

October 2014 JC Master Gardener Enews

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Dear MGs,

Summer doesn't seem to want to end. No complaints here!

Please take a look at some of the interesting lectures and events that are happening this month and beyond:

JCMGF MEETING / "SLUG UNIVERSITY" Thursday, October 9; 3-5pm

"Slug University" is the Jefferson County Master Gardeners Foundation October educational lecture series subject.

Cori Carlton, the Master Gardener Coordinator for Thurston County since 2009, is a slug aficionado, with a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University. Cori has spent the last 13 years studying this fascinating creature and teaching others about them through her "Slug University" curriculum.

The Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation lectures take place the second Thursday of each month, from 3-4pm. Foundation business meetings follow each lecture.

Can anyone else bring snacks this month? We have one volunteer so far; ideally, two or three is best. Please email if you can help out. Bring fun raffle items too!

Location: Tri-Area Community Center; Chimacum

MG Hours: 1 hour/education; 1 hour/program support

Update: Our JCMGF meetings resumed in September. Thirty people attended this event. The feedback was great. Our presenter was Rita Dinger, a Clallam County MG veteran. She discussed care, harvesting and varieties of garlic.

speaking of garlic...

LATEST PT LEADER ARTICLE WAS "GROWING GARLIC"

http://www.ptleader.com/testing/growing-garlic/article_f5e5a38c-e2af-5b74-aa6a-3c42a3539f0e.html

Do any of you have any gardening issues that you'd like to see addressed in the PT Leader? Christana L. would like to know what they are. She'll do her best to fit them in to upcoming articles.

NEW JCMGF BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED Thursday, October 9, 4-5pm (lecture at 3:00 -- prior to meeting)

Please attend our next foundation meeting to hear the list of new board members and officers. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

Location: Tri-Area Community Center; Chimacum

MG Hours: 1 hour/program support

LAST REMINDER FOR THE MG ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS WORKSHOP Friday, October 10, 8:30-4:30

If you can make the drive, this will be a great workshop to add to your education hours. David Deardorff is coming to Skagit County for a Master Gardener Advanced Diagnostics workshop, Friday, October 10, 2014, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at WSU-NWREC, Sakuma Auditorium, 16650 Washington 536, Mt Vernon WA 98273. For more information, a place to ask questions about the event, and to order tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com, and look for "What's Wrong with My Plant".

Location: See info and web site above

MG Hours: all hours count as continuing education

WESTERN WASHINGTON FRUIT RESEARCH FOUNDATION "SAMPLE THE APPLE AND PEAR HARVEST" Saturday, October 11, 2014; 11:00-2:00

The Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation (WWFRF) presents "Sample the Apple and Pear Harvest"

Hosted in cooperation with WSU-NWREC, the event includes sampling of sweet cider and a demonstration of the open center or vase type pruning technique which is well adapted to stone fruits. Participants will be able to sample and take home many of the late apple and pear varieties in the WWFRF Fruit Garden, many of which are antique varieties. For more information, go to www.nwfruit.org.

The Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation (WWFRF) was created in 1991 to help fund the Tree Fruit Varietal Research conducted at the Washington Northwest University Research and Extension Center (WSU-NWREC). WWFRF volunteers are dedicated to supporting research and educating the public on the special fruit growing conditions found in

the Pacific Northwest region.

Location: WSU Northwest Washington Research and Extension Center (WSU-NWREC), 16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon

TWO MORE PLANT CLINICS AT CHIMACUM FARMERS MARKET 2nd and 4th
Sundays of October; 10-2

The WSU plant clinic extension office location is over, but we have two more dates at the Chimacum Farmers Market (Oct. 12 & 26). Mike M is looking for a few more people to help out. Here's your chance to get in eight more plant clinic hours before the end of the year. Let Mike and/or me know if you want to participate.

Location: Chimacum Farmers Market, Chimacum

MG Hours: 4/plant clinic (4 hours for each week you participate)

USING COVER CROP MIXTURES WEBINAR Tuesday, October 14; 11am

Join eOrganic for the first webinar of the fall 2014 season! In Using Cover Crop Mixtures to Achieve Multiple Goals on the Farm, a team of researchers at Penn State University will discuss the use of cover crop "cocktails" or mixtures to achieve weed suppression, nitrogen scavenging, nitrogen provisioning, and attracting beneficial insects and pollinators. Results from a study of winter cover crops in a grain and forage research project at the Penn State Rock Springs Research Farm and from several Pennsylvania farms will be shown. They will also review issues of cover crop timing, termination, and general management to aid in farmer insight and adoption of cover crop mixes.

The webinar takes place on Tuesday, October 14 at 2PM Eastern Time (1PM Central, 12PM Mountain, 11AM Pacific Time). The presentation will last an hour, followed by 30 minutes for questions. Attendees will be able to type in questions for the speakers. The webinar is free and open to the public, and advance registration is required.

Register now at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/131444560>

Location: Anywhere

MG Hours: All webinar hours count as Continuing Education

To view all webinars topics go to: <http://www.extension.org/pages/25242/webinars-by-eorganic>

BE A TOXIC-FREE ZONE! Wednesday, October 15th - November 19th, Weekly, 2pm - 4pm (first session one hour longer)

This exciting workshop series will bring people together to take on toxic chemicals that challenge their everyday life. Each week will focus on a different aspect of your life: cleaning products, personal care products, household items, and food. It's free and open to the public. Contact [Jean Walat](mailto:Jean.Walat@ecology.wa.gov), 360-385-5582 x117, for more information. This workshop is funded by the WA Dept. of Ecology and the Foss and Horizon Foundations.

Location: Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Hours: Hours don't count as MG hours

“APHIDS TO ZUCCHINI” BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURES Third Monday of each month, March 17 through November 17; 12-1pm (**next one is October 20**)

Our October WSU Master Gardener educational lecture series subject is “Putting Your Garden to Bed”. Master Gardener, Sarah Fairbank, will give you some great tips on cutting back and cleaning up. Many pests and diseases over-winter in plant debris, so the extra effort you put into cleaning up your garden this fall will pay big dividends next year.

We welcome MGs and the general public, so bring friends and family. Questions and sharing of advice are encouraged throughout the lecture. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

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

MG Hours: 1/education

PLEASE POST TO THE BLOG

Are you willing to share pictures of your latest garden addition? How about a recipe using your garden produce? Go to the MG Foundation blog - <http://jcmgf.org/blog/> - and start sharing. blog@jcmgf.org is the email to use to submit information if you don't want to sign in.

2015 YARD AND GARDEN SERIES SPEAKERS AND TOPICS ARE SET! Six Saturdays, starting January 10

Nancesca S, Roger M, and Barbara S, have confirmed our speakers for the 2015 Yard and Garden Series. They are still waiting for the contracts to come back, so next month we'll let you know who's on the list.

In the meantime, please email me if you are able to help out at the lecture series. We will need setup/cleanup people, AV specialists, a food coordinator, and plant clinicians. Let me know your preference and we'll plug you in the schedule.

MG Hours: All hours are counted as program support

Also, from Roger M regarding Y&G: "Fellow MGs, I could use some help. Our first speaker for the 2015 Y & G Series is Aaron Stark on 10 January. Aaron will be speaking on "Cooking with Herbs". I would like to have a lot of 4" pots of herbs to give out at the presentation. I realize this is a little late, but many herbs are divisible and you may have them in your yard. Some may have also self seeded and be available as small plant starts, or if you have a warm place, you might start some from seed (soon!).

Here are some ideas:

DIVISIBLE: Chives, Horseradish, French Tarragon, Fennel, Hyssop, Levage, Lemon Balm, Mint, Marjoram, Winter Savory, Thyme and Ginger.

SEED: Coriander, Parsley.

SOFTWOOD CUTTINGS: Lemon Verbena.

SEMI RIPE CUTTINGS: Rosemary, Sage

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW MANY POTS AND WHAT YOU HOPE TO PROVIDE.

Our final Y & G Program will be on Seed Saving for the Home Gardener. Please be thinking ahead on what seeds you would like to exchange in a Seed Swap that we will be conducting on that day."

2015 SECRET GARDEN TOUR GARDENS ARE BEING SELECTED Saturday, June 20

Six gardens are tentatively set for the Secret Garden Tour. Please set aside this date to assist in our biggest fundraiser of the year. The tour and the plant sale will take place on the same date.

Location: Port Townsend

MG Hours: all hours count as program support

NEW YEAR FOR MG/4H AFTER SCHOOL! Third Thursday of each month; 3:30-5:30

Nita W. has volunteered to do another year of the MG/4-H After-School Program. Radha D. will be partnering with Nita to bring gardening life skills to these lucky kids. We may be in need of additional assistance or subs for this program. If you're interested, please contact Nita to let her

know your availability. The program runs October through July, with a garden plot exhibition at the JC Fair (early August). Master Gardeners program dates are the 3rd Thursday of each month, 3:30-5:30. You receive MG hours for after-school program time as well as any time prepping for each month's activities.

DON'T MISS THIS WEBINAR! Wednesday, November 12; 10am

Please remember that gardening.wsu.edu is to be the first resource Master Gardeners use when helping clients. This is the only WSU gardening website that contains up-to-date and peer reviewed information. The webinar training on the new website will is highly recommended.

MG Hours: 1 hour/education

TWO TEXTBOOKS RECOMMENDED

A note from Jenny Glass, WSU Puyallup Plant & Insect Diagnostic Laboratory:

Hi Everyone,

I had a great time last week at the 2014 Statewide MG convention working with people on diagnosing their plant and insect pest problems. I heard from quite a few Master Gardeners that they were in need of a general references for learning about plant diseases and insects and I thought it might be the same for readers of Pestsightings. Two recent textbooks written that I have found the quite readable and well-illustrated (target audience: introductory college survey type class) are:

Essential Plant Pathology, Second Edition by Gail L. Schumann and Cleora J D'Arcy, APS Press, 2010

Bugs Rule!: An Introduction to the World of Insects by Whitney Cranshaw and Richard Redak, Princeton University Press (September 15, 2013)

KUDOS THIS MONTH GO TO:

Linda P. for presenting her popular worm lecture, Raising Worms and their Beneficial Effects, in PA. She had 40 people at this last one!

Roger M, Nancesca, and Barbara S for another month of Y&G Lecture Series coordinating (and **Susan C.** for advising)

Barbara S. for volunteering her husband, Denny, to present "Growing Kiwi on the Olympic Peninsula" at our September Brown Bag lecture

Ken C, Mary Anne D, Sarah F, Sherine M, Mike M, Ali D, Frances L, Kathy R, and Lys B, for their expertise at plant clinic this past month

Candice G, Erica I, and Ann K, and for bringing fun raffle items to the September foundation meeting (sorry if I missed anyone on this)

And, THANK YOU to EVERYONE for being part of our program!

ps – As of today, 2,906 hours were recorded in our Master Gardener Volunteer Database for 2014. If you haven't recorded all of your hours for 2014 (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>

Here's a helpful tool to use if you forgot how to use the database -
file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/Volunteer%20Reporting%20(1).pdf

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