



CCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

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COVID-19 Update

As of this time there is no new direction from the State of CA or the University of CA. The Stay at Home order is in effect. Master Gardeners are answering plant clinic questions remotely from home. We can do work in the demonstration garden but limited to one person in the garden at a time.

The good news is that we have all had time this spring to work on our yards and gardens and get those cleaning projects done around the house.

When there is any additional direction about opening up the office or plant clinic it will be sent to the Master Gardeners.

Demonstration and Teaching Garden

The garden is doing just great. The plants we received from the Xerces Society grant and planted in the demo garden are growing like crazy. The flowering shrubs are flowering and attracting bees. The milkweed is starting to come back to life, after a few of us thought it was dead. A bird bath was put in to provide water for the bees, butterflies and birds.



Bird bath and nectar plants in the Demo Garden



Salvia greggii in the Demo Garden



Bluebell Creeper (*Billardiera heterophylla*) in the Demo garden





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Master Gardener Business

Monthly Meeting on May 6, 1:00 using Zoom. Link with call information was sent out by email.

Plant Clinic-There have been two call received at the office for help. Both calls have been out fruit trees.

Statewide Conference - Scheduled for Sept 28-Oct 2 in Lake Tahoe. There has been no decision to cancel the conference.

Search for Excellence

Search for Excellence (SFE) is a statewide competition designed to recognize outstanding UC Master Gardener projects that support the mission of UC Master Gardener Program . The SFE competition is an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the tremendous talents of UC Master Gardeners from across the state. County programs were invited to submit an educational and innovative projects for consideration.

This year the Glenn County Master Gardeners submitted a project for consideration. The Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Habitat project was submitted. This is the project done with the plants from the Xerces Society and Orland High Scholl and Murdock Elementary School.

Winners will be announced in July. If we win we will be recognized at the Statewide Conference in October. First prize is \$1,500, second prize \$1,000 and third prize \$500.



2 pictures from our work day in the demo garden on March 4th.

