



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

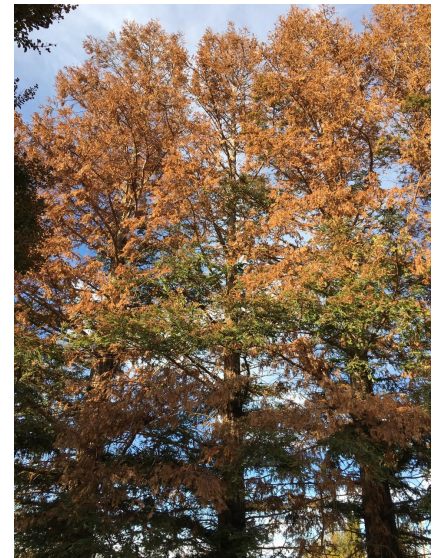
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July 1 starts the new FY for Master Gardeners. We had a busy year last year. Glenn County Master Gardeners had 52 people contact the Plant Clinic for advice. Here is a list of the topics and number of questions.

Landscape Trees	13
Fruit Trees	10
Vegetable gardens	9
General landscape	4
Roses	3
Weeds	3
Bug ID	2
House Plants	2
Soils	2
Lawns	1
Olives	1
Flowers	1
Safflowers	1

In addition to the Plant Clinic we interacted with about 110 people at various events such as the Honey Bee Hobby Day, Willows Community Market and Willows Craft Fair. We also prepared 24 articles for the local newspaper.

We put together a class for new Master Gardeners for both Glenn and Colusa Counties.



One of the plant clinic questions last year was about dying redwood trees.

Continuing education information

Butte County Master Gardeners have posted a list of their fall workshops. Registration will start in early to mid August. Check their website for more info.

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops/>

Saturday Aug 4 is the Sacramento County master Gardeners Harvest Day at the Fair Oaks Garden Center. Looks like some great speakers and demonstrations that day. Here is a link for more information.

http://sacmg.ucanr.edu/Harvest_Day/



The Beetles are back! No not John, Paul, George and Ringo but the Elm Leaf Beetles. They have been very active in Willows. There is a row of Elm trees in Memorial Park that are being defoliated. In most summers the tree will put out another growth of leaves. This repeated defoliation does weaken the trees.



Elm leaf beetles and damage to leaves caused by adults feeding (shot holes) and the larva feeding (skeletonization).



Beetle larva crawling up the tree to feed on leaves.

We have the most questions in the plant clinic about landscape trees. Most of the problems people have with their trees are due to selecting a tree not suited to the place it is planted and improper watering. The CA Center for Urban Horticulture (CCUH) has developed something call a Tree Ring Irrigation Contraption (TRIC). It is designed to deep water the roots at the drip line. For more information visit their website <https://ccuh.ucdavis.edu/tric>



Photo of a TRIC from CCUH website

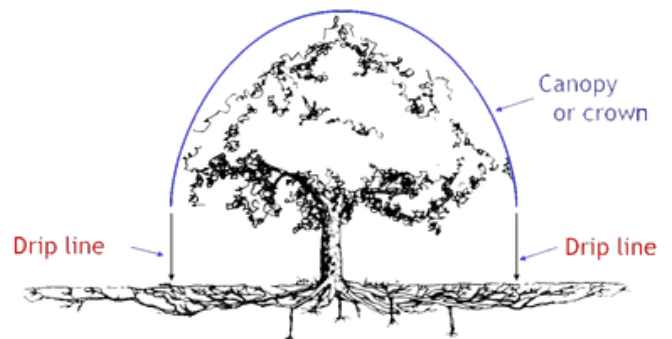


Diagram of a tree root system from the CCUH website.



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Bob had the right idea, go to the coast to escape the heat and smoke. Here he is at the Brookings Botanical Gardens where it was 62 degrees.



Shreb's Finding Coloneaster (China) in foreground. Pygmy Ruby Burberry in background along with Nine Pin Heath from South Africa.



No nameplate for this tall, interesting plant. Note the thick hair-like structures on the stem.



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Demonstration Garden

Tammy has bought some new plants for the herb garden, holy basil, anise hyssop and French tarragon. She also got a mullein for the bee garden

There is a need for an additional 50 feet of irrigation line, if anyone knows about a source that could donate the line or give us a discount let Tammy know.

Read the label and follow instructions

Donna Moore has a great example on the importance of following instructions. Using the exact same seeds, planted on the same day, some watermelon were planted on a hill (as we are instructed to do) and some were planted in a small indentation. You can clearly see the difference. Same amount of water, sunlight, etc. Only difference is how they were planted



Plant on the left was planted in indentation.
Plant on right planted on a hill.



Master Gardener Business.

Reappointment is completed. We have 11 Active and 4 Limited Active Master Gardeners in the program. All Active and Limited Active are required to pay the \$6 insurance fee each year. Bring cash or a check made to UC Regents to our next meeting or mail a check to the office.

Our next meeting is Wednesday Aug 1 at 1:00 at the office. Hope to see you all there. Weather permitting we can set the new Plant Clinic Sign out by the road.

July 1 begins the new Fiscal Year, it is when we can start earning our volunteer and continuing education hours for the new year. Master Gardeners need 24 hours of volunteer work and 12 hours of continuing education. First year Master Gardeners need 50 hours of volunteer work and no continuing education hours. A few of us need to make up some hours from last year, don't lose track of that if you're in that situation.