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Riverside Master Gardeners Return

Welcome to another promising year for the UC Master Gardener Program of Riverside County. Fresh back from an inspiring statewide conference, Veteran Master Gardeners are looking for new ways to fulfill our mission. Grow Lab aficionados have already been hard at work in propagating plants for the UCRBG Fall Plant Sale. Volunteers from our new class of Trainees will be welcome throughout the year, but especially during the sales. Check out Linda Zummo's article on page six.

Thurman Howard is injecting new energy into the Gold Miner's mission: To seek out and find new venues. Information Booths, Speaker Presentations, MG Workshops and Community Garden Planning are some of the volunteer opportunities that the Gold Miners are tasked with finding. Look for Thurman's article on page 10.

We changed our Administrative Guidelines this summer. We now have a West-County Advisory Board (WAB) and a Desert Advisory Board (DAB), both overseen by the Executive Advisory Board (EAB). *But there is only one Garden Views.* ☺

Statewide Master Gardener Conference

The highlight of this summer for Master Gardeners who attended the Statewide Master Gardener Conference in Long Beach. Excellent speakers were featured and educational workshops filled the time sharing the time with friends from Riverside County. It was fun to learn about how other counties in California compare and contrast with our own. Friends and memories were made and will remain. Listed below are all of the Riverside County UC Master Gardeners who were fortunate enough to attend this event. Their dedication helps us all to grow as MG Volunteers.

Betty Balo
Sheila Bellew
Dave Brandtman
Karen Brandtman
Lani Britain
Melanie Brown
Elaine Byrd
Marcille Christian
Debbra Corbin-Euston

Patricia Daniels
Darrilyn Erickson
Karen Fleisher
Linda Freeman
Donald Gerber
Lucy Heyming
Ron Jemmerson
Linda Lane
Debra Lewis

Cheryl Miller
Stephanie Nunimaker
Rosa Olaiz
Pauline Pedigo
Cindy Peterson
Linda Powell
Dolores Purther
June Scales
Richard Shonerd

Sandy Starkey
Jean Texera
Tom Vineski
Yvonne Wilczynski
Glenn Wolf
Lisa Wright
Linda Zummo



Elaine Byrd was honored for being a Master Gardener for over 35 years.





5,000 Hours

5,000 Hours

Bette Lloyd, Santa Clara County
 Nancy Lockwood, Nevada County
 Joanna McClure, San Diego County
 Linda Mizes, Contra Costa County
 Judy Parker, Fresno County
 Pauline Pedigo, Riverside County
 Cindy Peterson, Riverside County
 Ann Platzer, Riverside County



Cindy Peterson, Pauline Pedigo and Ann Platzer were honored for serving over 5000 volunteer hours. Honorees at the conference were treated to a behind the scenes tour of the Disneyland gardens.





Desert MGs Rate Conference as “Top-Notch”

Contributed by Maureen Austin
DAB Public Relations

They were educated, entertained, enlightened, impressed and amazed! And all were glad that they went.

Desert Master Gardeners who attended the MG Conference in Long Beach this summer each gleaned tidbits pertinent to their own interest and style of gardening—and all offered hats’ off to the organizers who provided such diversity in topics and a top-notch event.

Richard Shonerd appreciated that Robert Perry’s class, “Incorporating California Natives into the Landscape,” went beyond the basic “how to go native”, with a deeper look into the whys and philosophy behind a decision to go native.

Glenn Wolf commented that Robert Perry is “always incredible and technical,” and said he had the

opportunity to study under his professorship at Cal Poly about 1990.

Stephanie Nunimaker was awestruck to learn that the team of gardeners at Disneyland must do all of their trimming, planting, pruning and watering in the middle of the night, while wearing headband lights, and that Mickey Mouse’s face flowers at the entrance to Disneyland are reportedly the most photographed flowers in the world!

Ron Jemmerson especially enjoyed the “comedic edge” of the speaker who presented “No Watering Required—Artsy Stuff in the Garden,” which focused on everything from garden walls and gates, to winding paths and whimsical objects.

Patricia Daniells, who has a personal interest in landscape design, found that the “Desert Design”

session offered her some new concepts for consideration.

While all of the Desert MG attendees agreed that the facility, food and organization was “top notch,” they each left the event with a different “key takeaway.”

Stephanie said she really enjoyed meeting other Master Gardeners from across the state. “Everyone was so nice and that we are all in this together meant so much. I am so proud to be a part of it,” Stephanie said. “I am refreshed and ready to start another exciting gardening year and eager to get back to learning and volunteering.”

Richard especially enjoyed the opportunity to talk directly to the Conference presenters, and the availability of resource books for purchase. He did have one downside to share. “It is too bad that this program is only offered every 3 years!”

Glenn is looking forward to a trip to Phoenix and Tucson in November as a follow-up to the Desert Design class he attended.

Patricia appreciated that the lecturers were all informative and presented their material really well.

Desert Chair Honored as “Exemplary Mentor”

Contributed by Maureen Austin
DAB Public Relations

Master Gardeners in the Desert don’t often make a big “to-do” over changes in leadership, but this was an exception.

Joan Kyle-Baerman was recognized for her “exceptional and extended leadership,” and as an “exemplary mentor” at the final Desert Area Committee (DAC) meeting before the summer break.

She had served as training class coordinator, and subsequently as DAC Chair and representative to the Riverside Board for an additional 2 years.

Incoming Chair Ron Jemmerson said his intention in organizing the special surprise ceremony to acknowledge Joan was not to set a precedent for outgoing chairs, but to recognize her truly great leadership.

The biggest lesson she learned is universal. “No matter how much you think you know, it is never enough!”



Photo Caption Desert Master Gardeners, left to right: Melanie Brown, Stephanie Nunimaker, Richard Shoner, Patricia Daniels, Linda Lane.

Other Desert Master Gardeners who attended the Conference include Linda Lane and Melanie Brown.



Grow Lab Report

Contributed by Linda Zummo
Grow Lab Coordinator



Here at the Grow Lab we are looking forward to meeting the members of the new class. It is an exciting time here. We are very busy planting and propagating for the Fall Botanic Garden Plant Sale. We have a wonderful Experimental Garden that

will soon be ready for planting. We have several raised beds and areas that can be planted if the new class members have something they want to try. As long as it is organic, you will see we are game for almost anything.



Anyone with a truck who can help on Friday Oct. 20th with the delivery of our plants from the Grow Lab to the Botanic Garden would be appreciated. Check VMS on that day and sign up. We only have an hour to do the delivery from 7:00 am – 8:00 am at the Gardens. If

you come to the grow lab at 6:15 am I will have coffee and donuts available.

Our planting for the Fall Botanic Garden Plant Sale got underway on Aug 4 and unfortunately the heat has made the plants grow too fast. Some are ready to be planted in the ground and we will have to plant more seeds in order to have the size plant that sells well at the sale. This week we will be planting lettuce seeds. We also have Butternut Squash, Acorn Squash, Beets, Swiss Chard, Cherry Tomatoes, Purple Broccoli, Kale and several flowers that have just been planted that are growing well. The herbs are starting to come up and the Basil is looking great.



Sat. the 16th of September We are going to have what we call **A Plant Sale "Before the Plant Sale"**. Come to the Grow Lab from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and pick out some great plants. Bring cash or check only.

Sat. the 7th of October, we will have another plant sale at the Grow Lab from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Bring cash or check only.

In the near future, we will put 3/8" pea gravel down in the propagation area because some places where we

have been walking on dirt turn to mud after we water the plants.

I will be needing help spreading the gravel. I will send out an email blast when I know when they can deliver the gravel.



In the Experimental Garden (EG), I am going to make arrangements for help from California Baptist University (CBU) who has contacted us to see if we could provide some community service hours for some of their students. I want

to have them level the walkways in the EG so we can bring in mulch for all the walkways in that area. Frank and Lucy Heyming have someone that will deliver the mulch at a reasonable price.

With the new class starting we will begin each Grow Lab day with a 15-30 minute instruction. Topics will include: how to plant; how to transplant and; why to sanitize pots. I will be asking veterans to add to this instruction for 30 minutes or less, to give the new class information about our program before we begin working in the

grow lab. As soon as the trainees begin using VMS we will have a couple of watering classes so they can sign up to help with the watering of our precious plants.



Cindy Peterson planted radishes in two containers on Sat at the Grow Lab and on Monday they were breaking through the soil. We decided to mix 3 difference kinds of radishes and plant them together. During our sale people will be allowed to pick a radish. It will be a surprise which kind they get.

UCCE Riverside County Master Gardeners Present

"Vertical Vegetable Gardening"

Saturday, October 14, At 11 A.M.

Vertical vegetable gardening can be a solution to insufficient space in your yard. You can easily produce the same amount of fresh vegetables without taking up excess space. Learn how easy and fun it is to create a vertical vegetable garden from UCCE Master Gardener, Debbra Corbin-Euston!



"Wildlife Habitat Gardening with California Natives."**November 11, At 11 A.M**

One of our favorite speakers, Ann Platzer, Master Gardener, will be presenting "Wildlife Habitat Gardening with California Natives."

Providing a sustainable habitat for wildlife begins with your plants. When you plant the native plant species that wildlife depends on, you create habitat and begin to restore your local environment. Join us and learn more about transforming your landscape into a wildlife habitat.

Update from the WAB Chair

*Contributed by Betty Balo
Chair West-County Advisory Board*



Hello! I am the new chair of the West County Advisory Board (WCAB).

As I begin, I would like to thank Eben Longfellow and Dave Brandtman for their advice, guidance and friendship. As previous chairs, they have helped the MG program grow and become stronger as an organization.

We have had a few changes over the last several months. The Riverside County MGP has re-organized. An advisory board for the Desert area has been created, which will give better representation to the desert volunteers and their programs. The 2 Advisory Boards, under the Riverside Executive Board, will guide our Riverside County MGP. Rosa Olaiz, our county Volunteer

NEW LOCATION

**WMWD HEADQUARTERS
At 14205 Meridian Parkway
Riverside 92518**



WMWD Headquarters is located just off the 215 Freeway at Alessandro Blvd., on Meridian Parkway, between Alessandro Blvd. and Cactus Ave.

Follow the Master Gardeners on Facebook!

Services Coordinator, will chair the Executive Board. Rosa is the glue that holds the MGP together. She is such a tremendous help to us all.

Another change is new volunteers have stepped up to take on new roles with various committees. So, we will learn together!

Our committees, board members, and all our volunteers, with Rosa and Janet's guidance, will enable us to educate the public with research based information. That is OUR mission.

Our new trainee class in Riverside begins the third week of September. Our speakers are busy preparing their presentations, and our various committees are busy planning events for the public. Looking at VMS, it looks like we have a busy fall schedule.

Our Fall Social and Recognition Party is October 15 at the Heyming's gardens. We will recognize volunteers for their achievements and have the opportunity to meet our new trainees. Please plan on coming! The theme will be Hawaiian, with a pot luck and raffle.

We are going to have fun this year! Please, sign up for events on VMS, get involved and come to the 'Lunch and Learns' and 'Veteran' meetings. We have some wonderful speakers lined up.

Update from the DAB Chair

Contributed by Ron Jemmerson
Chair, Desert Advisory Board

Fall is the Time for Renewal in the Desert Garden and in Our MG Program

This summer has been particularly brutal in the Southern California Desert with temperatures registering as high as 120 degrees, not to mention the high humidity. Plants have really suffered. Although additional watering was provided, I lost several plants that managed to survive last year's horrible summer. Even some cacti could not beat the heat. Clearly, there is a difference between tolerating drought conditions and withstanding consecutive days with extremely high temperatures. Recently, the manager of our local Certified Farmers' Markets asked me, "What's cooking in the garden this summer?" I replied, "Everything, and that's the problem. Gardening in our Desert in the summer is all about keeping plants alive."

Relief is around the corner. This week a yellow finch finally returned to the nyjer seed bird feeder that hangs from my palo verde tree, a sure sign that Fall is on the way. The heat and humidity do continue, but they cannot last forever, right?

Soon the Desert Master Gardeners who fled the heat for cooler climes will return and our projects will once again be in full operation. For sure, we will be inundated with questions about the damage the heat has done to the plants. Indeed, the helpline has already received a number of such inquiries. However, attention will soon turn to the planting season with the increased interest in vegetable gardening that we have observed in the last few years. We have expanded our Master Gardener-led free public classes to different venues, in order to accommodate local interest in edible as well as ornamental gardening. Last year our first class on vegetable gardening attracted over 100 participants. In November, the training class for new Desert Master Gardeners will begin. We benefit greatly from the varied experiences of the many retirees entering the Master Gardener Program. What new and fresh ideas will they offer us this year?

This Fall we will experience a renewal in the Master Gardener Program countywide with the change in governance to two advisory boards (West County and Desert). Already e-blasts have been sent out promoting upcoming events throughout Riverside County. In addition to this newsletter, the e-blasts (sent to Master Gardeners as well as to the public) will bring awareness to Master Gardener activities outside of our own communities. Master Gardeners from both the Desert and West County Advisory Boards have been collaborating to introduce a remote helpline that is showing great promise in providing more effective service to the public. At meetings not yet announced, the Riverside County Executive Advisory Board will be discussing other ways to maintain unity throughout the County. Beyond renewal of our Master Gardener Program, collaboration from both sides of the mountains presents opportunities for growth and camaraderie. Best wishes to all Riverside County Master Gardeners for a fruitful (pun intended) gardening season!



Photo caption: Plants with natural habitats in distinct areas of the County survived and flowered in the extreme Desert heat this summer. Hooker's evening primrose (*Oenothera elata* ssp. *hookeri*, shown in the center below) requires regular watering, while its neighbor, Desert marigold (*Baileya multiradiata*, shown on the right below) is drought tolerant but will thrive with more frequent watering in sandy soil. Both plants are perennial here in the Desert and readily re-seed.

2017-2018 Gold Miners

Contributed by Thurman Howard,
Community Activities & Event Coordinator

We enter this year with innovative optimism, some new concepts, and reinforcing our traditions! Remember this award-winning program started right here in Riverside.

All our Gold Miners are working hard to create a platform so that all of us can comply with our Mission Statement as UCCE Master Gardeners. We need your support! When you see an event on VMS, volunteer and see what we are doing. We can't succeed without you!

2017-2018 Gold Miners

Pass Area

Connie Metler
Sandra Leoni

Hemet

Eben Longfellow

Temecula & Murrieta

Shelly Craig

Meniffee

Sandra Starkey

Moreno Valley & Perris

Kathy Warner

Riverside

Larry Browning
Debora Anderson

Corona & Norco

Cindy Peterson

Lake Elsinore

Thomas Vineski

Mountain Area

Connie Metler
Eben Longfellow

Gold Miner Reports/Updates

a. Riverside

Will be starting up Sears farmers market. We will also check out the new farmers on Lemon in down town Riverside. We will be kicking off the Jurupa farmers market on the 23rd of September.

Deborah Anderson will be coordinating the Jurupa Mountain Discovery Center Sept 23, & Market/Jurupa Health Fair on October 14th.

b. Moreno Valley/Perris

Currently the gold miners are sitting on the advisory council for the City of Perris green city farm.

We are also a full partner and adviser for healthy city and county challenge. We have the Speaker's Bureau and community garden participating. We have asked and now have our Coordinator for Children and School Garden sitting in as a partner.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) will be starting very soon in Perris and Moreno Valley, we are also checking out the farmers market at UCR.

The 2017 Southern California Perris Fair will start on the 30th of September until the 8th of October. We have reached out to surrounding area to help cover all required hours.

c. Corona/Norco

Cindy has been busy helping everyone else getting there are ready and making sure that things are done right on VMS. The Corona farmers market will kick off on the 16th of September. Cindy is also working with Debora Anderson on the TSC Oct 7th event.

d. Hemet/San Jacinto/Meniffee

Hemet will continue with WIC and they are getting ready for TSC on the 7th of October. Eben is reviewing the Hemet farmers market, and San Jacinto. He is also working with Valley Beautiful, Eben feels that this group will work well with the Master Gardeners

e. Pass - Beaumont/Banning

Connie and Sandra are getting ready for the 7th of October Tractor Supply Company (TSC) event. They are also mobilizing a team to help at the Perris fair.

f. South Riverside County

Shelley and her South County crew are gearing up with farmers markets at Promenade farmers market on the 20th of September, and Vail Ranch on the 26th. Her

team will also be getting ready for TSC on the 7th of October.

g. Lake Elsinore

Starting to kick off its first event in a long time in Lake Elsinore on the 7th at TSC. Tom is also considering the Wildomar Garden Club, and the local water district for event leads

h. Menifee

Sandra will be building this area. It has been a very strong support area for the surrounding districts. Sandra will be considering working with the EMWD and will be sitting on the Menifee, community partners board. We have a large event come up on the 28 of October for the city of Menifee.

i. Mountains/Idyllwild

This area will be inactive until late spring early summer

On the 5, we met with Master Gardeners in the City of Corona, on the 6 we met with Master Gardeners at the Box Springs office, and on the 7th we met with Master Gardeners in Menifee.

We are coming out with a new look, and a game plan that we wanted to share and explain why and how we will be doing things.

Master Gardener Photo Contest

Welcome back from summer vacation. I've been enjoying the Face Book photos posted by my MG Friends and they have inspired me to have a photo contest. Categories will be as follows:

- My Backyard Favorite
- Master Gardener Gatherings
- Vegetable Patches
- Vacation Gardens

Winning photos will appear in our future issues to recognize the amazing talent that typifies Riverside County UC Master Gardeners. The deadline for submissions will be November 15, 2017. The rules are simple: You took the photo this year and can give the proper name of the plants and flowers captured.

1. Bring our standard tables to events that need full coverage. Topics of engagement will be: Asian Citrus Psyllid, HLB Greening Disease and what to plant in your fall Garden. We will be engaging with questions, and will provide them with answers and information on all topics
2. Our standard Information Tables will have a fresher look with the Gold Miners looking for material to make our tables a happier place
3. We will not bring standard tables to all events, example we were asked to bring an information table to a meeting on the Asian Citrus Psyllid. So, we modified the table to that specific topic, along with props to highlight our presentations.
4. We also have a table where we take to WIC.
5. The Gold Miner will have options depending on the event that they are doing.

We are currently waiting for direction from other coordinators on how we can assist them.

This is a 3-year plan. At that time, we hope to be at the peak of excellence.



Email your entries to:

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University of California Riverside Botanic Gardens

Contributed by Nancy Johnson
Liaison to Friends of the UCRBG

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of UCRBG was held on June 28. Dr. Jodie Holt provided the program, a progress report on improvements to the Botanic Gardens.

Hiatus Status

For the 2017-18 year, the UCRBG Friends Board will not hold regular meetings. There have been many changes to UC policies, procedures and administrative structures in the years since the Botanic Gardens was founded in the 1960s. The Friends By-Laws are in need of updating to reflect these changes. Instead of regular meetings, a series of planning and review meetings, scheduled by the president, will take place to solicit Board input. This will not affect Friends' activities: The calendar is quite full!

Plant Sale, October 21 and 22

- Will continue with new format ("Garden Market") tried out at the Spring Plant Sale
- Volunteers are needed! Please sign up on VMS

- To accommodate the move-in by the vendors, the set up will be Thursday, 10/19 instead of the traditional Friday
- Instead of a pre-sale for volunteers after the Friday set-up, the Botanic Gardens will offer a reduced-price sale to volunteers on Monday after the sale.
- Two Master Gardeners will be program presenters: Larry Dodson will make a presentation on getting ready for bare root season; Laura Simpson has agreed to speak on Citrus Greening Disease.

Upcoming events

October 21 – Fall Plant Sale. Friends' Preview at 8:00; Public Plant Sale 10-4

October 22 - Fall Plant Sale 9-3

November 12 – Art in the Gardens, 10:00

December 9 - Luminaria Garden Event (Time TBD)

Janet's Jottings

Contributed by Janet Hartin, Program Director

Welcome new Master Gardener trainees who have been accepted in both the Riverside and Palm Desert classes! I look forward to meeting all of you soon and trust that your new pursuit will live up to your expectations and then some. Thank you for sharing your time and expertise.

Congratulations to the UCCE Riverside and desert Master Gardeners for coming together to form one Executive Advisory Board in a timely and progressive

new governance venture! The desert group has grown rapidly in size and scope over the past three years and the time has come for input and representation from both groups on one board. Thanks to all who have worked so hard to reach a consensus of how best to move this process forward, focusing on the mission of providing unbiased horticulture information to the gardening public throughout the county.

It's a Scary Time of Year!

Plants are amazing life forms, coming in a wide array of forms, shapes, and colors. Here are some of my favorite Halloween plants that are sure to scare the living daylights out of you!

Doll's Eyes (*Actaea pachypoda*)

Doll's eyes plants are not only poisonous but host eyeball-like berries that are highly toxic to humans but don't harm most birds. Unless you're visiting friends or relatives or vacationing in the Midwest or Northeast USA you may never set your own orbs on this plant!



Devil's Claw or Ram's Horn (*Proboscidea louisianica*)

This unfriendly looking species is native to the South-Central USA and sports a unique horn-shaped pod. In addition to its attention-grabbing visual appeal, pigments contained in the pod are used for black dyes by several Native American tribes.



Bleeding Tooth Fungus (*Hydellum peckii*)

This startling-looking fungus oozes fake blood through minute pores. (The red goo is actually a result of guttation that forces water into the roots during osmosis.) Fortunately for Southern Californian's, it is found mostly in the Pacific Northwest and Europe living peaceably in a symbiosis with conifers.



White Ghosts or Indian Pipes (*Monotropa uniflora*)

These eye-catching specimens have bright white droopy flowers reminiscent of ghosts found in spooky dark, dank basements. They hide in shady spots and live in a symbiotic relationship with a fungus in their roots providing food.



Happy Fall!

Janet

Riverside County Master Gardener Program

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Gold Miners	Thurman Howard
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Help Line (Moreno Valley)	Pauline Pedigo
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Editor's Remarks

Dave Brandtman, Editor

Hey, where did the mailing address box go? All things change and we simply don't have to worry about some things anymore. Garden Views is now delivered to your email box via VMS. The public Master Gardener web site is now supplemented by our own Face Book page. We have email blasts bursting forth with the latest events. We also have the tried and true Volunteer Management System, affectionately known as VMS.

Garden Views will continue to evolve with the times and I will be looking to the excellent writers and photographers in our ranks for new material to publish. I will continue to rely on the written reports from members of the advisory boards on both sides of the county. I will be looking to you, the reader, for feedback on what should be included and what should be left out.

Interested in sending an original article?

- 500 words (more or less)
- Must be in keeping with UCCE guidelines. Provide scientific names and cite sources.
- Photos should be submitted as JPG files and credit given to the photographer (no web photos.)

Email articles in Word or Text format to
jbrandtman@gmail.com

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Master Gardener Volunteers are trained by the UCCE Advisors, Specialists and other qualified instructors to provide the gardeners of Riverside County with research-based information to promote environmentally responsible and sustainable horticultural practices. Activities of volunteers are solely educational - without inclusion of any purpose or intention of carrying on a business, trade, avocation or profession for profit.

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