

Master Gardener Monthly Newsletter

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SPRING GARDEN MARKET PLANTS AVAILABLE!



Rare Heirloom Tomatoes and other Veggies Available Now

On April 18th the Master Gardeners would have been hosting their annual Spring Garden Market, however, it was canceled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis.

The good news is that you can still select from 22 varieties of organic heirloom tomatoes as well as some eggplants and peppers because Wegman's Nursery in Redwood City is selling them for us! They have taken the entire inventory and these plants are now for sale by using their [Order Form](#). We are so

grateful that these lovingly started plants will find great homes in any growing area! Limited quantities of cherry, beef, paste, and other tomatoes are on a first come, first served basis. All are in four inch pots and ready for transplanting! Order now so that you can arrange to pick up your plants later.

Tomato varieties include Black Cherry, Blush, Indigo Rose, Martha Washington, Sun Gold, Sweet Chelsea, Washington Cherry, Bush Early Girl, Carmello, Cherokee Purple, Chocolate Stripes, Polbig, Valencia, Persimmon, Mandarin Cross, Big Beef, Black Krim, Brandywine, Paul Robeson, Prudens Purple, San Francisco Sunrise, Striped German, Plum Regal, and San Marzano. Please continue to view our plant [database](#) and [climate zone chart](#) to help plan your home garden.

The Spring Garden Market is an annual event by the UCCE Master Gardeners of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties. Held at the San Mateo Event Center, this is their largest fundraiser for the year. UC Master Gardeners are volunteers trained and certified by the University of California to provide community service and educational outreach that helps home gardeners and community organizations garden sustainably and create a healthy environment. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Wegman's Nursery has been in business for 60 years and is proud to be a family-owned and operated business in Redwood City. Wegman's has a wide selection of veggies, fruits and flowers for you to plant right now! They are known for their generosity to the community and, most recently, to the UCCE Master Gardeners of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties.

Ask A Master Gardener!

Do you need help with your garden? Have a pest problem? Curious about what will grow well in your region?

[Advice to Grow By -- Ask A Master Gardener!](#)

COVID-19 Update

Due to the "[Shelter in Place](#)" order issued by all Bay Area counties, including San Mateo and San Francisco, the Master Gardeners are working remotely, effective March 17, 2020.. [All questions can be directed via email](#).

Please provide the following information to facilitate a prompt response:

1. Name
2. City of residence
3. Email
4. Phone, best time to call
5. Description of problem/question*

*For plant or pest problems, please attach photo(s).

Since the Bay Area “shelter in place” requirements have kept many of us at home, gardening in your own backyard has become much more popular! We are seeing an increased interest at the Helpline from both new and established gardeners. It is fun to see many new gardeners asking for advice with questions such as “What do I do with these raised vegetable beds? ”and “ How do I start a vegetable garden when I know nothing about gardening?” During the first 30 days of our “shelter in place,” we have had 147 helpline questions, with 17% of them asking about the Spring Garden Market. Many, many thanks to all of our Helpline Volunteers who are working the Helpline remotely and keeping our clients happily gardening!

For more information, [visit Advice to Grow By – Ask a Master Gardener!](#)



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