



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

UCCE Master Gardener Program

San Mateo & San Francisco Counties

EVENTS

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](#).



SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR & EXPO



San Mateo County Event Center
2495 S Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA
June 8 - 16, 2019

Enjoy the San Mateo County Fair & Expo, and come visit our UC Master Gardeners displays and educational booth. Visit their [website](#) for more information and tickets.

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 diagnosis. [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](#).



IMPORTANCE OF GARDENING FOR BIODIVERSITY. Master Gardeners are taught integrated pest management (IPM) and sustainable gardening practices. It is a generally accepted practice to use the least harmful pest control options, and to use herbicides and pesticides sparingly (if at all). However, just using low-impact methods may be insufficient. According to a recent United Nations [report](#), farmers and gardeners should practice "biodiversity gardening." The idea behind a biodiverse garden and farm landscape is to intermingle native plants with food crops so that many

different types of plant-specific insects can occupy the landscape. A recent scientific research [publication](#) and United Nations report warn about the effects of human activity on the rate of species extinction. These endangered species include insects! Survey data show that 40% of the world's insect species may be extinct within the next few decades - including important pollinator insects (e.g., bees, flies, beetles, moths, butterflies, wasps, and ants). All gardeners should plant and integrate a wide variety of species in the urban landscape to encourage healthy insect populations. So, in addition to considering native plants in your garden, add those plants that create and nurture a wide variety of insect populations. (Article submitted by Master Gardener John Mahoney.)

YOUTUBE VIDEOS



FROM SEED TO TRANSPLANT

Learn how to grow healthy, robust transplants from seed. [View video.](#)

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

FREE CLASSES & CLINICS



Compost Happens

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue, Goldstar Room
Redwood City, CA
June 1, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Convert grass clippings, plant trimmings and kitchen scraps into a nutrient-rich amendment for your soil. Adding compost to your soil produces healthier and more disease-resistant plants. [Registration](#) required.



Hillsborough Harvest Garden

Contact Lennie Gotcher at lenniego@gmail.com
June 2, 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.



Sheep to Shawl

UC Elkus Ranch
1500 Purisima Creek Road
Half Moon Bay, CA
June 8, 2019, 10:00am-2:00pm

Our flock of sheep will be sheared by a professional sheep shearer. Watch Mr. Wool shear our sheep, visit



Fair Oaks Adult Activity Center

2600 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA, 94063
June 21, 2019, 11:00am-12:00pm

Learn the basics of growing, harvesting and using culinary herbs and edible flowers. Propagate your plants from seeds, cuttings, transplants and divisions.

our friendly livestock, grind corn to feed our chickens, view wool spun into yarn, dye your own wool sample, explore our gardens, and more. Advance registration is advised as space is limited. Please note that we are only accepting credit card payment in advance at this time. 100% of ticket sales benefit our educational programs. Thank you for supporting UC Elkus Ranch. [Registration](#) required.



Critters in the Garden

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
June 15, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

If critters are destroying your garden and eating the fruits of your labor, this is the class for you. You will learn many useful non-poisonous abatement techniques to protect your garden. Topics will include trapping, creating barriers and deterrents. Vertebrates to be covered are deer, moles, voles and gophers.

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



San Francisco 30th Street Plant Clinic

225 30th Street (between Church/Dolores)
San Francisco, CA
June 8, 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.

Integrate your herbs and edible flowers in your native landscapes, vegetable gardens and containers. Maintain, harvest, use or preserve for future use. Let's have fun while sharing the many ideas for using herbs. This class will be given in English and Spanish. [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 Mateo Arboretum Plant Clinic

Kohl Pump House
101 9th Avenue
San Mateo, CA
June 2, 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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