



# ROOTS n SHOOTS

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## THE MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF THURSTON COUNTY

**WELCOME** to the first issue of **Roots n Shoots**, your Master Gardener Foundation (MGFTC) newsletter. The Foundation's Communications Committee plans to publish a new issue every three months. We expect the newsletter to be about two pages long. We may expand it to three or four pages if we have more to report, and we may put out issues more frequently.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Reach Foundation members who do not receive the WSU Master Gardener/or Master Recycler Composter volunteer communications and/or use Facebook
- Provide timely information about important upcoming events.
- Report on and feature pictures of Foundation events.
- Give tips for healthy gardening.
- Offer articles of interest to composters and recyclers.
- Provide articles written by Foundation members.

**HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER:** If you have news of an upcoming Foundation event such as a meeting, garden cleanup, training opportunity or Foundation fundraising activity, please send that information to the editor at [newsletter@mgftc.org](mailto:newsletter@mgftc.org). Be sure to include a brief description of the event, when (date and time) it will occur, where it will be held, and who should attend.

**THANK YOU GINA ARMER!** Gina suggested **Roots n Shoots** for the title of this newsletter. When you see her give her a gentle pat of the back and a big thank you for helping launch the newsletter with an appropriate name.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.** We want **Roots n Shoots** to work for Foundation members. Send your suggestions for improving the newsletter to the editor at [newsletter@mgftc.org](mailto:newsletter@mgftc.org).

**RENEW YOUR FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP.** If you have not renewed your Foundation membership for 2020, please do as soon as possible. Membership costs \$10 a year. We prefer that you renew on line by clicking on this internet link: <http://www.mgftc.org/join-the-foundation/>. You can pay using Pay Pal or a credit card. You can also fill out a membership form and send it with a check (payable to MGFTC) to: MGFTC; Attn: Membership; P. O. Box 165, Olympia, WA 98507.

**Q & A CLINIC:** The Question and Answer (Q and A) Gardening Clinic opens later this month. MG's and interns need to sign up for shifts. Please watch for details and volunteer.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE MAY 16.** This is the Foundation's biggest fund raiser. Volunteers make this sale a great success each year, and your help is needed to get things ready and to help on the day of the sale. To find out more about what you can do go to:

<http://www.mgftc.org/activities/fundraising/plant-sale/>.

In addition to plants, tools and handcrafted garden themed items are sold at the May 16<sup>th</sup> sale. The Handicraft Committee also needs your ideas and help. Please contact the committee via the internet at: [crafts@mgftc.org](mailto:crafts@mgftc.org).

**NEW MGFTC BOARD MEMBERS:** Barb Baker, President; Charley Barron, Past President; Donna Doerer, Vice President; Pam Roberts, Secretary; Barb Baker, Interim Treasurer; George Cowan, State Representative; Sharon Parsons, Member at Large.

### **UPCOMING FOUNDATION SPONSORED OR CO-SPONSORED EVENTS**

March 5, 6:00 PM, MGFTC Handicraft Committee Meeting, WSUEO

March 11, 6 PM, MGFTC Board meeting, WSUEO

March 15, 9 AM-1 PM, Olympia Farmers Market Demo Garden Clean up (MGFTC members and registered helpers only)

March 17, 5 PM, MGFTC Grants Committee meeting, WSUEO

March 19, 6 PM, MG Book Club Meeting, WSUEO (Growing a Revolution by David Montgomery)

March 21, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM, Master Your Education Day Salvation Army Bldg. 1505 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Olympia. \$5 Fee. No pre-registration; space limited, first come first served. Program covers a variety of Gardening, Recycling and Composting topics.

March 28, 1-3 PM, 2020 Seasonal Transitions Garden Tour at Nancy Mills Garden. 1<sup>st</sup> in a series of four tours (March, May July & October) limited to 20 people per tour. RSVP to Sharon Parsons at [member-at-large@mgftc.org](mailto:member-at-large@mgftc.org). No fee for Foundation members.

April 2, 10 AM, MGFTC Handicraft Committee meeting, Joanie Zelasko's home.

April 8, 6 PM, MGFTC Board Meeting, WSUEO

April 14, 6 PM, MGFTC Membership Mtg (no potluck), Salvation Army Bldg. 1505 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Olympia

April 16, 6 PM, MG Book Club, WSUEO (Veggie Garden Remix by Niki Jabbour)

April 21, 5 PM, MGFTC Grants Committee meeting, WSUEO

May 15, 5 PM, Plant Sale Gala, Dirt Works

May 16, 8 AM-4 PM, Annual Plant Sale, Dirt Works. Flowers, berry and vegetable starts, shrubs, garden tools and handicrafts will be sold.

### **COMMUNITY SPONSORED EVENTS**

**DISCLAIMER: THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE NOT SPONSORED BY THE FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE MASTER GARDENERS AND MASTER RECYCLER/COMPOSTERS PROGRAMS OF THURSTON COUNTY. STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESENTERS AT NON-MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF THURSTON COUNTY SPONSORED EVENTS ARE THEIRS ALONE AND MAY NOT BE ENDORSED BY OR REFLECT THE POSITIONS OF WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, THE THURSTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS AND MASTER RECYCLER/COMPOSTERS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS, OR THE FOUNDATION.**

February 22, 10 AM, Hellebores at Windmill Garden, Sumner call 253-863-5843 Ext 103 for info.

February 23, 11 AM, Care of Houseplants at The Barn Nursery, call 360-943-2826 for info and reservations

February 26-March 1, NW Garden and Flower Festival, Seattle <https://www.gardenshow.com>

February 29, 10 AM-3 PM, Conservation District Native Plant Sale Thurston Co. Fairgrounds

March 1, 10 AM, Garden Tour Point Defiance Zoo Tacoma <https://www.pdza.org/garden-tours>

March 11, Noon, Lessons from Binetti Garden, Fee Class, Sumner, call 253-863-5843 for info.

March 14, CE 9 AM-3:30 PM, Advanced Master Gardener Workshop, Fee Class, Longview, go to <https://advancedtraining.brownpapertickets.com> for info.

March 14, CE 8 AM-4:30 PM, Whidbey Gardening Workshop, Fee Class, Oak Harbor, go to <https://www.whidbeygardening.org> for info.

March 21, Noon, Beds of Beauty at Windmill Gardens, Fee Class, Sumner, go to <https://www.windmillgarden.com> for info.

April 25-26, 10 AM-4 PM daily, Nisqually Home and Garden Show, Yelm High School

Note: More information about some of the events listed above can be found on the MGFTC website. Always check the website for up to date event information.

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**ABBREVIATION KEY: CE=CONTINUING EDUCATION, MG=MASTER GARDENER, MRC=MASTER RECYCLER/COMPOSTER, WSUEO= WSU EXTENSION OFFICE, TBA=TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**LOOK FOR THE NEXT ROOTS N SHOOTS ISSUE APRIL 20, 2020**