



# MASTER GARDENERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

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## NEWSLETTER

February 2012

### Yard and Garden 2012 is in full swing!

Thanks to the support of dozens of MGs, Yard and Garden Lecture Series 2012 is off to a fabulous start! We've heard about "Growing Fruits and Nuts" from Karen Page, "Mushroom Cultivation and Foraging" from Lowell Dietz and January was rounded off with "Bullies in your Garden" how to handle noxious, invasive or just plain weeds from Jill Silver. February's speakers are equally exciting!

Feb 4 –10 am at PT Comm Center, Ken Wilson will discuss "Flora for your Fauna", tricks and tips to attract birds and animals to your garden.

Mr Wilson will also conduct a bonus bird walk Uptown at 12:30 pm following the lecture.

Feb 11–10 am at PT Comm Center, Richard Lewis is speaking on "Integrated Pest Management". Learn how to use plants and other items to encourage natural pest repellent.

Feb 18 -10 am at PT Comm Center, Willi Galloway will talk about "Growing your own Groceries" Hear about ways to grow healthy, organic produce and ways to prepare it. Willi will bring a limited amount of copies of her new book to sell and will sign them if desired.

#### Bonus Speaker

Feb 25– 1pm at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Ciscoe Morris will share with us "Environmentally Friendly Gardening" techniques. Please note that this lecture takes place at a different time and location as the others.

Series tickets are still available for \$45 and include all seven lectures. Day tickets for the lectures at the PT Community Center are \$10. Day tickets for Ciscoe Morris' talk are \$15.

Extra help with set up, clean up and bringing refreshments is always welcomed!

Questions? Contact Ali Dyche at 360-732-0433 or [alibruce113@yahoo.com](mailto:alibruce113@yahoo.com).

Submitted by: Ali Dyche; Y&G Chair

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## JCMGF Spring Foundation Programs

- FEB:** Sarah Fairbank will be holding a mock plant clinic session. Useful as a refresher course of the upcoming year.
- MAR:** Jim Trainer will be doing a presentation on Heritage Trees in this area.
- APR:** A social event for the membership to meet and greet the new interims in this years training class.
- MAY:** Our very own Christina Lacie will give a talk on organic gardening. This is the class that was offered by Kitsap County Master Gardeners.



*Submitted by: Janet Mizuguchi*

## Chair's Eye View of the (Master) Garden

I hope you all made it through our big winter storm without any damage. I must admit I did clear the snow off my greenhouse rather than risk collapse if we continued to get more snow or freezing rain. And now, like you are probably doing, I am starting to think of Spring and seeds and plant starts.



Thanks to many volunteers the Yard and Garden Series is off to a great start. If you are unable to volunteer for the series, I encourage you to come and enjoy the excellent presentations that Ali lined up.

Quite a number of our Master Gardeners followed up yesterday's Y & G session with a trip to the County Library to hear Dick Schneider's talk on growing tomatoes in our area. It was really excellent, so I am going to try and get Dick to give his presentation at our April Foundation meeting. That will probably be after you should have started your tomatoes so here is a list of some of the best tomatoes he recommends growing in our area (He has really tested and documented his results):

**GREEN/HOOP HOUSE:** Apero, Juane Flamme, Moskovich

**GARDEN OR INSIDE:** Juane Flamme, Red Alert, Sun Gold

**OUTDOORS:** Tumbler, Sweet N Neat, Willamette

I will try to cover more details of his recommendations at the February Foundation meeting.

*Submitted by: Roger McPherson; JCMGF Chair*

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



## Don't forget to log your volunteer hours!!!



A REMINDER FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Jefferson County Master Gardener's Foundation would not exist without our dedicated volunteers and their hard work. Please remember to complete, sign and return your 2012 Renewal and Pesticide Agreement forms no later than Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. The success of our organization depends on you.

*Submitted by: Pat Aniotzbehere & Kathy Ryan; JCMGF Membership Committee*

## Master Gardener Plant Sale



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Jefferson County Master Gardener's plant sale will be on May 12th. It will start at 9 a.m. and end at noon.

The plant committee is accepting donations of plants and gardening books. If you would like to help, have donations or have questions, please call or email Barbara Schultz at **379-0338** or [Barbaras8@hotmail.com](mailto:Barbaras8@hotmail.com)

*Submitted by: Barbara Schultz, Plant Sale Co-Chair*

## Secret Garden Tour Update



The Secret Garden Tour committee will reconvene this month after the holiday's hiatus. Publicity for the tour will begin in earnest, as will the creation of save the date cards, the poster and the brochures. We would like to sell tickets online this year, something that hasn't been tried before. If you have comments or concerns about this change, please contact Candice [cgoohn@embarqmail.com](mailto:cgoohn@embarqmail.com).



*Submitted by: Candice Gohn, SGT Co-Chair*



Photos submitted by: Erica Iseminger



## Spring 2012 Grants / Scholarships Update



In late February , letters will go out to community organizations who are involved in gardening, horticulture, or environmental stewardship inviting them to apply for our funds which will support projects and/or training benefiting Jefferson County residents or the environment. Master Gardeners are eligible to apply as well, but will not receive letters. The applications are available on our web site. Applications are due April 1, 2012

In addition, we will be sending letters to all the Jefferson County schools inviting their students to apply for a scholarship that could be worth \$2500. To the eligible student we will award \$1500 from our Foundation Scholarship fund and forward the application to the state Master Gardener Foundation which will award \$1000 to a county's candidate they select.

So, Master Gardeners, think about projects/training and worthy students you feel can benefit the community and apply. Call or email Shirley Williams at, **360-385-2019** or **[gswilli@earthlink.net](mailto:gswilli@earthlink.net)** for more information.

*Submitted by: Shirley Williams; Grants Committee Chair*

## Snow blankets Jefferson County.....



Photo submitted by: Kris Burns

# JCMGF December Board Meeting



## JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2012

**Members present:** Voting members- Roger McPherson, Chair; Janet Mizuguchi, Co-Chair; Linda Pfafman, Secretary; Phil Meany, Treasurer; Board Members – Mark Clark, Pat Aniotzbehere, Marian Meany; Non-voting member - Sarah Fairbank.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Roger McPherson at 3:02 PM.

**Quorum:** Seven of the nine voting board members were present.

**December 1, 2011 MG Board Meeting Minutes approved:** Janet Mizuguchi moved, Mark Clark seconded, unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report – Kitsap Bank MG Account – signatures:** Phil Meany, 2012 treasurer, met with K. Boyker, 2011 treasurer, to discuss transfer of duties and books. A resolution from the MG board is required to change signatures on the Kitsap Bank MG account. Phil requested that Roger McPherson be listed as a signer in addition to the 2012 treasurer. Roger McPherson read the board resolution letter addressed to Kitsap Bank (written by Phil Meany on letterhead) that requests transferring of the MG bank account signatures: deleting Kathi Boyker and adding Roger McPherson and Phil Meany. Mark Clark moved to approve the letter as read; Pat Aniotzbehere seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote. Roger McPherson, Chair and Linda Pfafman, secretary, signed the letter. **A copy is attached to these minutes.**

**Treasurer's Report – Kitsap Bank MG Account – report:** Phil Meany distributed copies of the Kitsap Bank MG account financial report as of 12/31/11 that reflects a balance of \$32,403.44. An itemized income and expense report for December 2011 was attached and explained, as well as a report that reflected actual versus budgeted category amounts for 2011. Total income of 2011 was projected at \$14,170, or \$1,564.88 higher than the actual income (\$12,605.12). Total expenses for 2011 were budgeted at \$21,008.00 and were \$3,308.31 higher than actual expenses (\$17,699.69). **A copy of the treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.**

The chair has requested budgets from Project Leaders for 2012 and has only received one from the Chair of the Plant Sale. These budgets must be received before a 2012 budget can be determined and decisions can be made to reduce the reserve funds to \$20,000 or 1 year operating funds, whichever is greater over a five-year period – a goal that was approved during last month's board meeting. There was some preliminary discussion on how to reduce the bank account through grants and continuing education categories. Sarah will address Dr. Lewis' ideas later. Mark Clark suggested asking the project directors for high and low budget numbers. Other methods of reducing the excess funds that were mentioned included reducing the price of training, reducing the price of tickets, and increasing the grants and scholarship programs. There was some concern that MG class scholarships may not be effective in recruiting new master gardeners because the history has been that the majority of recipients have taken the class but have either not fulfilled their volunteer hour commitments or have not reported their hours.

**WSU Coordinator position and duties (Sarah Fairbank):** Sarah reported that Dr. Lewis has ideas about WSU workshops in Jefferson County and is asking for support and follow up from Master Gardeners, Beach Watchers, Noxious Weed Board and Water Stewardship programs.

Submit any ideas for workshops to be sponsored by MGs to Sarah Fairbank. These workshops will be open to the public and can count as continuing education for Master Gardeners.

Sarah participated in "cluster meetings" approximately 4 times a year with Tonie Fitzgerald of the Washington State University Master Gardener Program. Sarah will participate in monthly internet meetings of all MG county coordinators in Washington State with Tonie Fitzgerald, who will be visiting Jefferson County this spring. Sarah plans to attend a national conference of MG Coordinators in Spokane in September. Sarah will help to collect data for the year end State MG Program Leader Surveys. This data will help secure future funding for the Master Gardener Program. Sarah mentioned that Tonie Fitzgerald has distributed a template for data collection for the year end report.

**Roster Clean Up:** Pat Aniotzbehere will be sending out the yearly pesticide and reapplication forms. Returned forms will be used to help clean up the roster. Mark Clark volunteered to review and update these two forms. Pat would like all forms returned by February 16.

These forms will be sent to the MG Post Office Box. Phil Meany has the key and will bring the mail to WSU to be distributed using the slots in the back room.

**Badges:** Badges will be ordered soon for 2012 class interns. An "intern" sticker will be put on these rectangular badges. There was a brief discussion about which logo is not allowed on the badges and that "Cynthia's painting" made specifically for Jefferson

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County cannot be used.

(Note: WSU pays for name badges that are pinned on; there was a brief discussion expressing the desire to have magnetic name badges or using lanyards to protect clothing.)

**Action item:** Query membership for anyone who needs a replacement badge so replacement badges can be included in this order.

**Service buttons:** Service buttons will be ordered soon by Pat. Jefferson County has 29 members who will receive 5-year service buttons; 15 members for 10-year service buttons; 7 with 15-year services buttons; and 1 with a 20-year service button.

**Reporting of volunteer hours:** The percentage of Jefferson County Master Gardeners who reported their hours on-line decreased in 2011 to 52%. There was a discussion about reporting volunteer hours and why some chose not to. Mark suggested a program support committee to help show people how to report hours on-line.

**Program and meetings – dates / times and content:** Janet talked about returning to a uniform day/time of MG meetings as she felt that having seasonal times is confusing. Sarah suggested setting up a Doodle.com Survey as a tool to arrive at a day/time that will work for most MGs who want to attend the meetings. There is a contract with the Tri-Area Community Center through April for meetings. **Action item:** Set up a Doodle.com Survey to query membership on meeting day and time.

**Programs:** January – Dr. Lewis; February – Mock Plant Clinic Program and brief Herbie the Seed presentation; March – Janet is working on a program; April – Roger suggested Christine Lacie and the Kitsap organic vegetable lecture series; May – ‘Meet the Trainees’ general potluck.

**County Representative to Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State:** This organization meets three times per year, each time in a different location. Mark Clark volunteered and was appointed by the board to replace Sarah Fairbank for her elected term of office after Sarah decided she could not fill this position. (Marian Meany proposed the appointment; Janet Mizuguchi and Phil Meany seconded. The appointment was approved unanimously by voice vote.)

**Coordinator’s input:** Sarah Fairbank reported that Tonie Fitzgerald announced that Cindie Johnson’s position as support for content to WSU MG online training has been eliminated.

All information to the public as WSU MGs needs to be consistent with WSU based science and MG guidelines. **Catherine Daniels** (for pesticides) and **Linda Chalker-Scott** (for horticulture) need to clear all information that is NOT WSU science based before it is used to educate the public: eg. adding links to the web page, putting information in the newsletter and so forth.

Dr. Lewis wants Jefferson County MG to run workshops along with other WSU affiliates – Noxious Weed Board, Water Stewardship Group, and Beach Watchers. There is less of a boundary now between these groups because of shrinking budgets.

Dr. Lewis would like MG to help establish the following programs/projects:

John Bellow and Roxanne Hudson of Spring Rain Farm –started the FIELD program last year. Farm interns get ½ day education and ½ day work on local farms. WSU Jefferson County would like to combine the FIELD classroom segment with MG training in some areas.

Set up another Puyallup-type Station in Jefferson County located at Sunfield Farm School for biodynamic demonstration vegetable garden and compost site.

**Miscellaneous Notes:** Yard and Garden Brochures – printing too close to address label, caused the PO to return some brochures with no reason listed for the return. Marian Meany addressed food donations for this next Thursday’s meeting.

**Adjournment:** Mark Clark moved to adjourn. Marian Meany seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

*Submitted by: Linda Pfafman, JCMGF Secretary*

# JCMGF January Foundation Meeting



## JEFFERSON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION GENERAL MEETING REPORT JANUARY 12, 2012

**Presentation:** Laura Lewis, Ph.D. The Origin of Agrobiodiversity.

**Meeting:** There were 35 people who attended the meeting that began at 3:08 PM at the Tri-Area Community Center.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phil Meany, the 2012 treasurer, reported that there was approximately \$32,403.44 in MG accounts at Kitsap Bank as of 12/31/2011.

Year 2011	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Income	\$12,605	\$14,170	- \$1,565
Expenses	\$17,700	\$21,008	+\$3,308
Net			\$1,743

  

Projects	Yard and Garden	Secret Garden
Income	\$4,844	\$5,905
Expenses	\$3,494	\$ 617
Profit	\$1,350	\$5,288

Phil asked the Project Directors for their **budgets for 2012**. Please e-mail him at [pmeany245@q.com](mailto:pmeany245@q.com) . **Deadline** for budgets is **January 28, 2012**.

**Membership:** Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation currently lists 132 members. Membership renewal forms for 2012 are being revised with minor changes. Updated renewal and pesticide agreement forms will be emailed to current members and also will be listed on the MG WSU extension website.

**Sarah Fairbank's report:** Jefferson County is the recipient of a \$5,000 grant to help support **Rain Gardens** in counties surrounding Puget Sound. Master Gardeners are being asked to help identify and register current rain gardens in Jefferson County for this project. Help is needed. Various workshops will be organized this year with the help of various WSU extension affiliates. Workshop topics may include soil science, rain gardens, food for a year project, sustainable harvest. Suggestions for other workshops are welcome. It is hoped that the workshops will be a fund raiser. She also talked about the Fields Internship program that hopes to have intensive workshops on Thursdays. A demonstration garden at Sunfield School is being planned as a "closed" biodynamic system and hopes that several Master Gardeners will be involved.

**The annual Master Gardener Conference** will be held September 13, 14, 15 in Pasco

Order forms for the Conservation District plant sales were distributed: **Ordering Deadline is February 10.**

**MG classes** will start on 2/29/12. Lectures will be primarily on-line accompanied with field trips and problem solving exercises.

**Plant Clinics** will begin the first week in April: Tuesday they will be held at WSU and Friday at the Food Co-op. She asked Veteran Master Gardeners not to sign up for plant clinics until June.

**Badges:** Pat Aniotzbehere is in the process of ordering badges for interns and also replacement badges for members who have lost theirs. She also encouraged for members to report their MG hours on-line at the WSU extension website (<http://ext.wsu.edu/Volunteers/volunteer/default.aspx>).

**Grants:** Shirley Williams reported that \$10,000 was the proposed budget for grants this year. She briefly discussed the progress on the Port Townsend Food Garden at Mountain View Commons (where the old YMCA garden used to be).

**By-laws:** Mark Clark has redone the bylaws and is preparing an MOU with WSU extension.

**Plant Sale:** Barbara Schultz updated the progress on the Plant Sale and requested people donate used gardening books to support the sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

*Submitted by: Linda Pfafman; JCMGF Secretary*

## Schedule of Events

# February 2012



**Feb 2-** Board mtg 3:00 pm WSU/Madrona Room

**Feb 4-** Y&G Ken Wilson, 10 am, PT Comm Center- bonus bird walk uptown  
**Feb 9-** Foundation meeting 3-5 pm, Tri-Area Community Center

**Feb 11-** Y&G Richard Lewis, 10 am, PT Comm Center

**Feb 18-** Y&G Willi Galloway, 10 am, PT Comm Center

**Feb 25-** Y&G Ciscoe Morris, 1 pm, Jeff Co Fairgrounds

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.

**D**o you have an item for the Calendar/Schedule of Events? Please submit to the editor at [alibruce113@yahoo.com](mailto:alibruce113@yahoo.com), or call Ali at **360-732-0433**.

Committee chairs are encouraged to submit dates & times of meetings!

**Newsletter Deadline: 20th** of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Board mtg 3:00 pm WSU	3	4 Y&G Ken Wilson 10 am PT Comm Center
5	6	7	8	9 Foundation Mtg 3-5pm	10	11 Y&G Richard Lewis 10 am PT Comm Center
12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18 Y&G Willi Galloway 10 am PT Comm Center
19	20 President's Day 	21	22	23	24	25 Y&G Ciscoe Morris 1 pm Jeff Co Fairgrounds
26	27	28	29 Leap Day 			



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