The Common Sense Gardener

From the Foundation President by Jackie White

Wow, our late summer has really finally started and already the days are getting so much shorter. Thank goodness gardens have kicked into high gear. Remember, you can extend the vegetable growing season by planting fall and winter crops of broccoli, cabbage, kale and onions in mid-July through early August. Also in August, start succession planting of leaf lettuce, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard and kale (which will over-winter). I always find time to visit a local farmers market or a CSA to check out what great veggies and fruit they are producing. It gives me ideas for my veggie garden for next year.

Don’t forget the Annual Foundation Appreciation Picnic on August 21st at 12:30 pm. As a way of showing appreciation for all the work you do, the Foundation Board would like to treat you to an afternoon picnic. Nothing for you to bring, all food and beverages will be provided for you. So just come for an afternoon picnic and relax with your fellow gardening friends. This year’s picnic will be held once again at the home of Mack & Julianne Armstrong (directions to follow at a later date). Please RSVP to Julianne (juli@mgftc.org) by August 15 so we know how much food to prepare. As in the past, family members are welcome to attend! Hope to see you there!

I hate to sound like a broken record but if anyone is interested in any of the Foundation Board positions, please contact Nancy Mills at nancy@mgftc.org. There are a number of positions open this year including president elect, vice president, treasurer elect, member at large and state representative. Job descriptions are available from any of the board members, or in the current Policy and Procedure Handbook which can be found on the website at http://www.mgftc.org/offdocs.html
August and September are two of my favorite months. I love watching the bounty come in after months of weeding and garden tending. Sometimes the garden provides an over abundance of fruit/veggies leaving you to wonder what to do with it all. If you still have plenty after giving it to family and friends here are a couple more options. “National Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor’s Porch Night” is on August 8th. With our cool weather this summer it might be too early to celebrate this day. When the time comes and you do have too much zucchini, why not celebrate it? I just don’t want to hear about any MG/MC going to jail.

Another great option is to donate your excess bounty to the Thurston County Food Bank. The food bank is located at 220 Thurston Ave. NE, Olympia 98501. Donations are accepted Monday – Friday, from 8:00am – 3:30pm. If you are donating a large quantity of food it’s best to call ahead: (360) 352-8597 *100 so someone can be there to assist you. Below are some suggestions of items always welcomed.

Food Donation Ideas:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables that store well in a refrigerator. Home grown produce is most welcome.
- Pasta and Macaroni and Cheese.
- Canned fruit and vegetables.
- Soup.
- Baby Food and Formula.
- High protein food such as canned chili, peanut butter, beans, or canned meat and fish.

Another Garden Bounty drop-off site is located at the Lacey Community Market. The next market days will be August 13th and September 10th. Volunteers from the Thurston County Food Bank will accept donations of fruits and vegetables - excess harvests from local backyard gardens - and non-perishable food items. This special Food Bank collection site will be located next to the Olympia Kiwanis Garden booth—where all proceeds support the Food Bank garden program - in Huntamer Park map. Our WSU Master Gardener booth is also located right next to this drop-off site.

The giving of your excess bounty to others is just one small step that has a huge impact on our community. Plus it’s the easiest way to brighten someone’s day and bring a smile to their face….and yours. Happy harvesting!!
Birthdays for August and September

By filling out your Recommitment form we now have the pleasure of wishing our fellow Master Gardeners and Master Composters a Happy Birthday. If your birthday is in August and September and you don’t see your name on the list, or the date is incorrect, please contact Cori so we can update our files.

AUGUST
Carol Piening-August 2nd
Chuck King-August 5th
Tami Shaughnessy-August 8th
Aline Pinkard-August 12th
Sharon Himmel-August 15th
Carol Taylor-August 17th
Donna Ogden-August 18th
Michael McGee-August 19th
John Geppert-August 19th
Sandra Gast-August 21st
Frankie Rasmussen-August 23rd
Joyce Butlin-August 24th
Cherry Pedrick-August 25th
Phyllis Sturges-August 25th
Cori Carlton-August 25th
Carl Spurgeon-August 30th

SEPTEMBER
Elizabeth Bachman-September 2nd
Christy VanDahm-September 2nd
Amy Corrigan-September 4th
Barbara Nickum-September 6th
Margaret DesRochers-September 7th
Wilma Jensen-September 7th
Sammie Preble, September 7th
Paul Munson-September 8th
Carol Hill-September 9th
Kris Mansfield-September 9th
Muhammad Ayub, September 10th
Beth Rodman-September 13th
Connie Roth-September 14th
Pat Bergford-September 15th
Candace Messinger-September 15th
Terri Waldron-September 16th
Jeaneil Thomas-September 19th
Stephanie Kramer-September 20th
Taylor Goforth-September 21st
Evelyn Wagner-September 22nd
Pam Marker-September 24th
Sandy Atkinson-September 25th
Katherine Dudley-September 30th

Wishing you a year full of health, happiness, and gardening bliss!

A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun.
Enjoy the trip!
MGFTC 2012 Plant Sale News

You see that right - we’re already working on the 2012 plant sale. Many folks have come by and commented that we’ve already got some great looking stock out in the sale area! We can always use your leftovers though, so please keep us in mind when you’re moving, dividing, and even taking ‘it’ out because you don’t like ‘it’ any longer. We’re open from 9-1 on Tuesdays, and appreciate your bringing things in earlier than later so we can judge our workload and get out on time. If you want to ask before bringing, please contact Midge midge@mgftc.org or Nancy nancy@mgftc.org

As always, there are some things that we already have an abundance of, including:

- Bleeding heart
- Fringecup
- Common lilac
- Goldsturm Black Eyed Susan
- Sea thrift
- Astrantia (Masterwort)
- Daylilies including Stella D’oro and unnamed varieties
- Unnamed Iris
- Vinca
- French Pussy Willow
- Calla Lily (unless what we have goes belly up over the winter)
- Miscellaneous grasses (Please ask before bringing)
- Saxifrage (Both plain and London Pride)

Some things that we’ve found, with the recent weather pattern, that should stay in the ground until the spring include:

- Crocosmia
- Miscanthus grasses
- Cape Fuchsia
- Poker plants (Knifofia)
- Monkshood
- Bears Breeches

We’ve also got an unveiling of sorts for any who haven’t already seen it....

(Continued on page 5)
This is our new lath shade house that Bob has been happily constructing since the last sale. It’s more than tripled our area where we can store plants out of the beating sun.

We’re finding that the grasses in the current hoop house have enjoyed both getting regular water, and being out of the hot sun. We’d planned on taking off the shade cloth, but are probably going to leave it on. Maybe some of those grasses that always look like they’re struggling in the spring will be more sale worthy next year!!

Happy Planting!!!

**You’re Invited….Annual Appreciation Picnic….RSVP Today!**

**Annual Appreciation Picnic- For all Thurston County Foundation Members, Master Gardeners AND Master Composters**

As a way of showing their appreciation for all the work you do, the Foundation Board would like to treat you to an afternoon picnic. Nothing for you to bring, all food and beverages will be provided. Bring your family and come for an afternoon of good food and a time to relax with your fellow gardeners.

**Sunday, August 21st starting at 12:30pm.**

Will be held at the home of Mack and Julianne Armstrong (directions to follow)

**Please RSVP by Monday August 15th to Julianne at juli@mgftc.org**
Sustainable Gardening Handbook Trivia Quiz - Part Six

Give your best guess to the following questions and send them by **Monday September 19th** to:

Mail:  WSU Extension Office

Email: carltoc@co.thurston.wa.us  or  Attn: Master Gardener Trivia

5033 Harrison Ave NW

Olympia, WA 98502

Please include your name with your answers. Of those who answered them correctly one winner will receive a **$20 gift card to The Barn Nursery** in Olympia. Happy Guessing!

1. Characteristics that contribute to insects’ successful existence over time include their (select all that apply)?
   A. Reproductive rate
   B. Life cycle
   C. Adaptability
   D. Mouthparts

2. Continuous blooming shrubs that bloom in late summer should be pruned:
   A. In the early fall
   B. Any time during dormancy
   C. Right after they bloom
   D. Every third year

3. Plant adaptations to low water situations include:
   A. Protective leaf coverings
   B. Large taproots
   C. Sparse, feathery root systems
   D. Highly dissected leaves

4. Leaf browning on rhododendrons can be caused by:
   A. Hot, dry weather
   B. Winter injury
   C. Root rot
   D. All of the above

5. An important lawn mowing technique is to:
   A. Mow no more often than once a week
   B. Remove clippings from the lawn after each mowing
   C. Remove no more than 1/3 of the grass blade
   D. Mow grass between 1-2” high
2011 Master Calendar Dates

General Foundation Events are blue
“Activities and Events” are green
Board or Committee meetings in orange
Deadlines are in red
Master Recycler Composter in pink

August
3rd-7th Thurston County Fair
5th OFM garden steering committee meeting
10th Foundation Board Meeting 10am
21st Appreciation Picnic 12:30pm

September
2nd OFM garden steering committee meeting
13th CLP garden steering committee meeting 5:30pm
14th Foundation Board Meeting 10am
16th-newsletter deadline for Oct-Nov Edition
22nd-24th WSU Master Gardener State Conference-Ocean Shores, Washington

October
1st 2012 Intern Applications are now available
5th Master Recycler Composter Training Class 6pm
6th Foundation General Membership Meeting Potluck 6pm to 9pm
7th OFM garden steering committee meeting
12th Foundation Board Meeting 10am

November
1st Foundation Board Retreat 9am to 1pm
2nd Master Recycler Composter Training Class 6pm
5th Garden Committee Planning Retreat 10am to 3pm
9th Foundation Board Meeting 10am
16th Annual Awards Potluck-6pm to 8pm
18th-newsletter deadline for Dec-Jan Edition
30th Foundation Board Budget and Annual Meeting Preparation

December
8th Foundation Annual Meeting & Elections 6pm-9pm
14th Foundation Board Meeting 10am
What’s Wrong with this Plant?

A new feature for the newsletter will highlight a photo of a plant problem. Can you identify this plant and the problem? The answer will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter. Have fun problem solving and in the process learn something new too!

Answer to last issues question:

This is a picture of Photinia Leaf Spot (Diplocarpon)

Some more information from WSU can be found at http://pep.wsu.edu/hortsense/scripts/query/displayProblem.asp?tableName=plant&problemID=506&categoryID=1

Answers to Sustainable Gardening Handbook Trivia Quiz—Part Five

Thank you to everyone who entered the trivia quiz that was in the June/July issue of our newsletter.
The winner is Midge Price. She will receive a $20 gift card to Lael’s Moon Garden Nursery in Rochester.
Here are the answers:

1. Benefits of lawn aeration do NOT include?
   C. Maintaining dark green color
2. In order for disease to occur:
   A. The host plant must be susceptible to the pathogen
3. The method to produce larger blooms on a single plant is called:
   B. Disbudding
4. Hot composting controls weed seeds better than cold composting.
   A. True
5. The part of the vascular system that separates the xylem and phloem is the:
   B. Cambium

Hope you had fun and learned something too!
What to Do in Your Garden in August and September

Visit [http://gardening.wsu.edu](http://gardening.wsu.edu) for more helpful tips.

**AUGUST**

**Garden essentials:**
- Relax in the warm, ripe garden.
- Weed, and spread fresh compost after watering.
- Divide iris, early poppies.
- Fertilize and water strawberry plants after harvest.
- Mail fall bulb orders.
- Visit farmers' markets and U-Pick farms.

**Vegetables year-round:**
- Harvest extra produce for a food bank.
- Pull out finished crops, replenish soil and replant.
- Sow fall beets, spinach and turnips in the first week.
- Plant out July-sown cold crops.
- Keep planting leaf lettuce, radishes, overwintering spinach and Swiss chard all month.

**Lawn care:**
- Water and mow to about 2 to 2½ inches.
- Survey the lawn, planning which areas need fall renovation.
- Plan to eliminate lawns on steep slopes

**SEPTEMBER**

**Garden essentials:**
- Select shrubs and trees for fall color.
- Visit local dahlia growers to choose for next spring.
- Keep all flowers picked.
- Water trees and shrubs less; allow them to harden off.

**Veggies year-round:**
- Harvest abound. Enjoy the bounty.
- Raw or light cooked vegetables retain the most vitamins.
- Plant a winter cabbage such as Early Jersey Wakefield early in the month.
- Sow winter choys and mustards--try Tokyo Beau and Mizuma.

**Lawn care:**
- When rains come, fertilize with 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer, using a slow-release formula.
- Late in the month, begin fall lawn renovation, thatching, aerating and overseeding.
- Plan and install new lawns with seed or sod.
Master Composter and Master Recycler Programs Begin to Merge

In July, the Master Composters were crossed trained in recycling concepts as part of the merging programs process. Check out some photos from a one of the field trips to the Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center (WARC).

Master Composters tour the new HazoHouse at the WARC

Deb Welt makes a new friend at the WARC

Master Composters and Thurston County Solid Waste Staff touring Pacific Disposal

Bales of shredded paper waiting to be shipped out.

The group got to walk across the scales at Pacific Disposal. Collectively our group of 12 weighed 1900 pounds. It is way more fun to weigh yourself as a group!!!
Spotlight Volunteer: Bob Richards

**Year you became a Master Gardener:** Thanks to the kind urging of Mary Boston, I became a Master Gardener in 2008.

**Where did you grow up?** Although I was born in Massachusetts, I was raised here in the PNW since I was around five years of age.

**How long have you lived in Thurston County?** Except for military service, I have resided in Thurston County most of my youth and all of my adult life. I’ve seen a fair share of the country, but rarely anywhere to rival the Pacific Northwest in beauty. I retired after thirty years in electrical construction and am having the time of my life!

**Family and/or Pets?** I married a super woman in 1973 and we have three children and seven wonderful grandchildren that I am immensely proud of. Unfortunately, our daughter’s family (with six kids) moved to Wyoming, and our oldest son and his wife to South Korea (for a few years), so we don’t get to see them as often as we used to. Our second son and also our other grandchild are still local.

**Hobbies:** I have enjoyed remodeling a few homes and playing at woodworking. I enjoy air shows and antique car shows. I like to be busy in a meaningful way, but not merely for the sake of being busy. Of course, gardening has become a large and welcome part of my life, and reading has always been a top priority.

**My favorite part of being a Master Gardener?** I enjoy almost any kind of work in the garden, but working beside so many fine people tops it all! I feel that people that do any kind of volunteer work are the best society has to offer.

**Other Comments:** In order to get a jump on spring and a longer growing season, I have been fortunate enough to install a small greenhouse in my backyard this year so now I have to learn to make it useful! It will be fun experimenting with plants from one season to another.

What Is This?

You can find the answer to this little quiz on page 12.
As you all know by now (hopefully), Closed Loop Park is host to over 100 different varieties of peonies. Of those at CLP, there are two different kinds—the herbaceous peony and the “intersectional” peony.

In the past, peonies were perennial flowers that grew as a herbaceous cultivar or as a peony tree. Intersectional hybrid peonies are produced by crossing the herbaceous "garden" peonies with tree peonies. Sometimes they are called Itoh hybrids in honor of Toichi Itoh, the hybridizer that created the first of these plants. Intersectional peonies have tree peony flowers and foliage, are very hardy and may be cared for as a herbaceous peony. They come in many colors and shades, but yellow is the most common color.

Intersectionals are usually more expensive but are worth it because the plants are long lived, can be divided the same as herbaceous peonies (with a little more effort, since they are woody), are more disease resistant than most peonies and make outstanding landscape plants. They look more like a small shrub—in and out of bloom and do not require staking for support. While peonies have many differences, most bloom from one to six weeks during early spring and mid-to-late summer, depending on the variety and care.

What Is This - Answer

This is a Smoke Tree, *Cotinus coggygria* at Closed Loop!
Don’t Miss Out - Sedum are Blooming at Closed Loop Park
Dirt Works Garden

It has been fascinating to watch the garden develop this summer. Plants either disappeared due to the early frosts, decided to start over from their crowns, or to show previously unseen vigor. So there are changes underway in the garden and many areas to celebrate. The rehabilitated areas of the garden have matured sufficiently that the survivors are flourishing, and the problematic plants are being removed or relocated. We have removed most of the soaker hoses and the irrigation timers, retaining those appropriate to roses, berries and vegetables; and spot watering the rest. It will be interesting to see the results in our water bill. With the removal of many trees between the garden and the parking lot, we are adjusting to the reality that our former shade garden at the edge of the forest now gets more sun in the spring and summer months. Overall, it is a bountiful, beautify place that more and more visitors are enjoying.

Opportunities at Dirt Works:

**BERRIES**: We would welcome someone with experience with berries and fruit trees to join the volunteers at Dirt Works in this area. There would be the opportunity to share your expertise with fellow Master Gardeners and with the public, as well as lead in the seasonal attention that these areas require.

**CHILDREN'S GARDEN**: We would also like to find a MG to volunteer to partner with Cindy Cartwright in our very successful children's program.

**ADAPTIVE GARDEN**: We are very pleased that Candace Messinger has agreed to partner with Shanna Winters in the development and use of this area of the garden.

Dirt Works continues to evolve and we welcome your participation.
Children’s Program at Dirt Works Garden

There is plenty of time to check out our FREE summer children’s program at Dirt Works Garden if you haven’t done so already. Brochures are located in each of the demo gardens and more information can be found online at http://dirtworks.mgftc.org/childgarden.html

**Program Activities:**
Each program includes hands-on garden activities based on a different weekly theme.

Example activities include:
- Planting seeds and plants
- Tending and harvesting
- Playing garden games
- Storytime
- Take-home crafts

The activities are designed to promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

**Program Schedule & Theme:**
- Tuesdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm
- August 2nd - Great Garden Games
- August 9th - Savvy Seed Saving
- August 16th - Slug University
- August 23rd - Marvelous Mosses

**To Register:**
Programs are free but we ask that you please register so we can better prepare.

Please e-mail Cindy at Cindy@mgftc.org or call (360) 867-2163 by the Friday before the program you plan to attend. Please include your name, contact information and age(s) of children joining us.

Remember to dress for the weather!

Please see the next page for a collage of pictures from the Children’s Garden taken by Charlie Keck.
Fun in the Children’s Garden at Dirt Works!
Reproduced from the WSU Extension and DNR Forest Stewardship Notes-May 2011

If it feels like it has been cooler this year, and spring is a bit later, the data supports that. Last year, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Nursery Manager, John Trobaugh, started recording growing degree units (GDU's) at DNR's Webster Forest Seedling Nursery near Tumwater in Thurston County. The nursery grows several species of tree seedlings for planting on state lands and for sale to small forest landowners all across the state. (See note at the end of this article for information on ordering tree seedlings from this nursery).

Growing Degree Units, also known as Growing Degree Days, are a measure of heat accumulation which can help predict the relative timing of things like plant and insect development.

For those who are into the math, the calculation goes like this: GDU = (Daily Max Temp - Daily Min Temp)/2 - Base Temp. It is a method of quantifying how warm it is above a base temperature. In the example presented here the base temperature is 40°F (4.4°C).

The graph (Growing Degree Units) shows that the accumulative GDU's this year are considerably lower than they were at the same time last year. This will delay soil warming and the development of insects and plants, affecting such things as timing of bud break and flowering. One of many practical forestry applications of this information is the ability to predict timing of plant development, and therefore relative resistance or susceptibility to spring herbicide applications used to control problematic competing vegetation in young forest plantations.

For more information on the subject, Wikipedia provides a good summary and examples.

Depending on your location, tree planting season is at or near its end for this year. Webster Nursery will begin accepting orders for 2012 planting, on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning September 1, 2011. For information, go to www.dnr.wa.gov and click on "How do I order seedlings from Webster Forest Nursery?" in the lower center column of the page, or call the nursery toll-free at 1-877-890-2626.
SAPSUCKERS! PERSISTENT BIRDS DRILL INTO, BUT USUALLY DO NOT HARM by Ear to the Ground

Sapsuckers! Sounds like an invasion of harmful, tree-killing insects, but sapsuckers—a type of woodpecker—are a common bird in Washington State. Sapsuckers do bore holes in trees but, for the most part, the damage is not harmful.

Many people encounter sapsucker damage to trees in the forest or in their yards. Sapsucker damage is easy to identify. The holes are 1/8 to 1/4 inch in diameter and drilled in a pattern, such as lines or clusters. You'll often see many of the holes close together. It may look like someone took a tiny machine gun to the tree.

Sapsucker damage is often mistaken for insect damage (e.g. barkbeetles or other boring insects), but there are some important visual differences. Trees with bark damage due to insects will typically have fewer, smaller holes, and the holes will be randomly distributed, not in patterns like sapsucker holes. The presence of sapsucker damage does not mean the tree has insects. Unlike other woodpeckers, sapsuckers are drilling for the tree sap, not for insects living in the tree.

What -- if anything -- should you do?

So what should you do about sapsuckers? In most cases, do nothing. The shallow damage will not be severe enough to cause serious problems to the tree(s). If a persistent sapsucker is causing serious injury to a tree, or making it vulnerable to other problems, try wrapping hardware cloth around the affected area. This might shift the bird's focus to a neighboring but, likely, healthier tree that can sustain the minor damage the bird causes.

Sapsuckers, like all woodpeckers, are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. For the most part, sapsucker damage is just part of living with nature, something to be endured as an occasional inconvenience.

Just be glad that they are drilling into your trees, not your house's siding.
August and September are the perfect months to preserve your bounty from the garden. Here is some helpful information about how to preserve your food in a healthy and safe manner.

When canning home-preserved foods:
- Use research-based, laboratory tested, up-to-date recipes.
- Follow directions carefully, including the appropriate use of water bath canners and pressure canners.
- Date and store home-canned foods no more than 12 months between 50-70 degrees F. Avoid direct sunlight.

**WSU Extension Publications that are food preservation related**
Visit www.pubs.wsu.edu for a complete listing. Some are free downloads. The West Olympia Clinic may also have copies. Call for availability.
- Using and Caring for Your Pressure Cooker– PNW0421
- Canning Fruits-PNW0199
- Canning Meat, Poultry and Game-PNW0361
- Salsa Recipes for Canning-PNW0395
- Canning Tomatoes and Tomato Products-PNW0300
- Canning Vegetables-PNW0172
- Freezing Fruits and Vegetables-PNW0214
- Pickling Vegetables-PNW0355
- Pickled Eggs-EB1104

**National Center for Home Food Preservation**
Online resources are free at www.uga.edu/nchfp
Online resources: canning, drying, freezing, pickling, fermenting, jams and jellies, curing and smoking foods.
Ask questions and request information from experts.
Seasonal tips.
Research-based, tested recipes.

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Food Preservation Resources from WSU Food Safety & Health Dept., cont’d.

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- Multimedia videos, slide shows, and tutorials including an online course in home canning.
- So Easy to Preserve Book-Order online at www.uga.edu/nchfp
- So Easy to Preserve DVD Series-Order online at www.uga.edu/nchfp

Food Safety in a Minute Podcasts
Listen on your computer or download to your MP3 player-http://cahnrsnews.wsu.edu/foodsafety

“Ask Karen” is a knowledge base with consumer information about preventing food-borne illness, handling food safely, proper food storage, and safe preparation of meat, poultry, and egg products. You can ask questions from a virtual representative 24/7 or have a live, online chat from 10am to 4pm, M-F Eastern time, or call 888-674-6854.

Other Resources
Ball®-www.freshpreserving.com
- Tested recipes; preserving guides including Seed-to-Table Harvest Guide with pounds of produce needed for jar size; E-newsletter and online message boards.
- Ball Blue Book for Preserving available for purchase.
National Presto Industries, Inc.-www.gopresto.com
- Pressure canning recipes, canning guide, frequently asked questions, and instruction manuals.

Take an Online Course
Preserve@Home is a web-based food preservation course from the University of Idaho Extension. Learn how to produce quality products and the science and safety behind food preservation.
www.extension.uidaho.edu/boundary/online_courses.htm
Cost $35.00 Carol Hampton: champton@uidaho.edu

View Web-based Learning Modules Including Video
Visit the University of Alaska at Fairbanks Cooperative Extension site, Preserving Alaska’s Bounty. Includes modules on basic water bath and pressure canning methods, how-to’s for canning fish in jars or cans, making sausage and jerky, jams, and infused vinegars. Free viewing.
www.uaf.edu/ces/preservingalaskabounty/index.html

This information is from the WSU Extension hand-out “Food Preservation Resources”.
Created by B.Susie Craig, Area Faculty, Food Safety & Health, Summer 2010
Ocean Shores, Washington

Please join hundreds of Master Gardeners from across the state for the annual Advanced Education Conference, September 22\textsuperscript{nd} -24\textsuperscript{th}. All are welcome to attend! Participation in the conference counts as CE hours.

To learn more about this fun learning opportunity please check out the below info/registration site. You can learn all about the workshops, field trips, 1, 2 or 3 day packages, housing options and so much more. One neat thing for this year is that our plant sale leadership will be part of a plant sale workshop panel and Cori will be teaching a session on slugs.

Here is the link: \textcolor{blue}{http://www.regonline.com/mgfbeach2011}

With the conference being so close this year it would be great to have a huge showing from Thurston County.

Thank you all for your interest in this year's Advanced Education Conference, it’s going to be a great time!!!
Master Gardener Foundation Membership Application

Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County
“Helping Gardeners Grow”
5033 Harrison Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Membership and Sponsor Application

___ I wish to be an Individual (MG/MC) or Associate Member of the Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County.

Dues of $10 PS calendar year (Jan-Dec) are enclosed. Individual and Associate members may vote and hold elective office. They may attend Member Meetings, classes and events at no or reduced charge.

___ I/we wish to be a Business Member of the Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County.

Dues of $25 per calendar year (Jan-Dec) are enclosed. Business members may vote and hold elective office. They may attend Member Meetings, classes and events at no or reduced charge.

___ I/we wish to be a Sponsor of the Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County at the level designated below.

A check is enclosed. Sponsor names will be mentioned in the next issue of the newsletter unless otherwise specified. Sponsors will receive a letter acknowledging their tax-deductible contribution.

___ Friend: $50 - $99
___ Donor: $100 - $249
___ Patron: $250 - $499
___ Benefactor: $500 - $1000+

The Master Gardener Foundation of Thurston County is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation organized and existing under the provisions of the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (Chapter 24:03 of the Revised code of Washington) with Tax ID# 91-1898726. Your contributions are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Today’s Date: ____________

Name/Business Name: ____________________________________ __________________ Year MG______ Year MC ______

I prefer to have my/our name listed as: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ __ City, State and ZipCode_______________________

Telephone: ___________________________ E-mail Address: _____________________________________________

I prefer to be contacted with Foundation business information (newsletter, notification of special meetings, etc.) by:

___ E-mail ___ Letter

Make checks payable to: “MGFTC” Mail to: MGFTC Attn. Membership

5033 Harrison Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Interests: Please tell us the areas which interest you:

___ Plant Sale ___ Foundation Board ___ Newsletter ___ Composting ___ Publicity ___ Website ___ Fundraising

Skills: Please let us know of any special skills or interests you have and may like to share:

___ Computer ___Accounting ___ Grant Writing ___ Legal ___ Crafts ___Artist ___ Leadership ___ Teaching ___ Design
___ Heavy Machines ___ Plumbing/Irrigation ___ Electrical
Master Gardeners and Master Composters have many talents to share with the public and with each other. One of those talents is photography! Whether it’s a hobby or a profession, you all have fabulous garden photos to share. If you would like to have one of your photo’s highlighted in one of the upcoming newsletters please send a print or file to the office or by email at carltoc@co.thurston.wa.us.

If you want, submit a short caption with your photo to describe the image. If you submit a print please make sure you have your name on back of the photo and state if you would like it returned or not.

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