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### **Santa Barbara County Master Gardeners Present a Free Public Workshop:**

## Good Bug/Bad Bug- Who's in YOUR Garden?

**Santa Barbara, California**

**Saturday, September 21, 2013**

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County announced that the organization, in cooperation with Rincon-Vitova Insectaries of Ventura, CA, will present a free one hour public workshop, “**Good Bug/Bad Bug-Who’s Growing in YOUR Garden?**” on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 10 AM. The workshop, to be held at Santa Barbara City College, 721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA, Room EBS #102, will be presented by Master Gardener Bob Lloyd and Kyra L. Rude of Rincon-Vitova Insectaries.

During the event, the speakers will provide information on the following topics:

1. Insects and their importance to the Soil-Food Web
2. Insect Pests and Beneficial Insects
3. Biological Control: What is it? How does it work?
4. Preventing and Identifying Insect Pests
5. Attracting and Keeping Beneficial Insects in Your Garden

Following the presentation, there will be a brief question and answer period.

About the Presenters:

**Bob Lloyd** grew up doing “yard work”, which later became “gardening”. He developed an interest in gardens, specifically in growing edibles using only organic methods. He grafted his first fruit tree in 2008, and now has 21 trees of various cultivars. He has ventured into tomato grafting this year. He has a diversity of plants in his garden, and uses composting, vermi-composting, and organic methods including beneficial insects to achieve success in growing edibles. Bob became a Master Gardener in 2011 and has lived in Santa Barbara since 2003.

**Kyra L. Rude** drove from Fort Wayne, Indiana, after graduating from Purdue University with a degree in biology, to become an entomology intern at Rincon-Vitova Insectaries seven years ago. She is now a specialist in biological pest control, and has enjoyed learning about California’s vast agricultural diversity over the past seven years. She enjoys discussing the predator-prey relationships of bugs, their lifecycles, and states that she “has always loved bugs!” Kyra is a member of the Association of Applied IPM Ecologists, and is a certified Technical Service Provider on behalf of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. She lives in Ventura.

### **About the UCCE Master Gardener Program**

The UCCE Master Gardener program trains volunteers to provide information, workshops, and programs for home gardeners. Public information resources offered by Master Gardeners include plant, pest and problem identification, compost production, and cultural practices for growing vegetables, fruits, and ornamental plants. The Master Gardener Program is sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension. The program was first introduced in California in 1979. The Santa Barbara chapter was organized in 1990. To learn more about the UCCE Master Garden Program of Santa Barbara County visit [http://cesantabarbara.ucdavis.edu/Master\\_Gardener/](http://cesantabarbara.ucdavis.edu/Master_Gardener/).

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