

Master Gardener Monthly Newsletter

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Events

THANK YOU -- GIVING TUESDAY



The UCCE San Mateo/San Francisco Counties Master Gardener Program received over \$5,200.00 in direct gifts on Giving Tuesday, and the UCCE Statewide Master Gardener Program raised \$29,396.00 thanks to passionate UCCE Master Gardener volunteers, partners and friends! Giving Tuesday provides an opportunity to raise awareness and talk about the UCCE Master Gardener Program and the incredible volunteers that make a difference across California. Funds raised will

be used for local county initiatives, school, community, demonstration gardens, and to support advanced training opportunities. If you didn't have a chance to donate to the UCCE Master Gardener program, you still can, it's never too late so [please donate now!](#)

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

Videos



WINTER GARDENING CHECKLIST

The garden can get pretty bare in December and January, however there is still plenty of work to do. Learn about some tips and tricks to help get your organic garden through the winter. [View video.](#)

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

Classes & Clinics



Winter Rose Care

Fair Oaks Adult Activity Center
2600 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA
January 17, 2020, 11:00am-12:00pm

Proper rose care during winter will help you grow stronger roses with better vigor and blooms. In this class you will learn how to prune different types of roses, fertilize using organic methods, and control pests and diseases. This class will be conducted in English and Spanish. [Registration required.](#)



Great Soil -- Great Plants!

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
January 18, 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm

Great plants start with healthy soil which includes a diverse array of living organisms and good soil structure. In this workshop we explore garden soil and its various components, describe the soil food web, how to build soil structure and discuss gardening practices that help and hinder plant growth. [Registration required](#) (event posted 2-3 weeks prior to the event).



Succulent Heart-Shaped Wreath Workshop

Gardening Education Center
(near Jockey Club)
2495 South Delaware Avenue
San Mateo, CA
January 26, 2020, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Join us outdoors for this workshop, and dress warmly. 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. We will provide nine inch moss heart-shaped wreath forms, 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 it's best for months and beyond. [Registration required](#) (\$50.00 materials fee).



Winter Fruit Tree Pruning

Veterans Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue
Redwood City, CA
February 1, 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm

In this class you will learn how to prune deciduous fruit trees, maximize tree health and fruit production, and identify dead, damaged and dying wood. [Registration required.](#)



Creating Year-Round Interest in a Native Garden
San Mateo Central Park Arboretum
101 Ninth Avenue
San Mateo, CA
February 9, 2020, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Even with summer-dormant plants you can have a garden that is inviting at any time of the year. With careful planning and planting, you can have year-round color and texture in your garden while conserving water and providing habitat for local birds and pollinators. No registration required.



San Mateo Arboretum Plant Clinic
San Mateo Central Park Arboretum Pump House
101 Ninth Avenue
San Mateo, CA
February 9, 2020, 11:00am-2:00pm

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, it is submitted to our Helpline with client contact information. This plant clinic is held at the Arboretum Pump House on the first Sunday of each month from February to November. If that date falls on a holiday weekend, the plant clinic is held on the second Sunday. No registration required.

Prudent Winter Tree Pruning
Half Moon Bay Library
620 Correas Street
Half Moon Bay, CA, 94019
January 11, 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm

This class will review tree pruning techniques that apply to all perennials, with an emphasis on how to prune different deciduous fruit trees. Prudent winter pruning is the best way to invigorate fruit trees in the home garden. The presenters will bring samples into class to demonstrate how to prune safely and accurately. During this introductory class, you will learn how to prune deciduous fruit trees which applies to all perennials, maximize tree health and fruit production, and identify dead, damaged and dying wood. [Registration required.](#)



The Science and Art of Succulents
Half Moon Bay Library
620 Correas Street
Half Moon Bay, CA, 94019
February 8, 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm

This presentation will examine succulents in nature and in cultivation; explore the science of growing succulents including planting location, soil mixes and amendments, water, light, repotting and propagation, diseases and pests, and horticultural forms and oddities; encourage sustainable gardening practices; analyze the characteristics of some of the more common succulent genera including Sedum, Euphorbia, Aeonium, Echeveria, Cotyledon, Crassula, Kalanchoe, Agave, and Haworthia; and provide examples of garden design, container gardening, and creative ways to display succulents. [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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