

We have identified an interim leadership team for the WSU Extension Statewide Master Gardener program. Mike Gaffney, WSU Extension Director, has committed funds to support this leadership model through December 31. The next nine months will allow us to get feedback and to inform the refinement and implementation of our next leadership model for sustainably supporting the Master Gardener Program.

Master Gardener Interim Leadership Team:

- Project Management - Todd Murray and Jim Kropf
 - Ongoing grant work, including the Urban Tree Stewards project
 - Master Gardener Training Manual revisions and publication
 - Garden Team
 - On-line Training
- Volunteer Management, including support for county Master Gardener Coordinators with difficult volunteer issues – Jim Kropf and Todd Murray
- State Master Gardener Foundation Relations – Jim Kropf and Jennifer Marquis
- County MOA's and Contracts – Jim Kropf
- Master Gardener Program Statewide Coordination – Jennifer Marquis
 - Coordinate, answer, or delegate county questions to the team members
 - Monthly webinars with state coordinators
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Manage coordinator's listserv with Howard Volland
 - Manage compilation of state report
 - Liaison work for the state Master Gardener Conference in September, including coordinating with the county and state Foundations.
 - June 5 and 6 Master Gardener County Coordinator's Conference in Wenatchee.
 - Attend State Foundation meetings
 - March meeting in Everett – Jim
 - June and September meetings in Wenatchee - Jennifer

Jennifer Marquis' leadership position is interim and at a 0.25 FTE. We are excited that she stepped up to serve the program statewide. She has over ten years of Master Gardener volunteer coordination experience and is currently studying for a Master of Science in Management and Leadership. Her skillset and interests are exactly what we need during this transition.

We will be calling on leaders, such as the county coordinators, county faculty leads, and Foundation leadership to help us inform our next steps.

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