



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM DECEMBER 2016

RICH KOENIG TO SERVE AS INTERIM CHAIR OF THE HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Here is part of an email from Rich Koenig (WSU Extension Associate Dean) regarding his new appointment:

...On January 1, 2017 I will take over as interim chair of the Department of Horticulture, and continue the appointment I have held as interim chair of the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences for the past year. While assuming this additional role I will need to step away from serving as Director of Extension. An Acting Director will be appointed and announced very soon. I will work with that individual to transition Extension administration and leadership, and will remain involved in Extension at a much reduced level and as needed to support the Acting Director.

I have enjoyed working with you and will continue to work directly with many of you in these interim roles.

Thank you.

Rich

WELCOME NEW PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Welcome to **Caitie Blethen** who is the new Interim MG Program Coordinator in San Juan County. She can be reached at mg.sanjuancounty@wsu.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WSU EXTENSION SPOKANE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS!!

WSU Spokane County MGs won the **International Search for Excellence Award** for their work with youth!

A total of 55 projects were submitted for consideration from across the US and Canada. The Spokane County MGs were singled out for the number of people they impacted, the significant learning impacts that occurred, and the creativity and importance of their project.

They will be honored at the 2017 IMGCC Conference in July in Portland, OR. Congratulations, Spokane Co. MGs! (The full press release is attached).

NEW STINKBUG APP

WSDA and WSU Extension are going to try a new webapp approach to mapping some of our more visible and identifiable pests. We are going to start with the southern green stink bug, with the red lily beetle soon to follow. We haven't quite worked out where this will be integrated on our various agency pages, but I anticipate that will be solved in the next few weeks. In the mean time, I'd like

to see if we can get some more people to try and populate the site with observations. I'm contacting you because you have either reported the bugs before, or may have been in contact with someone who has.

At your leisure, please take a look at the app, and give it a try! If you have thoughts or suggestions about how to spread the word please chime in. Let's see how well we can put our collective minds together and delineate this new arrival.

<http://arcg.is/1OjbC7i>

Feel free to contact me with questions, comments, concerns, etc.

Thanks, and cheers!

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2017 INTERNATIONAL IMGC INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

[Registration](#) is Now Open!

Master Gardeners can get CE while attending.

July 10-14

Portland, OR

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

NOVEMBER SEEDS FOR THOUGHT (MGFWS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER)

The newsletter is attached.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

KIDSGARDENING.ORG is offering grants to schools and youth educational garden projects throughout the country that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Any nonprofit, school, or youth program planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of three and 18 is eligible to apply. Deadline: 12/15/2015. Application guidelines and forms are available on the KidsGardening.org website [here](#).

KATIE'S KROPS is accepting applications for youth garden grants. Gift cards of up to \$500 and other support will be awarded for youth-planted vegetable gardens created in support of local community needs. Deadline: 12/31/2016. Click [here](#) to review application guidelines.

CE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MGs

NC Extension Master Gardener Tour of Tropical Horticulture, Fruit and Nature of Costa Rica

February 26 - March 5, 2017

[More...](#)

2017 Whidbey Gardening Workshop- Save the Date

March 4, 2017

[More...](#)

2017 WA State MG Advanced Education Conference "Can You Dig It?" - Save the Date

Sept. 21-23, 2017

Yakima, WA

NEW PUBLICATIONS

*You can find new, revised and out of print publications [here](#).

Pub # (Book Code)	Title	Price
FS233E	Preserving Berries NEW ONLINE ONLY	N/A
FS232E	Making Jams, Jellies, and Fruit Spreads NEW ONLINE ONLY	N/A
FS236E	Low Sugar Fruit Spreads NEW ONLINE ONLY	N/A
FS238E	Preserving Berry Syrups at Home NEW ONLINE ONLY	N/A
EM106E	Shore Stewards Guide for Shoreline Living (replaces EM4928E) NEW ONLINE ONLY	

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