

February 2014



Dinner Crew

- Thanks to everyone that helped get dinner ready
- Thank you to everyone who brought dessert

'The Maple Guy'

- Barry Hoffer
- <http://www.maplesforallseasons.com/>



Did you wear your badge?

- Did you get a raffle ticket when you came in?
- Monthly meetings will now have a raffle for a small prize for those that remember to wear their badge





VMS Calendar

- When you volunteer for events/classes and cannot make them, please un-volunteer yourself from the calendar.
- Same for monthly meetings – Last month we had 14 people that said they were coming and didn't – food is based off these numbers

Volunteer Events

Remember to check the calendar of events in our [MG newsletter](#)

Volunteer Hours

- Members of the advisory committee have started checking volunteer hour logs.
- Please make sure you are entering on at least a monthly basis.
- Bulk entries may not be accepted if you wait too long.

Volunteer hours

- We would like to go to the BOS when our program reaches 25,000 hours

Volunteer hour pins

- 250

- Driver Linda
Osell Harry
Thon Karen
Gowdy Lynne
Canales Rita
Sivell Cherie
Theresa Bayaca
Davis Sue
Ramsey Jeff
Julie Hyske*

- 500

- Sanguinetti Steve
Hamilton Heather
Aguillard Don
Eklund Lani
Oliver Leslie

- 750

- Price Susan
Beauchamp
Sheila
– Bachle
Corinne

- 1000

- McDonnell
Sharon
– Miller Lee

Are you on track?

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| 2007 | 200 volunteer hours | 84 CE |
| 2008 | 175 volunteer hours | 72 CE |
| 2009 | 150 volunteer hours | 60 CE |
| 2011 | 100 volunteer hours | 36 CE |
| 2013 | 50 volunteer hours | 12 CE |

Lodi AgVenture

- Tuesday March 4th
- Lodi Grape Festival Grounds



Stockton Home and Garden Show

- March 14-16
- UOP
- Sign up on VMS
- Information booth

Teach a Compost Class with Randy

- Sunday March 16th
- 2:30 pm – 3:30/4:00
- Composting
- Located in Manteca off Union.



Earth Day Festival

- Sunday April 6th
- Victory Park Stockton
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. –
2 shifts will be on the calendar



March Monthly workshop speakers

- Cut Flowers – How to grow a cutting garden (includes how to harvest, etc)
- I have already started the PowerPoint for this topic
- Need speakers for both Lodi and Manteca





Plant Right Survey

- Online training for our area will be April 16th from 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Participation in the 2014 Spring Nursery Survey is easy, educational, and entails:
 - Viewing a prerequisite, educational webinar (an online presentation) or pre-recorded video for repeat volunteers;
 - Signing up to survey a store in your county (randomly selected for statistical purposes);
 - Collecting materials online (e.g. 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, this entire process takes about two and half hours to complete and can be done with other volunteers.

CE Events

GROWING FROM THE GROUND UP

Tuesdays in March • 6:00-7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Auditorium • No registration necessary

March 4 Good Soil Starts at the Bottom of the Compost Pile

Another spring is just through the garden gates. What a great time to take a cue from nature and celebrate the jobs plants play in our lives. Whether you are a wanna-be composter, a lazy gardener, or desire vegetables or flowers, we will have something for you.

Julie Morehouse is a local Garden Coach and is the owner and founder of Go Out and Grow Something! She brings 20+ years of nursery and gardening experience, is a Master Gardener, an educator and a plant specialist!

March 11 Backyard Herbalism

Here in the Valley, we have the perfect climate for many culinary and medicinal herbs. Come learn about health promoting herbs that you can grow in your own backyard or in pots on the patio; or find in your yard or in nearby areas. Herbs are our green allies, both in the kitchen and when used as healing salves, liniments and more. Enjoy a fragrant, fun-filled evening learning how to grow, find, identify, and use herbs to your benefit.

Presenter **Glenda Glass** is a retired clinical microbiologist and a clinical herbalist.

March 18 Grow Your Own!

Too much fertilizer in the garden of your mind? Using pollinating thoughts of gratitude and intention, grow your own positive state of well-being! Join us and awaken to your natural, organic ability to thrive.

Presenter **Linda Potter** specializes in meditation and guided imagery.



Dignity Health.
St. Joseph's Medical Center

Although no registration is necessary, if you need additional information email sjcancerinfo@dignityhealth.org or call 467-6550 and leave a message.

SF Flower & Garden Show

- March 19th (Wednesday – we will be moving the March monthly meeting)
- Leaving at 8 am returning 7 pm (leaving there at 5 pm after workshops end)
- Cost for MGs – \$30.00 includes bus & ticket
- Cost for non-MGs - \$42.00 includes bus & ticket
- First come first serve – 54 passenger bus to fill!
- Checks to Marcy Sousa
- <http://sfgardenshow.com/>
- If you want to get just a ticket and go on your own the cost is \$17.00.

QWEL training

- WATER AUDIT CERTIFICATION
- 6 Mondays, March 21 – April 25
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- \$75
- This Landscape Water audit class will provide information for students to perform a landscape water audit under AB1881 guidelines. Students who complete and pass the certification test will be certified as EPA Water Sense Landscape Water Auditors.



Computer Training

- Looking to do a group training on (which one?)
 - PowerPoint
 - Navigating MG websites/resources/tools
 - Paperwork needs to be completed, and a date will be set. Tentatively looking at March 29th
 - Training would be at the office of education computer lab

- Rosalind Creasy will be speaking on Edible Landscaping at Alden Lane Nursery
- Saturday, April 5th
- 10:30-12:30
- Tickets are \$5.00 per person.



Everything Else

Statewide MG Conference

- October 7-10th
- Tenaya Lodge – Fish Camp
- <http://ucanr.edu/sites/ucmg2014conference/>
- Scholarships available – survey is in the MG newsletter!!!
- [Click here](#) for conference highlights



Chairperson or Leads needed – contact Marcy

- Farmers Market Lead –
 - Duties include: making sure the market shifts are covered, making sure box rotation details are discussed, reminding MGs of shifts
- Looking for someone to take over the Master Gardener office as the organizer
 - Duties include: making sure calendar is covered with volunteers, training (or organizing a training) for new people

Water Info on our website

Contact Us

Master Gardener Newsletter - Garden Notes

Calendar of Events

Home

NEW Water Conservation in the Home Landscape

- Conserving Water with Lawns
- Low Water Use Landscapes
- Irrigation in the Landscape
- Free Publications

Garden Journal

Becoming a Master Gardener

Home Vegetable Gardening

Pest of the Home and Garden

Growing Your Backyard Orchard

Herbs

Growing Grapes and Berries

Composting

Landscape Trees

Pruning in the Home Landscape

Water Conservation in the Home Landscape



Of the estimated 29 billion gallons of water used daily by households in the United States, more than 8.5 billion, or 30 percent, is devoted to outdoor water use. In dry climates, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. The majority of this is used for landscaping. In fact, it is estimated that the average American home consumes 58,000 gallons of water outdoors each year, mostly for irrigation. (EPA.gov)

Please click on the links below for more information related to that subject.

[Low Water Lawns](#) - Helpful tips and websites related to watering your lawn and conserving water. Contains information on lawn removal and lawn alternatives.

[Low Water Use Landscapes](#) - Tools and websites to help you create a landscape that conserves water.

[Irrigation in the Landscape](#) - Websites and resources on sprinkler and drip irrigation in the home landscape.

[Free Publications](#) - A variety of agencies have produced flyers, brochures, and tip sheets in reducing and conserving water in

10 Helpful Tips to Conserve Water

1. Prioritize Your Plants - First, determine which plants are most susceptible to water stress. High on your watering list

Bringing Back the Natives Tour

- Sunday May 4th
- Registration is now open!!
- Free tour – suggested donation \$15.00
- A [variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens](#) that contain 60% or more native plants will be open on Sunday, May 4, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
- <http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/>

MG Garden Tour

- Sunday May 18th
- Looking for docents (volunteers) for the different locations
- MG arts and craft section
- MFP participation
- Will need help from MGs in selling tickets
- Please sign up to be a volunteer
- Master Gardener dinner will be at AgCenter after the event (Look for RSVP info closer to event)

Garden Tour Photographers

- We will need volunteers that will already be at each location to take pictures.
- Once you are signed up for a site let me know if you would like to be in charge of photos.



Social Media

- Facebook
- Pinterest
- Stockton Record Blog

Birthdays

- Please provide your birthday for the hospitality committee
- Sheet in the back (survey was online too)
- Save them a phone call!



Future meetings

- March- rescheduled for SF Flower Show (I will let everyone know when via email)
- April – Anne Schellman – UC CCUH
- May – Mosquito Vector Control – new mosquito related diseases to talk about
- June monthly meeting is cancelled
- July regular meeting cancelled and we will be having our year end/new year party

MG Online Tool Refresher

- MG hub – on county website
- VMS
- Collaborative tools