

Weeder's Digest

All the dirt that's fit to print



Newsletter of the Whatcom County Master Gardeners

January 2003

Happy New Year!

May the year 2003 bring you health, happiness, and good gardening.

Keep in mind that the advanced training will be held in September this year, so don't expect a flier in the mail in January like you have in the past.

The time to prune your fruit trees is coming up, and I want to remind you to save the scions for our grafting class. The Class will be held on March 1 at the Tennant Lake House as usual. To save the scions you can seal the ends with wax and refrigerate, or you can place them in a sealed plastic bag and refrigerate. Also clearly identify the variety so we know what we are selling.

The 2003 Master Gardener class will start March 4. We have started giving pre-class orientations, and will continue through the month of January. Remember that this is a first come first accepted in the class program, so if you know someone who wants to enroll they will have to act promptly.

Al McHenry

Holiday Greetings! Yes, I know this is January's Weeder's Digest but since the staff is taking a well deserved vacation, this brief edition is coming to you in December's Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Now again briefly, at our December meeting there were questions about the volunteer hours it was explained that each category has an other listed. Use this when you have an activity not listed. This list is just a tool to help you and not meant to cover 100% we are trying to encourage you to send in this badly needed information.

Other things discussed Trainee orientation has begun and Luana is drawing up a rough draft for a MG handbook. The goodies were exceptional and recipes were requested. And, last but far from least, Alison Kutz-Troutman gave us a very important and educational talk on sustainable agriculture.

Pat Nelson



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Dates to Remember:

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| January 2 | 10 a.m. to Noon | MG Foundation Board Meeting
Extension Office |
| January 9 | 7 to 9 p.m. | Monthly Foundation Meeting
Extension Office |
| February 13 | 7 to 9 p.m. | Annual Seed Exchange
Monthly Foundation Meeting |
| February 19 | All Day | NW Flower & Garden Show Bus Trip
Karen Gilliam, 384-4562 |
| March 1 | 9 a.m. to Noon | Grafting Clinic
Tennant Lake House, Ferndale |
| March 8 | All Day | Tree Fruit Workshop
Mt. Vernon Research Station |
| March 18 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Bonsai Workshop
Christine Hurst, 366-5461 |
| Wednesdays | 8 to 9 a.m. | Master Gardener breakfasts
Babeis in Ferndale |