

Ventura County News

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It's Tomato Time!

Join certified Master Gardener Julian Hoyle for a timely talk on tomatoes. Learn about the types, how to plant and transplant, fertilizing, if pruning is necessary, and then finally how to harvest your crop. The talk is being held at the ARC of Ojai on Saturday, April 22, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Use this link to register: [Tomatoes for Home Gardeners](#).



Ventura County Chapter California Women for Agriculture Scholarship

For many years California Women for Agriculture (CWA) has awarded scholarships to help fund the education of promising students planning to pursue careers in agriculture or agriculture-related fields. These scholarships have been awarded to students attending universities, junior colleges, and trade schools. The entire community of Ventura County benefits when we help our young people realize their dreams. Use this link to view requirements and to apply: [CWA Scholarships](#).

Summer Heat is Around the Corner: Have You Checked Your Sprinklers?

Despite the recent drenching storms, spring is the time to test your sprinklers and make adjustments and upgrades that can greatly conserve water. Watch Gerry Spinelli, UCCE production horticulture advisor, test the efficiency and "distribution uniformity" performance of several popular sprinkler nozzles in this video: [What's the most efficient MSMT nozzle?](#)



Aphids, Scales, and Mealybugs, Oh My!

Aphids, certain scales, mealybugs and other insects



can produce "honeydew" that creates a big mess around gardens and landscapes. Learn how to identify, prevent, and control these insects. This webinar will be led by Karey Windbiel-Rojas, UC IPM associate director for urban & community IPM/area

IPM advisor on April 20, from noon to 1 p.m. Register: [Aphids and More](#)



UC Davis Strawberry Breeding Program Field Day - Update on Short Day Cultivar Testing and Releases in Oxnard

UC Davis will present updates on research projects and their most advanced selections for Short Day variety development in the Oxnard District. No registration is required to attend. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Nauman Ranch, 3460 Etting Road, Oxnard 93030. Spanish translation will be provided. For questions contact Glenn Cole, gscole@ucdavis.edu, (530) 308-2135. Photo: Gregory Urquiaga/UC Davis

2022 Fire Season Lesson: Wooden Fences Create Wildfire Pathways Between Homes

As we prepare for wildfire in 2023, we reflect on what we learned from the 2022 fire season. Read UC Cooperative Extension Forestry Advisor Yana Valachovic's findings on factors contributing to home loss in the UC ANR Green Blog: [Green Blog - ANR Blogs](#)



2023 CANERS Student Scholarship Deadline Extended to May 15th

The Plant California Alliance supports careers in horticulture and California's nursery industry through its partnership with the CANERS Foundation for Research and Scholarships. Since 1989 the organization has funded over \$1 million in scholarships for students pursuing careers in horticulture. Use this link for applications for high school and college students: [CANERS Foundation Scholarships](#).



Ventura County Plants to Know and Grow: An Earth Day Weekend Celebration

This two-day event will be held on Earth Day weekend, April 22 and 23, at the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Santa Paula. Admission is free and everyone will have access to the museum and events

such as iNaturalist training, a native plant sale, children's activities, and a live plant display. The museum is located at 926 Railroad Avenue. For more information call 805-525-3100.

Arbor Earth Day Celebration

Arbor Earth Day Celebration returns to Thousand Oaks Community Center Park, 2525 N Moorpark Road, on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 9 a.m. The event will include environmental workshops and presentations, kids' activities, and Ventura County Master Gardeners will host a plant give away. Use this link for more information:

[Arbor Earth Day Thousand Oaks.](#)



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