



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

November 2018

Sheet Mulching at the Demonstration Garden

In early October a group of Master Gardeners ; Donna, Michel, Don, Bob and Nancy met at the Demonstration Garden and installed sheet mulching around the raised beds. The project will keep the weeds and grass from growing around the beds. The project involved placing cardboard on the ground and covering it with mulch. The cardboard was donated by Elsie, Michel and Donna. Elise donated the mulch and loaded into pickups and trailers with her equipment. We still have more to do so save your cardboard and bring it to the next work day at the garden.



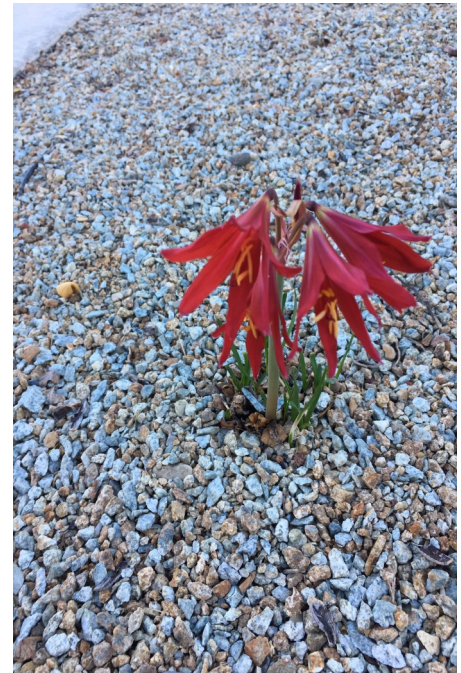


Plant of the Month

Red Argentine amaryllis (*Rhodophiala bifida*)

This plant is an Arboretum All-Star. I purchased 3 of these plants 3 years ago from the UC Davis Nursery. The plant started to grow each fall but they did not flower and had very little vegetative mass above ground. I had given up on the plant, I left them in the ground but did not water them anymore. This year we had an early season rain in early October. The plant showed up a few days after the rain and flowered soon after that.

The Arboretum All-Star website describes this plant as a showy, easy-to-grow bulb; dark red, trumpet-shaped flowers bloom in late summer; heat and drought tolerant; attracts hummingbirds .



Corning Olive Festival

On October 6 the Master Gardeners had a display table at this event. We sold plants, gave away packets of seed and provided information on several topics. The event was a success. We made \$108 selling plants that were donated by Stephen, Donna, Tammy and Janice. Thomas made small packets of seed that we gave away. The plants and seed were a big hit. I hope we can continue with events like this in the coming year.



Nancy and Stephen helping out with plant selection.



Alyse working at the event.





Master Gardener Business.

Our next meeting is Wednesday November 7 at 1:00 at the office in Orland.

Upcoming events

The Orland Craft Fair Nov 24 and 25—Donna was going to inquire about us putting out some information at the event.

Willows Craft Fair—December 1 Bob has made arrangements with the Chamber of Commerce for us to share a table with Toastmaster. We will be handing out information and seeds, not selling plants.

Seed Give Away—The small packets of seed we gave away at the Olive Festival were very popular. If any of you have extra seeds available consider donating them to the group for us to package and give away.

Plant Sale for the Spring—Spring will be here before we know it, we need to make some plans for a sale. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. We need to decide on a date, location and what kinds of plants we will be selling.

Plant Clinic— Business at the clinic has been slow but we still need volunteers to help out. Please sign-up for a date at the next meeting.

Giving Tuesday November 27—Giving Tuesday, is a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals to celebrate generosity worldwide. It takes place annually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, to kick off the holiday giving season. UCANR will be participating in Giving Tuesday this year. Help spread the word about all the work done by UCANR including research, education, land stewardship and helping in their local communities. If you see a social media post about the day share on your pages. A Giving Tuesday link will be placed on our UCCE Glenn County Master Gardener website that day.

Containing Education— Butte County Master Gardeners still have a few workshops left in November and December this year. Check out their website for more information. If you're on Facebook you can check out the 2 recent Facebook live events hosted by Missy Gable, Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator. Recordings of the events can be found on Facebook on the UC Master Gardeners Page. The topics covered were gardening and how to select plants at a nursery.



Here is the winter vegetable garden growing at the Demonstration Garden. It is coming along nicely. Thanks to all who helped with this project.