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How many
MGs have this
sign posted in
their yards?



GARDEN VIEWS



Join Us at the Green Faire!

By Dona Jenkins, Master Gardener

The Green Faire is an annual event held at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center (JMDC). The event features a Succulent and Cacti Show, with amazing entries from some of the best local succulent and cacti gardeners. There are also a variety of vendors selling their wares. The Master Gardeners are there every year with the “Ask the Master Gardener” table. However, this year we will be participating in a much larger way. Here are the activities we will be doing:

Tours of the Master Gardener Water-Wise Garden

If you haven't visited this garden, it is a must see. Our Master Gardeners have done a wonderful job planting, maintaining and nurturing the garden. We will have Master Gardener docents who will be helping with the tours. Great volunteer opportunity.

“Ask the Master Gardener” Table

Always a fun volunteer opportunity. Help Green Faire attendees with their gardening questions. Talk with your Master Gardener friends all about gardening. We learn a lot from other Master Gardeners.

Selling the Master Gardener Nursery Plants

This year we will be offering a wide variety of plants straight from our nursery on the JMDC property. We are excited about our sales which will include: herbs, flowering plants, plants from the Water-Wise Garden, container gardens and even some apple trees.

And, of course, *Workshops!*

“Plant Propagation” (Saturday at 11am). Our plant propagation guru, Jonathan Simper-Turney, will be offering this workshop. Jonathan has a wealth of knowledge and this workshop will be very informative. Don't miss it!

“Edible Container Gardening” (Saturday at 1pm). This workshop will feature Christine Lampe. Christine will be teaching us everything we need to know to start our own edible container garden. Edible container gardening boosts the functionality of the plants you choose.

“Planting Fruit Trees” (Sunday at 11am). Learn how to plant a fruit tree with tips and methods from Jonathan. There might even be some apple trees left at the sale to start your own grove.

“Beneficial Bugs” (Kids Workshop; Sunday at 1pm). Rosemary Ashcraft will be our bug expert. This will be a lively (keep those kids' attention) and fun workshop. Rosemary has hands-on activities planned that will make kids laugh and also learn.

We hope you are able to either volunteer at the Green Faire or just come out to have a relaxing day viewing the succulent/cacti show, visit vendors, buy some Master Gardener plants, take a tour of our Water-Wise Garden or take in a workshop. Here are the specifics:

**Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center (JMDC)
7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside, CA 92509
Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18
9am to 5pm both days**

What counts as Volunteer Hours?

By Lucy Heyming, Chair Riverside County Master Gardeners

I often get questions regarding what activities count as volunteer hours. As Master Gardeners we are required to put in 25 volunteer hours each year (from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next). Master Gardeners in Training are required to put in 50 hours (from October 1 of the year they begin the program until September 30 of the following year). Twenty-four of the hours are specific to certain projects: 6 hours at the Master Gardener Grow Lab, 6 hours on the Hotline, 6 hours at an Information Table and 6 hours between the Master Gardener Propagation/Test Gardens at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center (JMDC) and Western Municipal Water District garden or committee (WMWD). The balance of the hours can be at these or any other activity sponsored by the Master Gardener Program (often posted as "Volunteer Opportunities" on VMS).

But there are some other ways of getting hours that you may not have thought of.

Providing horticultural information at plant clinics, talks, demonstrations, and garden shows.

Helping with tree planting activities at community plantings.

Being a docent at or judging garden shows.

Radio and TV appearances where the content follows University of California recommendations as a representative of the Master Gardener Program.

Writing newspaper articles, newsletters (including *Garden Views*) or preparing leaflets (you may use your Master Gardener title and count time towards volunteer hours for newspaper and magazine articles only if they are proofed by a Cooperative Extension professional and follow University of California recommendations). Your Master Gardener title must be used in the article or as a byline to receive volunteer credit.

Any time spent in organizing research, planning and preparation and/or presenting a talk, a clinic, a leaflet or other Master Gardener project or event, including social functions such as the graduation and holiday parties.

Preparing art work – posters, flyers, or displays that benefit the Master Gardener program or the Cooperative Extension.

Time spent on a committee or working on an approved project or in acting as a project leader or officer on the Master Gardener Advisory Board.

Picking up and delivering MG program materials for a talk, clinic or other Master Gardener function.

Consulting for or organizing a community, youth or school garden – but not the physical work required to keep the garden going once organized.

Activities in support of the UCR Botanic Gardens, the UCR Palm Desert Gardens, Heritage Gardens and any approved project. For example: attending the Basic Docent Training and the Advanced Docent Training for the WMWD garden are counted as volunteer hours (but the Advanced Docent Training is counted as Continuing Education Hours).

There are some activities that are NOT counted as Volunteer hours:

Veteran Master Gardener meetings – however, each meeting counts 2 hours towards the 12 hours continuing education requirement.

Travel time to and from volunteer activities, unless the travel was the actual job, i.e. picking up clinic/information table materials or other property of the University of California

Consultations with neighbors, co-workers, friends, fellow community gardeners, or other individuals may only account for 10% of the annual minimum volunteer requirement (5 hours for new Master Gardener Trainees, 2 ½ hours for Veteran Master Gardeners annually).

Physical labor for a community garden, home garden, youth/school garden or community group may not be counted unless it is being done to teach others. An occasional work party for a special event such as an Arbor Day planting or to help get a project started may be counted. Remember, however, we are educators – not a source of free labor to other agencies or community groups. (NOTE: Grow Lab hours are approved).

Any activity for which you charge a fee.

You can always review these guidelines on VMS under "Documents/Presentations." Please ask the Volunteer Services Coordinator if you have any questions of whether or not a project is approved and can be counted as Volunteer Hours. And, please make sure that you post them on VMS!

Honor a Bee, Always

By Pat Robertson, Master Gardener



Earlier this year I pruned my rose bushes. I stopped for a moment and became fascinated by a bunch of bees that were drinking in my bird bath basin. The basin had just a little bit of water in it. I noticed that some bees seemed to want to “be together” side by side.

Other solo bees ducked their “toes” into the side of the bird bath - like kids dunking a toe in a lake - before they jumped in. Testing the waters, so to speak.

I was mesmerized, and began to think about how little I knew about bee life. Our Master Gardener Newsletter has done many articles about bees’ roles in agriculture and botany, but WHAT IS A BEE AND IS HE/SHE HAPPY? Why do so many book titles include the word “bee”, like “The Bee Keeper”, “Little Bee,” and on and on.

A couple of years ago I was stung by a bee, but it was my fault. I was walking on the lawn in my slippers and stepped on him. “So sorry,” I said, but he protected himself by giving me a sting. Wow, it hurt and my foot swelled and I went to the doctor and got Benadryl and cursed this little son of a bee over and over. But, I got over it.

In my yard I honor bees. They don’t bother me and are really amusing. But what do bees THINK? I know there is a phrase about a *pea brain*, *bird brain*, but what is a *BEE BRAIN*? Bees get so much grief from certain humans like, “Those gall dang bees.” “Bees were everywhere on our picnic table.”

But on the other hand, there are those other special folk: Almond growers, “Those dang bees aren’t here. I need them.” and Bee keepers, “They are sleeping and all is well.”



***Bees are good, and, as Master Gardeners, you know that.
Honor them!!!***



Nursery Open House

By Donna Jenkins, Master Gardener

The Master Gardener Nursery at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center (JMDC) held an Open House on March 30. Jonathan Simper-Turney provided a tour of the nursery along with a conversation about “what we do” at the nursery. Jonathan and Dona Jenkins told visitors about the goals at the nursery and how the goals relate to our presence at JMDC. Many of the nursery plants were in need of transplanting, dividing and organizing.

We received a great response in April from Master Gardeners who volunteered to help with these tasks. We are quickly completing grooming and growing plants for our Green Faire sale.

All Master Gardeners are welcome to check out the nursery. It does help us to know when you will be there for a visit.



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Garden View

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Moving?

When you change your address, phone number or email please make the changes to your page in the VMS too. Also contact Stephanie Pocock, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 951.683.6491 x 230 or sapocock@ucanr.edu. She will make sure the information gets changed on the membership roster so you will not miss out on newsletters and emails. Thanks!

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**Stephanie's
Corner**

I had the opportunity to attend two very different events recently and both had much to offer.

The first was the Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Conference. On the first day there was a sand storm!! The next day featured the Global Food System Forum. The morning panel discussed international food systems and the afternoon one focused on what we can do in California to be sure that not only is our food supply safe, but that we find ways to combat hunger. The video of the program website is: food2025.ucanr.edu/webcast. You can read and/or add to the ongoing blog on twitter: use the hashtag #Food2025 and/or on the conference blog: <http://food2025.ucanr.edu/Blog/>. There is much food for thought (pardon the unintentional pun); we really can do something as the UCCE Riverside County, Master Gardener Program, but what?

Please read the blogs, and take a look at the video, we can make a difference.

The next event was Citrus Day at the UCR. The weather stayed cool but made for a nice morning of sampling lots of citrus in the groves. There was a short break with coffee, muffins and water available. Afterward we looked at the trees for signs of pests and root rot caused by phytophthora. We were shown what affected roots look like, brown and peeling. We were shown a pruning demonstration. Quite a few people in my group were small growers and all seemed to pay close attention to the pruning. There was a talk about Asian citrus psyllid and the disease HLB (Huanglongbing). I was surprised to see how little was known about both the psyllid and the potential disease it can carry.

Having the bigger growers and smaller growers on separate days made the event flow better. I suggest you try to sign up for Citrus Day next year to see what new topics they share.

Thank you for all the hours you worked on the UCRBG plant sale and for all the hours you've spent doing all of the other things on the VMS calendar, you really do make a difference.

Stephanie

MASTER GARDENER EVENTS CALENDAR

V = Volunteer Hours

CE = Continuing Education Hours; CEmg=Master Gardeners ONLY

SE = Social Event

2013 MAY			
1	WMWD Garden Planting Workday, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, 92508	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	V
4	Garden Friendly Sale. Home Depot, 12255 Pigeon Pass Rd., Moreno Valley. Information Table.	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	V
4	Free Backyard Composting Workshop, Stratton Center @ Bordwell Park, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd., Riverside	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CE
4	Palm Springs Farmers Market, Information Table. 2300 Baristo Rd., Palm Springs	7:30 am - 12:30 pm	V
4	JMDC Container Gardens Preparation for Green Faire. Sessions include 9-10 am or 10-11 am or 11-12 noon.	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	V
5	Master Gardener McCabe Home Rose Garden Tour, 1492 Tourquoise Dr., Corona, 92582	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	CE
8	Heritage House Garden Workday, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 92504	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	V
9	Veteran's Meeting. Topic: TBA	6:30 pm - 8:45 pm	CE
10	Riverside Training Class, WMWD. "Woody Landscape Plants"	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	CE
11	Free Backyard Composting Workshop, City of Murrieta Public Library, Eight Town Square, Murrieta.	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	CE
11	Free WMWD Workshop. "Herb Gardening", 450 E Alessandro Blvd, Riverside, 92508	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	CE
11	Palm Springs Farmers Market, Information Table, 2300 Baristo Rd., Palm Springs	7:30 am - 12:30 pm	V
11	Green Faire Docent Training, JMDC, 7621 Granite Hill Rd.	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	V
11	Free WMWD Workshop. "Heirloom Seeds", 450 E Alessandro Blvd, Riverside, 92508	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	CE
14	UCR Botanic Garden Volunteer Orientation, UCR Garden	9:00 am - 11:00 am	V
15	Advisory Board Meeting, UC Cooperative Ext. Office	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	V
17	JMDC Green Faire, 7621 Granite Hill Rd., Riverside, 92509	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	V
18	JMDC Green Faire, 7621 Granite Hill Rd., Riverside, 92509	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	V
18	IE Garden Friendly Sale, Home Depot, 3323 Madison St., Riverside, 92504. Info Table.	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	V
18	Heritage House Garden Workday, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 92504	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	V
19	UCRBG 15th Annual Primavera in the Gardens. Fee per person. Check VMS.	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	SE
22	Heritage House Garden Workday, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 92504	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	V
23	Lunch n' Learn. WMWD. Topic: TBA	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	CE
24	Riverside Training Class. WMWD. "Avocados & Subtropical Plants"	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	CE

May Birthdays



Christine Furlong
Debbie Harrison
Diane Mathis-King
Dona Jenkins
Duke Peterson
Faun Jefferson
Jeff Helton
Jeri Kuoppamaki

Jerry Paumier
Karen Fleisher
Marilyn Morris
Nick Heyming
Peter Stocks
Richard Crohn
Sally Beaty
Sandy Millar
Susan Cadiz



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2013 JUNE			
1	Corona Antique/Collectables Faire, Information Table. Corona Heritage Park, 510 W. Foothill Blvd., Corona	8:00 am - 11:30 am; 11:15 am - 2:15 pm	V
1	Inland Empire Garden Friendly Sale, Home Depot, Perris, 3150 Case Road, Bldg. P, Perris. Information Table.	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	V
1	Backyard Composting, Lee Lake Water District, 22646 Temescal Canyon Rd., 92883	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	CE
7	Riverside MG Class. FINAL EXAM DAY.	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	CE
8	Backyard Composting, Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 92549	10:00 am - 12:00noon	CE
8	WMWD Free Workshop, "Replacing Your Lawn", 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, 92508	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	CE
8	Master Gardener Home Tour. TBA	10:30 am - 2:00 pm	CE
12	Heritage House Garden Workday, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 92504	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	V
13	MG Veterans Meeting, WMWD, 14205 Meridian Parkway, Riverside. TBA	6:30 pm - 8:45 pm	CE
15	Backyard Composting-Moreno Valley. 14310 Frederick St., Moreno Valley, 92553	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	CE
15	Lavender Festival, Highland Springs Resort. Information Table	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	V
16	Lavender Festival, Highland Springs Resort. Information Table	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	V
22	Lavender Festival, Highland Springs Resort. Information Table	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	V
23	Lavender Festival, Highland Springs Resort. Information Table	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	V
26	Heritage House Garden Workday, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 92504	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	V
27	Lunch 'N Learn, WMWD. TBA	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	V



Weeding at the Master Gardener Water-Efficient Garden at JMDC

By Karen Fleisher and Dona Jenkins, Master Gardeners

On Wednesday, March 26, and Saturday, March 30, from 9-12, Master Gardener trainees helped weed and prune the demonstration garden at JMDC which includes salvias, acacias, penstemons and abutilons. With the winter and spring rains nearly over, the plants in the garden were blooming beautifully as were the many varieties of weeds present in the very natural and rural area of JMDC. However, it did not take long for the crew of dedicated "weeders" including MG trainees Paul Martin, David Peel, Gail Sarver, Cindy Beck, Karen Bradford, Susan Cadiz, Cathy Konyn and Tray Pitruzello, along with Cindy Peterson and Karen Fleisher, to have the garden looking beautiful and ready for tours of the garden at the Green Faire on May 18 at JMDC.



Cooking Corner

Submitted by

Lilac Petit Fours

Contributed by Master Gardener Trainees: Gloria O'Hair, Becky McGuire, and Kali Smith

Ingredients for **Almond Pound Cake (Pain de Gênes)**

1/2 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
A pinch of salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup sugar
Icing sugar, for rolling

1 cup ground almonds
2 tablespoons amaretto liqueur
4 eggs
1 package 200 g almond paste

Lilac Icing Glaze

6 cups icing sugar
1/2 cup milk, approximately

6 drops red food coloring, approximately
4 drops blue food coloring

Preparation Almond Pound Cake

With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 180 °C (350 °F). Line a 20-cm (8-inch) square pan with parchment paper, letting the paper hang over two sides. Butter the other two sides. In a bowl, combine the flour and salt. Set aside.

In another bowl, cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer. Add the ground almonds and amaretto and stir to blend. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating until smooth. On low speed, add the dry ingredients. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for about 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Let cool. Unmold onto a wire rack and let cool completely.

On a work surface dusted with icing sugar, roll the almond paste into a square about 1-cm (1/2-inch) larger than the cake. With a brush, remove any excess sugar. Cover the top of the cooled cake with the almond paste.

With a sharp knife, cut around the cake to even out the almond paste. Cut the cake into 16 squares.

Place on a wire rack over a baking sheet.

Lilac Icing Glaze

In a bowl, combine all the ingredients with an electric mixer until smooth. Add water, if needed. The mixture should be runny, but thick enough to leave an opaque layer on the cake. Correct the color by adding food coloring, as needed.

With your fingers, hold a cake on its top and bottom sides. With a spoon, drizzle the glaze on the sides of each cake to coat. Place the cakes on the rack and cover the top of the cakes with glaze. Place a few crystallized lilac flowers or dried sprigs of lavender on the petits fours. Let stand for about 30 minutes.



Recipe and picture from

ricardocuisine.com

Louis Rubidoux Nature Center Butterfly Festival By Lynn Bailey, Master Gardener



The Butterfly Festival is an annual event held at the Louis Rubidoux Nature Center in the Jurupa Valley area of Riverside County. This event is one that considers the Master Gardener information table an important component to offer the community. Park employees provide us with the best setting (in the shade and near the butterfly tents) which provides a steady stream of visitors to the information table. Visitors to the table include people interested in attracting butterflies to their yard, as well as local and state park employees who collect information to improve their knowledge.

Through referrals to additional community activities, including the UCR Botanic Garden plant sale and events at the Western Municipal Water District, other garden related activities are promoted. This friendly event is a great way for Master Gardeners to develop confidence interacting with the public. If you are thinking about trying a Master Gardener volunteer shift at an information table, I recommend this one. See you next year!

BELOW: Young visitor attracts butterflies with a slice of orange



MGs caught researching for the Jurupa Nature Center Information Table—Butterfly Festival, April 6, 2013
Left to right: Master Gardeners Rebecca Kallinger, Cecelia McGrath, Adriana Gomez (MG in training)



The Rose Garden of long-time Master Gardener Eula Moore will be one of the gardens on tour during the Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC) Annual Spring Garden Tour, May 4, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Presale tickets are \$15; tickets purchased on day of event are \$20. All proceeds benefit the Child Abuse & Neglect Unit of RCRMC. For more information call 951-486-4213.

Lost Items ...

A laundry basket was left after the soup and bread social.
Please call if you are missing a laundry basket.

Also Board members: a white and blue plate was left after the April 17th meeting.
Owners please call me at 951-924-1095 or e-mail me. haffter@verizon.net



MGs set up for the UC Botanic Garden Spring Sale held in April

WANTED:
Looking for one or two special people
An Open Invitation from Garden Views Editor to Join the Advisory Board

May and June is the time that Master Gardener volunteers (MGs) are recruited for the many board positions needed to keep our program running smoothly and looking professional. The skills and talents of our MGs are boundless and that is a BIG KUDOS to the quality program we offer.

As Editor of the Garden Views Newsletter I want to offer an invitation. If you like to 1) write and / or edit, 2) to plan and direct projects, 3) organize and flex your creative muscle, and 4) enjoy a variety of gardening topics, I have the perfect volunteer position for you: **Editor of the Garden Views Newsletter**. As Editor you will be responsible for creating 9 newsletters between July 1 and June 30, including collecting, formatting, editing, printing, and mailing out the newsletter.

I won't say it is easy – but it is definitely a privilege to work with such caring and skilled people as our Riverside County Master Gardeners. I have learned so much as the current Editor and definitely have a greater appreciation of the boundless energy of all our members. Being Editor means I am exposed to a diversity of informational tidbits to share with all our members; I am able to collect pictures of historic events and commemorate daily activities; I get to take pictures wherever I go, I meet new MGs all the time – my friendship pool grows daily; and, as Newsletter Editor, I am an active contributor to one of the best volunteer programs ever!

I have been current Newsletter Editor for two years and it is time to step aside and see others grow and bloom in the position (pun intended). I have implemented a solid set of processes to share with my replacement (s) and I offer my expertise and mentoring to help smooth the transition process during the first few months if asked. If two people would like to be Co-Editors that would be cool – spreading the work load is always good, but it can be a pleasant one-person job as well.

Anyone interested in the position should contact myself: Janet Hough or Lucy Heyming, Advisory Board Chair. We are in VMS and are at a lot of events, so just stop us and ask about joining the Advisory Board as Newsletter Editor.

Garden Views



Veteran MG Classes:

Evenings: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm, WMWD
May 9, 2013 Topic TBA

Lunch n' Learn: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, WMWD
May 23, 2013 Topic TBA

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