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NEWSLETTER

January 2012

YARD & GARDEN RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR!

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Mark your calendars now!
Saturdays, January 14 – February 25, 2012.

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The 2012 lecture series adds a bonus speaker this year – Ciscoe Morris, northwest gardening guru, will speak on “Environmentally Friendly Gardening” at the last session at 1 pm on Saturday, February 25, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The first six sessions all meet on Saturdays from 10am – 12 noon at the Port Townsend Community Center.



Saturday topics include: Karen Page on “Growing Fruits & Nuts on the Olympic Peninsula” Lowell Dietz on “Oyster Mushrooms: Cultivation & Foraging,” Jill Silver on “Botanical Bullies in Your Gardening: Managing Invasive Noxious Weeds,” Ken Wilson on “Gardening for Birds & Wildlife,” Richard Lewis on “Integrated Pest Management,” and Yard & Garden favorite Willi Galloway on “Gourmet Gardening: Grow Your Own Groceries” (she’ll have her new book available for sale at her talk).



Series tickets (for all 7 sessions) are \$45 per person. A series ticket will guarantee you a seat at all 7 talks if you arrive promptly at 10 am. Day tickets will be sold on a space-available basis only each Saturday. Day tickets for the first 6 talks will be \$10 per person and \$15 for the Ciscoe Morris talk. As always, day tickets may not be available for all Saturdays, so buy your series ticket now to be guaranteed a seat!



Call Diane at 360-379-1172 for further information.
Happy 2012!!

Submitted by Diane Threlkeld



JCMGF January Foundation Meeting

Join us at the Tri-Area Community Center Thursday, Jan. 12th from 3-5 pm. We will hold our business meeting from 3-4:00. New WSU Extension Director, Dr. Laura Lewis, will speak to us beginning at 4:00. *Submitted by Janet Mizuguchi*

Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden

Welcome to the New Year. I hope your Holidays were happy and enjoyed by all. As I look back I believe we can say The Jefferson County Master Gardeners had a very successful year with our many programs running smoothly and enabling us to broaden our own education as well as that of our new interns and the community as a whole. Rather than point out the particular stars in those efforts, I will thank all of you as it takes all of us to support our many programs. I know I can count on you to continue your support in 2012.

Our Program Chairs and Committees already are charging ahead with plans for 2012 with the Yard & Garden Series starting in two weeks with more than the usual number of topics relating to sustainable gardening. I would hope that we all put increased effort in that direction. When you look at Jefferson County you can see the interest in that area in our community gardens, farmer's markets, Co-Op, organic farms and WSU programs.

By the way, I am still hoping that a couple of you will volunteer to attend Kitsap County's Organic Vegetable Gardening Course. The Board has agreed to pay the \$100 registration fee. You, in return, would commit to pass you increased knowledge on to our Master Gardeners and local Garden Clubs. Please contact me if you are interested. (Marian Meany is hoping to be able to attend some of the classes.)

Submitted by Roger McPherson, 2012 JCMGF Chair

2012 MG Training!

2012 MG Training will be held **February 29 through May 30th** on Wednesdays. Please spread the word.

There will be a meeting of the training committee in the Madrona Room, Wednesday from 3-5pm, January 11th.

Is there anyone wanting to take a refresher? Jefferson County veteran MGs can take the online part of the training from WSU for \$70. Fast computer connection needed, no dial-up. This does not include the classroom/ hand-on part. Our county has access to this web learning while we are training. You will be added to the roster of trainees, have the same access plus get the training DVD. The DVD includes the learning modules, new the training manual and all the links to publications (same as the web learning.) Almost all of the information (pubs and textbook) are in the form of downloadable PDFs.

Contact Sarah Fairbank if you are interested.

Submitted by Sarah Fairbank



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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 at 360-732-0433 or via email at alibruce113@yahoo.com, **by the 20th of the month**. Thank you!

JCMGF December Board Meeting

JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2011

Members Present: Roger McPherson, Chair; Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Ora Hickman, Secretary; Kathi Boyker, Treasurer; Mark Clark, Board Member; Hugh Musser, Board Member; Marian Meany, Board Member; and Bob Grindeland, Intern Representative. In addition, Dr. Laura Lewis, WSU Extension Director and Small Farms & Economic Development; Sarah Fairbank, 2012 MG State Board Representative; Phil Meany, 2012 Treasurer; Linda Pfafman, 2012 Secretary; Pat Aniotzbehere, 2012 Board Member and Shirley Williams were in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Roger McPherson who welcomed the new 2012 board members and Dr. Lewis.

Quorum: A quorum was present.

Dr. Lewis was introduced to the Board and she gave the Board her business cards. She said she is here to help the MG program and would like to participate in the MG Intern Training Program since she has a background in horticulture and agriculture. She recently attended a Washington State Association of Counties Meeting in Bellevue and met Tonie Fitzgerald. She is glad that Sarah Fairbank is a direct link to Tonie Fitzgerald and Tonie wants to come to Jefferson County in the Spring. Tonie is interested in the WSU Extension mission and how the MG program fits in with the overall Extension mission of education and outreach and how the MG's support the local community. Tonie also mentioned to Dr. Lewis that many programs are revisiting their by-laws and she would be willing to assist in that endeavor. Mark Clark explained that we are in the process of doing that. Tonie is also interested in looking at standards and practices to ensure we are meeting procedural policies in our workshops, etc. Dr. Lewis said that it appears we have had a successful run on the program for a long time and she didn't see much need to help with anything, but she is here if we need her. Mark Clark asked Dr. Lewis what "Small Farms & Economic Development" meant on her business card. In addition to being the WSU Extension director, she is also in charge of the Small Farms & Economic Development; i.e. she wears two hats. Dr. Lewis also volunteered to speak at the next Foundation Meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting: Minutes of the November 3, 2011 Board Meeting were presented. Hugh Musser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Marian Meany and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kathi Boyker had sent the Board Members several financial reports before the meeting.. She discussed the fact that since 2008 the Foundation has approved the disbursement of grants based on the previous year's net revenues. This policy of sustainability is good, but has not reduced the overall reserve funds in the treasury to a desired level. Kathi gave some history on income/expenses from 2007 to the present.

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Roger McPherson asked for proposals on reaching a desired level for the reserve funds. After considerable discussion, Mark Clark made a motion that target fund reserves be set at \$20,000 or one year's expenses whichever is greater. Hugh Musser seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

In addition, it was suggested a five year plan be prepared by the next board designed to reduce the Reserve Funds Level to the aforementioned amount. Mark Clark suggested that everyone on the new board socialize their ideas and send them to other Board Members. WSU may have ideas as to how we may partner with other programs.

A liability question came up. Tonie Fitzgerald has indicated to Sarah Fairbank that as long as the activity is a WSU MG activity doing the work of MGs, educating the public, we are covered by WSU. We are not covered at other functions such as our Holiday party and summer picnic.

Reports:

By-Law Update: Mark Clark gave a report on updating our by-laws and said he needed to talk to people such as Sharon Commander, Paul Becker and several others to obtain more information. The Memorandum of Agreement with the County to stakeholders also needs to be updated. He plans to present drafts of these documents to the foundation. He said we may have had illegal votes made at foundation meetings because they should be based on a quorum and we usually do not have a quorum (20%) based on our official roster. We should either change the quorum or trim the roster. His goal is to have a complete rewrite ready by Spring – March/April timeframe.

Ali Dyche has purchased a computer and accessories worth \$1,666.94 for the Newsletter.

Hugh Musser reported that he is still planning to complete an inventory of MG equipment/supplies. He has passed the power point projector to Roger McPherson who will hold it for use at the Yard and Garden Programs. WSU is changing out keys to their areas and will check out keys on a formal basis.

Janet Mizuguchi explained that Foundation meeting attendance fluctuates with the time of year and presentation subject. She used the attendance roster generated by Ora Hickman against the program subjects. Times of meetings and subjects of programs were discussed. It was decided that next year's board should consider next year's program and time schedule.

JCMGF December Board Meeting (continued)

Shirley Williams presented a proposed grant for the Food Bank Garden. They rewrote their application for a hoop house with a seed starter which will cost \$970.00. There are MGs who will volunteer plus 20 volunteers who will grow food and plant starts for the food bank. Kathi Boyker made a motion the board approve \$970.00 for the grant funding the Port Townsend Food Bank garden. Ora Hickman seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved it.

Yard and Garden is on track.

The Secret Garden Tour update report will be published in the February Newsletter.

The Plant Sale is on track.

Intern Training Program: Sarah Fairbank said posters have been created by Sally Chapin and the new class will begin February 29.

Old Business:

The Kitsap Organic Gardening Program will be held on four Saturdays in January and February. Marian Meany may be interested and Sarah Fairbank might have an Intern who would be interested. Roger will send them information on the program.

The board decided to table continuing education for the next board.

Sarah Fairbank said that she needs figures for a report she will be sending to Tonie Fitzgerald. The report tracks people of color and disabilities. WSU will accommodate the deaf by providing an interpreter or translator. She said we will advertise that we will accommodate someone who is in need but need advance notice.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Ora Hickman, out-going Secretary

Schedule of Events

January 2012

Jan 5- Board mtg 3:00 pm WSU/
Madrona Room


Jan 11 - Training Committee mtg, 3-5pm,
WSU Madrona Room

Jan 12- Foundation meeting 3-5 pm, Tri-
Area Community Center

Yard & Garden series—All are 10-noon;
PT Community Center, 620 Tyler St.

MG Board Meeting - First Thursday of
each month , 3:00 pm, WSU/Madrona
Room

MG General Foundation Meeting -
Second Thursday of each month,
3-5pm, Tri-Area Community Center.

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Calendar/Schedule of Events?
Please submit to the editor at
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Committee chairs are encouraged to
submit dates & times of meetings!

Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Board mtg 3:00 pm</i>	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Training Committee mtg 3-5pm</i>	12 <i>Foundation Mtg 3-5pm</i>	13	14 <i>Yard & Garden lecture 10-noon</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Yard & Garden lecture 10-noon</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Yard & Garden lecture 10-noon</i>
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