

Growing Master Gardeners

UC Master Gardeners of Riverside County





“To extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California and be guided by our core values and strategic initiatives.”
- UC Master Gardener Program Mission Statement



Growing Master Gardeners Initiative

The goal of this Membership Initiative is to inform and inspire UC Master Gardeners about the UC Master Gardener Program of Riverside County and its mission.

The UCC Master Gardener Program focuses on serving the public. This Initiative will focus on assisting UC Master Gardener Volunteers to better satisfy the UC Master Gardener Program mission.

Zoom Sessions

Oct. 3
Nov. 7
Dec. 5
Jan. 9
Feb. 6
Mar. 6
Apr. 3
May 1
Jun. 5

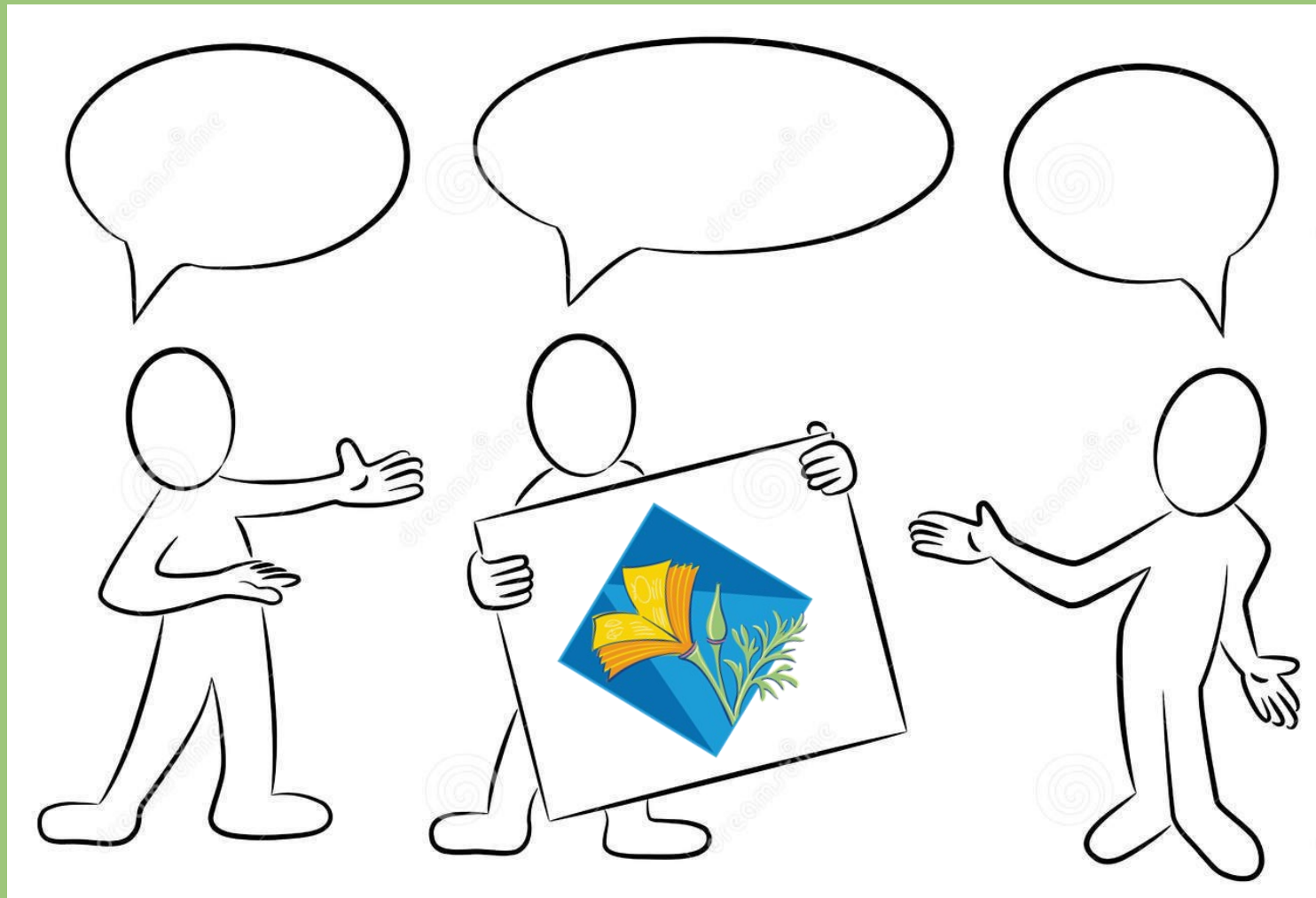


1st Monday of the Month from 9am – 12pm

All Master Gardeners are welcome to attend by signing up in the VMS Calendar



Thank You to all the people that contributed to help make
Growing Master Gardeners a Success.



Growing Master Gardeners
provides a platform for peer-to-peer communication

Zoom

- 'Zoom' fatigue is real and Gardeners prefer to be outside in the Garden and not watching a Zoom call
- Why then are we doing Zoom?
- Remote Virtual Learning via Zoom has great benefits



Technology

- There is a learning curve with new technology
- How to best utilize technology and increase technological literacy?
- Hands on workshops and virtual trainings





Photo/Melinda Muchmore Thompson

Since 1980, the UC Master Gardener Program has been extending research-based information about home horticulture and pest management to the public.

The UC Master Gardener Program is a public service and outreach program under the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, administered locally by participating UC Cooperative Extension County offices.



The UC Master Gardener Program is an example of an effective partnership between the University of California and passionate volunteers. In exchange for training from the University, UC Master Gardeners offer volunteer services and outreach to the general public in more than 1,286 demonstration, community, and school gardens across 53 California counties. Last year 6,154 active UC Master Gardener volunteers donated 446,237 hours. Over 6.8 million hours have been donated since the program's inception.

Why do UC Master Gardener Volunteer's do what we do?



UC Master Gardener Program provide many benefits to the public and are committed to using horticulture to empower gardeners, to build healthy plants, healthy environments, and therefore healthy communities.



Healthy Plants

UC Master Gardeners support healthy plants with sustainable landscaping practices, water conservation, water quality, green waste reduction, wildlife enhancement, and energy conservation. County-based UC Master Gardeners focus on appropriate plant selection for the local climate, providing residents with guidance on proper care and placement of plants. With a knowledge of invasive plant species that affect California's landscapes and wildlife, UC Master Gardeners work with residents and organizations to protect local ecosystems

- Community Development
- Sustainable landscaping
- Right plant, right place
- Green waste
- Pest management
- Pollinator-friendly gardens

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UC Master Gardener Volunteers can experience improved personal health and well-being from participating as a volunteer in the UC Master Gardener program: social connectedness, reduce stress, making a difference in their community.



Healthy Communities

UC Master Gardeners encourage a healthier community and healthier gardeners throughout the state. UC Master Gardeners encourage the public to eat more fruits and vegetables by enhancing local, sustainable, healthy food systems for families, neighborhoods, and communities. Programs increase gardening, horticulture, and science literacy through quality education and local community outreach. Community members learn new skills, get outside and exercise, meet new people, and gain a better understanding of different cultures.

- Health & Well-Being
- Food Gardening
- Growing edible plants
- Expanding varieties grown
- Reducing produce loss
- Food security

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UC Master Gardener volunteers teaching students about plant life cycles, insect anatomy and adaptation, and beneficials and pests in the garden. 'Mornings at Martial Cottle Park' is a half-day field trip offered to low-income schools as well as schools throughout Santa Clara County. (Photo taken before COVID-19.) Photo/Jerry McClory

UC Master Gardener Volunteers can experience gardening opportunities the program provides: Demonstration Gardens, Propagation at the Grow Lab, Diagnostic Services-Helpline and Farmers Markets, Children's School Gardens.



Healthy Environments

UC Master Gardeners preserve and encourage healthy environments with sustainable gardening practices, green waste reduction, and water conservation. UC Master Gardeners prevent, detect, and manage invasive and endemic species by educating communities about invasive species and safe alternatives.

- Community well-being
- Physical and mental health benefits of gardening and green spaces
- Spending more time outdoors



Thank You...