



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

May 2019

Master Gardeners About Town

April was a busy for the Glenn County Master Gardeners. We had information tables at the Honey Bee Hobby Day in Orland on April 6, at Orland Ace Hardware on April 13 and April 20. Donna Moore gave a talk about Master Gardeners to the Corning Rotary Group on April 24. Master gardeners also went to a tour of the Haagen-Das bee Haven at UC Davis on April 23.



Donna Moore at Orland Ace Hardware on April 20.



Michel Mendoza and Nancy Mulligan at Orland Ace hardware on April 13.



At the Hagen-Das Bee Haven UC Davis on April 24.



Sue Stone and Bob Scoville at the Bee Hobby Day



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Continuing Education And Volunteer Hours.

May is the last month to get your volunteer and Continuing Education Hours. First year members need 50 hours of volunteer time. Other members need 25 volunteer hours and 12 hours of Continuing Education.

Don't think of getting your CE hours as a dreaded chore. I have enjoyed learning new things, remembering things I have forgotten and seeing new places and gardens. It reminds of why I wanted to be a Master Gardener, to learn and grow.

It's not too late to get either volunteer or CE hours. We have lots of work to do in Demonstration Garden, ask Michel what you can do to earn hours. MGs will be at the Willows Lamb Derby on May 11, volunteer for this event to get hours. We always need newspaper articles, that is a good way to get either volunteer or CE hours. Finally the plant clinic in May.

CE Hours on Line

When you sign in as a Master Gardener on our home page there is link at the bottom of the page with a series of video taped lectures, watching these lectures will count as CE hours.

Utah State Extension Forestry has a series of webinars that have been reordered. I watched one webinar live on tree cankers and another on tree pruning. Here is a link to an archive of the webinars. The ones I viewed were very informative and well worth one hour of time. Here is a link to their site with the webinars. <http://forestry.usu.edu/webinars/index>

Other Events for Hours

McConnell Arboretum at Turtle Bay - take a self guided tour or last Saturday of the month walk the arboretum manager.

Sacramento Master Gardeners - Saturday May 4. Two events backyard composting and The Wonderful World of Worms. See their website for more details.

What's up with monarchs?

Donna Moore sent me some information from the USFW, Sacramento Wildlife Refuge. Lora, a Biologist did a survey at Sunset Ranch and found the survey at the site was good. She had 17 eggs, not cats or adults, and over 8,000 stems of the showy milkweed. The Xerces Society is offering some monarch habitat kits to it's partners. Contact Donna Moore if your interested in additional information about obtaining a kit.



Showy Milkweed at the Haagen-Das Bee Haven



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Calendar

Monthly Meeting -Wednesday May 3 after the work party in the Demo Garden

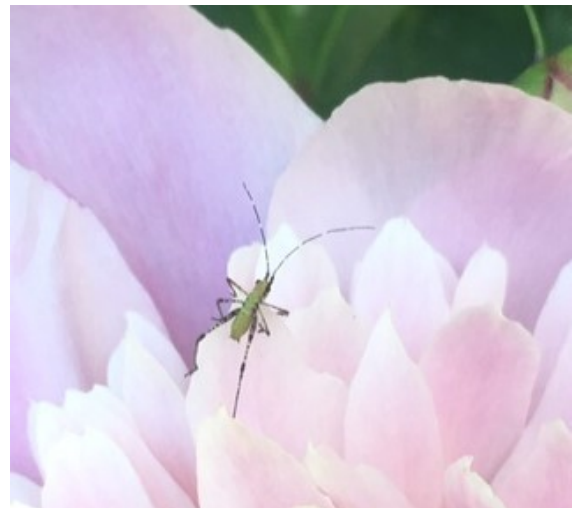
Monthly Meeting -Wednesday June 5 at 1:00 .

Willows Lamb Derby - Saturday May 11

The Healing Power of Gardens.

Michel Mendoza sent me a recent article from the NYT about the healing power of gardens. Well worth the read and some beautiful pictures. Here is link to the article.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/18/opinion/sunday/oliver-sacks-gardens.html>



Peonies and Insects

One thing I look forward to every year is when my peonies bloom. I took a picture of one and realized there was an insect on the flower. Then I remembered I had taken pictures of peonies last year and the same insect was on one of the flowers. I determined the insect to be the nymph of a katydid. Any other ideas what it might be?

I don't recall seeing katydids in the yard but I will be on the look out for them this year.