



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

AUGUST 2014

## AUGUST WEBINAR

**Wednesday, August 6th, 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.

**Guest Presenter:** Kerri Wilson (Pierce County MG Program Coordinator)

**Topic:** Using Dragon Speak Software

### Agenda:

- Minor Volunteer Consent Volunteer Form
- MG Injury Reporting
- Put the Child First
- Gardening.wsu.edu Training for MGs

## STATE MG ADVANCED EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Come to Learn, Stay to Play at the **Sound Gardening Conference, September 18-20 in Tacoma**. Flier Attached.

The Master Gardeners of Pierce County have planned a very full three days of activities for you this year. Attend all sessions, including the Friday lunch and dinner, and you will get twelve hours of Continuing Education credits. Take a tour, and pick up 2-4 more CE hours on Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon. See the complete listing at our website: [www.pc-wa-mg-conf.org](http://www.pc-wa-mg-conf.org)

On July 1, the 2014 Master Gardener Advanced-Education Conference officially opened to the public. After you sign up, please share the attached brochure with your gardening friends. We are starting to fill up (over 300 people are already registered, and we max out at 400), so time is flying by to get into all the events.

Check out the tours, share a room at the Murano, and sign up for the seminars you want to attend. Meals are included in the cost – light breakfasts on Friday and Saturday, lunch on Friday, banquet if you want on Friday, and coffee breaks.

Website: [www.pc-wa-mg-conf.org](http://www.pc-wa-mg-conf.org)

Questions? Reach us at [mgfpc@yahoo.com](mailto:mgfpc@yahoo.com)

Get your registration in now, and treat yourself to a mini-vacation in Tacoma. Take advantage of all the savings by signing up today! Got a question? Give us a shout at [MGFPC@yahoo.com](mailto:MGFPC@yahoo.com).

## **2015 SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR MASTER GARDENERS**

The International Master Gardener Search for Excellence is the recognition program of Master Gardener volunteer work throughout the United States and Canada.

- Search for Excellence has seven categories in which Master Gardeners can demonstrate their outstanding contributions to their communities.
- All SFE applications must show that significant learning took place, whether by the Master Gardeners or the general public they were involved with.

All volunteer projects done by Master Gardeners are significant to their communities, but not all are Search for Excellence projects. The Search for Excellence is designed to recognize outstanding group projects, not an individual who does outstanding work. The IMGCS Search for Excellence Committee oversees the Search for Excellence Winners.

More details [here](http://www.extension.org/pages/29834/international-master-gardener-search-for-excellence#.U62OKU1OWUI): <http://www.extension.org/pages/29834/international-master-gardener-search-for-excellence#.U62OKU1OWUI>

## **NEW MOA TEMPLATE ONLINE**

Please check the status of your MOA with your County MG Foundation. A new template has been posted to the contracts office which is [linked](#) off our website under "I am a Program Coordinator" then "Required Volunteer Forms."

## **MINOR VOLUNTEER CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

If you have minors who volunteer in any way for your program, this [Minor Volunteer Consent and Release Form](#) must be filled out and kept on file. It is also attached.

## **MG INJURY REPORTING**

Directions for reporting MG injuries are attached.

## **ONLINE TRAINING**

Steve Garl (Global Campus) will be sending a new link soon, as well as a document with instructions for students to register.

## **TOMATO AND TURF MD APPS**

New 'Tomato MD' App Helps Users Diagnose and Treat Sick Tomato Plants

Tomatoes are one of the most common garden crops in the U.S. But while popular, they are not always easy to treat when affected by plant diseases or bugs. With such a wide range of pests

that affect tomato plants, gardeners at all levels--and even professional growers--can have a difficult time identifying and treating them.

Enter *Tomato MD*, part of the new "Plant Health" family of apps for the iPhone or iPad. *Tomato MD* is an interactive reference that helps gardeners, professional growers, and consultants identify and manage more than 35 key diseases, insects, and physiological disorders of tomatoes.

*Tomato MD* is unique in that tomato experts have peer-reviewed all content to ensure the images and information are accurate. And while the information was reviewed by scientists, it is very accessible and published in an easy-to-use, non-scientific format.

Specific features of this app include:

- An index of more than 35 common diseases, insects, and mites that affect tomato plants. Once the disease or pest is isolated, users can learn more about causes and sources, symptoms, management strategies, other plants that may serve as host to the pest, and more useful information
- A peer-reviewed photo gallery of insects and mites and the specific damage they cause
- A diagnostic key of tomato diseases based on physical symptoms and the location of infection, including the leaves, stem, fruit, and whole plant
- A tutorial on packing diagnostic samples for the identification of diseases, insect and mite pests, and other disorders
- An updated list of U.S. diagnostic labs where samples can be sent
- Fully downloadable content. No internet or cellular connection is needed to operate the app once it is fully downloaded

*Tomato MD* was authored and peer-reviewed by members of the American Phytopathological Society, a nonprofit scientific organization dedicated to plant health. Among the contributors were members Margaret McGrath, Gail Ruhl, Michelle Grabowski, Daniel Gilrein, Robert Wick, and Margery Daughtrey.

*Tomato MD* is based in part on two APS PRESS Books: *Tomato Health Management*, Edited by R. Michael Davis, Ken Pernezny, and Janet C. Broome; and the *Compendium of Tomato Diseases and Pests, Second Edition*, Edited by Jeffrey B. Jones, Thomas A. Zitter, M. Timur Momol, and Sally A. Miller.

The entire *Tomato MD* app can be purchased at the introductory rate of just \$1.99 through August 17.

Users can [sample \*Tomato MD\* via the APS Plant Health app](#). Users can also find and sample the app by searching "Tomato MD" or "Plant Health" in their iPhone or iPad App Store.

### **New Turf MD App: Literally What the Doctors Ordered for Turf Pros**

At least \$1.5-\$2 billion is spent on turfgrass pesticides annually. Some of this money is lost due to misdiagnosis of diseases, misapplication, or the wrong control strategy for a given situation.

To help turf professionals get the most out of their disease management tactics, The American Phytopathological Society (APS) has introduced the *Turf MD* app, available for iPhone and iPad (iOS) devices.

*Turf MD* is part of the new “Plant Health” family of apps. It offers diagnostic and decision support tools designed for turf professionals, including golf course superintendents, sports turf managers, park and landscape managers, turfgrass producers, and anyone responsible for turfgrass health.

What sets *Turf MD* apart from other apps is its high-quality information. It is peer-reviewed by Ph.D.-level university experts on turfgrass diseases and management, so users can trust the app’s management recommendations, images, decision support tools, and other important information.

The app is laid out in a non-technical format and includes a photo gallery, identification tools, decision support tools, an index of turfgrass diseases, and recommendations to help users identify and treat diseases. Specific features include:

- Scientifically peer-reviewed disease images
- Decision support tools, including diagnostic keys that help users to identify diseases based on turfgrass variety, temperature, and physical symptoms
- General guidelines and steps for disease identification
- Control strategies for the management of turfgrass diseases
- A directory of state turf extension resources for more information and to connect with local university specialists
- Fully downloadable content. No internet or cellular connection is needed to operate the app once it is fully downloaded

*Turf MD*’s content is based on three APS PRESS Books: *Compendium of Turfgrass Diseases, Third Edition*, edited by Richard W. Smiley, Peter H. Dernoeden, and Bruce B. Clarke; *A Practical Guide to Turfgrass Fungicides*, by Richard Latin; and additional images and keys found in the *Turfgrass Diseases, Diagnosis and Management* CD-Rom, developed by Gail L. Schumann and James D. MacDonald.

Users can [download \*Turf MD\* via the APS Plant Health app](#) at the introductory rate of just \$2.99 through August 17. Users can also find the app by searching for “Turf MD” or “Plant Health” in their iPhone or iPad’s App Store.

## **KOREAN MG CONFERENCE**

Master Gardener Coordinators: Please share this with Master Gardeners who may be interested in participating in the Korean Master Gardener International Conference. Also consider attending yourselves. This email have more detailed information regarding travel and conference registration as well as an invitation for attendees to bring posters to display at the conference.

The Website for the Korean International Master Gardener Conference now has better functionality, [www.kmgic.org](http://www.kmgic.org). The main symposium of the conference will run September 25-27 with preconference

and post conference activities spanning the dates of **September 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 1**. Visiting the website you can get a taste of the agenda. Information about speakers and their talks will be added as detailed information becomes available. We plan to provide a book during the conference that will give detailed information about the talks in Korean and English.

Those wishing to attend should complete the registration form on the website. Payment for the conference can be completed by PayPal, if you do not have a PayPal account you can enter your information and make payment as a guest.

Dr. Wonsuk Lee, [lws0815@gmail.com](mailto:lws0815@gmail.com), can assist in the details of your visit. He would like the following information if you are attending as soon as possible. If you wish you can also send this information to me, [rdurham@uky.edu](mailto:rdurham@uky.edu).

Your Name:

Name(s) of any traveling companion(s) and if they will register for the conference:

Type of hotel room you need (such as bed for one person, bed for two people, two beds for two people):

Your itinerary or planned itinerary (at least travel dates):

Dietary restriction or preferences:

Whether you are going on the Jeju Island tour and if you plan to stay longer than the 2 nights:

Emergency contact person and phone number for you in the US while you are in Korea:

Dr. Lee has a number of rooms reserved at the conference hotel and can reserve your room for you so that all you need to do is provide a credit card for payment at check-in.

Dr. Lee, working with a local travel agent, can also help you book Korean domestic airline tickets for the optional trip to Jeju Island. This will allow our group's travel to be as coordinated as possible. I have found that booking through this method saves almost 50% on Korean domestic airfare to Jeju Island over the least expensive flights we can book through US websites. If you book this way you can pay for your tickets through the conference PayPal account. You still need to book your international flights to and from Korea on your own. **If you are participating in the Jeju conference and tour, and want Dr. Lee to assist you in booking airfare, please let him know by JULY 31, ([lws0815@gmail.com](mailto:lws0815@gmail.com))**. The information Dr. Lee will need to book your flight to Jeju is: Full name as it appears on your passport, passport number, date of birth, and a photo or photocopy of the passport page that shows your photo.

There are also opportunities for participants to display posters that talk about their local or state Master Gardener programs or projects. Posters should be sized **no larger than 1 M high (~3.3 ft) by 1.5 M wide (~4.9 ft)**, less that these dimensions such as 3 ft X 3 ft is okay. Be sure to place the name(s) of the authors, their county and/or state affiliation, land-grant university affiliation, and a contact email at the top of the poster. Text and photos (with captions) should be readable from a distance of at least 3-4 feet. You do not need to submit the poster in advance, just bring it with you. However, it would be helpful to know who is bringing a poster so there will be ample display space during the conference. Just let us know. There will be Korean-English translators circulating through the audience when posters are being discussed.

## **GROWING SCHOOL GARDENS WEBINAR**

[Growing School Gardens](#) webinar!

**Raising Funds & Friends for Your School Garden: *Hard-Learned Lessons from Granny's Garden School***

**Tuesday, August 5, 2014 - 4pm / Eastern Time**

*Presenter: Roberta Paolo, Founder and Executive Director of Granny's Garden School*

**In This Session**

In our community next webinar, Roberta Paolo, the Founder and Executive Director of Granny's Garden School, will discuss lessons learned while starting and running a major school garden program. Roberta (A.K.A. Granny) will share a range of fund-raising and friend-raising tips based on her experience running Granny's Garden School since 2002.

Working with 50 classrooms (1,400 students, 1st-4th grade) each week on one campus in a suburban school district without financial support from the school system or government creates substantial challenges when it comes to funding. Granny will share how her organization faces these challenges. Learn how to increase volunteer support, secure in-kind donations, and fund-raise effectively. We will cover all of the key aspects of school garden fund-raising and friend-raising, including communication, sharing, community relationships, business relationships, direct revenue generation, as well as grants and foundations.

Join us on August 5th to learn proven strategies for securing the money and people you need to take your school garden to the next level!

**To Participate in the Live Session**

- This webinar will be recorded and archived in this community for viewing at any time.
- As a member of the [Growing School Gardens](#) community, pre-registration is not required.
- Login at [www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11](http://www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11) at the scheduled time.
- Test your system for best quality: [www.instantpresenter.com/systemtest](http://www.instantpresenter.com/systemtest)

**About the Presenter**

**Roberta Paolo** is the Founder and Executive Director of Granny's Garden School, a non-profit organization. The school garden program she started in Loveland, Ohio in 2002 has grown into one of the largest and most comprehensive programs in the country and has set the standard for merging school gardens with the classroom. The organization serves 1,400 students each week in Loveland and is operating a pilot program this year in the nearby Princeton School district.

This program is sponsored by [Scotties Trees Rock](#).

This program is co-hosted by [edWeb.net](#), the [Edible Schoolyard Project](#), the [National Farm to School Network](#), and [Life Lab](#).

Visit our [Google calendar](#) to view all webinars this month.

**Follow us on Twitter** [@edWebnet](#) to learn about upcoming webinars and special events!

**MG OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

If you've ever thought about growing your own grains for bread or cereal, this workshop is for you. At our Salkum Library Demonstration Garden we've planted a variety of grains including, wheat, barley, rye and buckwheat and have begun the harvesting process. This workshop will provide you with information on varieties of grain suitable for growing in Lewis County, when to plant and when to harvest. In addition, we'll have demonstrations on techniques for threshing home-grown grain using readily available materials, and show you several types of mills for grinding your home-grown grain as we mill some of the grain grown in the garden. This workshop is free and there is no pre-registration.

When: Saturday, August 9, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: WSU Lewis County Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at the Timberland Salkum Library

2480 U.S. Hwy. 12, Salkum WA 98582

Directions: From I-5 Exit 68 take Highway 12 east approximately 12 miles.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Attached.

FSIPM001E	Pesticides: Learning About Labels <i>Revised</i>	N/C
	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FSIPM001E">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FSIPM001E</a> Online Only	
FSIPM002E	Pesticides: Safe Handling <i>Revised</i>	N/C
	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FSIPM002E">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FSIPM002E</a> Online Only	
EM009E	Pest Control in Home Vegetable Gardens <i>Revised</i>	N/C
	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EM009E">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EM009E</a> Online Only	
EM070E	Inorganic Fertilizers for Home Garden Vegetables and Fruits in Central Washington (Home Garden Series) <i>NEW</i>	N/C
	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EM070E">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=EM070E</a> Online Only	
C0431E	4H Public Speaking Scorecard <i>Revised</i>	N/C
	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=C0431E">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=C0431E</a> Online Only	
FS125E	Western Cherry Fruit Fly and Your Backyard Cherry Tree <i>NEW</i>	N/C
	<a href="https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FS125E">https://pubs.wsu.edu/ListItems.aspx?Keyword=FS125E</a> Online Only	

## AUGUST SEEDS FOR THOUGHT (STATE MG FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER)

Attached.

## 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/>

## COUNTY GARDENING CALENDARS FEED INTO WSU.GARDENING.EDU 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.