



UC MASTER GARDENERS OF BUTTE COUNTY

SPRING 2018 WORKSHOPS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Register at our website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops>

FEBRUARY

Seed Starting

Thurs. Feb. 8 • 10-11:30 AM

Demonstration Garden, Pat's Barn if bad weather

Now is the time to get ready for your spring garden. Join our first spring workshop to learn about starting and transplanting tomato and pepper seeds, and nurturing them through the season until it's time to put them in the ground. (Limited to 25 participants.)

Planting Bare Root Fruit Trees **NEW**

Sat. Feb. 17 • 10-11:30 AM

Private residence in Paradise

Buying and planting bare root fruit trees makes economic and environmental sense. According to Cornell University, a bare-root tree contains 200 percent more roots than the same tree sold in a pot or wrapped in burlap. At this workshop, you will learn the best methods for selecting, purchasing, storing, planting, and nurturing your bare root tree. (Limited to 10 participants.)

Compost and Compost Bin Building

Wed. Feb. 21 • 12-2 PM

Demonstration Garden

Use leaves, garden waste, and kitchen scraps to create wonderful soil-enriching compost. After we cover the basics of composting, we will help you build a bin to take home with you. There will be a \$30 materials fee, payable by cash or check only, on the day of the event. (Limited to 12 participants.)

Cutting Garden **NEW**

Wed. Feb. 28 • 1-2:30 pm

Private residence in Chico

Grow a blooming garden to bring indoors! This workshop will explore the variety of annuals, perennials, bulbs, flowering shrubs, and greenery you can grow to create arrangements for your home. Learn what varieties can be planted to provide flowers and greens throughout the year. This workshop will be held in Wendy Brown's private garden, which she has planned and planted for blossoms in all seasons. Demonstration bouquets will be on display to provide even more inspiration. (Limited to 15 participants.)

MARCH

Native Plant Walk **NEW**

Wed. Mar. 7 • 10:30 AM-12 PM

Private residence in Chico

Take a Native Plant Walk along Lindo Channel to see what thrives in this riparian zone in Chico. Established 25 years ago by a Butte County Master Gardener, this garden includes trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. Primarily riparian species, these plants provide habitat and food for a large number of birds and native pollinators. An adjacent garden also demonstrates how natives can be combined with other plants to create mini-landscapes. Lupines, redbud, and poppies will be blooming on the channel bank, as well as daffodils, hellebores, and irises (among others) in the garden. (Limited to 15 participants.)

Raising Backyard Chickens **NEW**

Sat. Mar. 10 • 10:30 AM-12 PM

Demonstration Garden and visit the Patrick Ranch Chicken Flock

Chickens not only give you incredible edible eggs fresh from the backyard, they also provide pesticide-free bug control, and contribute

important nitrogen to your compost pile. Learn how to select, raise, and care for chickens in your yard. This workshop includes code regulations that govern raising chickens within and outside of city limits in Butte County. (Limited to 30 participants.)



ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS

- *Registration is required* for all workshops.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
- Space is limited at some workshops; please check individual workshop descriptions for details.
- Heavy rain cancels outdoor workshops (unless noted); cancelled workshops will be rescheduled.

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

- *Pat's Barn and the Demonstration Garden:* Patrick Ranch, 10381 Midway, between Chico and Durham
- *Private Residences:* registered participants will receive an address via email one week before the workshop.

QUESTIONS?

Need to cancel? Want to get on a Workshop Waiting List? Please email us at anrmgbutte@ucanr.edu.

Bees

Thurs. Mar. 22 ▪ 10–11:30 AM
Private residence in Paradise

This workshop focuses on two native bee species: the Bumble bee and the Orchard Mason bee. The Bumble bee is found across the nation, and its endearing awkwardness is what makes it such a prolific pollinator. The Orchard Mason bee (OMB) is also an incredibly efficient pollinator: six of them can do the work of 360 honey bees in an almond orchard. Learn all about these fascinating creatures and how you can provide room and board for them in your garden. (Limited to 20 participants.)

Myths and Truths about Bats **NEW**

Tues. Mar. 27 ▪ 11 AM–1 PM
Pat's Barn

Bats! Learn everything you always wanted to know about these fascinating creatures from Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, an expert on bat biology. Dr. Mistry teaches in the biology department at Butte College, and his current research is on Acoustic Monitoring of Bat Diversity and Activity in Northern California, and Prehistoric Distribution of Extinct Vampire Bat Species. His great specialty, however, is making science, especially bat science, accessible, enjoyable, and fun.

APRIL

All About Back Yard Fruit Trees

Thurs. Apr. 5 ▪ 10–11:30 AM
Private residence in Paradise

This workshop will be held at the home of a Master Gardener in Paradise. His orchard of over 50 fruit trees is one of the most varied home fruit orchards in our area. Almost all of these trees were planted in the last four years. His orchard is pruned and maintained as a small tree design for a backyard orchard. A new tree will be planted as part of the demonstration, and pruning of the new and old fruit trees will be demonstrated. Fertilizing and pest problems will also be discussed. (Limited to 10 participants.)

Drip Irrigation / WUCOLS **NEW**

Thurs. Apr. 12 ▪ 1–2:30 PM
Pat's Barn

Find out about the many “drip” style irrigation systems available to you. Learn how to

design a drip irrigation system, whether you are starting from scratch or converting an old PVC system to drip. We will demonstrate how to make a drip system operated from a hose bib.

WUCOLS (Water Use Classification of Landscape Plants) is a website which provides evaluations of the irrigation water needs for over 3,500 taxonomic plant groups used in California landscapes. It is based on the observations and extensive field experience of 36 landscape horticulturists and provides guidance in the selection and care of landscape plants relative to their water needs. In this workshop we will demystify this important online water conservation resource, which can help you reduce your water usage.

Propagation

Thurs. Apr. 26 ▪ 9–10:30 AM
Demonstration Garden

Learn the best time to propagate woody perennials and divide plants; how to select and make cuttings; the proper techniques for dividing plants; the best planting mediums to use; and how to plant cuttings and divided plants. You will get to take home several plant starts from cuttings in our Demonstration Garden. Bring your own garden pruners; all other materials will be provided. (Limited to 15 participants.)

MAY

Wild Gardens **NEW**

Thurs. May 3 ▪ 10–11:30 AM
Pat's Barn

This workshop will focus on understanding habitats in the wild, and the native plants that grow there. It will examine some of the most successful native plants for Butte County gardens and then dive into how to garden for enjoyment while at the same time planning and managing for a diversity of wild garden visitors throughout the year. Step by step, learn how to transform urban landscapes into beautiful and more functional and wildlife-friendly ‘wild gardens’.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)—Demystified

Thurs. May 10 ▪ 10–11:30 AM
Pat's Barn

This will be an interactive class on the basics of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM's

focus is to solve your own pest problems while minimizing risks to people and the environment. IPM can be used for all pests in both your landscape and home.

Basic Garden Design

Wed. May 16 ▪ 10–11:30 AM
Pat's Barn

Many gardeners start a garden project by selecting plants, then puzzle over what to do with them when they get home. Sound familiar? In this workshop you will learn the steps that professionals use to develop beautiful, cohesive, lower maintenance planting designs. A Master Gardener trained in Landscape Design will walk you through the steps. Hint: buying the plants is the last step.

Demonstration Garden Pruning of Fruit Trees

Wed. May 23 ▪ 10–11:30 AM
Demonstration Garden

Join us as we conduct the spring pruning of our demonstration orchard. We will continue to show you how to keep those fruit trees the ideal size for your backyard garden. (Limited to 15 participants.)

JUNE

Tour of the Demonstration Garden

NEW
Thurs. June 7

Morning tour: 10–11:30 AM
Afternoon tour: 1:30–3 PM
Demonstration Garden

Take a tour of the Demonstration Garden at Patrick Ranch with its founding visionary, Kay Perkins. In the last few years, this garden has grown from a single plot to nine different gardens, featuring a variety of plants, from succulents to herbs, and edibles to ornamentals. These gardens are not only beautiful but educational—they showcase the Butte County Master Gardener mission of employing sustainable garden practices and feature many drought-tolerant plants which thrive in our climate. Tours will detail the purpose and background of each garden, discuss the process of hardscape installation, and consider how you can create the same functional beauty in your own backyard. (Limited to 15 participants.)