



NEWSLETTER

2011 Yard & Garden Lecture Series Begins

January 2011

We are all excited and getting things set for our 2011 Yard and Garden Lecture Series. It begins Saturday, January 8th and will continue every Saturday until February 12th. Tickets are \$42 for the series pass and \$10 per day. The lecture starts at 10:00 am and finishes at noon. Series ticket holders please be sure to arrive by 9:50 to be guaranteed a seat as seating is limited. We start to sell the day tickets at that time and the amount sold per lecture is based on how many seats are still vacant. Our speaker list is as follows:

- Jan 8- Andrew May--Year-Round Gardening/Container Gardening
- Jan 15- Mary Robson--Change-The Joy and Bane of Gardening
- Jan 22- Catherine Daniels--Understanding Pesticides and Making Choices
- Jan 29-Marty Wingate--Design Ideas for Small Gardens
- Feb 5- Debra Prinzing--A Year in Flowers-Designing from your Gardens
- Feb 12- Bob Zimmerman--Species Rhodies-Growing them Locally

We still need help from folks to help provide refreshments, please contact myself or Diane to sign up for this. If you are volunteering and are unsure of your duties or have questions about things, again, call or email Diane or I.

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MG's Celebrate in Port Ludlow

Our 2010 Holiday Party was great fun! It was held at the Pt Ludlow Beach Club on Sunday, December 5th. The atmosphere was festive, the games lively, the food delicious and the company exceptional! For those of you unable to attend, we missed you and those who were able to make it, it was good to see you. Marcia Schwendiman is this year's caretaker of the singing daises. She won the honor during our annual White Elephant exchange. Many thanks to those who helped put it together with special thanks to Sharon Commander and Susan McMahon for their extra efforts in making our holiday party something extra special. Happy New Year everyone,

Submitted by Ali Dyche, photos by Lynne Bennett

JCMGF January Foundation Meeting

Don't forget to attend our first meeting of the year on Jan. 13, 3-5 pm! The Spruce Room at WSU is still available to us.

Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden



A belated Happy Holidays to all and hopes for a prosperous and productive year for you, your garden and The Master Gardeners. We all owe many thanks to Suzanne Graber and her Officers and Board for a successful 2010. I have confidence that the 2011 Master Gardener's Officers and Board will continue to improve and grow our many programs. Remember that we are here to lead and serve the Community and Foundation, but we can't do so without your support and input. Please pass on your ideas, suggestions or criticisms to us. I hope to see you at the first Foundation meeting of the year on January 13th. (The good news is that we will be able to continue to use the Spruce Room for the first six months of the year.)

Think Spring, it is closer than you think. *Roger McPherson, MG Chair*

2011 MG Training!

The deadline for applications is now closed. We have 15 trainees ready and excited about the 2011 program. We may still get a few last minute people joining. The class is a diverse group with varied backgrounds and half male too, which is a switch from the usual more female than male mix.



I want to thank Kathy Grace for her hard work and attention to detail. She spent many hours working on intake for this class. Working with her has been a pleasure.

We will be meeting in the Spruce Room, so we are glad that we have the space for veterans to audit on the date listed below. The other days will be spent as labs or we will be out getting our hands-on experience as well as cold, wet, and possibly muddy.

The dates available for auditing are all Thursdays.

January 13 10-12:30	Botany and Plant Nomenclature
February 3 10-12:30	Entomology - Carol Self
March 17 10-12:30	IPM and Pesticides- Mary Robson
April 21 10-4:00	Climate Change - Craig Cogger (am)
	Roses/Herbaceous Plants - Mary Robson (pm)
June 6 10- 2:30	Gardening w/ Climate Change - Mary Robson
June 16 noon	Potluck for the new MG interns

Please email me or Jenny if you want to help out with this class. We need some veterans as we proceed to help with panel discussions. If there is any area you really want to help teach or are just totally excited about, email and let us know. Your strengths and experiences as a gardener will help us all learn together.

Submitted by, Sarah Fairbank and Jenny Jenkins, MG Training

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M.G. NEWSLETTER

Do you have an idea for an article in the newsletter? Book review? Do you chair a committee? Please submit all items, or events that should be included, to Ali Dyche at 360-732-0433 or via email at alibruce113@yahoo.com, by the 25th of the month. Thank you!

JCMGF December Board Meeting

JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2010

Members Present: Suzanne Graber, Chair; Diane Threlkeld, Co-Chair; Board Members – Shirley Williams, Betty Petrie, Hugh Musser, Judy Johnson, Susan McMahon, Mike McFadden;

2011 Board members elect: Roger McPherson, Chair; Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Kathi Boyker, Treasurer; Ora Hickman, Secretary; Ali Dyche, Marian Meany; Sarah Fairbanks, Training Committee Chair; Barbara Smith, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Suzanne Graber

A quorum was present

Suzanne Graber welcomed the newly elected Board members to the meeting.

Old Business:

A motion to approve the November Board and Foundation minutes was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Training Committee: Sarah Fairbanks updated both Boards on the 2011 training program.

On January 6, 2011, current Master Gardeners can sign up on line for the online training. They will not be able to participate in the physical, on site, training for trainees this year. The cost for the online training will be \$70.00 and include a two disc DVD of the training. Master Gardeners can also order a CD or the hard copy of the new revised Master Gardener manual. Hard copy manuals ordered by December 15 will arrive in February. The next order will be in February for delivery in April or May. The cost for the CD is \$22.50. The hard copy is \$100.00 plus \$18.00 for shipping.

To date only 6 people have signed up for training. Suzanne Graber asked Diane Threlkeld to set up a new press release and perhaps a news article to generate interest in the upcoming training.

This year, the training fee is \$160.00; \$90.00 goes to Jefferson County. The committee will look at increasing the price for 2012 in order to pay for at least one scholarship. Currently, the cost of scholarships is absorbed by the Foundation.

The training schedule is complete and most speakers have confirmed. There may be an opportunity for the program committee to utilize some of the speakers for separate continuing education programs on the same day.

This year's trainees will be required to attend Foundation meetings beginning in February and will also be rotating through all the committees. They will "job shadow" in the plant clinics. Suzanne Graber suggested that a greeter be present at each Foundation meeting to help integrate the new trainees. Jenny Jenkins is co-chairing the Training Committee and Kathy Grace is doing intake this year.

Plant Clinics: Sarah requested \$600.00 for 2012 to be divided by the three plant clinics. This will be reviewed by the new Board in January.

Treasurer Report: Sharon Commander submitted her report. There is a net profit of \$2900.00 through Nov. 2010.

Grants: The Gathering Place received \$1000.00 for a greenhouse. Beach Watchers received \$655.00, as requested, for rain garden signage at the roundabouts and the Maritime Center. No other grant requests were approved for this Fall. Suzanne Graber suggested a list serve e-mail to help solicit new grant requests for spring.

Secret Garden: Kris Burns submitted her report. Fliers are ready for Yard and Garden and plant clinics. The Committee's first tour of the gardens was postponed because of the snow. It has been rescheduled.

Newsletter: Ali Dyche is the new editor of the monthly Master Gardener newsletter, replacing Kris Burns. Suzanne Graber thanked Kris and her husband for purchasing and donating a publisher software program for

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the newsletter. She thanked Kris for her excellent service as editor. Suzanne reminded Ali that the new software must be registered to the Master Gardener Foundation rather than a specific person. The Foundation is the licensee.

Holiday Party: To date not many people have RSVP'd. The party is Sunday at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow. White elephant gifts will be exchanged. In addition there are donated prizes. The Foundation is furnishing a ham and a turkey. Members will bring side dishes.

Yard and Garden Diane Threlkeld reported the brochure and tickets should be ready this week. A major press release is ready. Volunteers are still needed to bring refreshments. Ali Dyche asked Cisco Morris to be a speaker in 2012 but he has a conflict. With the Board's agreement, she will try to get him for a stand alone program at a future date. Judy Johnson noted that other groups, such as the Grange, have been opening speaker meetings to the public and charging admission to bring in additional revenue.

Publicity: Diane Threlkeld needs someone to replace Cathy Carroll as co-chair. Much of the work can be done from home. Contact Diane if you can help.

Diane still needs writers for the Leader column. Kathi Boyker suggested that topics in the Master Gardener Training Manual could be paraphrased for articles.

Mary Robson Master Gardener Park: Judy Johnson will have one last clean up now that the plants have died back. She will send out an e-mail for help. A small amount of Round Up has been used in the gravel next to Sims Way where the weeds are too difficult to dig.

Property Management: Now that the Spruce Room will be available for our use until at least July, Hugh Musser will file his research on alternate locations for the Foundation meetings. Hugh noted that Ora Hickman and Katherine Capps' space evaluation was invaluable in his search. Hugh and Mike McFadden's recommendation, if needed, will be to pursue an agreement with the Chimacum Grange for the monthly Foundation meetings.

The Board meetings this year have been held at the Jefferson County Library. Hugh reported that Katherine Baril would like to have them return to WSU. The new Board agreed that their January meeting will be at WSU. They will discuss options at that time. Shirley Williams asked the new Board to review the times for both the Board and Foundation meetings.

Ora Hickman agreed to help Hugh with the storage facility.

Webinars: Barbara Smith reported that there were thirty four responses to the list serve e-mail requesting member interest in online continuing education. Thirty two were positive, one neutral and one not interested. Tonie Fitzgerald, WSU Master Gardener Coordinator for the State, has said that her group will be reviewing and developing webinars for continuing education opportunities. The new Board may pursue this opportunity when it becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike McFadden discussed a Cluster Group meeting that he, Sarah Fairbanks and Barbara Smith attended on November 15th. Cluster meetings are comprised of Master Gardener Coordinators divided geographically by region. They meet quarterly with Tonie Fitzgerald. The November meeting focused on the upcoming Master Gardener training and a separate training for Rain Gardens trainers. The next cluster Group meeting will be February 25th at the Science Center in Seattle. The topic will be endowments. Since we do not have a Coordinator, it was suggested that a Board member attend.

Suzanne Graber suggested that the new Board have an orientation with the committee chairs to discuss the committees' functions and to make sure the chairs understand their responsibilities.

Hugh Musser thanked the departing Board members for their outstanding service this year. Suzanne Graber, Diane Threlkeld, Betty Petrie, Shirley Williams, Susan McMahon and Sharon Commander are leaving the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Submitted by, Barbara Smith, Secretary

Schedule of Events

January 2011

Jan 6– Board mtg 1:00, WSU/Spruce Rm

Jan 13– MG Training 10-12:30, WSU/Spruce Rm

Jan 13– Foundation meeting 3-5 pm, WSU Spruce Rm

Yard & Garden series—All are 10-noon; PT Community Center, 620 Tyler St.

MG Board Meeting - First Thursday of each month, 1:00 pm, WSU

MG General Foundation Meeting - Second Thursday of each month, 3-5pm, WSU/Spruce Room.

*D*o 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: **25th** of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Board mtg 1:00 pm	7	8 Yard & Garden lecture 10-noon
9	10	11	12	13 MG Training 10am; Foundation mtg 3-5 pm	14	15 Yard & Garden lecture 10-noon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Yard & Garden lecture 10-noon
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