

Master Gardeners to Hold Final Plant Sale of the Year  
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Set aside Saturday, April 30, to attend the final plant sale of the year sponsored by the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of El Dorado County. Ornamental plants take the spotlight for this sale, which will be from 8 am until 2 pm at the Sherwood Demonstration Garden located at 6699 Campus Drive, behind the Folsom Lake College El Dorado Center in Placerville. Parking is free in the El Dorado Center lot adjacent to the garden.

The sale features a wide variety of excellent quality landscape plants locally grown by Master Gardeners, including native plants, ground covers, ornamental grasses, succulents, perennials, and shrubs and trees. Payment can be made with cash, check, or credit card. Shop ahead by checking the Master Gardener website <https://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu> after April 18 for a plant inventory list.

If you are interested in native plants, you are likely to find California buckeye, milkweed, California wild lilac, ceanothus, Western redbud, California fuchsia, penstemon, hummingbird sage, and more. Some of the available groundcovers and grasses include feather reed grass, sedges, dwarf plumbago, Santa Barbara daisy, Japanese blood grass, Japanese silver grass, pink muhly, Oriental fountain grass, and dwarf periwinkle. If perennials are on your list, you will find yarrow, naked lady, asters, bellflower, Coreopsis, Dianthus (pinks), coneflower, wallflower, blanket flower, sunflower, coral bells, geraniums, black-eyed Susan, pincushion flower, and salvias. There will also be many shrubs and trees to choose from, including Japanese, red, and flowering maples, butterfly bush, trumpet vine, Deodar Cedar, smoke tree, dogwood, forsythia, hibiscus, hydrangea, lavender, Chinese Pistache, willow, sage, Japanese spirea, lilac, wisteria, and more varieties.

Now that Covid restrictions are lifted, the plant sale is open to the public on a first come, first served basis with no advance reservation required. In addition to a wonderful selection of plants, shoppers will find an information booth staffed with Master Gardeners ready to answer gardening questions. There will also be composting demonstrations throughout the day in the garden composting area. The entire Sherwood Demonstration Garden will be open to give visitors the chance to see mature plantings which thrive in El Dorado County, with many available for purchase at the sale.

The spring plant sale is the most important fundraising event to support the Sherwood Demonstration Garden, which is a vital resource to support the Master Gardeners mission of spreading research-based information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California. The garden, which is sixteen individual themed gardens in one, hosts public education classes and demonstrations, activities for youth, docent led tours on the first Saturday of the month and by special arrangement, and open garden days from 9 am until noon on Fridays and Saturdays through the end of October, weather permitting. Public support of this valuable community resource through plant sale purchases is always greatly appreciated.

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 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/)

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).