

# Master Gardener Monthly Newsletter

## June 2020



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Agriculture and Natural Resources

UC Master Gardener Program  
San Mateo and San Francisco Counties

## Events

### SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR - CANCELED



The County of San Mateo has activated the San Mateo County Event Center as support in its response to the Covid-19 Pandemic Emergency. It has been directed by the County of San Mateo that for the next 90 days (from April 2) at minimum, the San Mateo County Event Center will continue to be used as support in this response. Hence Dana Stoehr (CEO), Justin Aquino (Operations Manager), and the rest of the management team regrettably announce that the 2020 San Mateo County Fair that was to be held June 13-21 is hereby canceled.

The San Mateo County Fair has been held every year since 1934, with the exception of one year during World War II. This is the second historic closure where the San Mateo County Fair has not been held.

## 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](#).



**FRUIT THINNING.** Removal of flowers or young, immature fruits early in the spring can lead to increases in fruit size by limiting the number of fruits that continue growing to harvest. It increases the leaf-to-fruit ratio and removes smaller fruit that would never reach optimum size or quality. Apples, European and Asian pears, apricots, peaches, plums, kiwifruits, and persimmons are almost always thinned until the leaf to fruit ratio is favorable for supporting growth of adequately sized fruits. Typically, nut crops and cherries are not thinned. [Read more](#).

## Videos



### JUNE GARDENING CHECKLIST

June is the beginning of the warm weather months in most areas. It's also a transition period for a lot of gardening projects and plants. Watch this video to see what you should be doing in your garden in June. Produced by Grow Organic Peaceful Garden. [View video](#).

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



**Going Native Garden Tour 2020**  
California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara, CA

View photo slide shows of stunning gardens that feature California Native Plants while sheltering in place. You can sort by city, garden name, or by designer. A plant list link is located at the bottom of each garden's description. [View website of various gardens.](#)



**Going Native Garden Tour 2020 - Session 1**  
California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara, CA

View the first of three live virtual tours that were recorded using Zoom and later uploaded to YouTube, all featuring California native plant gardens. [View video.](#)



**Going Native Garden Tour 2020 - Session 2**  
California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara, CA

View the second of three live virtual tours that were recorded using Zoom and later uploaded to YouTube, all featuring California native plant gardens. [View video.](#)



**Going Native Garden Tour 2020 - Session 3**  
California Native Plant Society  
Santa Clara, CA

View the last of three live virtual tours that were recorded using Zoom and later uploaded to YouTube, all featuring California native plant gardens. [View video.](#)



**Garden Feast 2020**  
San Francisco Botanical Gardens  
San Francisco, CA

Adam Greenspan was the keynote speaker at the Garden Feast. He led the design of Salesforce Transit Center Park since the initial design competition in 2007 through its opening. PWP Landscape Architecture conceived of the park as an integral part of the building and the neighborhood from the start, with a focus on the incredible array of plants that are particularly suited to



**BAWSCA Zoom Webinars**  
Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency  
San Mateo, CA

Using Zoom webinars, learn how to garden beautifully while reducing your water use. BAWSCA's Landscape Education Classes are designed to introduce homeowners, commercial property managers, landscape service providers, and others to the concepts of water-efficient and sustainable landscaping. [View webpage.](#)

grow in San Francisco. Salesforce Park is conceived as a compact, accessible and experientially intense botanical garden in the middle of the densest and hardest part of the city providing multifunctional green space for respite, activity and education. [View video](#).

[View our calendar for the status of future events and Past Monthly Newsletters](#)

## 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!](#)



Follow us at SFBayGardeners and/or share this newsletter on your social media page