



# COORDINATOR

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Hello Melissa,

We're looking forward to all that 2023 holds, especially those opportunities for our UC Master Gardener community to come together in person. Please join us on Monday, April 24 at the [UC ANR Statewide Conference](#) in Fresno, Calif. for a gathering to network, share program updates, and hear lightening talks on timely topics such as the status of California's drought and changes to landscape requirements due to fire risk. Later in the year, we're more than excited to host our 2023 UC Master Gardener Conference! Check out conference details in this newsletter and online at [2023 UC Master Gardener Conference \(ucanr.edu\)](#).



We'll be seeing you soon!



The image shows a YouTube video player thumbnail. At the top left is the UC ANR logo and the text 'Navigating the Coordinator Website' with the URL 'ingcoord.ucanr.edu'. To the right are icons for 'Watch later' and 'Share'. Below the title, it says 'Who has access:' followed by a bulleted list: 'Advisors', 'Coordinators', 'Lead Volunteers', and 'Presidents, Vice Presidents'. The main visual is an illustration of several people interacting with a large hand icon, symbolizing navigation or support. A red YouTube play button is overlaid on the illustration. At the bottom left is a 'Watch on YouTube' button. At the bottom right is the UC ANR logo and the text 'UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Agriculture and Natural Resources UC Master Gardener Program'.

## Brown Bag Webinar: Navigating the Coordinator Website

The coordinator website hosts a wide range of resources to assist coordinators in volunteer engagement, training, marketing, program evaluation, fundraising, and more. The recent February brown bag webinar "[Navigating the Coordinator Website](#)" takes you on a tour of some of the resources you have at your fingertips on the website.



## [2023 UC Master Gardener Conference](#)

The 2023 UC Master Gardener Conference is Oct. 2 - 6, 2023 in Tahoe City, Calif. at the [Granlibakken Tahoe](#). The conference is in the planning stages now, stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the conference date. [Visit the conference website for more information and the latest updates!](#)

### **Conference highlights:**

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- Two days of workshops and field trips
- Networking opportunities
- Program Coordinator workgroup meetings

Your input is needed for conference speakers. This triennial event is built around input from volunteers, program staff, advisors, academics, and our mission to extend sustainable gardening information into communities across California. We are continuing to gather topic ideas and speaker suggestions through an online survey and would love to hear from you. [Recommend speakers and topics for the upcoming conference today!](#)



## [2023 Search for Excellence](#)

Search for Excellence (SFE) is an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the tremendous talents of UC Master Gardener volunteers from across the state. Counties are invited to

submit educational and innovative projects for consideration. This statewide competition is designed to recognize outstanding UC Master Gardener projects that support the mission of the UC Master Gardener Program. Cash prizes will be awarded to the three highest-scoring entries. The deadline to submit a project for consideration is May 1.

#### SFE Resources:

- SFE Webpage: [ucanr.edu/sites/23MGConference/SFE/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/23MGConference/SFE/)
- SFE Office Hours: [mgcoord.ucanr.edu/Events/](https://mgcoord.ucanr.edu/Events/)



A banner for an online course titled "SPOTTED LANTERNFLY IN CALIFORNIA". The background is a close-up photograph of green grape clusters on a vine with large green leaves. A spotted lanternfly is perched on one of the leaves. In the top right corner, there is a blue diamond-shaped logo with a yellow flower and green leaves. The title "SPOTTED LANTERNFLY" is in a dark blue box, and "IN CALIFORNIA" is in a lighter blue box below it. At the bottom left, there is a logo for the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and the UC Master Gardener Program. Below the logo, it says "Duration: 30 minutes" with a clock icon and "Please connect speakers" with a speaker icon. On the right side, there is a blue button that says "START COURSE".

### [Spotted Lanternfly Online Training](#)

We are excited to announce the release of the program's "[Spotted Lanternfly in California](#)" [eLearning course](#), hosted on eXtension Campus. This course is designed to inform the public, UC Master Gardeners and other stakeholders of the threat posed by spotted lanternfly (SLF) to the state of California. The interactive online training includes an overview of spotted lanternfly ecology and empowers learners to detect and report spotted lanternfly sightings in California. UC Master Gardener volunteers are encouraged to take the SLF course for 1 hour of continuing education (CE) upon completion. [Learn more about Spotted Lanternfly on the new SLF website!](#)



A banner for an online course titled "INVASIVE SPECIES SCOUT TRAINING". The background is a photograph of several people, including a man in a plaid shirt and a woman in a pink vest, looking at a plant in a garden. In the top right corner, there is a blue diamond-shaped logo with a yellow flower and green leaves. The title "INVASIVE SPECIES" is in a dark blue box, and "SCOUT TRAINING" is in a lighter blue box below it. At the bottom left, there is a logo for the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and the UC Master Gardener Program. Below the logo, it says "Duration 15 minutes" with a clock icon and "Please connect speakers" with a speaker icon. On the right side, there is a blue button that says "START COURSE".

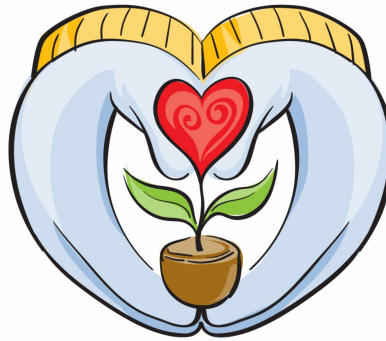
### [Launching: Invasive Species Scout Project](#)

In partnership with the CDFA, the UC Master Gardener Program is launching a statewide [Invasive Species Scout Project](#). This project has been established as a line of defense from invasive plants and pests in California. As scouts, UC Master Gardener volunteers will look for invasive plants or pest eggs, larvae, nymphs, and or adults on known host plants. When invasive pests or plants are suspected, images and information are reported to the CDFA.

The ["Invasive Species Scout" eLearning course](#) is ready for release, be sure to check out what it takes to be an invasive species scout.

**Release Dates:**

- Coordinators: Mar. 10
- Volunteers: Mar. 13



**[National Volunteer Month \(April\) & Gardeners with Heart](#)**

In April, we celebrate National Volunteer Month, honoring all of the contributions that volunteers make in our communities. All month and during National Volunteer Week (April 16-22) the UC Master Gardener Program will feature stories of exceptional volunteers, or Gardeners with Heart, making a difference in California's community, school, demonstration, and research gardens.

**2023 Gardeners with Heart nomination categories:**

- Community connection leaders
- Food gardening and food access
- Sustainable landscaping stewards
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Leaders
- Communications excellence

The Gardeners with Heart nomination form is now open. Please nominate a volunteer or volunteers in your county or program. The [Gardener with Heart nomination survey](#) will remain open until March 31.



## Save-the-Date: ANR Giving Day, May 18

ANR Giving Day is set for Thursday, May 18! Last year UC ANR raised more than \$72,000 to support the division and its statewide programs, and nearly \$20,000 was brought in directly for counties across the UC Master Gardener Program in a 24-hour period! Get all the ANR Giving Day updates you'll need in The Scoop newsletter. If you are not subscribed, email [Emily Delk](mailto:Emily.Delk).

Donors are invited to give to counties, Research and Extension Centers, and programs. When you click "GIVE" on our website [donate.ucanr.edu/givingday](https://donate.ucanr.edu/givingday), fund choices appear in the drop-down menus. If you would like to add or change a gift fund please submit requests via email [gifts@ucanr.edu](mailto:gifts@ucanr.edu) by April 21.



## National American Evaluation Association Award

Congratulations to our UC Master Gardener community! Our program is honored to have received the Excellence in Extension Program Evaluation Award from the American Evaluation Association. This award is given for an evaluation of outstanding quality. Criteria for excellence in program evaluation are accuracy, feasibility, propriety, and utility, with particular emphasis placed on utility in improving Extension programs, policies and/or accountability. [Learn more about the AEA award and national recognition.](#)

## Welcome New Coordinators & Staff!



### **Jill Tyler**, Ventura, Program Coordinator

Jill Tyler's career has focused on diverse public issues ranging from advocacy for victims of crime to funding rain catchers for clean water in Africa to innovating K-12 education for the 21st century on a national scale. Each day in her new coordinator role, she experiences the joys of bringing gardening education to the community. When not at work, you'll find her gardening at home, knitting with friends at the local yarn shop, or traveling the world with her husband. Connect with Jill by email at: [jtyler@ucanr.edu](mailto:jtyler@ucanr.edu)

## Upcoming Training & Events:

Web: [mgcoord.ucanr.edu/Events](https://mgcoord.ucanr.edu/Events)

- **Office Hours: Search for Excellence**  
Mon., Mar. 27, 12 -1 pm

Mon., Mar. 10, 12 -1 pm

Zoom link: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/97137386657?pwd=Q3VCMjhaNUgzUEhsazE0OUJ0d284QT09>

- **National Volunteer Week**

April 16-22, 2023

Website: [pointsoflight.org/national-volunteer-week](http://pointsoflight.org/national-volunteer-week)

- **UC ANR Statewide Conference 2023**

April 24-27, 2023

Fresno, Calif.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Fresno Convention Center

Website: [ucanr.edu/sites/statewideconference2023](http://ucanr.edu/sites/statewideconference2023)

- **Brown Bag Webinar: Reappointment for the 2022-23 Program Year**

Tues., May 2, 12-1 pm

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

- **Diversity Awareness for New Supervisors and Leads (UC Davis)**

May 17, 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Register: <https://hr.ucdavis.edu/departments/learning-dev/course-catalog/hr-mgmt/diversity>

- **2023 UC Master Gardener Statewide Conference**

Oct. 2-6, 2023

Lake Tahoe, Calif.

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

### Recorded Webinars:

- [Navigating the Coordinator Website](#), Feb. 2023
- [Think outside the camera frame: Compact lessons in photography](#), Jan. 2023
- [Intro to Contracts & Grants and Grant Tracking System](#), Jan. 2023
- [Spotted Lanternfly eLearning Coord. Preview](#), Nov. 2022

### Our Mission

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](mailto:mgwomack@ucanr.edu).

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