



## Washington County Master Gardener™ Association

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**March 5 ,2024 Chapter Meeting via Zoom at 7pm**

Meeting called to order: Hope Preston, began the meeting following the presentation:

*Aaron Anderson: Conserving Invertebrates at Home*

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Hope gave reports for the members.

Intern Training Update – Hope introduced Srijana Shrestha, Metro Master Gardener Assistant Professor of Practice who gave an update about the 2024 intern training. Srijana announced that applications are being accepted for 2024 Master Gardener training and that training would begin April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Hope advised member of Volunteer Opportunities:

Grow 1 Give 1

Help is needed in several areas:

- Growing tomato and jalapeno pepper seedlings
- Help filling bags with fertilizer or seeds to give away
- Help handing out plants, seeds, and fertilizer for events from May 22 to June 5.

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Another volunteer opportunity is GardenFest on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the PCC Rock Creek campus. Learn more and sign up to volunteer for this fundraising event: <https://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/gardenfest-plant-sale/>

Hope reminded members about Education Opportunities and referenced the information below to maintain MG certification.

Education Opportunities: In the Garden Series, 10 Minute University

Members were referred to “Metro Educational Events Calendar” and “How to Maintain MG Status”

***OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:***

*Fundraising:* Renee’s Seeds, Bottle Drop Blue bags-these are available at the front desk of the Extension Office

*Members-only Facebook page:* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/903729377088889>

**UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

Mar 12 7 – 8 Webinar: Reverent Stewardship – Multnomah MGs

Mar 16 10-12 Raising Mason Bees PCC RC

April 6<sup>th</sup> 10-12 Lawn Be Gone PCC RC

April 13<sup>th</sup> Soil School

Hope reminded our members that they are always welcome to attend WCMGA Board Meetings held at the Extension Office.

**Meeting adjourned: by Hope Preston at 8:20pm**

Next Chapter Program & Meeting: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Darren Morgan, “The Vegetable Underground: A Guide to Growing root Crops”

**Respectfully submitted by:** Mary Hewitt, Recording Secretary

**Approved by:** WCMGA Chapter President, Hope Preston