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With all the smoke, ash, fires and the other bad things we are all dealing with it is nice to see something sprout up and bloom.

This is the red spider lily, *Lycoris radiata*. It is planted in a hot dry area and doesn't get watered in the summers. Then like magic in September these blooms appear.

When the blooms are gone the leaves will start to grow and last until late spring.

The bulbs were purchased at the UC Davis Arboretum nursery plant sale. The Arboretum is switching to an on-line plant sale this fall.

Plants will be ordered on line and then pick-up curbside at the nursery.

Safely Cleaning Ash from Yards and Gardens.

UCCE Butte County Master Gardeners published a blog recently about cleaning wildfire ash from property. A thin layer of ash on a plant (with green color still visible) won't have long term effect on plant growth before rain washes it away. For walkways, driveways and patios it is best to lightly sweep after damping the ash with a mist of water. Don't use a leaf blower, which will just put the ash back into the air. Don't wash the ash into storm drains. Instead direct the ash into lawn or ornamental plant areas where the ground will act as a filter.

The entire article can be viewed on the Butte County Master Gardener Website. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Blog/?blogpost=43730&blogasset=58737>



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Master Gardener Business

Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be on October 7 at 1:00. The meeting will be outside in the Demo Garden at the UCCE Office in Orland. Bring a lawn chair. It will be great to see everyone again and to see how great the garden is doing.

UCCE Office Status

Due to Glenn County being on the State's Monitoring List the UCCE office is in Stage 1 remote work status. The office is closed to the public but the public can contact the offices by phone or email. Master Gardeners should not be going into the office. Work in the demonstration can be done but it is limited to one employee at a time in the garden.

Continuing Education

Check out the UC Master Gardeners website, under the events tab is a listing of classes being offered by Master Gardeners from around the state. One of the positive things that has resulted from the COVID shut down has been the availability of on-line classes.

Produce Safety After a Fire

UCCE of Sonoma County has a publication about the effects of fire on produce. The recommended best practice for produce is summarized below.

Wash Your Produce: Wash your hands before eating and handling food. Observe your produce noting signs of particle deposits, and whether your plants appear healthy. Wash produce well by running fruits and vegetables under running water before storing, cooking, canning or eating them. Soak your produce in a 10% white vinegar solution by volume, which can lift soil particles off produce such as deeply veined leafy green vegetables like kale, swiss chard, savoy cabbage, and hairy fruits like peaches. Remove the outer leaves of lettuce or leafy greens and peel root crops before eating. The publication can be found at the following link.

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/sacmg/files/334524.pdf>

