



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

UCCE Master Gardener Program

San Mateo & San Francisco Counties

EVENTS

BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

Application Deadline: April 30, 2019

[Apply Online](#)

Do you love to garden? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? Do you believe in volunteering within your community? Do you have enough time to complete the required volunteer service? If you answered yes to these questions, the Master Gardener Program could be for you! Any San Mateo or San Francisco County resident with an interest and experience in horticulture and a desire to volunteer for community service may apply. UC Master Gardeners are people of all ages and come from all walks of life. They share an enthusiasm for gardening, some knowledge of plants, a willingness to learn and to help others, and the ability to communicate with diverse groups of people. For more information about the program and an application, visit our [website](#) to find out on how to become a UC Master Gardener. Applications are available online March 15 and due on April 30, 2019.



GOING NATIVE GARDEN TOUR



The 17th Annual Going Native Garden Tour is a self-guided tour of gardens in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties featuring California native plants that are habitat-havens, water-wise, attractive, low-maintenance, with minimal or no chemical use, and bird, butterfly, and pollinator friendly! Over 50 of these mostly private home gardens landscaped with California native plants will be open to the public Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5, 2019, from 10:00am to 4:00pm (southern locations on Saturday, northern locations on Sunday). Free admission but registration is required to obtain the tour maps. Only one person in a group needs to register. For more information, visit their [website](#).

ELKUS RANCH SUMMER DAY CAMP

Join us for Summer Camp 2019 at UC Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center! Kids 6-11 years old can spend the day at the ranch learning how to care for our livestock animals, cook using produce from our gardens, make crafts, learn about environmental stewardship, and much more! Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm. Sign up for one day or the whole week!

Five sessions available June 24-28, July 8-12, July 15-19, July 29-August 2, and August 5-9, 2019. Only \$70 per child, per day.

Questions? Please contact Elkus Ranch at elkusranch@ucanr.edu or (650) 712-3151. For more information, visit their [website](#).

UC Elkus Ranch Summer Camp 2019

Campers 6-11 Years Can:

- Care for our friendly livestock animals!
- Cook using our garden produce!
- Get crafty!
- Learn about environmental stewardship!
- And much more!

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5. August 5-9

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm (12:00 per child/day)

Register: ucanr.edu/summercamp2019

GARDENING TIPS

Plant Problem Diagnostic Tool

Choose the affected plant from photos displayed, click on the photo, remove any selections that do not apply, click on the plant names, and continue to filter selections to view the results for a possible diagnoses. [Learn more.](#)

Gardening Resources

Select links to access gardening resources, California Backyard Orchard, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), publications, and finding a local Master Gardener program. [Learn more.](#)

Arboretum All-Stars

Do you need help picking plants for your sustainable home garden? Selecting from the “Arboretum All-Stars” list is an easy way to start making “green” choices for your great looking garden. Arboretum All-Stars are top plants recommended by the horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum. They thrive in California’s Mediterranean climate and have qualities that make them great choices for sustainable home gardens. Use a [searchable plant database](#) for you to pick the perfect All-Star for your garden conditions. For more information, view their [website](#).



Mowing to encourage native wildflowers and reduce weeds and fire danger:

The simple trick of mowing your weeds before the seeds have matured will reduce their reappearance the following year substantially. Starting in February as the non-native annual grasses and weeds start putting up their seed heads, cut them off before they mature. This will reduce their germination the following spring and allow the native wildflower seed bank, which is buried below, to have a better opportunity to succeed. Once monthly mowing through June, and once again in August, keeps the accumulated dry plant material to a minimum,

reducing fire danger, and reduces the maturation of weed seeds that mature later in the season (grasses, thistles, [Dittrichia](#)). Mowing high (6-8”) works well, but many people prefer to use a weed whacker to “mow” in between patches of wildflowers that they’d like to encourage. Talk to your landscape maintenance people to ensure that they are timing their mowing to get the maximum bang for the buck! The featured picture is of Kite Hill in Woodside Glens, Woodside, CA, after several years of selective mowing/weed-whacking to reduce the maturation of the seeds of invasive annual grasses and weeds.

YOUTUBE VIDEOS



5 Best Crops for Your Edible Container Garden

Growing crops in containers offers flexibility and the chance to grow more, too. While it’s possible to grow almost any vegetable, herb or fruit in pots, some are more suited than others. So what are the best crops to grow in containers? In this short video we’ll reveal our top crops for container growing – five delicious, easy-to-grow edibles that will give you plenty to pick! [View video.](#)

[View videos](#) created by the UC Master Gardeners of San Mateo and San

Francisco Counties.

FREE CLASSES & CLINICS



Critter Control in Your Garden

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue, Goldstar Room
Redwood City, CA
May 4, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

If four-legged critters are destroying your garden and gobbling up the fruits of your labor, then this is the class for you. Learn many useful non-poisonous abatement techniques to protect your garden from voles, moles, gophers, squirrels, and deer. Topics will include trapping, creating barriers, and deterrents. In this overview class you will learn how to identify what pest is damaging your garden, trapping techniques for gophers, moles, and voles, about barrier methods to keep critters out of your space, and which plants are



Hillsborough Harvest Garden

Contact Lennie Gotcher at lenniego@gmail.com
May 5, 2019, 2:00pm-4:00pm

The garden is dedicated to educating and encouraging residents to grow edible plants successfully in Hillsborough’s micro-climate. We hold approximately 16-18 two-hour workshops in the garden annually and at each we provide education on various vegetable gardening topics that are seasonal and timely. We teach our residents to prune fruit trees both in winter and summer, to sow seeds, transplant, amend soil, sharpen tools, to grow cover crops, integrated pest management, and much more. The produce raised is delivered to our local food banks.

the most gopher- and deer-resistant. [Registration](#) required.



Year-Round 200 Square Foot Gardening

Gardening Education Center
San Mateo County Event Center (left of Jockey Club)
2495 South Delaware Avenue
San Mateo, CA
April 27, 2019, 10:30am-11:30am

Come visit our new Gardening Education Center!

Don't limit your garden beds to summer favorites. Take advantage of our mild weather and plan your garden so you can grow wonderful vegetables 12 months of the year. In this beginning class, you will learn how to take advantage of whatever space you have by sequencing your planting with the help of a planting calendar for your area. Whether you live on the Peninsula or in San Francisco, you can bring lettuces, greens and many other homegrown treats to your table year round. Guests will take home an edible seedling ready for their home garden. [Registration](#) required.



Homegrown Herbs Made Easy

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
May 18, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn the basics of growing, harvesting and using culinary herbs. Propagate your plants from seeds, cuttings, transplants and divisions. Maintain your plants with sustainable methods and harvest your herbs to use them fresh or preserve them for future use.

[Registration](#) required (registration link is posted and open 2-3 weeks prior to the event).



San Mateo Arboretum Spring Open House and Plant Sale

Kohl Pump House
101 9th Avenue
San Mateo, CA
April 27, 2019, 10:00am-4:00pm

At this combined plant clinic/table event, we offer public attendees information focused on the care and use of garden tools and, as part of the plant clinic, gardening advice, plant identification, and information on garden-related topics. No registration required.



Gardens of the South Coast Tour

Front of Post Office
Corner of Stage Road and Pescadero Road
Pescadero, CA
June 1, 2019, 10:00am-4:00pm

This beautiful, all day tour will give gardeners delightful ideas and inspiration all the while benefiting the students of Pescadero Middle and High School. All ticket holders must begin the day in the heart of Pescadero at the Post Office Garden where Pescadero students will greet you with tea, cookies, a brochure, and a hand stamp. Our literature will include a map, garden descriptions, and more. For more information and tickets, visit their [website](#). The UC Master Gardeners will be available at an educational table.



San Francisco 30th Street Plant Clinic
225 30th Street (between Church/Dolores)
San Francisco, CA
May 11, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

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 for directions to the garden. It is all the way down the hallway and out the back door. No registration required.

San Mateo Arboretum Plant Clinic
Kohl Pump House
101 9th Avenue
San Mateo, CA
May 5, 2019, 11:00am-2:00pm

From a table stocked with reference material, we help members of the public with their plant and gardening questions. If we are unable to answer your question, we will submit it to our Helpline for assistance. No registration required.

[View Entire Calendar of Events](#)

HELPLINE

Ask a UC Master Gardener! Our Helpline assists home gardeners with questions about gardening and pest management. Visit us in three locations at (1) Elkus Ranch, 1500 Purisima Creek Road in Half Moon Bay, from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Mondays; (2) Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Avenue in Redwood City, from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Thursdays, and (3) at the San Francisco Botanical Garden Library, 1199 9th Avenue in San Francisco, from 10:30am to 2:00pm on Wednesdays. 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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