



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

UCCE Master Gardener Program

San Mateo & San Francisco Counties

EVENTS

SPRING GARDEN MARKET & EDUCATIONAL FAIR



San Mateo County Event Center
Sequoia Hall
2495 South Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA

April 21, 2018
9:00am-1:00pm

The annual Spring Garden Market is a plant sale and educational fair brought to you by the UCCE Master Gardeners of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties. We offer more than 5,000 vegetable plants, herb starts, and succulents to get your home garden started. You'll discover a wide variety of heirloom tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, and other vegetables and herbs

that have been expertly selected and lovingly grown by us for you. We've carefully chosen top-performing varieties for each microclimate ensuring that you'll have a productive and flourishing garden this year. There will be educational tables to help you select the best plants for your garden, and we'll provide tips on how best to plant, grow, and care for your new seedlings. Don't miss our other activities and features too, including our exhibit and sale of beautiful succulent arrangements. Admission and parking are free! Cash or check only. Bring your own boxes. You may find more details and information on our [website](#). Please mark your calendars and bring your friends and family. Happy spring planting!

GARDEN EDUCATION CENTER



The San Mateo/San Francisco Master Gardeners received their first greenhouse at their new Garden Education Center (GEC) at the San Mateo Event Center on 3/4/2018. The GEC is due to open to the public possibly as early as the summer of 2018. [Watch](#) the Master Gardeners set up the new greenhouse in time-lapse photography.

GARDENING TIPS

Site Considerations

What are site considerations? Learn how climate, microclimates, chilling, soil, water, wildlife protection, and much more affect your plants. [Learn more.](#)

Pollination Requirements

Pollination is the transfer of pollen to the stigma from stamens of the same or a different flower. It can be performed by animals, insects, wind, or water, and in the home orchard or garden by hand. The pollen grain on the stigma germinates, grows the pollen tube down to the style and into the embryo sac where fertilization occurs. [Learn more.](#)

Propagation

There are two methods of plant propagation: sexual (seed) and asexual (vegetative). Sexual propagation entails the recombination of genetic material. In nature this results in progeny that differ from each other and from their parents. Vegetative propagation is clonal; progeny are genetic copies of the parent plant. [Learn more.](#)

YOUTUBE VIDEOS



Gardener Program.

Tomato Seeding

The annual Spring Garden Market is coming soon; listen to Master Gardener Kathy Stamm talk about seeding tomatoes in preparation for the sale, and watch seeding in time-lapse photography. [View Video.](#)

[View](#) additional videos created by the UC San Mateo/San Francisco Master

FREE CLASSES & CLINICS



Organic Spring and Summer Vegetable Gardening

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue, Gold Star Room
Redwood City, CA
April 7, 2018, 10:00am-12:00pm

Start sowing in winter for your fabulous tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, zucchini, winter squash, and corn; and your spring crops of kale, baby greens, beets, chard, and much more. Explore sowing seeds, care for seedlings, when to plant out, how to amend your soil before planting, as well as how and when to harvest using sustainable and organic techniques. There will also be a review of composting and how to keep your soil alive. [Registration](#) required.



How to Make Compost and Improve Clay Soil

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue, Gold Star Room
Redwood City, CA
May 5, 2018, 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn how to turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into sweet-smelling compost to improve your clay garden soil and grow a bounty of healthy plants. Topics will include what is compost, what to add and what to avoid adding to a compost pile, how to build a pile and different types of piles, troubleshooting, and uses of finished compost. [Registration](#) required.



San Mateo Arboretum Plant Clinic
Arboretum Pump House



San Francisco 30th Street Plant Clinic
225 30th Street

101 9th Avenue
San Mateo, CA
April 8, 2018, 11:30am-1:00pm

From a table stocked with reference materials, we help members of the public with their plant and gardening questions. When we are unable to answer a question we submit it to the UC Master Gardener Helpline with client contact information. Plant clinics are held on the first Sunday of the month from February through November. If that date falls on a holiday weekend, it is held on the second Sunday. No registration necessary.



Why We Love Roses - Their History, Types & Uses

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue
Redwood City, CA
April 17, 2018, 7:30pm-9:00pm

This Master Gardener presentation will discuss roses, in history, their significance, and use. Sponsored by the [Peninsula Rose Society](#). No registration necessary.



Wonderful World of Succulents

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
April 28, 2018, 10:00am-12:00pm

After a brief overview of the natural history of succulents, learn about succulent care and culture, including soils, pots, watering, and light, and how succulents can be arranged in pots and outdoors in the garden. Small succulent gardens in pots will be on display to show how arrangements can be made. Some

(at Dolores and Chenery)
San Francisco, CA
April 14, 10:00am-2:00pm

Master Gardeners are available to answer your plant and gardening questions, ranging from general information to advice about specific problems. Parking is limited. When you arrive at the Senior Center, take the elevator to the 3rd floor and ask directions to the garden. It is all the way down the hallway and out the back door. No registration necessary.



Creating Sacred Space in the Garden

San Francisco Public Library
Golden Gate Heights Branch
1801 Grant Street
San Francisco, CA
April 28, 2:00pm-3:30pm

The human need to create a quiet, peaceful place in the garden for contemplation, reflection, writing or meditation is as old as the garden itself. Learn how to locate the ideal spot(s) in your garden to create a sacred space and then how to enhance that special area by adding plantings and other elements and symbols that will appeal to all the senses. Allow extra time for parking. No registration necessary.



Edible Container Gardening

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
April 28, 2018, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Grow food anywhere! No space is no excuse. Learn how to create delicious container arrangements that thrive in your environment. Discussion will cover practical issues of soil, plant selection, and maintenance as well as how to maximize space and create beautiful combinations. [Registration](#) required.

small pots of succulents will be available as “handouts” after the talk. [Registration](#) required.

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HELPLINE

Ask a UC Master Gardener! Our Helpline assists home gardeners with questions about gardening and pest management. Visit us in two locations from 9:00am-4:00pm on Mondays at Elkus Ranch, 1500 Purisima Creek Road, Half Moon Bay, or on Thursdays at Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Avenue, Redwood City. You can also contact us at (650) 276-7403 or by [email](#). For more information view our [website](#) or read more about the [Helpline](#).



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