

April 2013









Committee Updates



- Hospitality
- CE/Field Trips
- Projects
- Any others?



Volunteer Events

PlantRight Nursery Survey



- Viewing a prerequisite, educational webinar/online presentation (Eligible for 1 hour of CE credit. More info below);
- Signing up to survey a store in your county (randomly selected by PlantRight for statistical purposes);
- Collecting materials (eg. survey form, instructions, and a plant ID key);
- Visiting the store and recording information about any invasive plants sold there;
- Submitting the information to PlantRight.
- On average, the above steps take about 2.5 hours to complete, they can be completed with other Master Gardeners, and can be counted for Service Hour credit.
- *Sign up here:* <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/InvasivesWebinar>

Farmers' Markets



- Schedule will be added to calendar soon (email will go out)
- Working on applications, etc

Monthly workshop speakers



- We still need
 - June Water Manteca and Lodi
 - July Turf Removal/Alternatives Manteca (July 20th)
 - August Compost Lodi (Aug 10th)



Give Every Child A Chance



- June 1st & 2nd, 2013
- Dell 'Oso Family Farm – Lathrop
- Waiting on time details



Ag Days



- Great Valley School (in Manteca Unified School District)
- Annual Ag. Education Day / we have 2nd grade
- 30 min presentations, kids rotate to you
- Worms
- May 3rd , 2013
- Begins at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at noon, with a delicious luncheon and raffle to follow!!!

Lodi Flower Pot Project



- Close to 60 pots in downtown Lodi
- City will pay for plants, MGs will design and maintain them (replanting dead plants, pruning)
- Planting needs to happen soon!
- If interested in participating please sign up tonight to be contacted.



Earth Day



- Sunday April 21st
- Victory Park in Stockton
- 2 shifts will be available on the calendar
- Still some spots open

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Linden Cherry Festival



- Saturday May 18th
- Linden
- Information booth
- Sign up on calendar



SJ County Fair



- June 12-16th
- Bigger MG display out of the flower building



Smart Garden Conference



- Saturday September 28th
- 1st committee meeting was on Tuesday
- Will be looking for topic ideas, displays and speakers
- If you would like to be part of committee please sign up on clipboard sign up sheet
 - Will be added to collaborative tools group



CE Units

PowerPoint training



- 2-3 MGs max per training session
- Designed for those interested in teaching workshops but not familiar with PowerPoint. Also for those that want to create PowerPoints for the MG collection
- Classes will be held at our office
- Contact Marcy if you want 1 on 1 training to set up a date and time



Native Plant Talk



- Saturday, April 20th from 10am-4pm at the Oak Grove Regional Park in Stockton.
- Nadia Zane will give presentations at 11am and 1pm.
 - Topics will include site evaluation, plant grouping by water, light, and soil requirements, and examples of native plant gardens. Horticulturalist David Marraccini will present a slideshow featuring easy-to-grow native plants at 2pm.
- A limited number of plants will be available for purchase.
- For more information about this event and pre-orders phone 209.477.3966.
- Free admission to the public with a \$6/vehicle parking fee.

Landscape Help



- P&L Nursery – Escalon
- **JUST DROP BY FOR THIS EVENT !**
- Saturday, April 20
- 10am - 1pm

- Talk with professional landscaper - Sharie Roark
- Bring in your yard photo to have Sharie help with:
 - Design Alternatives
 - Plant Solutions
 - Style Choices

Growing Herbs for all Reasons



- Alden Lane - Livermore
 - Saturday, April 20th, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (\$5.00, bring a friend for free)
- Basic Training:
- Planning your garden
 - Soils and pots
 - Growing tips
 - 5-7 Everyday -Essential Herbs, detailed information
 - Some basic vocabulary for herb growers



Landscape Design Tips



- Alden Lane, Livermore
- Sat., April 27th, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- Join landscape designer, Greg Zollars, for this FREE class as he shares tips for creating a landscape you'll love to live with.
 - * Create a design that perfectly fits your space and your lifestyle.
 - * View inspirational ideas for enjoying an indoor-outdoor life.
 - * Learn a step by step process for designing your landscape. * Learn practical ways to get your ideas out of your head and onto paper.

Rose Day - Davis



- May 04, 2013 10:00 AM to May 05, 2013 04:00 PM
- Free!
- <http://ccuh.ucdavis.edu/events/rose2013/rose2013>

Your Sustainable Backyard

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CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE

Roses

An 'Eyeconic' Weekend

Free Open House event!

• 'Eyeconic' rose sale with a free mini floribunda rose as supplies last!

• Tours of stunning 8-acre rose collection from 12:30-3:30 PM.

• Informal programs for all experience levels, no registration required.

May 4-5, 2013
10 AM - 4 PM
Foundation Plant Services
UC Davis

Event Information Online at <http://ccuh.ucdavis.edu>

Logos: Foundation Plant Services, SUN GRO HORTICULTURE, Weeks Roses, Greenheart Farms, village nurseries, STAR ROSES, UC Davis, cangc

Boething Nursery Tour



- Wednesday May 22
- Sign up on VMS calendar – limited number of participants
- Outdoors and lots of walking
- 20601 Kettleman Ln., Lodi



Chicken Talk



- Lodi Library
- Raising backyard chickens
- Thursday May 23, 7:00 pm



Mentor Program Survey



- Class trainees have been given surveys about the mentor program/mentors so far
- Ill share results once I get a chance to review them and receive them all

Garden tour 2014



- Be on the lookout for potential sights for our 2014 tour
- Date is unknown (spring vs. fall) but we want to keep our eyes open for potential sights.
- Keep track of the address and what caught your attention

Things to remind Marcy



- I've decided its impossible to remember it all
- Every meeting I'll have a clipboard for reminders from you 😊

MG Program & Garden Societies



- Solid Waste has paid for our membership to several garden related societies and clubs
- Ill be sharing info I receive in newsletters with the MG group
 - CA native plant
 - CA School garden network
 - Bohart museum (entomology)
 - Seed Savers
 - American Community garden Association
 - American Rose Society
 - Pacific Horticulture Society
 - UCD Arboretum
 - International Society of Arborculture

Bringing Back the Natives Tour



- **FREE**
- Sunday May 5th, 10-5 at various locations in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties Gardens that are pesticide free, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants.
- You must register to receive your free tickets. Optional paid tours are available as well. Registration closes April 22 or when the tour is full.
- For more info check out the attached flyer and visit their website:
<http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/>

Remember to think your fruit!!



- <http://homeorchard.ucdavis.edu/8047.pdf>

