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Subject: Free Community Gardening Event

What: UCCE Master Gardeners' 5th Annual TOMATO EXTRAVAGANZA
When: Saturday, August 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Garden of the Seven Sisters, 2156 Sierra Way, SLO
(near Johnson & Bishop)

The Master Gardeners are very excited to present this year's free Tomato Extravaganza, *an edible festival* - the annual celebration of the fruit's amazingly versatile summer bounty. Once again, the festival will be held in their public demonstration garden -- the Garden of the Seven Sisters.

More than two years in the making, the site is a showcase of sustainable garden practices, as well as the home of the popular *Advice to Grow By* monthly workshops held the third Saturday of each month.

One of the many highlights of this event is the opportunity to taste and compare numerous varieties of heirloom tomatoes, as well as discovering new favorites to try in your garden next year. And if you think all basil tastes the same, come try the wide variety available for sampling.

New to our event this year is Master Gardener and longtime local chef Rochelle Harringer. She'll be selling several of her tomato-based treats, along with the recipes so you can enjoy them again at home. And you won't want to miss Joe Thomas of Thomas Hill Organics in Paso Robles, who will be back with his popular cooking demonstration held at 10 a.m.

Visit the many educational booths or attend one or more mini-seminars presented by Master Gardeners and the California Rare Fruit Growers. Learn how to graft a tomato plant, make flavored vinegars and identify "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Bugs" in your garden. There's "Tomato Head" crafting for the kids and the young at heart, tomato "roses" for you to create and yummy Basil Lemonade to sample.

So bring the whole family and join us on August 20th for the best ever Tomato Extravaganza!

For additional information, contact the Master Gardeners' Helpline (805) 781-5939; or visit our Website at <http://groups.ucanr.org/slomg>.

ATTACHMENT: [Tomato Extravaganza Flyer](#) (PDF)