



MASTER GARDENERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

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NEWSLETTER

September 2011

BE ON FULL ALERT FOR LATE BLIGHT!!!

The UC Cooperative Extension service in Salinas has recently verified incidents of it in California. Late blight is an extremely contagious disease of various veggies, including tomatoes. It's merciless, swift and infamous for causing the Irish Potato Famine. It is a fungus-type of pathogen that thrives in wet, foggy weather and moderate temperatures, 60-80 degrees. Exactly what we've been having! It will eradicate all of your Solanaceae (nightshade plants) if given half a chance. One single lesion can produce hundreds of thousands of spores which will go flying off to neighboring gardens and farms if not properly destroyed.

Signs to look for include large greenish-brown spots on leaves; brown, often fuzzy lesions on stems; patches of white powdery spores; oily looking brown spots on the fruit.

Copper-based sprays are an organic-approved method of control, but they are also controversial and directions should be carefully followed. Unfortunately, they are more of a prevention rather than a cure. If your plants have late blight, the sad thing is that you **MUST** pull and destroy them. It can be devastating to discover your plants have this terrible sickness, but instead of stalling and putting it off, because you cannot bear to rip out your babies, roll up your sleeves and think of the heartbreak you are sparing your fellow gardeners. **DON'T** compost the plants— throw them out as the spores can live to reinfect your garden.

Submitted by: L Katherine Baril

Come tour Indian island!!!

I am coordinating a field trip to Indian Island on September 16. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sharon Commander at cmdrs@cablespeed.com or 437-2486. You will see abundant wild life, beautiful scenery as well as learn the history of Indian Island and how the Superfund Site won awards for the clean up efforts. Anyone who has been on the tour and would like to attend again, you are welcome to come! I learn something new on each trip I take to Indian Island. We will all meet outside the gate at Indian Island on Marrowstone Island at 1:00 pm. Following our entry into the US Navy base, we will drive about 1/2 mile to the bus location and board the bus. The tour will last about 2 hours. There is a limit of 40 people for this tour. Please contact me if you have questions.

Submitted by: Sharon Commander

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QUILCENE FAIR
On the Oldest Peninsula, just 21 minutes west of the Hood Canal Bridge

8 am - 4 pm
Saturday
September 17

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Carnival - Parade - Antler Show
Car Show - Raffle - Live Music
Garden Display - Puppet Show
Arts & Crafts - Vendors - Food - Fun!



Advanced Education Conference

*The Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State and
Washington State University Extension present*

The 2011 Master Gardener Advanced-Education Conference

*Hosted by the Master Gardener Foundation of Grays Harbor & Pacific
Counties*

The Master Gardener Foundation of Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties is hosting the 2011 conference in scenic Ocean Shores, WA. We have three days of fun and learning scheduled in September 22-24 2011. All conference events will be held at the Ocean Shores Convention Center, just one block from the Pacific Ocean.

Don't miss out, register on-line now!

www.regonline.com/mgfbeach2011

Contact Information:

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Fall is a beautiful time of year along the Washington coast so register soon to take advantage of this exciting opportunity!

Chris Bailey, Acting President

Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State

Tonie Fitzgerald, Program Leader

WSU Master Gardener Program

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Master Gardener Foundation of Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties

An Ode to Autumn

The Wheel rolls more, and Autumn returns.
Cooler the rain; the Sun lower burns.
The coloring leaves presage the Year:
All things move into harvest's sphere.
I vow to savor fruits first picked;
nor into grief shall I be tricked.
I vow to offer what once I spurned,
and face the Turning reassured.

Poem by: Asleen O'Gaea,

Celebrating the Seasons of Life: Beltane to Mabon, p. 116.

Submitted by: Ali Dyche



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M.G. NEWSLETTER

Do you have an idea for an article in the newsletter? Book review? Do you chair a committee? Please submit all items, or events that should be included, to Ali Dyche via e-mail at alibruce113@yahoo.com, or call Ali at 360-732-0433, by the 25th of the month.





Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden



I know as gardeners we tend to think of the year starting with Spring, but as far as the Foundation and our programs, I think September is the time of year we start planning and organizing for the coming months. If you think about it, we have the **Yard & Garden Series, the children's educational programs such as Herbie the Seed and the Chick Program, the 2012 Plant Sale, the Secret Garden Tour, next years MG Training, etc.**—all of which take planning and coordination time. (I am not slighting the many other programs, but how long should a run on sentence go on?) To get us jumping in September, many of the 2011 Interns have volunteered to chair or work on our programs. The following 2011 MG Training Class Grads have stepped forward to take on leadership positions: Christina Lacie, Candice Gohn, Annie Cullen, Janell Jelliffe, Barbara Schultz, Ruffin LeBrane and Dorian Curry. That is really appreciated by me and I am sure by the rest of the Master Gardeners. Please let them know that and offer your support, experience and time.

Special thanks to Mike and Joy McFadden for hosting another great annual picnic. Those attending had some great food, fellowship and weather. The only thing we seemed to lack was an active photographer (Much to Ali and the newsletters disappointment.)

See you at the Foundation Meeting and be thinking where and how you plan to direct your Master Gardener efforts over the coming year.

Submitted by: Roger McPherson, JCMGF Chair

JCMG Plant Clinics



August's Plant Clinics at the Co-op had 5-6 clients each week with an assortment of questions. **Finally it's been warm enough for some questions on basil and tomatoesbasil beginning to bud, yellowing on a tomato plant and more.**

Rust, root rot, leaf spot, critters and plant ID. It's always interesting and fun to interact with the customers who come to shop and ask questions.

Submitted by: Barb Smith, Co-Chair of the Co-op Plant Clinic

On September 27th :Tuesday at noon: Madrona Room : before the last clinic of 2011. We will be having an end of the year plant clinic debrief and planning for 2012 meeting. Anyone with an interest in plant clinics is invited to attend. Please come and get involved at whatever level suits you.



This is my clinic swan song after 22 years of clinics. 13 in Oregon and 9 in Jeff Co.

Submitted by: Sarah Fairbank

Name that Plant



Fall Foundation Programs

A quick preview of our Fall programs include:



In September, Dr. Molly Force will speak on medicinal plants in the garden. This will be the last 7-9 pm meeting for the year.

October will bring Bryn Griffin from the Co-op will talk about the farm to school coalition. We return to the winter hours of 3-5 pm.

I'M STILL WORKING ON NOVEMBER'S SPEAKER. AND DECEMBER BRINGS OUR HOLIDAY party which will take the place of our monthly meeting.

Submitted by: Janet Mizuguchi, Jcmgf Co-chair

Kitchen Korner

Old Fashioned Berry Jam (no pectin needed)



One does not have to can in order to make fantastic jams and jellies. One can make a small batch and it will keep in the refrigerator for 4-6 weeks. Here is a recipe for small batch blackberry jam.

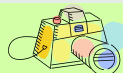
1. 4 c Crushed berries with juice
2. 2-3 c Granulated sugar (sugar will help to thicken as preserve the jam)
3. 1 tea Lemon juice (bottled or fresh)

In a non-reactive pot (stainless steel or unblemished enamel) bring berries and lemon juice to a boil. Add sugar and bring back to a boil. Turn to low heat and boil until mixture is preferred thickness. Pour into jars and let it cool. It will thicken as it cools. Place jars in the refrigerator to keep fresh. Syrup can be made the same way. Just remove it from the heat sooner. This recipe can be used for any berry. I recommend finely chopping or pureeing of firmer berries such as strawberries and blueberries.



Submitted by: Ali Dyche

Favorite photos!!!



Just picked from the greenhouse! Yum!

Photo submitted by: Kris Burns.



Angel's Trumpet (Brugmansia), a houseplant, in bloom.

Photos submitted by: Evelyn Barras





Rarely does a book about gardening sweep me into a world of fantasy while inspiring me to pull weeds, but while reading this book I found myself constantly battling between two desires – turning to the next page and cutting back the ivy hoping to find a lost treasure. The Lost Gardens of Heligan recounts the journey of reclaiming an overgrown garden that was originally started in the late 1800s by the Tremayne family in the Cornwall area of England. Not only did the family scour the world for unique plant collections, but their workers created ingenious hydraulic and heating systems to replicate near perfect plant environments. Gardens within gardens were created – not only an orchard, a jungle, lawns, vegetable and **flower gardens, but a “lost valley,” a melon garden, a bee bole, a banana house, and a pineapple pit.**

Heligan was a model of self-sufficiency and environmental conservation. Old ledgers show, apart from luxury goods, the only imports were lime, needed as a fertilizer and for building, and coal for the boilers that heated the glasshouses in the productive gardens. Animals, cereal grains, vegetables and fruits were raised on the land and the woodlands provided mature timber for buildings and fencing and charcoal. There were also water-driven corn mills and sawmills and even a brickworks.

Then the Tremayne family moved away during World War I and the gardens slowly returned to the wild while the ponds became silted and the brick walls crumbled. Seventy years later, Tom Smit and John Nelson began their adventures of reclaiming the glory of the garden. The Lost Gardens of Heligan chronicles their unfolding discoveries and shares glimpses of how their passions fueled their efforts to find funding for the huge reclamation project.

The pictures are an amazing blend of old Tremayne family photos, newer photos of the derelict gardens, the restoration process, and **the splendor of the “found” gardens.** My favorites are the diagram of the cross-section of the pineapple pit showing its simple heating system of rotting manure and the picture of the early nineteenth-century bee-bole wall with an apiarist returning a straw skep with bees to its nook. The gardens are now open to the public.



2011 Jefferson County Farm Tour



Enjoy a special, fun-filled and educational day with animals, farmers, food and friends, reconnecting with where your food comes from at the WSU FARM TOUR! Our farms are located in the unique towns of Chimacum, Port Townsend, Marrowstone Island, Brinnon, Gardiner, Discovery Bay, Quilcene and more!

Go to wsufarmtour.com for details and to learn more about each of these unique small farms in Jefferson County.

Submitted by: Pamela Roberts, WSU Jefferson County Interim Director

How was the Annual Picnic?

For those of you who were unable to attend this year's Annual Master Gardener Picnic here is a summary of what was missed!



About 30 MGs attended. There was patchy sun but thankfully no rain. As always with MGs, the food was fantastic! This event was graciously hosted by Mike and Joy McFadden at their home on beautiful Lake Leland. Unfortunately, no one took photos to share. Bummer!

Submitted by: Janet Mizuguchi

Herbie the Seed/Root Viewer Program Update



A Special "Thank you"

This year (2011) two of our "cornerstones" decided to retire from Herbie the Seed. Dana Purnell and Pamela Scharaga were both coordinators and put a huge amount of love, effort and time into the program. The Herbie the Seed/Root Viewer Program would not be what it is today without them. They will be missed greatly. Now that I and my wife Laurel are doing the coordination, I feel a special gratitude and appreciation for their efforts. Thank you! Dana and Pamela so VERY much.

The 2011 program experienced the same pains as the school districts are feeling, a reduction in the number of classes with more students in each class. Most of the classes we visited had 25+ students which added a personnel and logistical challenge. Some of the schools have chosen to combine grades. We are very pleased that we have returned to four classes at Grant St. Chimacum had its usual four classes and Quilcene one. Swan School decided to go to an every two year schedule because they are combining 1st and 2nd graders and wanted the program to be new to all students.

With the loss of Dana and Pam, I was wondering if we could pull this year off, but to my delight the **"Veteran Herbeez" stepped up along with another enthusiastic group of interns to make the classes a joy to do. Those of you who stepped up to do "posters", Thank you.**

The teacher evaluation letters have started to come in and all I have to say is "we have a large fan base and it's growing every year. Here is an example from Sheri Shaw at Grant Street : "The presentation was very well organized. The students were engaged and on task. Excellent use of visuals and incorporating music. Student to adult ratio was low (4 students to 1 adult) and this was very helpful!! Excellent follow up activities."

My thanks and appreciation goes out to all the MGs and interns who both participated in the classes or worked on logistical support. This program would not exist without you. I would also like to thank the teachers and schools for opening up this wonderful opportunity to interact with the children. And of course thanks to the 4H Program.

Submitted by: Glen Koch, Herbie the Seed Coordinator

Growing Wine Grapes on the Peninsula

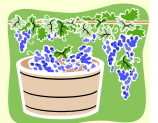
Dr. Tom Miller of Sequim is the guest speaker at North Olympic **Fruit Club's meeting on September 6th**, 7 pm, at Tri Area Community Center. Tom is a thoroughly engaging gentleman and devoted to his vineyard where he cultivates wine grapes.



He grows his wine grapes not only for his personal pleasure but for one of our prestigious local wineries. **There aren't many folks on the Peninsula who have his know-how** and who are capable of bringing grapes to that special point of ripeness where the grape sugars are well developed and able to produce a most satisfying and refreshing beverage. Tom is also a retired veterinarian and maintains a flock of sheep which manicure the vineyard aisles. This is a special Fruit Club presentation and Master Gardeners are cordially invited to attend!



Submitted by: Judi Stewart, NOFC Chair



Calling all Authors!!!!



Dear Comrades-in-Arms (or Gardens),

All Master Gardeners of Jefferson County are invited to write the garden column of their dreams! 350 words (or less) on any garden topic that interests you and one that will spark the curiosity of at least a smattering of our loyal followers who devote each Wednesday to reading *The Leader*.

Please keep in mind that the column is generously sponsored each week by Henery's Garden Center of Port Townsend. If you have a topic of interest and don't necessarily want to write about it, that's OK too.

Topics need to be suggested and/or forwarded to me on any Monday. Articles need to be clearly written (preferably edited) and then forwarded to me by Wednesday which is the day I send them in to our contact at The Leader. YOUR participation is MUCH appreciated.

Thank you in advance! I look forward to sending in your articles.

Please send items to Christina Lacie at christinalacie@earthlink.net

Submitted by: Christina Lacie

Answers to Name that Plant



Latin name: **Salvia splendens**
Common name: **Scarlett Sage**



Latin name: **Aquilegia alpina**
Common name: **Alpine columbine**



Latin name:
Trientalis latifolia
Common name
Star Flower

Submitted by: Ali Dyche

True Home-Grown Beef

On Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm, the Chimacum Grange takes a look at a long awaited agricultural issue for Jefferson County; a local meat processing facility. Consider the benefits of having natural home-grown beef processed here without animal stress and the cost of out of area transportation.

Perry Schermerhorn raises grass fed beef. He's also the president of the Puget Sound Meat Producer's Cooperative. Perry will be the evening's guest speaker. Stay for food and refreshments after the meeting. Everyone is invited.

Submitted by: Judi Stewart

Jefferson County Fair's 2011 Floral Dept Going's On



In spite of our cold wet spring and summer, the Floral Department looked terrific! The Department offered three hands on projects for fair goers. On the 2 entry days, a special table was set up with buckets of flowers and vases. Children were able to make floral arrangements with these and enter them into the fair. Lots of Blue Ribbons were awarded to these beautiful creations.

Assembling Lavender sachets was the brain child of Susan Ambrosius. She along with Sharon Garrels made this happen.

Susan supplied the dried lavender, Sharon stepped in with technical support and cutting squares of fabric and ribbon. Both researched Lavender Lore making this a fun activity for all ages.

The ever popular garden hat made from PT Mill wrapping paper was also available.

For those that were interested, we had Bred Iris Rhizomes to hand out, compliments of Jamie Armstrong and Marian Gilliland.

Special Awards

Premiere Exhibitor

Exhibitor with the most Blue Ribbons

Terry Kruse

A \$40.00 Gift Certificate offered by GARDENS AT FOUR CORNERS NURSERY

Honorable Mention

Classes A, B, C

Perennial, Anemone Mollis

M.C. Stubbs

Class D

Dahlia, Orchid/ Midnight Star

Leone Smith

Class E

Lily, Salterello

Terry Kruse

Classes F, G, H, I, J

Flowering Shrub, Tremontodendron

Jean Eichman



Best of Show

Horticulture

Streptocarpus/Constant Nymph

Sue Conklin

Golden Age

Lily/Salterello

Terry Kruse

Artistic Design

"Up, Up and Away"

Laurie Tillman

People's Choice

"Born Free"

Daisy Worrell

Thank you Master Gardeners for all the work you put into the Fair this Year: Entry set up, Entry Clerks, Plant ID, Flower Placement, Hostess Duty and all the wonderful flowers and Plants you entered. Master Gardeners are the best to work with!



Submitted by: Dana Purnell

JCMG Board Meeting Minutes



JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2011

Members Present: Roger McPherson, Chair; Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Ora Hickman, Secretary; Kathi Boyker, Treasurer; Mark Clark, Board Member; Mike McFadden; Board Member, Marian Meany, Board Member, Hugh Musser, Board Member and Bob Grindeland, Intern Representative.

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Roger McPherson.

Quorum: A quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting: Minutes of the July 7, 2011 Board Meeting were presented. Janet Mizuguchi made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathi Boyker and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kathi Boyker had sent by e-mail reports that included itemized income and expenses for July 2011, Secret Garden Tour 2011 income and expenses and account balances as of July 31, 2011. She explained that revenues from the Secret Garden Tour were a little less than past years which might be attributed to poor weather and tour locality/destination outside of the Port Townsend Area. Mark Clark asked if we should be looking at the budget in regard to spending down our funds. Hugh Musser thought we should look at it at the December meeting. Mark Clark made a motion to review the level of funds available and the potential for spending down any excess in December, seconded by Ora Hickman and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

The MG Picnic will be held at Mike McFadden's home on August 7th. Roger McPherson asked that veteran MGs make an effort to meet the new interns. Mike said he had hamburgers and hotdogs. Everything seems to be in order.

Marian Meany handed out a list of possible MG speakers and subjects they may be expert on. She also handed out a list of "Coming events needing Speakers". It was further discussed that perhaps those with expertise could provide training in power point presentations and how to conduct a presentation. Shirley William's name was mentioned as an expert in power point presentations. Another thought was having "canned" presentations ready for training.

New Business:

WSU has extended an invitation for the MG Foundation to provide a member in the August 10th interview process for the permanent WSU Director. Mark Clark volunteered as well as Mike McFadden. It was decided only one person would be needed and Mark had volunteered first. Sarah Fairbank was also invited by WSU to be a part of the process.

In response to the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State's request to nominate a MG for a media award and a distinguished service award, it was decided that our Foundation would not forward any nominations in these categories this year.

Roger McPherson asked Kathy Ryan to review the paperwork MGs filled out as to where their interests lie in volunteer efforts. She prepared a chart that can be used to invigorate our organization in filling committee chair positions and volunteering to assist in the various committees that have been formed. A list of committee chairs/volunteers was reviewed and updated. Mark Clark also gave the board a paper on "thoughts on how to get people to volunteer for projects, programs, and leadership roles". This will be an on-going discussion.

Roger McPherson brought up appreciation/recognition procedures. This topic was discussed with no decision at this time.

WSU has sent out an E-mail stating that they will no longer fund leasing the Spruce Room after September 30th. Hugh Musser was requested to review the space study previously conducted. Board meetings will remain in the Madrona Room as well as the Plant Clinic. Foundation meetings will be held elsewhere. Sarah Fairbank indicated that for Intern training, they need access to WiFi. Ora Hickman said that the Irondale Church had WiFi and had a great facility. Hugh Musser will look at the Tri-Area Community Center, the Chimacum Grange and the Irondale Church. Mark Clark went on record that he would not like to see us hold our meetings in a church.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Submitted by: Ora Hickman, Secretary

Schedule of Events

September 2011

Fruit Club– Growing wine grapes on the Peninsula. Tue, Sept 4 , 7 pm at the Tri-Area Comm Center.
Chimacum Grange-Home grown meat possibilities. Wed, Sept 14, 6:30 pm at the Chimacum Grange.
Indian Island Tour– Fri, Sept 16, 1:00 pm at Indian Island Navy Base.
Quilcene Fair-Sat, Sept 17, 8 am—4 pm at the Quilcene School.
Jefferson Co Farm Tour-Sun, Sept 18, 10 am — 4 pm.
MG Board Meeting - First Thursday of each month, 3:00 pm, WSU Madrone Room
MG General Foundation Meeting - Second Thursday of each month, 7-9 pm (summer hours), WSU/Spruce Room
Plant Clinics-Tue, WSU, 1-4 pm; Fri, Coop, 2:30-5:30 pm; 2nd and 4th Sun, Chimacum Farmer's Market, 10am-2pm

Do you have an item for the Calendar/ Schedule of Events? Please submit emails to the editor at alibruce113@yahoo.com or you may call Ali Dyche at 360-732-0433. Committee chairs are especially encouraged to submit dates & times of meetings!
Newsletter Deadline: 25th of the month.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 JCMGF Board Meeting 3-5 WSU | 2 Plant Clinic Co-op 2:30- 5:30 pm | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Labor Day | 6 Plant Clinic WSU 1-4 pm | 7 | 8 JCMGF Foundation Meeting 7-9 pm WSU | 9 Plant Clinic Co-op 2:00- 5:00 pm | 10 |
| 11 Plant Clinic Chimacum FM 10—2 | 12 | 13 Plant Clinic WSU 1-4 pm | 14 Home grown beef 6:30 pm Chimacum Grange | 15 | 16 Plant Clinic Co-op 2:00-5:00 pm Indian Is Tour 1 pm | 17 Quilcene Fair 8 am—4 pm Quilcene School |
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