



Mukilteo Community Garden Newsletter

Our Mission: To grow a healthy community through gardening

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Calendar

- 4/14/18 - Lil' & Junior Gardeners meeting
- 4/14/18 - Our Soil is Alive class @ the Garden (9:30 am)
- 4/14/18 - Giving Garden Prep (10 am)
- 4/21/18 - Opening the Garden with the Kiwanis (10 am)
- 4/28/18 - Boeing Work party @ the Garden (10 am)
- 4/28/18 - Lil' & Junior Gardeners meeting
- 4/29/18 - QFC Fresh Fruit & Veggie Drive (10 am)
- 5/5/18 - Master Gardeners Plant Sale
- 5/12/18 - Slugs,

"Swanky" New Front Facade is Coming Soon

One of the big projects the garden is starting is replacing the front fence with a really swanky new one. You will probably notice a lot of activity along the front fence. If you have a bed along that fence, #'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 47, and 48, please be careful of the lines and flags placed there. Try not to disturb them too much.

A big **Thank-You** goes out to our Project Management/Design Team of Bruce Rhynard and Jerry Flatterich for making this project a reality!

Kiwanis and Boeing are Coming Out to Support the Garden in a BIG Way:

On April 21st the Mukilteo Kiwanis will be opening the Giving Garden by prepping the food bank beds and cleaning out the straw bale beds. Then on April 28th a large group of Boeing volunteers will be at the garden to help with erecting the new and improved front gate/fence, transplanting and seeding in the Giving Garden beds, working on drainage and cleaning up the perimeter.

Come out and support our Community Partners in getting the Giving Garden ready for the 2018 growing season!

Amazon Smile:

Did you know that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice? AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support the Mukilteo Community Garden by starting your shopping at www.smile.amazon.com. Your first time on the site you need to search for/select Mukilteo Community Garden.

For more information about Amazon Smile go to <https://smile.amazon.com/about>

Lil' & Junior Gardeners Program:

The "Lil' & Junior Gardeners Program" kicks off this Saturday, April 14th at 10 am in the garden. Children ages 5 to 11 are invited to join this exciting and fun new club. The club coordinator, Stephanie Casino, has activities designed to bring delight in gardening with hands-on projects.

Topics for the next couple of weeks are:

- **April 14, 2018:** (Earth day): Biodegradable versus Non-biodegradable. Reduce, reuse and recycle.

Beetles and Bunnies,
Oh My! Class @ the
Garden (9:30 am)

- 4/28/18 - Lil' & Junior
Gardeners meeting

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- **April 28, 2018 and May 12, 2018:** Spring (Season part 1, part 2 and Mother's Day)

A typical Saturday class activities will be:

- "Get to Know You" activity
- Warm-up topic or rock garden activity
- Arts and craft/STREAM activity/Garden activity - depending on the topic.
- Fun Play (games) and/or Garden chore- Making sure our garden bed is thriving.

For this first class please expect that the weather might not be appealing for our youngsters so please dress them appropriately. Layers are always a great option. Also expect them to get decently dirty/muddy due to the learning environment. We will be striving to be avid learners and will be exploring with all our senses! For more information, please go to the Lil' gardeners tab on our website.

<http://www.mukilteogarden.org/lil-gardeners>

Join the MCG Watering Team:

We are putting together a "Watering Team" and need more volunteers. We need at least two people for each day of the week, which provides flexibility for shared duty and coverage during vacations.

Duties include watering the plants and seedlings in the two Greenhouses, outdoor pots of edibles such as the potato tower on the east fence, and the newly seeded areas of the Food Bank Beds/Giving Gardens. And when the weather heats up, even with drip irrigation it is sometimes necessary to give the Beds a drink.

If you would like to join the sprinklers, email Ann Ramos at goldswort@comcast.net with the day(s) of the week you prefer. If you have a fellow gardener or a friend in mind you want to partner with, let Ann know that as well. Being a current renter at the Garden is not a requirement!

Ann will set up orientation sessions at the Garden for those interested.

H&R Block Donation Opportunity:

It's not too late - With every new client who files their 2018 taxes with H&R Block or Block Advisors and presents the attached coupon, \$20 will be donated to the Mukilteo Community Garden. **Over 100 new clients have already taken advantage of this opportunity.** All you have to do is download the H&R Block Coupon on the last page and take it in to *any* H&R Block office when having your taxes prepared. A new client is a person who did not have their taxes prepared by H&R Block or Block Advisors the prior year. The referral form must be presented prior to completion of the initial tax interview.



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Education: (plan to stay after the classes for the Saturday work parties)

Class and Q&A: Our Soil is Alive

Date: April 14

Time: 9:30 am
Location: Mukilteo Community Garden
Come and learn how to transplant the seedlings from last month with a lesson on garden soil, potting soil, compost and growing alternatives spaces=window boxes, pots, vertical.

Class and Q&A: Slugs, Beetles and Bunnies, Oh My!

Date: May 12
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Mukilteo Community Garden
Bring bugs, diseased plant samples and questions. Learn the organic ways to pest control, disease prevention and if using a chemical...the proper times of when and how, and what is safest for you, your home yard and the environment.

Upcoming Events:

- April 14th - the first Lil' & Junior Gardeners Program
- April 14th - The "Our Soil is Alive" Class at the Garden @ 9:30 am.
- April 21st - Mukilteo Kiwanis work party
- April 28th - Boeing Volunteers work party
- April 28th - Lil' & Junior Gardeners Program meeting
- April 29th - QFC Fresh Fruit and Veggie Drive. Stop by and donate any fresh fruits and vegetables. All donations go to the Mukilteo Food Bank
- May 5th - Snohomish Master Gardeners Plant Sale (see flyer below)
- May 12th - The Slugs, Beetles and Bunnies, Oh My! Class at the Garden @ 9:30.
- May 12th - Lil' & Junior Gardeners Program meeting

Garden News:

Next time you are in the garden take a peek into the greenhouse. Brassicas (some have been up-potted), onions, peas, lettuces, peppers, tomatoes, and eggplants have been seeded and are sprouting.

Things you can be doing in your garden now are:

- Keep-up with weeding!
- Monitor and tend to any indoor seedlings. Also, it's time to start your tomato, eggplant and pepper seedlings to plant outside in June.
- Later in the month transplant homegrown or nursery starts of broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, leeks, lettuces, spinach, peas, and radishes. You can also direct sow beets, carrots and radishes
- Prep vertical gardening supports and place in garden
- Mid month plant garlic, beets, onion starts, potatoes and peas.
- Transplant nursery start of lettuce and salad greens, spinach, and leeks. (depending on the weather of course)

FEATURED CROPS

CARROTS at a Glance

- **Growing season:** Spring, summer, and fall.
- **Time of planting:** Sow seeds in early spring, 2-4 weeks before last spring frost, when soil temperatures are above 50°F. Sow seed in July and August for a fall crop.
- **Spacing:** Plant seeds 1-2 inches apart in rows spaced

Radishes at a Glance

- **Growing season:** Spring and fall.
- **Time of planting:** Spring/summer types—mid-March; winter types—August
- **Spacing:** Spring/summer types—0.5 inches apart in furrows spaced every 2 inches; winter types—0.5 inches apart in furrows spaced

12–24 inches apart. Large rooted cultivars should be spaced 2 inches apart.

- **Days to harvest:** 55–80 days (average range) depending on the cultivar.
- **Common starting method:** Direct seeding into the soil
- Find full instructions @ <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/FS118E/FS118E.pdf>

every 18 inches.

- **Days to harvest:** Usually 21–28 days for spring/summer types and 50–60 days for winter types.
- **Common starting method:** Direct sowing seed.
- Find full instructions @ <http://extension.wsu.edu/bent-on-franklin/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2014/04/Radishes-FS127E.pdf>

Volunteer Opportunities: (don't forget to record your hours at mcghours@gmail.com)

Mark your calendars. Garden work parties are scheduled for:

- April 14th - Prepping the Giving Gardens
- April 21st - Kiwanis work party
- April 28th - Boeing work party
- April 29th - QFC Fresh Fruit and Veggie Drive

If anyone is looking for something to do in the garden while you wait for the soil to dry a bit and warm up, the pathway between the gate and the first greenhouse (cedar greenhouse) needs to be weeded. There shouldn't have grass growing there. What needs to be done is:

- grab a wheelbarrow, and
- a bucket (behind the 2nd greenhouse), and
- a shovel from the tool shed, and
- your favorite weeding tool.
- remove all the plant material in that pathway.
- fill the wheelbarrow with wood chips, located just outside the garden,
- spread a nice layer of wood chips from the gate to the greenhouse.

All your weeds can go into the green bins outside the office.

Another way you can help is by **adopting** a food bank bed. Our herb garden and rhubarb garden are in need of some TLC. If you are interested in either of these or interested in another bed, contact the garden at www.admin@mukilteogarden.org



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Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale



Sat. May 5th

9 am-2 pm

McCollum Park
600 128th St SE
Everett, WA 98208

Sale covers 3 parking lots!

5,000 tomato plants; 4,000 herb and vegetable starts;
thousands of perennials,
including carnivore plants, hostas, fuchsias, shade plants, ground covers, & natives;
trees and shrubs.

Shop Specialty Nurseries and Living Garden Art!

Learn how to attract pollinators to your garden!

All proceeds go to the Snohomish County Master Gardener Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit, which exists solely to support the WSU - Snohomish County Extension Master Gardener Program.

Visa, MasterCard, Checks and Cash accepted.

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