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Announcements

- Master Gardener Open Garden Day
Saturday, July 9, 10:00-1:00 p.m. 251
S. Barretta St., Sonora. “Kid’s Day in
the Garden” and drip irrigation.
- Master Gardener Board Meeting,
Monday, July 11, 1:00 p.m. UCCE Office
- Master Gardener General Meeting,
Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 p.m. Tuolumne
County Senior Center, 540 Greenley
Road, Sonora. Education Topic: Dirt
the Movie
- Master Gardener Schools Meeting,
Tuesday, July 12, 5:00 p.m. Tuolumne
County Senior Center, 540 Greenley
Road, Sonora.

President’s Message

Step Up!

Howwwwwdy! I missed the last General Meeting and now serve as your 2011-2012 President. I do so under the motto: Many hands make light work. I stand up to fill a void I saw and hope each one of you finds some way to fill a spot where there is a need. We all have gifts and put together become a great thing. Maybe it’s something you find easy to do. Maybe it’s something a bit risky. That sums up how I feel....freaked out a bit. I am comfortable in the background and decided to break out. We’ve got a good thing going in this MG Program and let’s get to work!

On this vein, we’ve looking for one person or 2 to 3 people to handle publicity, as Carolee James has stepped down from this position.

Remember: We’re better off when you’re there.

When you read this, we will have so much to talk about. The Tour will be over and summer will be in full swing. Looking forward to working with you.

Julie

Info Booth

Real Questions from the Info Booth

(Courtesy of your bloomin' idiots)

Q: When is the best time to put up bat exclusions for your house? I have one in my attic.

A: According to "Bats Northwest", excluding bats from your home is not difficult. They can be excluded from your dwelling by following these recommendations:

1. Do not perform exclusions until late August after the pups have been weaned and are able to leave the roost on their own. You don't want to seal young animals inside a structure where they would die and lead to further health problems for you.
2. Identify the entries the bats are using. Find them by looking for stained places on the sides of your house and watching in the evening for the bats to emerge. If there are many entries to the same roost, seal all but one.
3. During the day while the bats are asleep in their roosts, create a one-way flap-valve by positioning netting (1/4" mesh or less) hanging loosely in front of the exit. Tape or tack the top and sides, but leave the bottom open with the netting hanging loosely down a foot below the entry. The bats will be able to leave, but not re-enter.
4. When the bats emerge, they will meet the netting and start climbing around trying to find a way out. Soon they will get out the bottom and go off to eat. But they are not clever enough to get back in the same way in the morning. You have created a "one-way" door.
5. Leave the netting up for 2-3 nights to make sure all the bats are out.

7. If you prefer, you can wait until late autumn and seal the entries without the one-way flap because the bats will have left for their hibernation sites.
8. Think about providing an alternate home for these bats. Bat houses mounted close to the old entry are usually used quickly.

Sharon Dunbar

New Blood!

Past president Toots Van Ruiten has handed over her gavel (I mean whistle) to Julie Segerstrom, our new president. Thank you, Julie, for "stepping up"!

Margaret Klein is our new vice president.

Martha Stolp is our new secretary.

Fran Steen will continue as our treasurer.

Becky Chimenti will be doing the Master Gardener E-News starting in July.

We will need a new Sunshine person beginning in July. Could you volunteer?

We need a person or a 2-to-3 person committee to do publicity for all the MG events. Carolee will be happy to discuss the publicity responsibilities with you if you wish to volunteer. All it takes is someone with computer savvy. There is virtually little to no writing skills involved, just time to send out emails to the different media. (if interested call Debbie P)

Alexis Halstead has agreed to schedule our programs for the general meeting.

Stella Sauls and Kristine Grayum continue as newsletter editors.

Thanks to all who volunteer for these positions and for all our projects.

CNPS Native Plant Seminar

Volunteers Needed

On Sat. Sept. 10th, The Sierra Foothills Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will be hosting their 2nd Native Plant Seminar. This all day event will feature Bart O'Brien as Keynote Speaker. Mr. O'Brien is co-author of two great books, "California Native Plants for the Garden", and the new "Reimagining the California Lawn". The Chapter is seeking volunteers to help with registration, refreshments (breaks & lunch) and staffing the membership and book tables. As a volunteer your registration fee will be discounted to \$15.00. (Fee to the general public is \$35.00). Registration fee includes snacks and lunch.

If you would like to attend the seminar as a volunteer, please contact Carolee James at 928-4886 or email cvjames@frontiernet.net.

"Sharing the Knowledge"

There are still copies available of the Master Gardeners' 2nd book. The price of the book is \$25.00; it can be purchased at the UCCE office, The Farmer's Friend in Columbia and Mountain Bookstore at the Junction. It is also available at every Open Garden Day. Don't forget to recommend the book to gardening friends, family and neighbors. It is a great 'all occasion' gift!!

**Next Month's
Newsletter Editor
Stella Sauls
Deadline for
Submissions:
July 15**



Calendar

JULY

- 9-Open Garden Day-10:00 a.m.
(Demo Garden)
- 11-Board Meeting-1:00 p.m.
(UCCE Office)
- 12-School Garden Meeting-5:00 p.m.
(Senior Center)
- 12-General Meeting-6:00 p.m.
(Senior Center)
- 14-Team Leader Meeting-9:00 a.m.
(Dem Garden)

AUGUST

- 1-Board Meeting-1:00 p.m.
(UCCE Office)
- 2-School Garden Meeting-5:00 p.m.
(Senior Center)
- 2-General Meeting-6:00 p.m.
(Senior Center)
- 6-Open Garden Day-10:00 a.m.
(Demo Garden)
- 11-Team Leader Meeting-9:00 a.m.
(Demo Garden)

SEPTEMBER

- 8-Team Leader Meeting-9:00 a.m.
(Demo Garden)
- 10-CNPS Native Plant Seminar-9 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Fairgrounds)
- 10-Open Garden Day-10:00 a.m.
(Demo Garden)
- 12-Board Meeting-1:00 p.m.
(UCCE Office)

Coordinator's Corner

Fabulous, Wonderful, Inspiring, Enchanting, I can't begin to describe the 16th Annual Garden Tour. It is truly a wonderful experience. I had the great opportunity to visit the gardens in the morning of the garden tour. All the gardens were incredible! All the Master Gardeners make this event so much fun and convey such useful information that I can clearly understand how this event has become so successful. Becky shared an experience from the Demonstration Garden that was remarkable. The person that won the silent auction bid, (at the MG State Conference) did attend the Garden Tour. She came because two Garden Tour tickets were included in the winning basket. She told Becky that she and her Mother were having a wonderful time. They had driven all the way from Santa Clara and had spent the night in Columbia. Master Gardeners will go to the ends of the earth to see wonderful gardens.

Thank you to all the Master Gardeners that volunteered for this event! Big Thanks to Lori Daniels and Stella Sauls for the wonderful job of chairing this event. They made it look so easy! It turns out that Lori and Stella have chaired the event for two years and are retiring from chairing the garden tour. We need new chairpersons for this event. They wanted to let the new chairpersons know that they will be available for advice and consultation. This could be a wonderful opportunity, sooooo.....think about it.

July is the month for recertification. The next time you visit the VMS website to post hours, a warning message will pop up that you need to recertify. Please click the link, read the agreement forms and click to sign electronically. It sounds pretty simple. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to email me or call. A voluntary \$25.00 recertification fee is still in effect. Anyone wishing to participate, please mail a check payable to University of California to the UCCE office at 2 South Green St., Sonoma, CA 95370. This certification fee is based on the model of other large, successful Master Gardener Programs that charge an annual membership. These funds will be set aside to help cover administrative costs for the program. Thank you for your participation, it is really appreciated!

I do want to thank you for your volunteering in the Tuolumne Master Gardener Program. This program touches so many people in Tuolumne County and in so many ways. Weekly articles, the "Sharing the Knowledge" book, school programs and gardens, recycling Styrofoam, Demonstration Garden with all the wonderful presentations, Farmers Market Information Booth, Information Booths at Osh, Lowes, Wal-Mart, and Andy's, the Master Gardener Hotline and Help Desk, Home and Garden Show Booth, Fairgrounds Triangle, Collaborative Gardens which includes the wonderful garden at Union Hill, all the publicity to get the message out, Facebook page, and last but not least the Garden Tour. Wheeewwww.....all this adds up for only one year 3,928.8 hours which translates into \$86,433.60 worth of volunteering time (I used the standard \$22.00 per hour for California). **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

I wanted to give you a heads up regarding my schedule for July. The UCCE office in Calaveras office is moving to another location. The big move is scheduled for next week, the week after 4th of July. I will be in Calaveras for most of that week. Even though we are moving, I am accessible by email and phone. I am planning to be at the Demonstration Garden on July 9th for Kid's Day. The following week, July 11, I have vacation scheduled. Becky Miller-Cripps will open up the Senior Center for the General Meeting scheduled for July 12. I am so sorry that I won't be able to attend the Board meeting or the General Meeting. I will return to work the week of July 18th. Hopefully this won't cause any major inconveniences. My email is dlpowell@ucdavis.edu and the best phone number to use is 209-754-6473.

Happy Gardening! See you at Open Garden Day! Debbie Powell