



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

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Zombie Trees

The Sacramento Bee had an article recently about Zombie Trees. These are the trees that appear to be in some state between alive and dead. "The whole zombie tree issue came about after years of drought stress," Morgan, assistant district manager with The Davey Tree Expert Co., said. "They structurally declined and the health decreased to a point where the trees are just there right now."

Trees most susceptible to becoming zombies are usually older, Morgan said. Growing up, they were likely used to daily watering. But during the drought, they got less than the amount to which they were habituated, causing their health to decline.

Morgan said species like birch and tulip are highly susceptible to changes to their normal environment. But some larger trees may have enough reserve energy to stage a comeback out of the zombie state given the right kind of maintenance practices, he said.

See the full article. <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article229921394.html>

Master Gardeners gave presentations in Glenn County 3 years ago during the drought when water restrictions were in place. In the presentations we stressed that people should prioritize watering trees over turf and shrubs. The rationale was that trees are a long term investment, they are hard to replace and dead or weakened trees are a hazard to homes and people.



The drought maybe gone now but there will be another one. To prepare for the next drought Master Gardeners can help people plant the correct tree species for our current and future climate. We can also provide information on how to deep water trees and not rely on a lawn watering system to provide water for trees.

Is this a Zombie Tree?
Tree in Sycamore park in Willows.



Continuing Education And Volunteer Hours.

June 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.

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.

The Pollinator Partnership has a series of webinars about pollinators and a learning center with resources to learn about conserving pollinators. Follow the link and learning center and webinars can be found under the resources button on the top of the page. <https://www.pollinator.org/>

Other Events for Hours

Saturday June 8-Turtle Bay Arboretum. Green garden Care, safe ways to control pests in your garden and home, 10 -12.

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



Pruning Mistake

Here is an example of a pruning operation that damaged the stem of the tree. The tree is a crape myrtle. This tree will develop basal stems and suckers. If a single stemmed tree is desired the suckers should be removed. The proper way to remove these suckers is to cut as close to the stem as possible without damaging the stem.



Master Gardener Business

It's time for reappointment. Starting June 1 when you go into VMS the reappointment buttons will be visible. There are 3 forms that need to be approved in order to be reappointed. There is also a \$6 insurance fee that needs to be paid. You can pay in cash or write a check to UC Regents.

Calendar

Monthly Meeting -Wednesday July 3 at 1:00

Orland Pollinator Event—Saturday June 22

Pollinator Week-June 17-23 is Pollinator Week. National Pollinator Week is a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what you can do to protect them. Twelve years ago the U.S. Senate's unanimous approval and designation of a week in June as "National Pollinator Week" marked a necessary step toward addressing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. Pollinator Week has now grown into an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles.

On June 22 the Master Gardeners will be at the Pollinator Event in Orland to spread the word on protecting pollinators. Volunteer for the event or stop by.

Demo Garden



Things are moving along with the garden. A second day of sheet mulching and weeding has been accomplished. The boxes were roto tilled and more soil added to the boxes. The Salsa Garden has been planted with tomatoes, tomatillos, onions, peppers and cilantro. The herb garden has been planted with basil, tyme and oregano. The vertical garden was planted with pole beans and two types of melons.

Here is a recent photo of the Salsa Garden