

# How Does Your Garden Grow?



## News from UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras County

**July/August 2017**

### From The Editor

This edition of the newsletter celebrates the success of MG Tom Furnanz in a the MG photo competition and highlights the contribution of local scouts to one of our school gardens.

It also features a list of garden tasks for August and gives information about upcoming MG events.

Happy Gardening,  
Odile Morrison  
Newsletter Editor

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## August To Do List

*By Teresa Spence, University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Of Calaveras County*

Many perennials may show signs of being chlorotic (yellowing between the leaf veins). This is an iron deficiency. Give them a dose of chelated iron; make sure the soil is moist and follow the directions on the container and water thoroughly after applying.

Large deep- rooted trees and shrubs may benefit from a deep watering if the summer has been hot and dry as usual. Use a soaker hose, deep root irrigator or a hose turned on low in a basin. Moisten the soil under the drip line to a depth of 12 to 18 inches.

Pick peaches, nectarines and apricots when they pull off the tree easily with a gentle twist. Be sure to dispose of any fallen and rotted fruit to prevent unwanted pests and brown rot from being a problem next season.

Avoid overwatering native plants. Too much water can be deadly for drought tolerant plants if they get root rot.

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### CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Market

Thursday August 10  
4 - 7pm

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### Open Garden August 26

Garden Open from 10am to 1pm  
Discussion Topic at 10.30am:  
'Elements of Healthy Soil'

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### Next General Meeting August 15, 2017

10am - noon  
Home of Louise Leonard, Murphys

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## MG Tom Furnanz Wins UC Master Gardener Photo Contest



Congratulations to Calaveras MG, Tom Furnanz, for winning 1st place in the "Creatures in the Garden Category" of the UC Master Gardeners Photo Contest with his photo "Lily and the Swallowtail".

To read more, see the UC Master Gardener Program Statewide Blog:  
<http://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=24801>

Tom has been entered for the Gardeners Choice contest to be voted on at the 2017 UC Master Gardener Conference that will be held at Long Beach. Good Luck Tom!

## Forest Stewardship Helpline

The Forest Stewardship Helpline is a free service provided by the Northern California Society of American Foresters. The Helpline is staffed by a Registered Professional Forester who will answer questions from any caller concerning forests, forest ecology, forest management and related topics including tree mortality and reforestation. Dr. Richard Harris, former UCCE Statewide Forestry Specialist, staffs the Helpline. It is funded by a grant from the U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry. Dr. Harris encourages Master Gardeners to utilize the Helpline for your their own needs or to refer people to the Helpline as appropriate. Phone: 1-800-738-TREE.



To find out more about the Forest Stewardship Program, including to subscribe to the free newsletter, visit <http://calfire.ca.gov/foreststeward/index>

## Open Garden August 26

The Demonstration Garden will open on Saturday August 26 from 10AM – 1PM. **No Plant Sale this month.**

Your plants are only as healthy as the soil they grow in. A healthy soil is alive with microorganisms, invertebrates and fungi. Join the discussion on the role of composting, mulching and soil biology: 10:30 at the Learning Center inside the Demo Garden.

**Next Open Garden:** September 23rd, 10am to 1pm.

## Master Gardener Re-certification

Thanks to everyone who completed the annual recertification process for 2017. 69 Master Gardeners have recertified and most of them contributed many times the number of required hours.

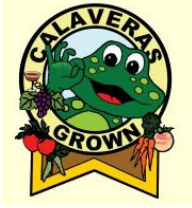
## More Stepladders Please!



The stepladder project at the garden has been a great success, with several watermelon happily ensconced on the treads of 2 donated ladders. Several school gardeners are eager to try this at their school sites. If you have old stepladders to donate, please email [odmo@comcast.net](mailto:odmo@comcast.net).

## CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Market, August 10

UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras County is hosting a third season of the CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Markets at the demonstration garden in San Andreas. The market is the third Thursday of the month from May to September. The last 2 markets of the season are August 10 and September 14.



### Vendors

- Kriletich Family Farms
- Cave City Vineyards
- Murphys Mustards
- Wild Geese Garden Herbs
- Mangini Olive Oil
- Calaveras High School Farm
- Gold Country Roasters
- Mountain Ranch Natural Products

This free, fun evening event features members of the Calaveras band 'Vintage Vibrations' played jazz, swing and Dixieland. There will be a free kids activity in the Children's Garden.

The market offers a wide variety of products from local farms right here in Calaveras County. Food that has traveled fewer miles is fresher, more nutritious and has greater flavor. Come to our market for the best produce in town and show your support for local farmers.

If you would like to volunteer for this event or for more information, please contact the Market Manager, Odile Morrison (209) 256-6506 [odmo@comcast.net](mailto:odmo@comcast.net).

### To Do List continued

Check tomato plants for caterpillars; look for "frass"(droppings) during the daytime, then in the late evening, use a flashlight to locate the caterpillar and dispose of it in a bucket of water.

Continuing to pick summer vegetables such as squash, eggplant, tomatoes and melons on a regular basis encourages the plant to be more productive. Remove plants that have finished producing, and if they were healthy, place them in the compost.

## Scout Troup 355 Workday at San Andreas Elementary School



LDS Scout Troop 355, led by scout Andrew Cragun, recently carried out improvements at San Andreas Elementary School garden. They built 2 new garden beds, installed a shaded area and relocated the compost bins and outdoor sink, as well as moving several large posts to create a more striking entrance to the site. All this in one morning!

Master Gardener Maggi Blood and UCCE Nutrition Educator Katie Hammack are looking forward to continuing garden education classes in this wonderful space.

The project was funded by a grant from Calaveras Education Foundation. If you would like to volunteer to help at San Andreas Elementary school garden, please contact Maggi Blood.

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