



University of California Cooperative Extension Madera County Master Gardeners

Glorious Gardens IV **Saturday, May 1, 2010**

Join Madera Master Gardeners for our annual Spring Garden Tour. This year's tour features gardens skillfully and lovingly paired with unique Madera homes. Travel Madera history spanning the whole 20th century, and enjoy the interesting variety and creativity of each garden while learning about garden ideas for flowers, trees, shrubs, and vegetables. Master Gardeners will be present at each garden to answer your questions about plant identification, planting, and garden problems. Every garden has extensive plant labeling to suggest new ideas to you, and combines mature trees and beds with annuals and perennials for seasonal enjoyment. Gather practical ideas for combining hard and soft elements in the landscape, whether urban or suburban. Learn about irrigation, drought-tolerance, and water conservation. Most of all, enjoy and share our bounteous Madera County Spring!

Please bring camera, notebook, sun protection, comfortable shoes, and your questions. There will also be a Garden Shop at the Bryan Garden featuring a variety of plants and garden art.



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The Cholewa Garden: A suburban masterpiece surrounding a contemporary Victorian home. Over 100 roses greet the visitor -- all Iceberg white on one side, and a profusion of colors and sizes on the other. The 10-year-old garden features many unique ideas - from espaliered fruit trees to a patio ceiling of Bougainvillea. Water elements, shade trees, seating areas, and flowering annuals and perennials combine to create spaces for wandering and resting on the edge of a golf course. Architectural structures and an extensive collection of garden art and many garden rooms add interest and intimacy.

The Sturk Garden: An historic 1914 craftsman style California Bungalow multi-generational family home is the center of a long-loved family garden. Many original almost 100-year-old trees and plants provide shade and background to newer plantings. The house itself has the welcoming addition of a well-established Virginia Creeper, attesting to the comfortable, lived-in atmosphere. Flagstone paths lead to two fountains, one placed when the house was first built. Lovely Crepe Myrtle trees line the streets on this corner half-acre. Nandina, Azalea, Gazania ground cover, roses, daylilies, and container plants add color and interest.

The Aguilar Garden: The vintage Madera home originally built by an old Madera family is on a double city lot, allowing for a spacious garden and secluded pool area. The classic formality of the garden, with layered textures of green-on-green, creates a peaceful oasis around the storybook style home. Mature trees and shrubs frame lawns fenced with cast-iron. The street is bordered with formally shaped sycamores, and an ivy-covered fence gives privacy to the large pool area. Quince, privet, camellia, and calla lilies are meticulously groomed, adding quiet accents to the elegant simplicity of the background.

The Bryan Garden: The stately Prairie-style home, built at the turn of the 20th century, is complemented by many large original trees and formal, flowing Box hedges. From the restrained formality of the front garden, the visitor would never imagine the incredible variety and efficiency of the recreational garden rooms and urban farm that lie behind! Every bit of this garden is thoroughly planned and meticulously maintained, offering a diversity of environments: a pool and spa area, a koi pond, entertainment pergola, and an extensive vegetable garden with raised beds. Beehives, a chicken-coop, and a compost bin round out the farm atmosphere. Many fruit and ornamental trees provide background, shade, and produce, completed with annual and perennial flowers. Search for the shady "secret garden."

Advance tickets \$15. Mail orders must be received by April 17. Tickets may be purchased directly from Master Gardeners or from: UC Cooperative Extension Office, 328 South Madera Ave, Madera, or at Floral Fantasy, 1930 Howard Road, Ste. K. For further information, call (559) 675-7879 x 210 or write mgmadera@ucdavis.edu. Our website: <http://groups.ucanr.org/maderamg/>.

All attendees must have a ticket. The tour will go on, rain or shine. Please, no strollers, no smoking, no pets.

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