



How Does Your Garden Grow?



News from UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras County

October 2016

From The Editor

This edition of the newsletter features advice on garden tasks and information about coming events. It also contains information about Master Gardener training in Calaveras County.

Happy Gardening!
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Newsletter Editor

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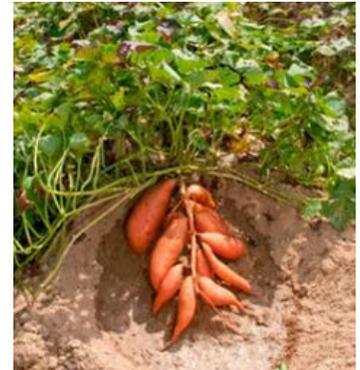
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October To Do List

*By Teresa Spence, University of California Cooperative Extension
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- This is the best time of the year for planting perennial trees and shrubs since the weather is still mild and it is the beginning of the rainy season.
- Harvest sweet potatoes before the first frost. For the sweetest flavor, cure the potatoes in a cool, dry place for a couple of weeks.
- Sow native wildflower seeds in an area that has been hoed free of weeds and weed seeds: keep the area moist until the rains arrive.
- Start collecting fallen leaves and put them in the compost pile.
- Clean up fallen fruit to keep pests away from the garden.
- Winter is around the corner, it is time to prepare your home and garden for colder weather.
- Remove plant debris from the vegetable plot and put in the compost pile. Add a top dressing of compost to the beds.
- Spray fixed copper onto plum, almond, apricot, peach and nectarine trees after leaf fall but before winter. This reduces damage from shot hole fungus next year.



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Next General Meeting

October 18, 2016
10am - noon, San Andreas Library
Potluck: bring a dish to share!
Speaker: Ellen Zagory,
UC Davis Arboretum
Topic: Arboretum All Stars

Need Help?

Call the Master
Gardener Hotline:

209-754-2880

Next Open Garden

October 22, 2016
10am to 2pm
Topic: Pests in the Orchard

Plant Sale 10am to noon

... To Do List

- At leaf fall, remove compost or destroy all leaves and mummies from apple and pear trees. This will help to prevent the spread of apple scab.
- Add more mulch to planting beds to protect the soil from rain runoff and keep plants warmer in the winter.
- Cut back on watering if the rains have started.
- Clean out your gutters and downspouts: check gutters for leaks.
- Cut back branches of trees that overhang your house and may break during a storm.
- Clean out culverts and ditches to divert runoff from your driveways.



General Meeting 18th October

Speaker: Ellen Zagory of UC Davis Arboretum will discuss the arboretum and water-wise All Star plants. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. The speaker will be at 11am.



Ellen Zagory has worked at the UC Davis Arboretum since 1984 in a number of

horticultural positions from plant propagation to planting design and now serves as a horticulturist, writer and spokesperson for the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden in a broader partnership with grounds maintenance, campus landscape architects and naturalized landscapes staff. This larger organization the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden is working to make the UC Davis Campus landscape a visitor destination and an example of more sustainable landscape plants and practices. A confirmed "plant nerd" Ms Zagory also frequently travels the state lecturing to UCCE Master Gardeners and regional garden clubs about beautiful heat tolerant and low-water use plants.



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Persimmon Harvest



Foodcorps service members Kim Oldham and Lili Jacobs joined Calaveras High School Ag teacher, Kevin Hesser at the demonstration garden recently to help us harvest persimmons.

Many of you know that this was Tony Abel's favorite tree and he would have been so proud of the harvest - over 50 lbs of persimmons!

Kim took 25lbs to dry as snacks for students at Valley Springs Elementary School. The remainder will go to the Senior Center.

Open Garden 22nd October

The UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras County will open the Demonstration Garden on Saturday, October 22 from 10AM – 2PM. Plant sale from 10AM – 12PM. The Demonstration Garden is located at the County Government Center, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas.

Our topic this month "Pests in the Orchard". We will consider how to manage pests without using chemicals that can endanger beneficial insects. Timing and sanitation is vitally important; learn these techniques and more to grow luscious fruit.

The California Backyard Orchard

UC Master Gardener program has an excellent website with a wealth of advice on starting and maintaining a home orchard.



<http://homeorchard.ucanr.edu/>

Volunteer Training Orientation

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) invites adults interested in helping others learn about gardening and to apply to train as a Master Gardener volunteer. UCCE Master Gardener volunteers learn University-based scientific



information and then share that knowledge with the gardening community. Master Gardener volunteers are people of all ages and from all walks of life with a common desire to help others learn about gardening.

Master Gardener membership is open to anyone in Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties. A background check

including fingerprinting is required to become a Master Gardener.

An Orientation has been scheduled for Thursday, October 20, starting at 3:30 pm at the Calaveras County Library located on 1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas, CA

95249. Anyone interested in becoming a Master Gardener should attend the Orientation to learn about the Master Gardener Program and the volunteer requirements.



The training classes for new volunteer candidates begin Thursday, January 19, 2017 and continue weekly through April 27, 2017, from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm each Thursday. There will be additional "hands on training", but that class time is yet to be determined. Classes will be held in Calaveras County. These classes will include over 50 hours of intensive training by University of California personnel and horticulture specialists in various fields. Topics include water management, soils, composting, native plants, fruit production, plant diseases, entomology, Integrated Pest Management, understanding pesticides, and more.

Master Gardener Training 2017 - Calaveras County

Orientation Meeting:

Date: October 20, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Calaveras County Library,
1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas

A fee of \$185 will be charged to cover the cost of all class materials, which includes several reference texts. After successfully completing the training program, certified Master Gardener volunteers agree to fulfill annual volunteer service and continuing education requirements. If there is room in the class, professionals will be accepted, meaning no volunteer time required. The professional rate is \$350.

For more information, contact the UC Calaveras Cooperative Extension office by phone or email. Phone number is (209) 754-6473 and the email address is dlpowell@ucanr.edu. Central Sierra Cooperative Website:

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