree Identification Project, Chetzemoka Park

Chetzemoka Park has a wide variety of wonderful trees but none of them are labeled with species name. For Master Gardener trainees and the public in general, Master Gardener Candice Gohn requested money and was granted funds for professional quality labels to label the trees with both the botanical name and the common name. The Port Townsend Park board enthusiastically approved the project.



Tree Replanting Project: Habitat for Humanity:

Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County is finishing a seven-house project on Eddy St. Unfortunately, they had to remove trees that were in the way or posed a problem to adjacent properties. Habitat received funds to assist them to replace 48 trees of a wide variety and place them carefully within the neighborhood. Master Gardener Nancy Villagran is actively helping with this project.

Dove House Landscaping Project:

The Dove house shelter is a safe house for victims of family and sexual violence and run by the non-profit agency, the Dove House Advocacy Services. The Boeing Bluebills have been renovating the yard of this safe house (undisclosed location) so that the families staying there have a pleasant healing outdoor area and the children have a nice playground. They received funds to install sidewalks, plants and a play area.

Swan School "Growing for Neighbors in Need":

This private school has been growing vegetable starts in the green house window previously partially funded by a Master Gardener Grant. The starts are given to Port Townsend Food Bank recipients. Unfortunately, without a cold frame to provide outdoor light and a hardening off process, the plants were spindly and cold tender. They received funds this time to build cold frames, hose, trays and pots.

Port Townsend High School Garden Refurbishment and Expansion:

The Port Townsend High School Garden, located at the Gael Stuart building is an organic garden that has been used by senior students to learn hands on experience, from seed to plant. The garden has had its ups and downs, but this year, the senior students who are required to complete a long-term project will work with their faculty advisor, Tim Berenfeild to expand the garden, build a bigger hoop house and provide produce for the Port Townsend Food bank. Food bank patrons and the Food Bank volunteers from the Mountain View Food Bank Garden (also previously funded by our Grants program) will be helping with this project to participate and learn gardening practices as well.

Dundee Hill Community Greenhouse project:

The Dundee Hill Community Garden was established in 2007 and provides approximately 20 families with a space to grow crops that are not feasible in their smaller house yards. Their goal is to be "food self-sufficient", foster community and learn best organic and sustainable gardening practices. They also share their crops with other residents who are unable to garden, the Boiler Room and the Port Townsend Food Bank. They received funds to help replace their hoop house, which was lost in high winds.

Submitted by : Shirley Williams; Chair

THE RAVAGES OF HURRICANE "SANDY"



The threat of a hurricane is just not really on our radar screen in this part of the country, but for those of us who volunteer in Disaster Services, it means checking your calendar for activities that can be set aside for 2-3 weeks and packing your bag. I was called to go before the hurricane hit, but could not. They did not let me rest; as the hurricane hit so many areas, the Red Cross repeatedly urged me to go. The need in health services was great. With a short notice, I was on a plane to Philadelphia where we would buddy up and drive to New Jersey because all the airports in New Jersey and New York were closed.

I never saw the really worst of the devastated coastline of New Jersey with my own eyes, but the people I cared for shared their pictures. They lived in little towns on the coast that did not exist anymore. As I was driving through the neighborhoods away from the coast to the shelter where I worked 15-hour days, the amount of devastation to large trees from both the hurricane and the snowstorm that hit a few days later was unbelievable. The lesson in all of this is to ask ourselves if we will be ready if the "big one", the earthquake hits. I know it is a reminder to me and thankful, that in this community we seem to have some awareness of how important it is to be somewhat self sufficient.



By Shirley Williams, R.N.

ORCHIDS AT RAINCOAST FARMS



About 6 months ago I started an orchid recovery project at RainCoast Farms. I learned that many people had acquired orchids (mostly phalaenopsis) either as gifts or personal acquisitions; after blooming, many folks held onto their orchid plants hoping to get them to bloom again. Some were successful; most were not. I am trying to collect as many of these orchids as I can and, after repotting them and placing them in a new temperature/humidity controlled greenhouse, I'm trying to return these plants to health and the production of new blooms.

The ultimate goal of the Orchid Recovery Project would be to provide either recovered plants or stems of orchid blooms to Jefferson Hospital, Kai Tai, Victoria House and other places where "recovery" is a goal.

If you know of any Master Gardeners or interested gardeners who might have some unloved orchid plants (any variety, but only orchids) I sure would like to have them donated to this project.



Submitted by; Dick Schnieder via Sarah Fairbank

2013 Master Gardener Training

WSU Extension Master Gardener training program; enrollment open through December 15, 2012

Don't wait too long to fill out your application for the 2013 WSU Master Gardener Training. Jefferson County WSU Extension in Port Hadlock is accepting applications for the 2013 training, which includes WSU research-based information on botany, soil science, pruning, growing ornamentals and vegetables, fruit and berries, and other elements of sustainable home-horticulture. This is achieved with on-line training, field trips, labs, classroom participation, working with Master Gardener projects and committees. Each student receives substantial reference and learning materials.

Students are advised to have a computer and internet access. The computer lab at WSU extension will be available for trainees. The training will take place on Wednesdays; January 23 through April 24, 2013. Information and application can be found at www.county.wsu.edu/jefferson/gardening/mg/ or by calling 379-5610, ext. 200.

WSU Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



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SPRING TRAINING 2013

BECOME A CERTIFIED WSU EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

Each year WSU Jefferson County trains hundreds of Master Gardeners, continuing this rich tradition, and welcoming new members each and every spring.

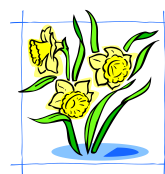
We train volunteers to be effective community educators in gardening and environmental stewardship. It is supported at the state level and administered by county extension offices.

Volunteers are trained by WSU faculty and staff to be community educators about issues of importance in their local communities that enhance natural resources, sustain communities and improve the health and wellness of Washington State residents and our environment.

Healthy plants healthy planet

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
JEFFERSON COUNTY EXTENSION
Master Gardener Program
county.wsu.edu/jefferson

Wednesdays, January 23 - April 24, 2013, 9am-4pm \$190
Application deadline is December 15, 2012
mgtraining@jefferson.wsu.edu or 360.379.5610 x 211



An Ode to Bamboo



Bamboo is the largest and fastest growing member of the grass family—so fast in fact that researchers have recorded 47 inch growth in a 24 hour period. According to the American Bamboo Society, there are about 1450 species of bamboo, 490 of which are grown in the US and Canada. Not only is bamboo a significant cultural and economic icon throughout Asia—it is a unique and versatile ecological wonder with fascinating structural and flowering habits.

Products have been made of bamboo for thousands of years (scaffolding, pan pipes, pens, stools, beds, paper, clothing, coffins, umbrellas, flooring, windmills, arrows, medicines, poisons, baskets, chopsticks etc. the list is long and diverse). Poems have been written and works of art composed in honor of this remarkable plant. Ecologically, bamboo should have super-hero status. A grove of bamboo releases 35% more oxygen than an equivalent stand of trees and can be harvested in three to five years versus the 10-20 years needed for most soft woods. In the soil conservation department, bamboo with its rhizomatous root systems is a great erosion control choice. Almost indestructible, bamboo was the first plant to re-green after the atomic blast in Hiroshima in 1945.

The roots of the bamboo consist of a series of jointed rhizomes which can be extremely fast spreading and invasive especially in the non-clumping or less behaved varieties. Heads up to home-owners; plant only the well-behaved or clumping species such as Red fountain bamboo, *Bambusa multiplex* 'Alphonse, Karr,' Golden Goddess, Mexican weeping or *Fargesia rufa* to name a few. The running bamboo species will bamboozle you—and certainly take over the neighborhood. Beware!

The culms (canes) of the bamboo emerge from the ground at their mature diameter—they grow in height only. Colors vary from various shades of green, to red, yellow and black.



An Ode to Bamboo Cont.



Okay, I know that I have probably used the words fascinating and amazing more than I should, but the flowering of bamboos is absolutely that, but add to it mysterious. The majority of bamboos flower from time to time. The blooms last from two to seven years, but the interval that they bloom varies from 10-120 years such as the Japanese Madake (*Phyllostachys edulis*) bamboo that flowers once every 120 years. But here comes the mysterious part—when it is a bamboo species time to bloom—it doesn't matter where in the world it is, it blooms. So whether the species (let's just say the Giant timber bamboo) is in China, southern Florida or Eugene, it blooms at the same time. That is mind-boggling. The down side of the flowering phase is that for a few months before the plant flowers, it begins to look sad, kind of wilt-y. It doesn't put out any new culms and the leaves are smaller than usual. The flowers appear in clusters or seed heads and look like the flowers of the normal everyday grasses. Often after a flowering the plant is so weak, it dies. Heavy watering and feeding can help in the bamboo recovery however.

There is much to be said about this plant. The thousands of uses both ecologically and culturally underscore bamboos importance and sustainability. Bamboo is unquestionably a plant of many strengths.

*Garden Column 11/21/2012
Submitted by: Christina Lacie*



4-H NEEDS YOU!!!

Hello, hope you are doing well.

We are in need of more volunteers within 4-H in our county, especially with poultry, gardening, video making, cooking, sewing and archery.

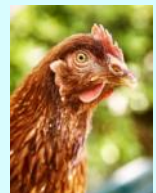
Are you interested in working with youth or know someone who might be interested?

I would appreciate a call or email if you do know someone. Families have been asking for these projects for their youth, and there isn't enough volunteers to meet the need.

Thanks for caring....sue

Sue Hay
WSU Jeff Co Extension
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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 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.

—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 by the 20th of the month.

READING ROOM



Another must have for your gardening library, is "The Encyclopedia of Herbs and Spices", by Andi Clevely, Katherine Richmond, Sallie Morris and Lesley Mackley.



This book is just what it says, an encyclopedia of herbs and spices! Focusing on the herbs in the first section of the book it begins with an introduction to herbs, including a history that spans centuries, then moves on to an amazing A-Z of over 150 different herbs! Some quite common; some quite uncommon!

The second part of the book looks at spices and their many uses; culinary, medicinal, crafting, etc. It covers making powders, pastes, oils and much more!

This book is filled with scads of recipes such as herb infused oils and Strawberry Mint Champagne! It demonstrates such things as how to design small, decorative herb gardens, to how to make spiced na'an bread, to how to make your own potpourri!

In short, it's a wonderful guide to growing, cooking and crafting with aromatic plants and ingredients! You may even find some perfect gift ideas in there for the upcoming Holiday Season!!



Submitted by: Ali Dyche



Kitchen Korner



BUTTERY, YUMMY CROUTONS: *Submitted by: Patricia Weedman*

At Costco, pick up a package of 12 Croissants. Take out as many of them as you'd like for your use, say 4 or 5 (you can put the rest in packages of 2 in freezer bags and freeze them as they keep quite nicely this way).

Cut them into bite sized pieces, spread out in an even layer on a cookie sheet or a jelly roll pan (large cookie sheet size with 1" sides)

Bake at 225 degrees for about 2 hours or so, until they are crispy - they'll smell wonderful at this point.



You can use them on soups, salads, casseroles - any place you'd use a crouton or large bread crumbs. Kinda good to eat right out of hand, as well!!

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Nuts! *Submitted by: Judi Stewart*

- 1 pound roasted unsalted cashews, almonds or a combination
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh rosemary
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon unsalted melted butter



Warm the nuts in the oven on a baking sheet for 5 minutes at 350° F. Combine all the other ingredients in a large bowl, toss in the warm nuts and serve.

For parties, family gatherings, as TV snack, a hostess gift, or to satisfy munchies, this recipe is a winner.

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Rum Balls *Submitted by: Ali Dyche*

- 1. 3 ½ C crushed vanilla wafers *
- 2. 4 T cocoa powder
- 3. 2 C crushed pecans
- 4. ½ C butter, melted
- 5. ½ C Rum *
- 6. ¼ C light corn syrup
- 7. Extra powdered sugar for dipping.

Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Blend rum and syrup together and add to dry ingredients. Add butter and stir to moisten. Roll into 1" balls, roll in sugar and store in a tightly sealing tin and leave to "ripen" at least 4 days without opening.

- * -3 ½ c shortbread can substitute wafers
- * -1/2 c bourbon, brandy apricot or otherwise, etc may substitute the rum



NAME THAT PLANT ANSWERS

Botanical Name: *Gaultheria procumbens* **Common Name:** Wintergreen, Checkerberry **Genus:** *Gaultheria*

This creeping, rhizomatous shrublet grows to 6 inches, with scalloped or bristly toothed, glossy, dark green leaves. Foliage has a strong wintergreen scent when crushed. Urn-shaped white or pale pink flowers appear in summer and mature to aromatic scarlet fruit that often persists into the following spring.

Noteworthy characteristics: This native of eastern North America is suitable for woodland plantings, rock gardens, or heather gardens. Edible fruits.

Care: Grow in acidic to neutral, peaty, moist soil in partial shade. Tolerates full sun if soil is permanently moist.

Propagation: From semi-ripe cuttings in summer, or remove rooted suckers in spring.

Problems: Black mildew, powdery mildew, leaf gall, fungal spots.

Submitted by: Ali Dyche



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| Height | 6 in. to 12 in. |
| Spread | 1 ft. to 3 ft. |
| Light | Part Shade to Full Shade |
| Moisture | Medium Moisture |
| Characteristics | Fragrant Foliage; Native; Showy Fruit |
| Bloom Time | Summer |
| Foliage Color | Evergreen |
| Flower Color | Pink Flower; White Flower |
| Uses | Beds and Borders |
| Style | Rock Garden, Woodland Garden |
| Seasonal Interest | Winter Interest, Spring Interest, Summer Interest, Fall Interest |
| Type | Shrubs |

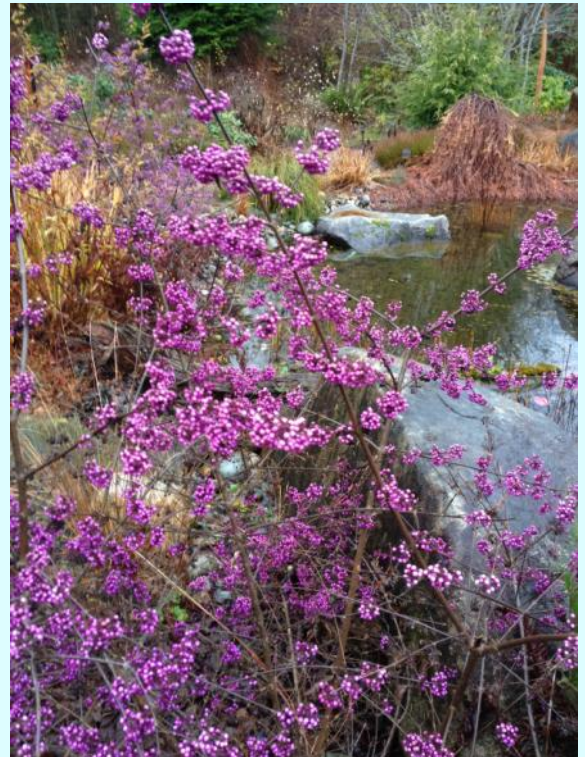
PHOTO GALLERY



Left: Rain induced pond on Kris and Greg Burns' property.

Right: A Beautyberry Bush in full beauty!

Submitted by Kris Burns



Left: Downtown PT Park

Submitted by: Patricia Weedman

Bottom Left: Moon over Lake Leland's Mountains

Submitted by: Mike McFadden

Below: Yellow Dogwood and Ninebark

Submitted by: Kris Burns



JCMGF November 2012 Board Meeting Minutes



JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF Nov 1, 2012

Members present: Voting members- Roger McPherson, Chair; Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Phil Meany, Treasurer; Linda Pfafman, Secretary; Board Members – Pat Aniotzbehere; Mark Clark, Ali Dyche, Mike McFadden. Non-voting member - Jill Bacchieri. WSU JC Extension-MG Coordinator – Sarah Fairbank. Guests - Candice Gohn, Hugh Musser, Ann Klosterman.

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

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

October MGF Board Meeting Minutes: These minutes were approved by a quorum vote of the MGF Board members via e-mail voting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phil Meany reported \$34,098 in MGF bank accounts and \$3,458 has been spent thus far in 2012 on grants and scholarships. The treasurer again requested that committee chairmen submit 2013 budgets for their projects before December 1, 2012.

ACTION ITEM: Phil will present a year-to-date spreadsheet at the December meeting with the actual costs compared with the budgeted items for the 2012.

ACTION ITEM: Sarah will coordinate with Dr. Lewis on reimbursing volunteers for mileage when they travel to plant clinics at Farmer's Markets at outlying locations.

Travel amendment for MGF handbook: Roger moved to accept Mark's wording in his email regarding the travel policy amendment for the handbook. Phil seconded the motion. After a discussion the vote was 5 yes, 3 no, 1 abstained. The discussion was centered on whether or not a receipt would be required for the hotel bills.

Election process: The MGF Board decided not to provide pre-printed ballots for the election at the next General MGF meeting. Blank pieces of paper will be provided if there is nomination from the floor that would require a vote for a contested position. If there are no nominations, the MGF membership will be asked to approve the slate of candidates as presented by the nominations committee. All positions currently have one candidate who has volunteered for next year's MGF Board.

Membership: Three interns have not completed the 100 hour commitment to become a MG. One has designated a project and it is not known if the other two will complete the hours before the two year limit expires.

2013 Plant Sale: Ann Klosterman would like to alternate years of the MGF plant sale with Nordland Garden Club. Ann proposed having the garden sale in conjunction with the Secret Garden Tour. After a discussion of time and energy of volunteers for both projects, Mark Clark made a motion that Board Members approve combining the 2013 Secret Garden Tour with the plant sale. Linda Pfafman seconded the motion and the MGF Board unanimously approved. Ann Klosterman has volunteered to head the plant sale part of this combination.

MGF Surplus Items: Hugh Musser led a discussion of the disposition of several MGF surplus items - among which were old printers, a metal cart, sign holders. The Board discussed each item and approved their disposition.

Coordinator's Input: Sarah Fairbank requested that MGF make a donation to WSU endowment fund. The endowment will be like a safety fund to help fund projects throughout the state.

ACTION ITEM: Sarah will gather more information of the endowment fund and e-mail the information to Board members.

Yard and Garden series: Sarah announced that six speakers are now under contract for the Yard and Garden series that starts January 2013. The mailing list needs to be located so that the brochure can be sent to previous ticket-holders. Sarah reminded the MGF Board that the Yard and Garden series is co-sponsored by WSU Jefferson County Extension and told us that the Y & G Series profit would be split 50-50 between WSU and MGF. A discussion followed. Y&G series uses the WSU brand and Master Gardeners receive their credibility from the affiliation with WSU. WSU provides liability insurance when it co-sponsors events. All MG activities need to have a robust educational component. The Y & G Series committee has worked with Dr. Lewis to arrange for speakers that can provide this so that MG can claim hours for continuing education that would apply to their annual 10 hour requirement. The MGF Board decided that they needed to meet with Dr. Lewis to discuss the relationship between MGF and WSU Extension.

MG 2013 Training: Sarah reported that the 2013 MG training would be located at Twin Vista on Marrowstone Island. 7 applications have been received so far.

ACTION ITEM: Roger will work with the Tri-area Community Center to continue MGF general meetings there in 2013.

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be held at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow on December 8th between 2 and 5 PM.

Merchandizing: Linda presented samples of garden flags from Windsparrow Studio for consideration as a sale items at the Yard and Garden Series and at the MGF State Meeting in 2013 in Everett. The board members were favorable, but requested that they be presented to the general membership at their meeting the following week.

MGF Grants: Shirley Williams, chairman of the grant committee, was unable to attend the meeting as she was on the East Coast with the Red Cross dealing with the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. Mark pointed out that some of the information on the grant listing sheet was confidential and should not be widely distributed. Board members had some questions on some of the grants that could not be answered by anyone present at the meeting and Roger said he would talk with Shirley and get back the board members with answers to their questions. The board tabled the discussion until Shirley's return.

Board Action: On Nov 21, 2012, the board voted via email to approve all of the Fall grants for 2012 that were presented by the Grants/Scholarship Committee.

Port Ludlow Garden Club: Sarah announced that the Port Ludlow Garden Club is searching for speakers and gave the topics and dates.

Adjournment: Roger adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM

Submitted by
Linda Pfafman, Secretary
November 19, 2012

JCMGF November 2012 Foundation Meeting Minutes



JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION GENERAL MEETING REPORT/ MINUTES November 8, 2012

MG General Meeting:

27 people attended the meeting that began at 3:07 PM at the Tri-Area Community Center.

Presentation: Sarah Spaeth, Executive Director of Jefferson Land Trust presented an overview and history of that organization that ended with a 10-minute video.

Meeting: The MGF General Meeting began at 4:14. Hugh Musser, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the slate of candidates and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Janell Jalliffe moved to accept the slate as presented. There were numerous seconds from the floor. A vote was taken and the slate of candidates were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Meany gave a brief treasurer's report. MGF accounts currently have \$34,098. He reminded the committee chairmen that he would need their proposed project budgets for 2013 before Dec 1, 2012.

2013 State Conference: Next year's state MGF conference will be in Everett. Roger and Mark showed the general membership samples of the garden flags made by Windsparrow Studio to assess whether or not the general membership approved of their purchase as merchandise to resell at the Yard and Garden Series and at the MGF 2013 State Conference. Those present were supportive and several placed orders. Mark Clark asked the membership to contact him if they other ideas on merchandise to sell at these events.



Holiday Party: The Christmas Party will be on December 8th from 2 to 5 PM at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. There will again be a "Yankee Swap" with items worth around \$10. This is a potluck and everyone is invited to bring their own beverages.

Yard and Garden Series: The Yard and Garden series begins on January 5th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The first speaker will be Dr. Laura Lewis talking about the geography of food. There will be a table at the back with information and sale merchandise.

Secret Garden Tour: The Secret Garden Tour will be combined with the MGF plant sale in 2013 on June 22, 2013. Ann Klosterman will organize the plant sale along with Erica Iseninger and Diane Threlkeld and Deb Darminio will be in charge of organizing the Secret Garden Tour. There will not be nursery competition at the plant sale.

Media Articles: Christina Lacie who writes articles for the PT Leader invited suggestions for future articles and invited contributions if someone else is willing to write an article.

General Business: Hugh Musser gave a brief report on items that have been surplussed. Roger reported that the MGF Board will be meeting the following Friday with Dr. Lewis to discuss the MGF affiliation with WSU extension. Sarah reported that Pt. Ludlow has requested Master Gardeners to speak on various topics at their Garden Club meetings. She also reported that the 2013 training will be held at Twin Vista ranch beginning January 23 through April and that several applications have been received for the training program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted by Linda Pfafman, secretary 11-21-12

Schedule of Events

Dec 6— Board mtg; 3 pm; WSU/Madrona room

Dec 8— Annual Holiday Party; 2-5 pm; Pt Ludlow Beach club

Dec 13— **NO** Foundation meeting

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.

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, please submit dates, times and locations of your meetings.

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



December 2012

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| 30  | 31 New Year's Eve  |  | | | | |



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