

Master Gardeners to Hold Two Plant Sales in April  
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Mark your calendar! The University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of El Dorado County will hold two plant sales this month. Edible plants are the focus of the first sale Saturday, April 16, with the spotlight on ornamental plants at the second sale on April 30. Both sales are at the Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, behind the Folsom Lake College El Dorado Center in Placerville, from 8 am until 2 pm. Parking in the El Dorado Center lot adjacent to the garden is free.

Expect to find top quality herb, vegetable, and fruit offerings at the edible sale -- all locally grown and carefully tended by Master Gardener volunteers. If you are looking for herbs, you will find cilantro, cumin, lemon grass, sweet fennel, chamomile, lavender, marjoram, oregano, scented geraniums, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil (10 varieties), and more. If vegetable plants are on your list, you will find arugula, cardoon, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, hot chili peppers (23 varieties), rhubarb, snow peas, sweet peppers (22 different kinds), and Swiss chard. Tomatoes will be a special focus of this sale, with 26 types of heirloom tomatoes and 22 different hybrid varieties, including five tomatoes new to the sale.

The ornamental sale on April 30 will feature a wide variety of excellent quality landscape plants, including native plants, ornamental grasses, shrubs, trees, succulents, and perennials. Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card. Check the Master Gardener website <https://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu> after April 4 for a complete inventory list of the plants available at the April 16 edibles sale.

Both plant sales will operate on a first come, first served basis this year. COVID restrictions have been lifted so there is no need to make an advance reservation. An information booth will be staffed with Master Gardeners available to answer gardening questions. Composting demonstrations will be presented in the garden composting area. The Sherwood Demonstration Garden will be open to give visitors an opportunity to see many of the plants being sold in the garden setting, and to provide landscape ideas for plants that do well in El Dorado County.

The spring plant sales are an important source of fundraising which support the Master Gardener program, a non-profit organization. The money raised supports the Sherwood Demonstration Garden, which consists of sixteen individual gardens in one and is an essential part of public education classes, youth programs, and ask-a-Master Gardener outreach. This crown jewel of a teaching garden has been designed, built, and maintained since 2015 as a community resource, with many new projects undertaken since that time. Work is currently nearing completion on the garden pergola, which will be used as a place to host education classes and other group gatherings. Buying plants at the Master Gardener sale is a win-win -- you can purchase excellent quality, locally grown plants at a great price for your garden while supporting a valuable community program.

Master Gardener classes are offered monthly throughout the county. You can find our class schedule at: [http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/Public\\_Education\\_Classes/?calendar=yes&g=56698](http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/Public_Education_Classes/?calendar=yes&g=56698), and recorded classes on many gardening topics here: [http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/Public\\_Education/Classes/](http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/Public_Education/Classes/).

The Sherwood Demonstration Garden is open weekly on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon until March through October. We do close in case of rain, please check our website for details [https://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC\\_Master\\_Gardeners/Demonstration\\_Garden/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners/Demonstration_Garden/)

Mark your calendar for our annual plant sales in April! Edible plant sale; including fruit, veggies and herbs will be on Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:00AM · 2:00PM. Choose your favorite edibles and shop our incredible tomato selection grown cared for locally by Master Gardener volunteers! The ornamental plant sale will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2022 8:00AM · 2:00PM. We will have a huge selection of trees, shrubs, grasses, succulents, native and perennial plants. Location: Sherwood Demonstration Garden 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. <http://ucanr.edu/edcsale>

Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are working hard to answer your questions. Leave a message on our office telephone: 530-621-5512, or use the “Ask a Master Gardener” option on our website: [mgeldorado.ucanr.edu](http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu). We’ll get back to you! Master Gardeners are also on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest.

For more information on the UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County, see our website at <http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu>. To sign up for notices and newsletters, see [http://ucanr.edu/master\\_gardener\\_e-news](http://ucanr.edu/master_gardener_e-news).