



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

MAY 2014

MAY WEBINAR

Wednesday, May 7th, 10am-11am

Go to <http://breeze.wsu.edu/mg> and log in as a guest a few minutes before the meeting. Don't forget to run the Audio Wizard after entering the meeting to test your equipment.

Agenda

- Guest Presenter: Margaret Viebrock – Douglas County Extension Director
- Topic: Food Preservation Policies and Resources
- June Coordinators Meeting in Ellensburg
- Template MOA

Please let me know what other items you'd like put on the agenda.

NEW GARDENING WEBSITE

Please make sure your MGs are aware of the new gardening website -- **gardening.wsu.edu**

This is where they'll find current publications regarding various gardening topics and it should be their go-to site for answering the public's questions.

CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Message from Rich Koenig (Associate Dean and Director of WSU Extension)

As part of the Civil Rights Policies and Procedures public notification efforts, we are required to include on all program and event announcements a statement offering reasonable accommodation, including information about whom to contact for assistance and a deadline by when such requests are to be made. The office delivering the program is expected to bear the cost of any special needs that are requested by the advertised deadline. To ensure we are being compliant to federal law and WSU/CAHNRS policies, all program and event publications advertising Extension events must include the following language:

- Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact [*name of contact*] at [*address, telephone number, e-mail address*] at least two weeks prior to the event.
- Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact [*name of contact*] at [*address, telephone number, e-mail address*] at least two weeks prior to the event.

REMINDER - if you do receive a request for a reasonable accommodation (informal or formal), you must work directly with Suzette Yaezenko, CAHNRS HR Director, or Jami Gecas, CAHNRS HR Coordinator. Suzette or Jami will coordinate with relevant WSU units through the required steps.

Thank you.

JUNE COORDINATORS MEETING IN ELLENSBURG

Here are some details regarding our June meeting.

Thursday, June 19th

Travel day and networking dinner – 6pm networking, 6:30-8:30 dinner

DaKota Café - 417 N Pearl St, Ellensburg (509) 925-4783

Friday, June 20th

MG Program Coordinators' Meeting – 8:00am-3pm

The Hal Holmes Community Center - 209 N Ruby St, Ellensburg (509) 962-7240

*A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Holiday Inn Express** in Ellensburg. Tell them you are with the WSU Master Gardener Program. Rooms will be released May 21st, so reserve your room soon.

Holiday Inn Express - 1620 Canyon Road, Ellensburg (509) 962-9400

MOA TEMPLATE

The new Extension/Foundation MOA template is attached. Please check the status of your current MOA with your local MG Foundation and if it's expired, please use the template MOA to renew it.

MASTER GARDENERS IN THE NEWS

Here's an article about a MG youth gardening program in Snohomish County:

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20140430/NEWS01/140439956>

Here's an article about a Whatcom County MG partnership with a nursing home:

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2014/05/05/3620835/master-gardeners-turn-lawn-at.html>

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND LIQUID NICOTINE

The liquid nicotine used in electronic cigarettes is a potent insecticide. Catherine Daniels is wondering if MGs have received questions regarding using this liquid in lieu of a registered insecticide.

Please let me know if your MGs have received questions regarding this and I will forward them to Catherine minus the sender's name and email address.

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT NEWSLETTER

The May issue is attached. It is also available at <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/mgfws/newsletter/>

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXTENSION

Help us launch the Voices of Extension 100th Anniversary Story Project

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Extension, we are launching the Voices of Extension 100th Anniversary Story Project and need your help! Our goal is to collect 100 stories about how Washington State Extension programs, services and people have enriched the lives of the residents of Washington. We are looking for brief stories (50-300 words) from Extension faculty, staff, volunteers, and program participants. Share your story at ext100.wsu.edu.

Help celebrate Extension's birthday with every email

Help spread the word about the 100th Anniversary of Extension by adding the anniversary logo and tagline to your email signature. The hyperlinked signature provides an easy way to direct people to the anniversary webpages. For the logo and instructions, visit the anniversary toolkit at <http://ext100.wsu.edu/anniversary/tool-kit/>.

SUBMIT TO CAHNRS NEWS

Promote your workshops, news article write ups and other items you'd like to share with CAHNRS at this link: <http://news.cahnrs.wsu.edu/marketing/cahnrs-news-submission/>

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS FOR MGs

Landscape Trees – Horticulture Series in Chelan County. Brochure attached.

COUNTY GARDENING CALENDARS FEED INTO WSU.GARDENING.WSU WEBSITE

When you add a gardening event to your county's website calendar, the event will automatically be placed in the gardening.wsu.edu "Gardening Events in WA" calendar. This link is toward the bottom of the main page (gardening.wsu.edu) on the left, but all you have to do is make sure you're noting gardening events on your county website.

PUBLICATIONS (NEW OR REVISED) – PUBLICATIONS PACK IS ATTACHED