



## UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

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### What's going on in the Demonstration Garden?

Tammy Cripe states that she bought one white yarrow plant last year, it went to seed and multiplied. She's not sure how one white yarrow multiplied into a selection of red, orange, pink, purple, and white plants (pictured), but she loves it. Tammy had planned to dry them for tea, but they're so beautiful she decided to leave them for the bees. There is also lavender, and Echinacea in the second bed. It's the start of a bee garden. So there is only one bed available for use.



### Plant Sale



Thomas Woolley has been busy getting plants ready for a plant sale. He has potted some succulents as well as the bangle tiger canna's. He is hoping that the holly hocks will be ready to drop their seeds and has saved some seeds from his California poppy garden and plan to give both seeds to master gardeners. Thank you Thomas. Scheduling a plant sale is on the agenda for the next meeting.



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### Field Trip

Here is a picture of the Butte County Demonstration Garden at Patrick Ranch. Donna Moore has made arrangements for the Glenn County Master Gardeners to get a private tour of their garden. We have picked the date of Friday July 20th at 9:00. RSVP to Donna if you plan on going.



### Plant Clinic

We have been busy at the clinic. We received questions about onions not developing, blossom end rot in tomatoes, shot hole in peaches, grapefruit tree not doing well and a problem with a dying white birch tree. We can always use help in the clinic.

### Continuing Education

The Mount Lassen chapter of the California native plant society has done four videos of local gardens. To watch their 'virtual native plant garden tours' click the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4VfoJIOSV28XmFda9VQe-1mpNijtoiDe>

On Saturday June 30, from 1030—1130 there will be a "Walk with the Horticulture Manager" at Turtle Bay's McConnell Arboretum & Botanical Gardens West Gate. There is a cost for admission.



## Caring For Fruit Trees in June

Continue to thin tiny fruit now to about four inches between remaining fruit to help trees bear larger, tastier fruit. A fruit tree may drop many immature fruits now, a phenomenon known as June drop, although it sometimes occurs at other times; this is simply nature's way of thinning fruit on trees that set more fruit than they can ripen. Be sure to pick up the fallen fruit as it may be infested with bugs or disease. Remove suckers (spindly branches sprouting from the ground near the trunk). Thanks to Donna Moore



## Flowers That Thrive in the Heat



Canna Lilly (*Canna x generalis*) actually prefers heat and provides a tropical aura with



Cosmos

(*Cosmos bipinnaatus*) also endures heat without any noticeable strain.



Petunias

(*Petunia hybrida*) not only thrive in heat but also tolerate occasional neglect; look for F1 hybrids to obtain the most vigorous plants.



Zinnias

(*Zinnia elegans* or *Zinnia grandiflora*) love the Central Valley heat. There are a large variety of strains of

Thanks to Donna Moore for this information.



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### What's going on in our home gardens?

Tomatoes are growing like crazy this year. So much better than last year. Here is a Roma variety growing in my yard. From Nancy Mulligan



Tammy Cripe writes "In my garden this year I planted balcony mix petunias and black pansies (pictured) that I bought from Baker Creek Seeds (rareseeds.com), and I absolutely love them. I have several pots of petunias and some are quite large. I picked these petunias because it said they can have a variety of different colors on one plant. It's true. The plant on the left in the picture has purple and white flowers both. I also wanted some edible flowers. I stuffed a few petunias with a ricotta cheese and herb mixture. They were quite tasty. I haven't eaten any black pansies yet.

### Master Gardener Business

Have a great 4th of July. Our next meeting is July 11 at 1:00 at the office in Orland.

Remember reappointment. It is due at the end of July. If your having problems with the program or don't have your volunteer hours and want to still be part of the program send me an email and we can find a solution.

Master Gardeners will be at the Willows Community Market on July 14. We would like some more volunteers to help us that day.

This is the first edition of the new Newsgram. It will be a monthly newsletter with input from the members. This first edition covers both June and July. The next edition will be out in early August. If you have something to submit for the newsgram send it to the Master Gardener email account.

