

Master Gardener Monthly Newsletter

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Events

COMMUNITY COMPOST EDUCATION SIX WORKSHOPS



Gardening Education Center
San Mateo Event Center (next to the Jockey Club)
2495 South Delaware Avenue
San Mateo, CA

First in a series of six workshops, the first workshop entitled "Home Composting" begins on November 9, 2019, from 1:30-3:30pm. Learn how easy and fun it is to recycle your fruit and vegetable scraps, leaves, and plant trimmings into compost in this free workshop. These workshops teach many composting options, including three-bin, vermiculture and grasscycling,

suitable for those with or without a backyard. Apartment dwellers welcome! Compost provides valuable nutrients for your garden soil, helps retain moisture, which saves water, prevents erosion, loosens clay and compacted soils for better drainage, and suppresses weeds. It is rewarding to know you are turning what some consider waste into precious organic material for your garden. Receive a \$30 coupon toward composting supplies, plus a bag of compost starter mix. [Registration required.](#)

Gardening Tips & Tricks

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](#) to pick the perfect All-Star for your garden conditions. For more information, view their [website](#).

Videos



PLANT SALAD ONIONS FOR SPRING

Whether you call them scallions, spring onions or green onions, versatile and delicious salad onions should be on every gardener's to-grow list. Racing to harvest in as little as eight weeks, these tasty alliums are perfect for space-strapped gardeners or for intercropping between slower-growing vegetables. In this short video, learn how to sow, grow and harvest salad onions for perfect results every time. Video by Peaceful Gardens. [View video.](#)



HARVESTING ONIONS

Learn tips and tricks for harvesting, curing and storing your bulb onions to help them last most of the year to come.. Video by UCCE Master Gardeners of San Mateo/San Francisco Counties. [View video.](#)

Classes & Clinics



How to Create Stunning Container Gardens with Herbs and Flowers

San Francisco Public Library Main Branch
100 Larkin Street
San Francisco, CA
November 9 2019, 10:30am-12:00pm

Come learn how to create bountiful, lush containers using the "thriller, filler, spiller" method of container gardening." This workshop is perfect for the urban gardener and will focus on planting herbs and flowers in containers. Regardless of the size of your outdoor space (you may only have a balcony, deck, stairs or a small outdoor space), you may still create a stunning garden world. You will learn how to create successful plant combinations by using texture, color and similar plant requirements, which herbs you can plant in containers and which must be planted in the ground soil, to think outside of the clay pot to creative reuse and upcycling of containers, the advantages of container gardening, how to choose the right containers, and why it all starts with the soil. No registration required.



Learn What Tools to Use and How to Care for Them

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
November 16, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn what tools to use for which job in your garden and how to care for them in order to optimize your productivity. [Registration required](#) (event posted 2-3 weeks prior to the event).



Citrus Tree Care

Half Moon Bay Library
620 Correias Street
Half Moon Bay, CA
November 9 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Everyone should have at least one citrus in their landscape. You will learn which trees will thrive in our area, how and where to plant them, common problems and diseases, and a discussion about the Huanglongbing disease and the threat it poses.

[Registration required.](#)



Container Gardening for the Holidays

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue
Redwood City, CA
November 2, 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn how to create vibrant, beautiful containers that last the holiday season. The class will include design guidelines and the best planting techniques to keep your container garden thriving all season. A wide selection of plants will be presented to demonstrate color and combinations. In this class you will learn how to choose the right container for the location, create a visually interesting and balanced arrangement, and plant and care for container gardens. [Registration required.](#)



DIY Living Succulent Wreath Workshop

Gardening Education Center
2495 South Delaware Avenue
(near the Jockey Club at San Mateo Event Center)
San Mateo, CA
November 16 2019, 10:00am-12:00pm

Beautiful succulent wreaths are perfect for holiday decor and gift-giving, but last far beyond the holiday season. Succulents come in an array of types and colors and it is easy to create an eye-pleasing combination of textures and hues to decorate your front door or other outdoor spaces. Best of all, they are long lasting and require little water or maintenance. You will be provided an 11" moss wreath form, a variety of succulents, and all the tools you need. Participants will leave with a beautiful piece of living art and tips on how to keep their wreath looking its best for months and beyond. [Registration required](#) (\$50 materials fee).

Hillsborough Harvest Garden

Contact Lennie Gotcher at lenniego@gmail.com
November 3, 2019, 1:45-3:45pm

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; etc. The produce raised is delivered to our local food banks.



San Francisco 30th Street Plant Clinic

225 30th Street (between Church/Dolores)
San Francisco, CA
November 9, 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
November 3, 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 to our Helpline for assistance. No registration required.

[View Entire Calendar of Events](#)

Advice to Grow By... Ask A Master Gardener

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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