

Ventura County News

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THELMA HANSEN FUND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 2023-2024 THF Competitive Grant Program RFP is live! Visit our [website](#) for RFP details and instructions on submitting full proposals.

Submission and review schedule

Proposals must be received by Friday, February 24, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered for review.

Submit proposals as a single PDF file to: hansencevc@ucanr.edu. All proposals received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Hansen Research Advisory Committee and the HAREC Director.

We expect that successful applicants will be notified of awards by Friday, April 7, 2023. Award start date will be July 1, 2023 or later.

New beginnings for the Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Camarillo

In December 2022, the University of California acquired a 114-acre farm property on the west side of Camarillo to become the new home of the Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Read about the move from Santa Paula to Camarillo in this article by Dr. Annemiek Schilder:

[A New Home for HAREC](#)



Job Opportunity - Production Horticulture Area Advisor Applied Research and Extension Serving Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties

The University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) offers a unique recruitment opportunity for a UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Production Horticulture Area Advisor. The position will be open until filled. Use this link to read the full position description and how to apply: [2383.pdf \(ucanr.edu\)](#).

Good news: roses can be a part of your



water-efficient landscape

[Lorence Oki](#), UC Cooperative Extension environmental horticulture specialist in the UC Davis Department of Plant Sciences, identified rose cultivars that remain aesthetically pleasing with little water. "There are some assumptions that

pretty plants use a lot of water, like roses," Oki said. "Everyone thinks they need a lot of water, but we've found some that don't, and they still look great." Read more: [UC Landscape Plant Irrigation Trials™](#)

Master Gardener Class of 2024

If you love gardening and community service, you may be a candidate for the Master Gardener Program. You must attend one of two information meetings to receive an application. Use this link for information about the program: [2024 Master Gardener Information](#). Use this link to sign up for a meeting: [2024 Information Meetings](#).



All About Fertilizers

Ben Faber, University of California Cooperative Extension Ventura County Advisor, will host "Get Down - Fertilizers," a workshop about how to choose and use fertilizers, and how to read soil and water tables. The workshop is both virtual and in-person and will take place on Wednesday, February 15 from 10 a.m. to

Noon. Use this link to learn how to attend in person or register to attend virtually: [Fertilizer Workshop](#).

Master Gardeners Partner with the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum

Join the Master Gardener Program of Ventura County's open house to celebrate five years of partnership with the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum. The celebration takes place on February 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the museum in Santa Paula. Use this link for information about location and events: [Five Years and Growing](#).



Apply for BIPOC Farmer Micro-Grant Program

Rodale Institute's [BIPOC Farmer Micro-Grant Program](#) is specifically designed to support black, indigenous, and people of color farmers. Grant funding is focused on needs such as tools, equipment, training, consulting, or anything that ensures the farmer's success. Use this link to apply: [BIPOC Farmer Mini-Grant Application: 2023](#)

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