



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

July 2019

Barceloux-Tibbesart Foundation Grant

The Glenn County Master Gardeners applied and received a \$2,000 grant from the Barceloux-Tibbesart Foundation. There will be a grant presentation ceremony will be on July 17 at 5:30 at the History Museum over by the library. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony. The money will be used to buy supplies for the upkeep of the Teaching and Demonstration Garden. We are planning on purchasing an additional raised bed, a weed eater, tools, soil and irrigation equipment. We want to thank the foundation for the grant. Here is some information about the Foundation.

The Barceloux-Tibessart Trust was established in 1995 by the will of Leo and Fern Barceloux as their contribution to the improvement of the community where they were long-time residents. The purpose of the Barceloux-Tibessart Trust is the allocation of funds from the Trust to benefit religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational organizations in and around the community of Orland. These organizations must be non-profit, non-political organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. At the end of July each year, the Advisory Committee of the Barceloux-Tibessart Trust evaluates applications and determines the distribution of funds.

Xerces Society Monarch Waystation

The Xerces Society is giving 40 monarch waystation kits to groups who want to improve habitat for monarch butterflies. The Glenn County Master Gardeners applied and was selected to receive a kit. The kit consists of 1600 perennial plants plugs. The plugs are half milk weed and half nectar plants. The plants will be ready for pick up in October and need to be planted in the fall. This is an exciting opportunity. There will be a meeting on July 3 at 2:00 after our monthly meeting to talk about plans for the this kits. If your interested in this project please attend the meeting.



Pictures taken June 30 of milk-weed at Sacramento Wildlife Refuge. The Yellow spots are not monarch eggs, they are aphids. If you look close you can see the cornicles on the hind end.





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Photo Contest

The UC Master Gardener Program is celebrating its 40th year, 1980-2020. They are having a photo contest and are asking volunteers to submit their favorite images of what it means to be a UC Master Gardener volunteer. The photos can include any photo taken between 1980 and now showing the work and impacts of the UC Master Gardener program.

Top 3 winners will receive a “*People’s Choice*” certificate and have their photo displayed on the statewide UC Master Gardener Program website, social media channels, UC ANR Repository, program marketing materials and the 2019 annual report. Each winner will be recognized by having their photo displayed in a gallery at the 2020 UC Master Gardener Program statewide conference. (1) First place winner will receive \$75 gift certificate, (1) second place winner will receive \$50 gift certificate and (1) third place winner will receive \$25 gift certificate.

Recycling Plastic Plant Containers

Are you overflowing with plastic plant pots. Both Home Depot and Lowe’s have recycling programs for plastic pots. This is not an endorsement or advertisement for these businesses just passing along information. If any Master Gardeners are aware of recycling programs at other nurseries let us know and it can be included in the newsgram.

The Home Depot has a recycling program for plastic plant containers that reuses *and* recycles the plastic pots that hold flowers, plants, bushes and trees. At all The Home Depot Garden Centers nationwide, customers can bring back their empty pots for growers to refill. When the pots are no longer reusable, The Home Depot’s partner, East Jordan Plastics Inc., turns them into new pots, trays, and hanging baskets.

Lowe’s provides a cart for stores and customers to return plastic plant trays, pots and tags, regardless of condition. No matter where consumers purchase the plant, they are encouraged to return the materials to a Lowe's Garden Center to be recycled. Once the pots and trays are returned to the store, they are picked up by local vendors and sorted. The reusable material is sterilized and reintroduced to the production cycle. Serviceable trays are recovered and reused in the growing, shipping and sale of live plants. Material not deemed reusable is crushed, banded and sent for recycling.



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Master Gardener Business

It's time for reappointment. 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

Meeting about Monarch Way Station -July 3 at 2:00

Barcleaux-Tibessart Foundation Grant Ceremony-July 17 at 5:00 at Orland Historical Society

Demo Garden

We are having problems with cats. The plastic forks and straw seems to be helping keeping them out of the raided beds but the cats are making mess and tearing up the cardboard and chips we put down for mulching. A commercial cat repellent made of cinnamon oil and tyme oil was put out on the mulch area. It's too early to see if it worked. Here is a picture of a cat in the garden area two days after the repellent was applied. We are always looking for other suggestions to controlling the cats. If you have any ideas let us know. UCIPM does not have a pest note for cats.



Excess Produce

Home Gardeners do you have excess produce from your garden that is going to waste? Food banks in Glenn County will accept produce to distribute to clients.

At the Orland Pantry food can be dropped off at the Lutheran Church, Colusa and A Streets on Monday from 10 -12 and on Wednesday from 3-5.

In Willows, food can be dropped off at 444 N. Tehama Street on Tuesday from 1 -4.