

Master Gardener Enews 2014 February

If you have enjoyed your experience being a Master Gardener and educating our community in sustainable gardening practices, please spread the word and encourage others to join our program. The 2014 Master Gardener Training Course is starting March 19 and runs through May 28. We still have room for more participants and would love to have you pass the information on to a friend or family member. The link to the MG Training Course information is

<http://jefferson.wsu.edu/gardeningmgmgtraining/>.

IMPORTANT LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY JCMGF MEETING

February 13, 4-6pm (**NOT** 3-5)

The February Foundation meeting is being held at the WSU Extension Office in PT this month. We will return to the Tri-Area CC in March. The business meeting will begin at 4:00 followed by the presentation at 5:00. Please RSVP for this event. Our space is limited.

The Foundation meeting presentation topic is "Rain Gardens".

Bob Grindeland and Frances Loubere have volunteered to bring snacks. Please thank them when you see them at the meeting.

Location: WSU Extension Office, 380 Jefferson St., Port Townsend

QUILCENE VEGGIE GARDEN CLASSES IN FULL DIG! Every Monday at Noon

As mentioned in a previous email mid-January, Anita McCue and Juanita Thomas started their veggie garden classes at the Quilcene LID Demonstration Site (corner of 101 and Old Church Rd). Vegetable gardening classes will take place every Monday at noon. Head on over to Quilcene to learn some new vegetable gardening tips and/or call them to offer your assistance with maintenance or teaching.

Location: Corner of 101 and Old Church Road, Quilcene

YARD AND GARDEN LECTURE SERIES IS WINDING DOWN Two More Saturdays, 10am

I hope that you've had a chance to attend at least one Yard and Garden lecture this year. The feedback for the first four lectures has been very positive! Two more lectures are left. Please attend if you can. Day tickets are \$10. The lectures take place at the Port Townsend Community Center at 10am (be there by 9:50 if have series tickets).

Remaining Yard and Garden Schedule:

Feb 8 - *Soils II – Digging Deeper* – Dr. Craig Cogger

Feb 15 – *What is Killing My Tree?* – Marianne Elliot

Location: Port Townsend Community Center, PT

“PLANT CLINIC/ASK ME” TABLE AT YARD AND GARDEN LECTURES Saturdays,
Through February 15, 10-12

The “Plant Clinic/Ask Me” table has been very popular this year. We have some very qualified plant clinicians volunteering each week! Stop by the table and ask for advice or to just thank them for their help.

Location: Port Townsend Community Center, PT

MG PLANT SALE DATE/LOCATION IS SET! May 10

The annual MG Plant Sale will take place at HJ Carrol Park, in Chimacum, on May 10. Mark your calendars and be ready for Sonja and Roger to recruit you for plant sale help!

PLANT CLINIC BEGINS IN MARCH Every Monday, March 3 through September 29, 1-4pm

Plant Clinic will be starting up again in March at WSU Extension. Volunteers will be needed, so think ahead about setting aside some Mondays. We will also be needing help at the Chimacum Farmers Market starting in May (Sundays).

“APHIDS TO ZUCCHINI” BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURES Third Monday of each month,
March 17 through November 17, 12-1pm

These increasingly popular lectures are beginning again in March. Our first presenter is our very own MG, Linda Pfafman, with “WIMBY (Worms in Your Back Yard)”.

Location – WSU Extension Office, 380 Jefferson St., Port Townsend

4H/MASTER GARDENER/BEACH WATCHER AFTER-SCHOOL EXTENSION PROGRAM

This first ever after-school Extension program is proving to be a smashing success! We’re averaging about eight children each week. Nita Wester and Sharon Garrels were the presenters for the third week (“All About Soil”) and will continue to present exciting, interactive programs each month, through July.

MG FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS First Thursday of each month, 3-5pm

Just a reminder that the Jefferson County MG Foundation welcomes attendance at the monthly Foundation Board meetings. Our last meeting was one of our best yet, thanks to Ali Dyche's leadership.

Location: WSU Extension Office, 380 Jefferson St., Port Townsend

(The Board minutes for the January 2014 Board meeting are attached.)

WHIDBEY GARDENING WORKSHOP May 8

Online registration is now open for the Whidbey Island MG Gardening Workshop.

There are 18 brand new classes and over 40 classes total to choose from.

See link for location and more information: <http://whidbeygardeningworkshop.org/>

GOT FRUIT TREES? (See Link Below for Event Dates and Locations)

Learn to prune for more fruit and a healthier orchard! Most fruit trees are susceptible to insect and disease problems affecting fruit quality and tree health. The best time to manage many of these problems is during the dormant season. However, knowing how and when to prune is essential for success. Lucky for folks in Western Washington, the expert on pruning fruit trees lives right in our midst and now is the perfect time to learn and prune.

<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/ag/workshops/Pomology2013-2014.pdf>

NORTHWEST FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW Ends February 9

I went to this event on Friday afternoon. As always, the show gardens were fantastic! It's also a fun to see all the new garden gadgets. The show runs through Sunday.

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

Location: Seattle Convention Center

2014 WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE March 15

See <http://womeninag.wsu.edu/> for more information and location

WSU VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY PROGRAM GUIDE

Members of the WSU Viticulture & Enology Program have developed a new one-page information guide:

<http://wine.wsu.edu/research-extension/backyard-vineyard/>

NEW/REVISED WSU PUBLICATIONS THIS MONTH

FS126E Onion Thrips **NEW** N/C

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=fs126e> **Online Only**

EB1870 Pasture Renovation *Reviewed and reinstated from Out of Print* N/C

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EB1870> **Online Only**

EB1897 Haymaking on the Westside *Reviewed and reinstated from out of print* N/C

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EB1897> **Online Only**

FS100ESInjertos Horticolas:Sandia (Vegetable Grafting: Watermelon) **NEW** N/C

<https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FS100ES> **Online Only**

EB0762 2014 Pest Management Guide for Grapes in WA **Revised** \$9.50

MASTER GARDENER KUDOS GO TO...

-Our new 2014 MG Foundation Board. Board members include Mike McFadden, Chair, Ali Dych, Co-Chair, Ann Klosterman, Treasurer, Susan Cronshaw, Secretary, Sharon Garrels, Diane Threlkeld, Jill Bacchieri, Lorna Ross, and Linda Pfafman. And thanks to Frances Loubere for her continued support as the Board intern.

-Vicky C. for her continued work on our Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation web site:
<http://jcmgf.org/>

-Juanita Thomas and Roger McPherson for their “Seed Propagation” presentation at the Quilecene/Brinnon Garden Club in January. The garden club members were happy to learn so many new tips from our MG experts.

-Sharon Garrels and Nita Wester for helping to organize the after-school Extension program. The kids LOVED their first presentation in January!

-Sonja Henderson and Roger McPherson for moving forward with the 2014 Plant Sale.

-Sarah Fairbank and all the teaching assistants (Denise Pranger, Ken Clatterbaugh, Bettie Petrie, Barbara Arnn, and Michelle Olsen) for all their MG Training Course preparation time.

-Sonja Henderson and Susan Yadon for helping to organize the MG library.

Please let me know if I'm leaving anyone out for recognition. Input is always appreciated.

Best gardening practices always,

Jill

Ps – The MG Volunteer Database shows that we have **431 hours recorded for 2014**. If you haven't recorded hours for January (or any months in 2013), please do so in order to get the credit. The link to enter hours is <http://ext.wsu.edu/volunteers/logon.aspx>

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