

**We will  
start  
our  
meeting  
at 6:05  
pm.**



**ROSEMARY THOUGHT**

This sage pun was a long thyme cumin

# Humboldt & Del Norte

## March 2021

Meeting will be recorded and made available upon request



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# 7/1/20-6/30/21 PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT RELATING TO COVID

[Document Link](#)

Hour requirement are the same

Expanded activities for current program year



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# 2020/21 Program Year Requirements

- **Continued Education – 12 hours**

- Approved ongoing and exceptions for current year CE (7/1/20-6/30/21) activities [find on our volunteer only page](#)  
(use your VMS sign on password to access)
  - Online activities
  - Offline activities
    - MG Handbook refresher
- Current year exceptions:
  - Book reading flexibility has been expanded for current year
    - Gardening focused non-academic titles
    - Racial equity training and reading



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# 2020/21 Program Year Requirements

- **COVID Exception Hours**

- Not to exceed 25 hours – this will satisfy annual requirement
- Not “official” UC MG activities. Program’s Hartford Insurance Policy will not cover claims relating to these activities.
- Non-standard activities – nonpaid volunteer work in community
  - Related to COVID response, e.g. contact tracer
  - Food deliver to at-risk individuals outside of immediate family. 1 delivery =2 hours
  - Grow donate garden bouquet to local care facility. 1 bouquet=1 hour
  - Volunteer at food closet/food bank and/or shelters
  - [See list in 2020/21 Volunteer Hours Document](#)
- When logging hours, select the COVID Exception Hours as you project.



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# 2020/21 Program Year Requirements

- **Volunteer Hours – 25 expected**
  - COVID Exception hours count (not to exceed 25 hours)
  - In-person activities – only when preapproved – *may not represent yourself as a MG or log hours if not preapproved*
  - At home activities – many activities qualify – see listing



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# 2020/21 Program Year Requirements

- **Limited Active Status – adjustment for this year**
  - Long-term or on-going WiFi or internet challenges
  - Experiencing other exceptional circumstances.
    - Let Sherida know by email that you want to go Limited Active – You do not need to provide an explanation, only request the status change.
    - Reappointment must still be done for 2021/22 year and payment of insurance must be made.
    - No expectation of making up hours for the 2020/21 year.



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# Check your CE and Service Hours

We are at half-way point – where are you with your hours?

Continuing Education – 12 hours required

Volunteer Service – 25 hours required

**LOG your hours please**

If you are having trouble? – let's figure out how to achieve your requirements- call, text, email Sherida

Don't wait to the last minutes – unlike prior years, the minimum requirements will not be waived



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# 2022 Humboldt/Del Norte Training

Training will be Hybrid – Weekly online classes

In-Person – 1 Saturday a month (March/April/May)

Tuesdays starting Feb 1, 2022 thru end of May

Veteran Master Gardeners are all welcome to attend online classes and attend monthly in-person

Do you have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the MG Handbook – published 2015  
2016 + trainees should have been issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

Applications will be available 7/1/21



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# *The Dark Side of Plants*

# Poisonous Plants & Pets

**Free Online. Saturday, March 6, 10-11:30am**  
*preregistration required: [www.ucanr.edu/PetsAndPlants](http://www.ucanr.edu/PetsAndPlants)*



**Co-hosted San Joaquin, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties**

**Speaker Kelley Gelderman, DVM and San Joaquin County Master Gardener**

**Pre-register: [Link](#) Register early, as this class will fill up quickly.  
Register before 3/3/21**

**Have you checked out our [website page](#) on poisonous plants?**

# Volunteer Opportunity

McKinleyville Ace Hardware

2 Volunteers

Monthly recurring

Ask a Master Gardener



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# Presentations – They are watching

## Live Presentations – L4HSU

55	- 6/25 Vegetable Garden Basics
27	- 7/07 Heather Growing Basics
11	- 7/14 Designing with Heaths and Heathers
22	- 7/16 IPM
50	- 7/21 Success with Houseplants
137	- 7/23 Wildfires

## Recorded Virtual Classes

	Prior	Current
	72	80
	213	351
	12	28
	18	18
	37	40
	175	177
 Online Presentations		
ACP & HLB	23	31
302 Total	550 @ 2/1	725 as of 3/1 + 175

MGs watch and earn 1 hour of CE -  
Virtual recorded classes – access on our website



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# Upcoming Presentations/Demonstrations

- Live presentation or pre recorded for posting on website.
- Use your phone's camera to record something you are doing in your garden – Sherida can edit your recording!

## IDEAS and PRESENTERS –

- ✓ African Violets – Sherida – recording will be made available on website
- Bulbs – Maria
- Irises, focus on bearded iris – Sherida
- Composting – Zeal
- Rhododendrons – Tim and June
  
- Other ideas and what would you like to present?

Digital Flyers – Tom



# Current Volunteer Opportunities

## Earn Volunteer Service Hours:

- What do you want to do? Check with Sherida –Let’s see if we can make it happen for you!
- In-person activities – *only after Yana approves the in-person activity*
- Pictures for Facebook sharing – email to Sherida
- Help Desk responding/research
- CE Presentation at our monthly Zoom MG meeting
- Recording How to Videos – Will be posted on our Website and Facebook.
- Record a short PowerPoint Presentation – Your choice of subject – Will be posted on our website
- Help develop Website content
- Newsletter articles – Due 12/18 for January “Winter” edition
- Committees – Let’s form committees –
- Help develop monthly garden chore/maintenance lists for website
- More activities see [this document](#)

# Ask a MG Help Desk

## MGs earn Volunteer Hours

- Advise to Grow by Help Desk for is for home gardeners in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. The Help Desk is located on our website. They complete a Help Desk Ticket and submit online.
- [https://ucanr.edu/sites/hdnmastergardeners/Help\\_Desk\\_-\\_Ask\\_A\\_Master\\_Gardener/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/hdnmastergardeners/Help_Desk_-_Ask_A_Master_Gardener/)
- Please help with providing responses when the Help Desk email goes out to you. Provide your recommendations and links to approved online resources. Earn volunteer service hours for your time responding and researching.



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# Month by Month Plant and Garden Care

Each month for CE we will be drafting a month- by- month plant care schedule

Input from MGS will be compiled and put on our website and emailed monthly to our newsletter recipients.

Make your lists and submit in the survey form which will be provided.

What are you doing or should be doing in your garden?

This Month –

Next Month -



# Help Desk - Pittosporum

Email Received:

I have a master gardener question for you. My mom has a pittosporum hedge and it is looking really awful. The leaves are very yellow, and some of the plants are downright dead. I hit them with some alfalfa pellets and cottonseed meal. I believe the water here is very alkaline so I'm hoping the cottonseed meal may help with nutrient uptake. Next time I come down I'm going to bring some sulfur to try to lower the pH more. I know to be careful with the sulfur, I killed some plants with it. Do you have any other ideas? I'm almost at the point of thinking I might have to remove the hedge.

It's not the one that makes the smelly flowers. I would say relatively big leaves. It gets irritated but the summer can be extremely hot and dry. I would chainsaw it but it will look really awful. Well it does look really awful but would look worse. The trunks are really tenacious so I couldn't plant anything in the space. There is some big oak of some kind in the yard and it doesn't look really good and it would be the only thing you'd see in the front yard. I have had a love hate relationship with pittosporum- I'm on the hate side now...

## Help Desk – Eureka - Manzanita

I've had trouble with *Arctostaphylos* that I use for ground cover in my front and back yard. In some areas the leaves turn brown then silver and the branch seems to die. The leaves do not drop off.



## Help Desk – Eureka Viburnum

This winter my *Viburnum davidii* has exhibited the same problem, the leaves are turning silver and falling off. I suspect fungus. What do you think is causing the problem and what do you suggest to take care of the problem? The picture does not show the tiny brown specs and the cream color.



## Help Desk - Philodendron

This happens to the leaves about six months after they come out. It also has become very leggy.



# Arcata Bottoms – Wind break

They just acquired 23 acres in the Arcata Bottoms. Zone agriculture exclusively.

Currently has cattle on it. She would like to plant some trees to provide a wind break.

She would like to know what her options are as far as what grows well in that area and what she can plant.



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Do you have a plant diagnosis to share?



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# COVID-19 Updates

- New – ALL in-person volunteer MUST be immediately logged into VMS – showing actual date with time recorded in “note” section as well as who you interacted with 10 minutes or longer.
- Only outside approved activities.
- If you meet with anyone for 10 minutes or longer, you must keep a contact tracing log. Here is the UCANR contact log [link](#).

## REMINDER

**ALL In-person activities** require pre-approval from County Director, Yana. This is a UCANR State Office directive. Submit your activity(s) using [the My form](#). **Approval must be obtained in order to volunteer as a MG and log hours for service and CE.**

- Currently Yana has approved the following sites. However *everyone* [must submit a request](#) in a request for approval before working :
  - Humboldt Botanical Garden
  - Hospice House in Eureka
  - Humboldt Bay Wildlife Reserve
  - CR Garden Project - New
  - Anne B Ryan House



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# UCANR COVID-19 Documents

- Stay updated with current protocols. Find these on our MG website within the Volunteer only pages.
  - [Access directly on website](#) to Volunteer only Pages this requires signing in with your sign-in and password (same as your VMS sign-in and password)

## OR BY ACCESSING VMS

- Once in the Volunteer only section, from the left side navigation panel select COVID Updates and Protocols
- Make sure to read COVID-19 Phase 2 Information for UCANR Programs & Volunteers

***Remember, you must receive an approval  
for all in-person activities before engagement.***

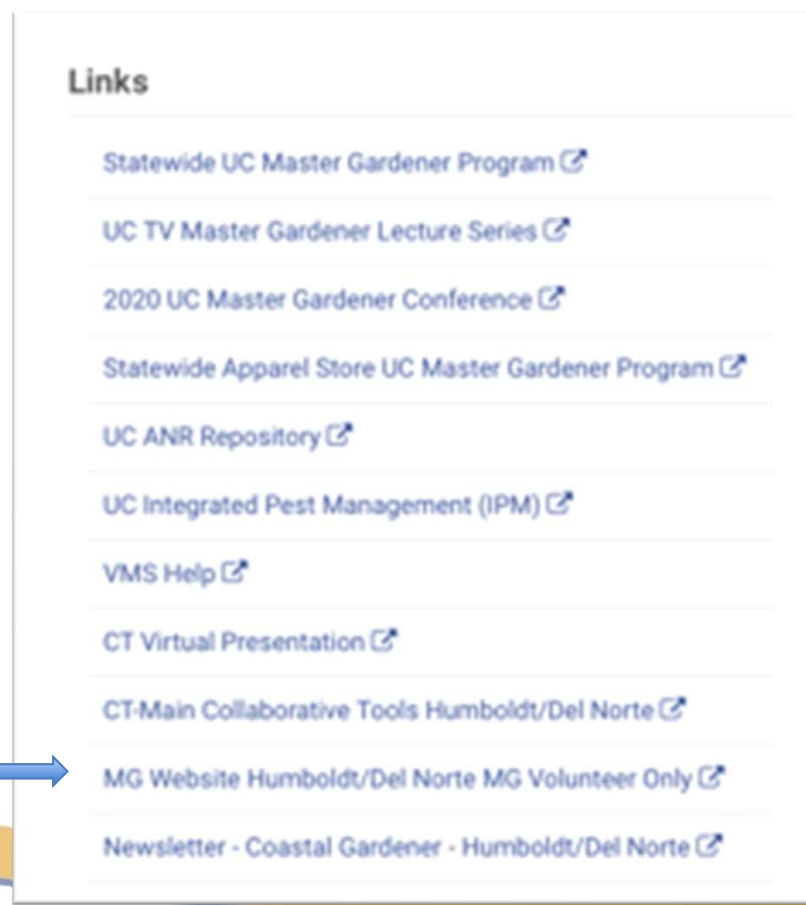
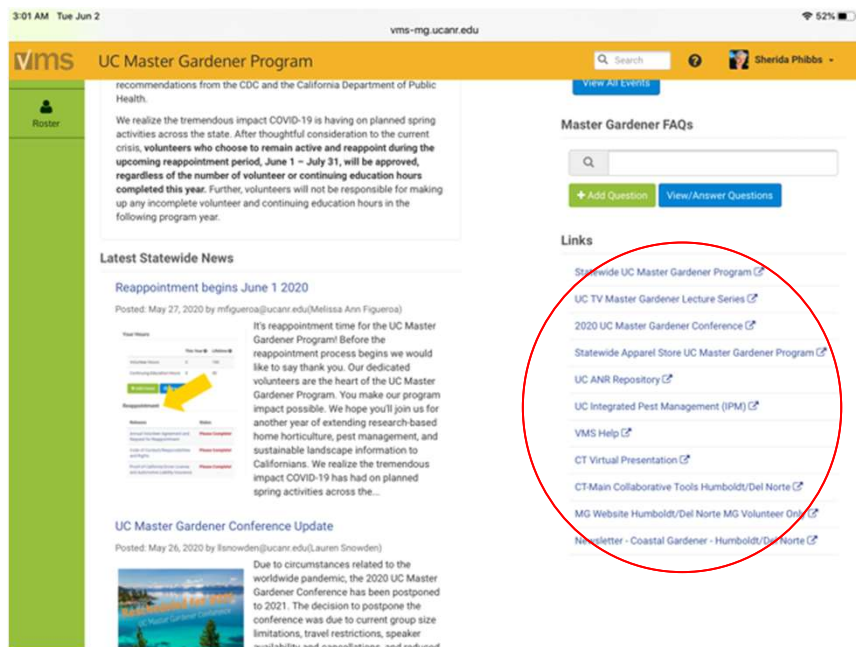


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# UCANR COVID-19 Documents

- Access through VMS home page – click on MG Website Humboldt/Del Norte MG Volunteer Only



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# ~~2020,2021~~ 2023 MG Conference

Now Oct 2-Oct 6 2023 Tahoe City, California

For more information:

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/2020MGConference/>

Nestled on the [North Shore](#) of Lake Tahoe, Tahoe City is the crown jewel of the Sierra Nevada and the ideal location for the 2020 UC Master Gardener Conference. The conference is being hosted at [Granlibakken Tahoe](#), a resort built around *connection* - with adventure, land, water and sky with great food, and one another.

Located minutes from Tahoe City the Granlibakken prides itself on preserving the natural environment and providing a space that feels like old Tahoe. Recreational activities (swimming, volleyball, tennis, biking and hiking) are all on conference grounds, and a 1.5 mile private trail leads to North Lake Tahoe.



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# Treasury Report Thru 12/31/2000

## Appropriations:

2/1/20 Beginning Balance	\$ 30.00	
Donations	172.14	
Big Dig Day UCANR Bonus	250.00	
Big Dig Day Fundraising (net of fees)	<u>794.10</u>	
Total Funds Received		\$1,246.24

## Program Expenses:

Awards Gold/Platinum Badges	-22.85	
Supplies	-10.04	
Total Expenditures		<u>-32.89</u>

**Cash Fund Balance** **\$1,213.35**

**Who would like to volunteer to be the treasurer?**



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# Other Topics/Questions?



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# Our Online Presence

- UCCE Master Gardeners of Humboldt & Del Norte Website  
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/hdnmastergardeners/>
- Facebook [www.fb.me/HumboldtMG](http://www.fb.me/HumboldtMG)
- Newsletter The Coastal Gardener - Sign up  
<https://ucanr.edu/survey/surveyadmin/surveyLink.cfm>



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