



COORDINATOR

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Hello Melissa,

I'm sure I am not alone in expressing shock over how quickly 2023 progresses! Counties are busy certifying new volunteers, hosting plant sales, and prepping for extension education through the summer. Thank you all for your efforts to coordinate these activities – the program has so much to celebrate, thanks to contributions from each of you. It was delightful to see 16 counties represented at our community meeting in Fresno, where we announced a new org chart for the statewide office, enjoyed presentations on defensible space, food security and nutrition, and had an update on water and hydrology. The opportunity to reconnect in person was very meaningful and we look forward to seeing folks again at the [2023 UC Master Gardener Conference](#).



Warm regards,



2021 & 2022 Impact Report

The UC Master Gardener Program's 2021 & 2022 Impact Report has been finalized and will be shipping in the next couple of weeks! The Impact Report serves as a testament to our collective achievements, resilience and progress over the past two years. Please celebrate our collective achievements with your volunteers, community partners, and stakeholders.

Visit:
mg.ucanr.edu/2022ImpactReport





[2023 UC Master Gardener Photo Contest | June 15 - Aug. 28](#)

It's time for UC Master Gardeners to showcase their green thumbs and photography skills in the conference photo contest! Whether it's the beauty of a perfectly bloomed flower, a bountiful harvest, a native plant garden, or simply the joy of sharing their knowledge with others, we want to see your best shots. Join us in celebrating the beauty of nature and the dedication of UC Master Gardeners everywhere by submitting photos today! Photo Contest runs June 15 - August 28, 2023. Voting opens in September. All images collected from Photo Contest will be made available for county program use.

Photo contest themes:

- Get Growing
- Garden Lessons
- Lovely Landscapes
- Garden Fails
- Garden Bounty

[Visit the conference Photo Contest for more detailed information and descriptions of the categories.](#)



Collaborating with Elected Officials

You might be surprised to learn that UC Master Gardener volunteers and public officials have a lot in common. UC Master Gardeners and public officials both strive to make a positive impact by empowering individuals, communities, and the environment. Both also engage their communities - just in different ways! [This brief article will help you learn how to engage elected officials who shape budgets and policy decisions.](#)



2023 Invasive Species Awareness Week

As we observe California Invasive Species Action Week, June 3-11 we invite you to join us in our collective efforts to combat the potential threat posed by the Spotted Lanternfly to the state of California. We kindly request your assistance in sharing the following information through your internal and external newsletters to raise awareness and empower our community to take action.

Spotted Lanternfly Resources:

- SLF Blog: <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=57034>
- SLF Training: <https://campus.extension.org/course/search.php?search=1900>

Additionally, as part of this campaign, we are excited to introduce a UC Master Gardener Program, CISAW, and UC IPM toolkit designed to support county programs in their efforts to spread the word and engage their communities about invasive plants and pests. This toolkit serves as a valuable resource to promote California Invasive Species Action Week and educate communities on the steps they can take to prevent, detect, and manage invasive species.

Toolkit link:


<https://ucdavis.box.com/s/ycn3get15mpwqk0wysit4jn4czxumn9m>



Congratulations to all counties that participated in UC ANR Giving Day. We are thrilled to announce that the UC Master Gardener Program raised the most funds of any program at UC ANR, with a total of **\$38,127** raised in a 24-hour period! Our program had 7x more donors than any other group at UC ANR, a testament to your dedication to supporting the campaign.

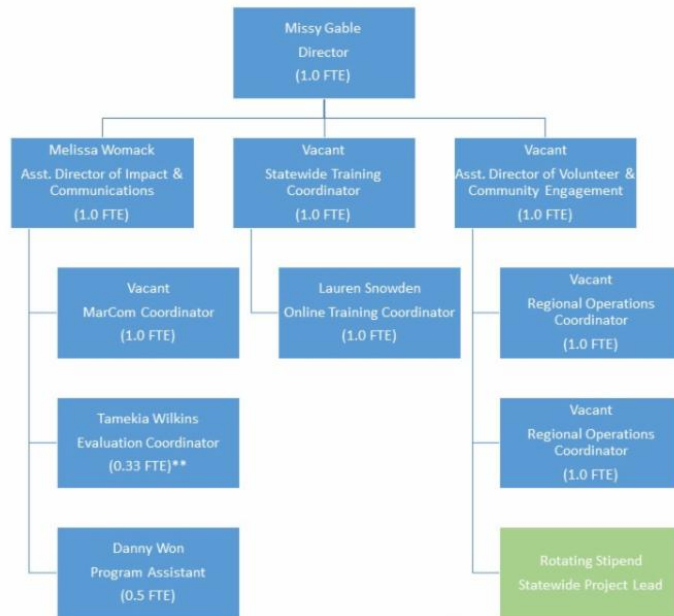
We would also like to acknowledge the following counties for their outstanding performance in earning the \$500 prize challenges:

- Placer (x2)
- Los Angeles
- San Luis Obispo
- Orange
- Nevada
- Sonoma
- Riverside (x2)
- San Francisco & San Mateo (x2)



Reappointment Runs June 1 - July 31

Reappointment can be a time-consuming process for coordinators. We recommend blocking out a few hours each week through August to ensure that your reappointment is complete and that insurance fees are properly submitted to the statewide office. Counties will receive insurance billing information beginning the first week of Aug. (\$6/volunteer.) Insurance payments will be processed to the recharge account provided. Checks can be made payable to UC Regents. Help and training resources can be found on the Coordinator Website, [Reappointment page](#).



A New Look for the Statewide Office!

In a beneficial move for all of us, the statewide office will be better equipped to be responsive in addressing the needs of our county-based programs. Over the next program year, we will be promoting Melissa and Lauren, conceptualizing two new Regional Operations Coordinator positions, pursuing funding to increase our Evaluation Coordinator's FTE, and ultimately recruiting to fill FIVE vacancies. [Learn more about the new roles and positions on the statewide team.](#)



Welcome! New Advisors to the UC Master Gardener Community

The UC Master Gardener Program is pleased to be welcoming new Advisors to our community of practice! New advisors are joining the statewide team for a 3-part, 3.5-hour orientation to our program, where we review roles and responsibilities, opportunities, and the incredible benefits that come along with supporting volunteers. Each new academic has responsibility for the academic integrity of the UC Master Gardener Program in their county or region. [Learn more about the new UC ANR Advisors and their roles in supporting UC Master Gardener's mission.](#)

Upcoming Training & Events:

Web: mgcoord.ucanr.edu/Events

- **Office Hours: Social Media**

Every Wednesday, 11 am -12 pm

Zoom link: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/91408257262?pwd=dXI0a1RZbW5nR054OXcxYUVqckZtdz09>

- **Office Hours: Reappointment**

Mon., June 5, 12 -1 pm

Thurs., June 8, 12 -1 pm

Weds., June 14, 12 -1 pm

Tues., June 20, 12-1 pm

Fri., June 23, 12-1 pm

Tues., June 27, 12-1 pm

Zoom link: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/96182293292?pwd=NXZlcTFIVnJIUWNpNXVQTmt1K0cydz09>

- **Brown Bag Webinar: UC Master Gardener 10-Year Program Review**

Tues., June 6, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Zoom link: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/99598523364>

- **2023 UC Master Gardener Statewide Conference**

Oct. 2-6, 2023

Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Website: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/23MGConference/>

Recorded Webinars:

- [VMS Reappointment 22/23](#), May 2023

- [Program Evaluation](#), March 2023
 - [Travel Cybersecurity Tips](#), March 2023
 - [Stewarding the UC ANR Brand Sliddeck](#), May 2023
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Thanks for reading this month's issue! To submit questions, topic suggestions, a spotlight story, project feature, new staff feature, or feedback, email statewide Marketing Coordinator, Melissa Womack at mgwomack@ucanr.edu.

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“To extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California.”



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