



August 2015



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# Did you wear your badge?



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# Lets play a game



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# Volunteer Hour Pins

## 250 Hours

Janet Swanson  
Carol Roby  
June Mary Betschart  
Trish Tremayne  
Meredith Davis  
Tom Canales  
Lynne Gowdy  
Cherie Sivell  
Theresa Bayaca  
Sue Davis  
Julie Hyske  
Betty Liske  
Bill Dunning  
Kathy Grant  
Bob Slayback  
Kathy Ikeda  
Bill Gowdy

Curt Juran  
Marilyn Wolf  
Julie Morehouse  
Nadia Zane  
Rich Mullenbach  
Candy Simbalenko

## 500 Hours

Jeff Ramsey  
Pat Skjervheim  
Steve Sanguinetti  
Heather Hamilton  
Don Aguillard  
Lani Eklund  
Rita Canales  
Karen Thon  
Harry Osell

## 750 Hours

Leslie Oliver  
Linda Driver  
Corinne Bachle

## 1000 Hours

**Sheila Beauchamp**  
Lee Miller  
Sharon McDonnell  
Susan Price



# Emergency Contact Info

- This feature was released today
- Find it on VMS under “Edit Profile”
- Please fill out
- Add up to 3 contacts
  - Only viewable by you, me and the 3 that have administrative access to the roster



# ANR Publications

- Lots of “E-books” on sale for \$9.99
- <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/E-diculously-low-prices-on-our-e-books.html?soid=1102498799518&aid=9idUy0GAuns>
- Sale ends August 31!
- MG discount does not apply to this deal



# Mark your calendar...

- No Pumpkin Festival this year
- AgVenture Manteca - Thursday, November 5
- Sandhill Crane Festival - November 6 -8



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# Coffee Chat

- Will begin in October (after Drought Conf. and Smart Garden)
- Looking to meet at a local coffee shop to brainstorm project ideas in your community
- Start thinking now to be prepared for the meeting(s) that will take place in your neighborhood



# Drought Care for Trees Webinar

- **Tuesday, August 25 5:30P - 7:30P**
- Certified Arborist and Sacramento Tree Foundation Community Forester, Pamela Sanchez will discuss responsible watering techniques, tree care information, and simple actions you can take at home to keep your trees healthy.
- Participants will need a "Join Me" login code, provided when you register.
- [http://sactree.force.com/gw\\_volunteers\\_volunteersjoblistings?ShowLocationAddress=0&NMonthsToShow=1&ShowLocationInfo=0](http://sactree.force.com/gw_volunteers_volunteersjoblistings?ShowLocationAddress=0&NMonthsToShow=1&ShowLocationInfo=0)



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# New CA Landscape

- September 3
  - SJ County is one of 7 host counties
  - Does count as CE units
  - \$20.00 includes lunch
- 
- Demo Garden Team: Lets make sure the garden is tidy and looks good!



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# National Heirloom Exposition

- September 8th-10th 2015
- Santa Rosa, California - Sonoma County Fairgrounds
- <http://theheirloomexpo.com/>



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# Smart Garden Conference

- Looking for displays!
- Calling 2015 graduates – we need your displays!



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- OC Project Manual
- In the final editing stages
- Guide to help committees, keep everyone organized and efficient



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# Continuing Education

- What do the members on this committee do? The goal of this committee is to plan interesting and educational field trips for our fellow Master Gardeners.
- We also assist Marcy in planning and procuring educational speakers for our monthly meetings.
- Added to our list of goals this year is to help Marcy facilitate periodic training sessions in topics like understanding Collaborate Tools, preparing PowerPoint presentations, and further and more extensive training in subjects that we learned in our Master Gardener classes.
- Master Gardeners are committed to continually learning so if you like to plan trips and have ideas for meeting topics this may be the perfect committee for you. And remember the more people involved the less work for everyone!



# Hospitality

- *noun* hos·pi·tal·i·ty \,hä-spə-'ta-lə-tē\
  - Definition of HOSPITALITY
  - : friendly and generous treatment of guests and family
  - Who We Are: The hospitality committee strives to create a welcome environment that enforces the belief that each Mg is a valued member of the master gardener family. Our committee also extends a welcome to the community through various outreach educational activities.



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# Hospitality Cont.

- What We Do:
  - Birthday Greetings
  - Desserts
  - Sunshine Cards
  - Ice Break
  - Dinners
  - Mg Cook book
  - Front Table Welcome



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# MG Office

- The purpose of the Master Gardener Office Hotline is to offer University based information to the community regarding their gardening questions. This includes pest, disease, plant, tree and weed identification; as well as general vegetable, flower, tree, native plant, watering and lawn gardening questions.
- The opportunities other than volunteering in the office are as follows:
  - Lead: VMS Hotline Calendar – checking to make sure the office is covered with at least one volunteer each day open.
  - Lead: Categorize the call intake sheets
  - Lead: Office library system.
  - Lead: Categorize samples brought in.



# Newsletter

- This committee oversees the production of a quarterly newsletter for gardeners. This includes:
  - Deciding on the format for the newsletter.
  - Scoping out the topics suitable for each season and setting deadlines.
  - Researching and writing articles.
  - Assigning topics to writers and following up.
  - Being buddy editors for other newsletter writers.
  - Tracking articles and topics previously covered to avoid repetition.
  - Working together with the MG coordinator on final edits before the newsletter is put online for the public.



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# School and Community Gardens

- School & Community Garden Committee has been hard at work on the following items:
  - We are up to 16 School or Community Gardens that have requested mentoring.
  - We are hard at work constructing a handout booklet that gives new School or Community Gardens help in the proper steps on how to get started.
  - We are looking for volunteers to go to gardens to mentor for just an hour or two occasionally



# Speakers Bureau

- This is the group that organizes our Monthly Workshops and provides speakers to garden clubs and other organizations that ask for a presentation by a Master Gardener.
- Whether you are an accomplished public speaker or might want to become one this is the place for you. We have MGs who will help you develop your skills in presentation and in building Power Points.
- If you just want to be involved and start slow that is ok too. We have opportunities for you to partner with an experienced MG speaker.



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# Learning Landscape (Demo Garden)

- Composed of 6 distinct but interconnected gardens
- Karrie Reid (EH Advisor) oversees the garden and volunteers/projects.



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# All Star

- All the plants in this garden section have been grown in the UC Davis Arboretum and were found to be highly adapted to Central Valley soils and climate - real garden All-Stars!



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# Edible

- The process of incorporating edible plants within a traditional landscape
- Current Projects:
  - Transition to winter garden
  - Installation of drip irrigation system in each of the beds
  - Installation of grape trellis
  - Preparation for fall cover crop



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# Foliage

- In this garden, leaf color, shape, and texture take center stage, and along with different plant shapes and sizes create lively combinations and visual appeal. Flowers are just a bonus!



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# Mediterranean

- The Mediterranean garden requires maintenance about three times a year and we have a planting day once a year.
- Each section shows plants that are well acclimated to our San Joaquin valley climate.
- They offer options to the home gardener and a chance to see how the plants actually grow.



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# Native

- Our task is to maintain the Native Garden.
- That includes: planting, pruning, dead heading, weeding and removing fuchsia and other beautiful plants that attempt to take over the garden.
- We have several work days a year and try to have a mini party afterward to celebrate our successes for that day.



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# Pollinator

- All the plants in this garden section have lots of pollen and nectar to attract bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.



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# New Committees

- Publicity
- VMS (Calendar)
- Social Media (Facebook & Twitter are the main 2)
- Publications (generate handouts specific to our county/local issues)
- MG bi-annual training
- Farmers Market

