

2019

Upcoming Master Gardener Classes & Workshops

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April 2019 UCCE Master Gardener Classes & Events Presented by UCCE Master Gardeners Serving Amador, El Dorado, Calaveras & Tuolumne counties

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Amador County Classes

4/6 Berries to Jam

Do you enjoy picking, eating or preserving your own home-grown berries? Quite a variety of backyard berries can be successfully grown in our local area with a little know how. Your berry plants, bushes and vines can produce an abundance of tasty fruit to enjoy year-round. Join the UCCE Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers of Amador County for their free Public Education class, "Berries to Jam" on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Learn how to successfully select, plant and care for various berries, including cane berries and strawberries, appropriate for a home garden in the foothills. Site selection, care and pruning will be discussed. This class will also include up to date, UC research-based information on food safety and berry preservation. Master Food Preservers will discuss and demonstrate methods to safely preserve berries. They will also provide instruction in the proper use of preservation equipment to help you manage a bountiful harvest and enjoy home grown berries all year long. Handouts will be provided. This class is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

9:00 am to Noon

Location: Amador County GSA Building, 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson

4/27 Plant Sale

The UCCE Master Gardeners of Amador County's Plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Martell. Start your spring gardening off right by picking up your favorite tomato or other vegetable varieties which have been propagated and cared for by Master Gardeners. Not sure what to plant? Master Gardeners can make suggestions and recommendations based on what has grown well for them in the area.

But it is not just vegetables that you will find at the plant sale. We will have pollinators, herbs and flowering plants, (both annuals and perennials). We accept only cash or check, please. Parking is free and plentiful. Come early for the best selection. All sale proceeds

support free classes, programs and activities provided to the community by UCCE Master Gardeners of Amador County.

We plan to have experts on hand to answer your irrigation questions as well as home landscape and garden questions. The UCCE Master Food Preservers will be on hand too, passing out samples and recipes. If you have any questions about the plant sale or other gardening issues, call the Master Gardeners at the UC Cooperative Extension office from 10am to noon, Tuesday through Thursday, 209-223-6838 or e-mail, mgamador@ucanr.edu. Web site: <http://ucanr.edu/mgamador>.

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: American Legion Hall, 12134 Airport Rd in Martell.

[For More Amador Classes Click Here:](#)

El Dorado County

[Fridays-Saturdays - Sherwood Demonstration Garden Open Days](#)

Sixteen individual gardens are open to the public, Master Gardener docents are available for information and gardening questions. See beautiful plants, spring blooms, fruits and veggies that grow in our local climate. Open garden days this month are April 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 27th and 28th.

9:00 am to Noon, \$2 parking (look for kiosks)

Location: Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville

[4/10 Gardening in Small Backyard Spaces](#)

Master Gardener Mike Pavlick will cover site location, design, raised bed options, container gardening and other methods that will allow anyone to have a vegetable garden in a small backyard setting.

9:00 am to Noon

Location: Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park

[4/13 Second Saturdays, Open Garden Day](#)

Emphasis on soil, cover crops, and companion planting; fruit tree pruning demonstration in the Orchard; Succulent Garden open.

9:00 to 11:00 am, \$2 parking

Location: Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville

[4/20 Master Gardener Plant Sale](#)

Don't miss this annual plant sale extravaganza! Hundreds of healthy plants tenderly grown by Master Gardener volunteers will be sold at reasonable prices. Check out heirloom tomatoes, summer veggies, perennials, natives and more. Proceeds support the demonstration Garden. Cash or check only, please.

8:00 am to 2:00 pm, \$2 parking

Location: Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville

[4/27 Backyard Composting Basics](#)

An ecologically-sustainable garden is both beautiful and able to attract and sustain pollinators and beneficial insects, reducing the need for pesticides. Plant selection directly affects beneficial insect populations, those insects that can provide ecological benefits such as biodiversity and natural pest control. This concept of "habitat management" provides a refuge for the insects during winter, and nectar and pollen resources, leading to increases in pollination and populations of other beneficial insects that help control pests in the garden.

9:00 am to Noon, \$2 parking

Location: Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville

[See more Classes in El Dorado County.](#)

Calaveras County

[4/27 Open Garden Day & Plant Sale](#)

The Calaveras County Master Gardeners' Demonstration Garden will be open on Saturday, April 27 from 10AM – 1PM. Plant sale 10AM -12 ~ Rain or Shine. The Demonstration Garden is located at the County Government Center, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas.

Happy Soil = Happy Garden! The foundation of all gardening lies in the soil. We can enhance the fertility of our soil and improve the soil structure by employing simple techniques. We will discuss these techniques along with methods to evaluate soil types.

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Demonstration Garden, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas.

Tuolumne County

[4/6 Open Garden Day & Plant Sale](#)

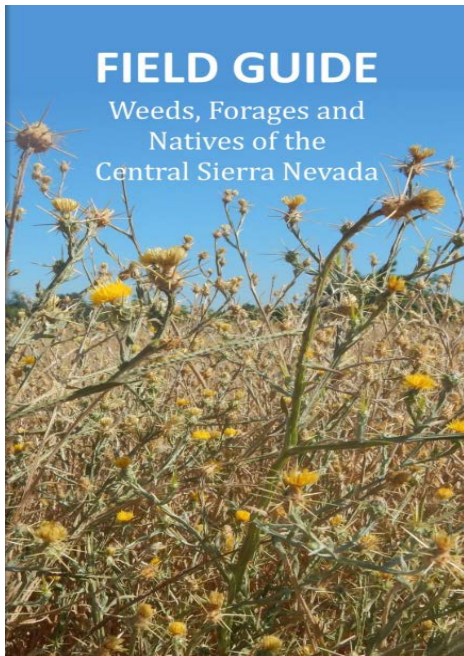
The UCCE Tuolumne County Master Gardeners will be holding an Open Garden Day at the Demonstration Garden on Saturday, April 6, from 10AM – 1PM. The Demonstration Garden is located at 251 S. Barretta Street in Sonora, (Cassina High School Campus.) Open Garden Days are held on the first Saturday of the month, from February through November, rain or shine.

This month we will discuss The Exciting World of Berries and Vertical Gardening. Learn about best practices for growing your own Blackberries, Raspberries, Blueberries and Strawberries and about maximizing your garden space through the use of vertical structures to support a variety of plants – your vegetable garden could be vertical this year!

We will also be having our first Plant Sale of the year. Here is your chance to start your garden right this year with Plants Raised Here to Grow Here! We will have early vegetables, annuals, perennials and native plants available for purchase.

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Demonstration Garden, 251 S. Barretta Street, Sonora.



New Field Guide:

Weeds, Forages, and Natives of the Central Sierra Nevada

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Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm: 209-754-

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Tuolumne Office
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