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## UC Master Gardener Reorganization Project Update

*Contributed by Rita Clemons (Area County Director), Robin Russel (Consultant), and Rosa Olaiz (Volunteer Services Coordinator)*

The Reorganization Project has officially begun! The first project team meeting is December 5. Members of the group include Deborah Anderson, David Brandtman, Stephen Crouse, Thurman Howard, Melody Knox, Jim Huberty, Patricia Malone and Georgia Renne. Georgia will be responsible for handling administrative tasks for the group with her main role focusing on coordinating communication with the membership and ensuring that updates and relevant information are received.

The goals of this project are to determine how best to organize the MGRC to provide all members with timely, regular/easy access to MGRC support and member focused activities/events wherever they live in the County.

In the coming months, the team will review current practices, policies and procedures, individually and in relation to the overall project objectives. As a result, we expect the group will refine “business as usual” by improving and reinforcing current operating methods, and as necessary developing new strategies, new structures, policies, procedures, and methods of communicating with members.

We will keep you posted as this exciting and important project progresses.

## Cathy Konyn Awards: 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

*Contributed by Pam Elias, UC Master Gardener of Riverside County*

The "Cathy Konyn Award" honors the memory of Cathy Konyn, a beloved Master Gardener from the Class of 2013 and recognizes individuals whose dedication and service reflect her inspiring legacy in the UC Riverside County Master Gardener Program.

## Celebrating Jane Payne - Cathy Konyn Memorial Award Recipient 2022-2023

Congratulations to Jane Payne, a devoted and dynamic UC Master Gardener, for receiving the prestigious Cathy Konyn Award!



Since completing her certification in 2020, Jane has dedicated over 1,000 volunteer hours, with the majority spent leading and revitalizing our Helpline Project. Her exceptional work streamlining procedures, updating resources, and recruiting and training

new volunteers—has strengthened this vital service that answers community gardening questions.

Jane’s dedication, attention to detail, and genuine care for her fellow Master Gardeners make her a true reflection of Cathy Konyn’s legacy. Beyond the Helpline, Jane actively supports the Speaker’s Bureau, participates in social activities, and volunteers at Information Tables.

Thank you, Jane, for your incredible commitment to our mission and community!

## Saluting Jim Thompson - Cathy Konyn Memorial Award Recipient 2022-2023

Jim Thompson, an outstanding leader and UC Master Gardener, is a truly deserving recipient of the Cathy Konyn Award!



When he stepped into the role of Desert Chair, Jim’s leadership, dedication, and passion elevated our Desert Master Gardener team and inspired greater

participation in community outreach. He led the charge in creating an award-winning booth for the Indio Date Festival, which took first place—a testament to his hard work and the enthusiasm he brings to every project.

Known for always stepping up when needed, Jim’s collaborative spirit, vision, and commitment to his fellow gardeners exemplify Cathy Konyn’s legacy. We’re grateful for all that Jim has done to strengthen and unify our Master Gardener community. Congratulations, Jim, on this well-deserved honor!

**Honoring Georgia Renne - 2023-2024 Cathy Konyn Memorial Award Recipient**

We are thrilled to recognize Georgia Renne as the recipient of the 2023-2024 Cathy Konyn Memorial Award!



A UC Master Gardener since 2018 and a Gold Badge recipient, Georgia has enriched our program in countless ways—as editor of our *Garden Views*

newsletter, coordinator of Home Gardening Basics classes, and dedicated volunteer at the UCR Botanic Gardens. Georgia also served as past Chair of our Master Gardener program, leading with committed vision.

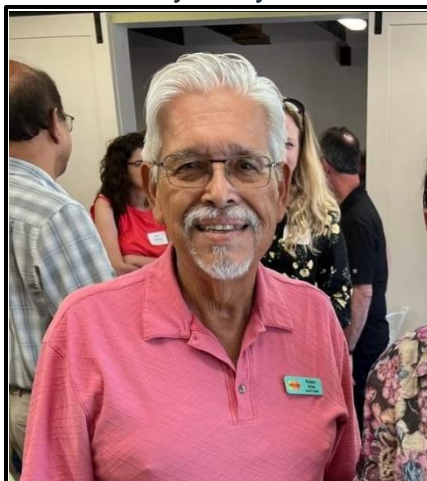
Beyond the accomplishments, Georgia actively supports our social media, school and youth gardens, and Grow Lab plant sales. As a mentor, she generously shares her knowledge and experience with trainees. She truly embodies the spirit of this award.

Congratulations, Georgia, on this well-deserved honor!



**Applauding Ruben Arias - Cathy Konyn Memorial Award Recipient 2023-2024**

We are proud to celebrate Ruben Arias, an inspiring UC Master Gardener, and a recipient of the Cathy Konyn Award!



Ruben’s passion for gardening and dedication to his community are evident in his volunteer work at the Coachella Valley History Museum, where he not only tends the rose garden but also

educates visitors on rose care, sharing his expertise and love of plants. Additionally, at the Head Start Garden in Indio, Ruben has become a beloved figure, instructing young children about gardening, and instilling a love for nature in the next generation.

Ruben is a trusted expert in citrus care, generously sharing his knowledge with both Master Gardeners and the public through educational talks. Known for his kindness and generosity, he’s often the first to arrive and the last to leave, always willing to lend a hand wherever needed. His warm, welcoming nature and commitment to teaching others make him an invaluable asset to our team and the community.

Ruben’s dedication and caring spirit truly embody Cathy Konyn’s legacy. Thank you, Ruben, for creating a positive and inspiring space for all who have the pleasure of meeting you.

**Celebrate ~  
Our Past Cathy Konyn Awardees**

**2021-2022**

- Carolyn Daniels (Class of 2015)
- Pamela Clarke (Class of 2017)

**2020-2021**

- Debbra Corbin Euston (Class of 2015)
- Marcia Stone (Class of 2016)

**2019-2020**

- Mernell Wong (Class of 2016)
- Linda Powell (Class of 2013)

**2018-2019**

- Barbara Kay-Levin (Class of 2015)
- Linda Lane (Class of 2016)
- Cindy Peterson (Class of 2005)
- Thurman Howard (Class of 2015)

**2017-2018**

- Karen Fleisher (Class of 2010)
- Dave Brandtman (Class of 2012)
- Maureen Austin (Class of 2016)
- Joan Kyle-Baerman (Class of 2011)

**2016-2017**

- Lucy Heyming: Class of 2004, first recipient of this award, whose accomplishments are too numerous to list. Thanks Lucy! You continue to inspire.

**Trees Please!**

*Contributed by Janet Hartin, UCCE, Area Environmental Horticulture Advisor, Emerita, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties*

Efforts by UC Master Gardeners to promote sustainable landscaping and locally grown food in home, community and school gardens never cease to amaze me. I'm thrilled that UC Master Gardeners in Riverside County continue to expand the "Trees for Tomorrow Start Today" (TFTST) project to new areas. In this *Garden Views* edition and the next one, Master Gardeners, Jolene Hancock and Xochitl Pena, will highlight the growth of the program in the west and east areas of the county. (We also have project expansion plans in the Banning/Beaumont area.)

Here's a bit of history. The TFTST project was always a dream of mine but came to life in 2019 in San Bernardino County through financial support from Mandy Parkes, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District Manager. To date, over 3,000 climate-ready shade trees and tips on their planting and care have been provided by UC Master Gardeners, along with over 30 partners, to residents of low shade neighborhoods in San Bernardino County, and, more recently, Riverside County, through the TFTST project. Tree species distributed directly to residents of low-shade neighborhoods through the project are identified from research projects including our University of California/United States Forest Service (USFS) study at UC Riverside as well as from other research projects, local observations, and input from the green industry and academic colleagues.

The initial TFTST roll-out in Riverside County occurred in 2023 at the Louis Robidoux Parkland and Pecan Grove. Most recently, supporters such as the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District, the Riverside County Library system, and the Elsinore Valley Resource Conservation District have spawned the program's expansion in other areas of

**Master Gardeners Celebrate These New Riverside County Recognition Awards! October-November 2024**

**500 Hours Watering Can Pin**

- Deborah Anderson
- Ruben Arias
- Sheilah Bellew
- Burt Boss
- Cathy Godfrey

**250 Hours Gardeners' Trowel Pin**

- Linda Mayo

**Special thanks to Anne Platzer for sharing her love, knowledge, and experience with butterflies in her many articles in *Garden Views*! We all learned so much over these years and are so thankful for her generosity.**

Riverside County, with other agencies showing interest, as well.

I am thankful that UC Master Gardener Jolene Hancock agreed to be the TFTST project lead for the west end of Riverside County and Stephen Crouse agreed to lead TFTST Coachella Valley efforts. Both Jolene and Stephen will help organize mid-county events. And, for projects within the IERCD geographical area (that includes parts of Riverside County), I am very grateful to Roxana Price who accepted a part-time position with UC as the TFTST Coordinator.



Thanks to all of you for helping green and cool Riverside County urban neighborhoods through this green solution! Planting climate-ready shade trees now will help ensure cooler urban areas in the next several decades as trees mature and maximize their urban ecosystem benefits.

### Why Plant Trees You Ask?

*Contributed by Jolene Hancock, UC Master Gardener of Riverside County*

**Let me tell you: trees cool urban heat islands; filter pollutants from air and water; absorb and store carbon dioxide; enhance biodiversity and provide habitats; provide sound barriers and windbreaks; beautify neighborhoods, and more!**

The “Trees for Tomorrow Start Today” tree distribution/tree education project event had great success with its first opportunity to serve the residents living within the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District. In the month of October, West Riverside County Master Gardeners had two tree distribution/education

dates. Fifty trees found new homes with residents of low-shade neighborhoods to cool urban heat islands, the goal of this project.



TFTST is important since the shade from a single tree can reduce surface temperatures of asphalt, mulch, concrete, and synthetic turf by more than 70 degrees F in West Riverside County cities and over 90 degrees F in Coachella Valley cities. In addition, air temperatures under and within several yards of tree canopies are several degrees cooler than air temperatures farther away. Cooling urban heat islands also reduces air pollution which is linked to extreme heat.

The tree species available in 5-gallon containers were: Shoestring Acacia (*Acacia stenophylla*), Chaste Tree (*Vitex* spp.), and Palo Verde ‘Desert Museum.’ They are all very unique and diverse in their tree structure, heat, drought, and pest resistant, plus able to withstand harsh conditions of urban heat islands.





Along with the free trees, the “Trees for Tomorrow Start Today” project provides information and education on each species to determine which tree would best fit specific planting situations. In addition, written tree care/planting guidelines and long-term tree care education are provided in both Spanish and English to tree recipients.

There are many key people to recognize for the success of this event. First, our Elsinore Valley partner’s Water Efficient Coordinator, **Haley Munson**, was delightful to work with and very accommodating. Second, **Janet Hartin**, UCCE, Area Environmental Horticulture Advisor, Emerita, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties, mentored this program to its existence. **Roxana Price**, CES II, EFNEP, Riverside County/Palm Desert, UC-ANR Wellness Co-Chair, and now TFTST Coordinator, was recently hired for a few hours a week to assist with the project. UC Riverside County Master Gardener **Stephen Crouse** is the new CV (Coachella Valley) TFTST project lead, along with Master Gardeners **Thomas Vineski** who helped with tree education plus **Nancy Stewart** and **Zochitl Pena** who handled registration. Also, of course, **Rosa Olaiz**, our Volunteer Coordinator, was there helping behind the scenes.



We will continue to work on upcoming TFTST events in all parts of the county and welcome more volunteers to help. **Please consider signing up.** In addition to volunteers providing information on the tree species being distributed

in both English and Spanish, we need people to help set out signs, assist sign in pre-registrations, process walk-up registrants, plus set up and take down table displays after the event. We also need help with promotion and partner communication prior to the events. And, as always, sharing photos is a must! We appreciate Master Gardeners taking pictures of trees, people picking them up, and the volunteers and partners at the event.

More events are coming in Spring 2025! Watch VMS for upcoming opportunities to volunteer.

*Photo Credit: Jolene Hancock*

## Celebrating Our UC Master Gardeners of Riverside County!

*Contributed by Pam Elias, UC Master Gardener of Riverside County*

We had an AMAZING Fall Recognition event on Saturday, October 26, 2024, in Riverside, celebrating our incredible UC Master Gardeners of Riverside County!



Our dedicated Volunteer Services Coordinator, Rosa Olaiz, kicked things off with program updates and heartfelt thank-you, setting the perfect vibe for the day. She also revealed the winners of our Cathy Konym Memorial Award! Drumroll, please...

### 2022-23 Winners

- Jane Payne, West County
- Jim Thompson, Desert

### 2023-24 Winners

- Georgia Renne, West County
- Ruben Arias, Desert

Congratulations to our well-deserved winners!

The celebration continued with delicious food, irresistible desserts, and a lively opportunity drawing. Lucky winners took home beautiful handmade centerpieces by Patty Walker or some fantastic pruners to keep their gardening game strong! We also had a succulent exchange and a mini plant sale!



A big shoutout to everyone who made this event happen and to our incredible volunteers who keep our gardens blooming year-round.



Photo credit: Pam Elias

### Smashing Pumpkins 2024!

Contributed by Dee Kongslie, UC Master Gardener of Riverside County

Desert Compost's Annual Pumpkin Smash was a smashing hit! Desert Compost volunteers and Master Gardeners, Dee Kongslie and Peggy Bakke, were there to celebrate every smashed pumpkin. Pumpkins were smashed, then added to the ongoing community compost at College of the Desert. Children and families from McCarthy Family Childhood Development Center watched and cheered with glee as the custom-built catapult sent their pumpkins flying. Over 200 lbs of pumpkins were composted! Join us next year! If you don't turn your pumpkins into pies, bring

them to COD! It's a smashing fun event for the whole family.



### STEPCon 2024: Arthropods - Pests or Beneficials?

Contributed by Kim Coons-Leonard, UC Master Gardener of Riverside County

Nothing is a better kid-magnet than a spinning wheel. Add spider webbing and arachnids to your canopy, and you're guaranteed a crowd will gather.

Master Gardeners' Youth-School Project focused on the topic of invertebrates and drew approximately 2,000 students to their interactive table at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual STEPCon event held October 10. STEPCon is considered the premier student science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) conference in the Inland Empire. It features both an in-person conference at Bourns Technology Center in Riverside and is followed with online conference which runs through November reaching an estimated 20,000 students.



Our Youth-School project featured both in-person and online exhibits. Our interactive table focused

featured a spin-the-wheel to identify common arthropods as a pest or beneficial in the garden. To help guide students in their thinking we would state "Pests eat plants. Often pests are named after the plant they eat. Beneficials eat

pests. Look carefully at the picture. Does it look like this arthropod is eating the plant or eating a pest?" And yes, there was a prize for getting the right answer, a plastic arthropod.

Students were also amazed at the arthropod display case. Most had never observed insects up close and consistently expressed surprise that these were real, not fake insects.



For teachers and chaperones we provided information on beneficial insect identification and packets of flower seeds to draw pollinators to school gardens.

Our online-line exhibit provided two learning pathways following the theme, "Baby, You're an Arthropod!" This exhibit opens with an engaging video featuring a singing entomologist. It is followed by in-depth PowerPoint lessons on the structure of insects called, *A close-up view of insects*, for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, and classification of invertebrates. *There's a whole lot of phyla in the garden!* for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. These are also featured on the Riverside County Office of Education STEM website.

For the third year this is the largest in-person outreach event for the Youth-School Garden Project, and it could not have been



accomplished without the help of volunteers! Thanks go to an amazing Master Gardener trio- Ruben Arias, Steve Moreno and Georgia Renne who joined me at this

event to share the joy of arthropods.

Thanks also go to our Youth-School Desert Project team for collecting and organizing flower seed packets for distribution. And finally, special thanks to Desert School Garden Coordinator, Jax Patterson, who tackled our video technology challenges to ensure we could feature the singing entomologist video.

## Natural Predator for Asian Citrus Psyllids

Contributed by Christal Ferlisi, UC Master Gardener of Riverside County



Riverside and a San Bernardino Master Gardeners were treated to a spectacular presentation by Mark S. Hoddle Ph.D., a biological control specialist from UCR, at our November workday at the California Citrus State Historic Park.



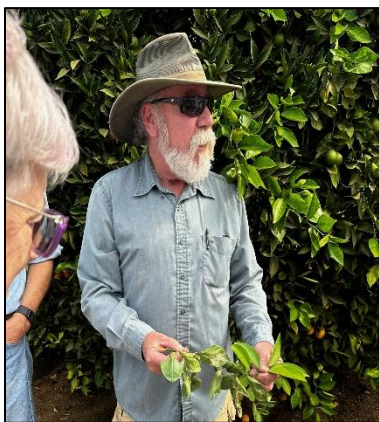
In his presentation, including a PowerPoint and video components, he related how he and his research team traveled to Pakistan to find a natural predator for the Asian citrus psyllium which, as we all know, is the vector for the bacterial citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB).



Dr. Hoddle told the exciting tale of how they found a natural predator (*Tamarixia radiata*) that fed and reproduced solely on the Asian citrus psyllid. They came back to their lab at UCR, and after a lengthy process to ensure that they would not be harming the environment in any way, they were eventually granted permission to release the *Tamarixia radiata* predator insect into citrus trees having Asian citrus psyllids. It has been a wonderful success story! The *Tamarixia radiata* reproduced well, and each one was able to kill

In laboratory trials, *T. radiata* is an efficient parasitoid, inflicting mortality of >90% of presented nymphs (Skellek & Hoy 2004).

We also got a behind-the-scenes look at the innovative techniques that Dr. Hoddle and his research team developed to control Argentine ants. Argentine ants are a significant problem in citrus orchards because of its food-for-protection mutualism it develops with sap sucking pests, such as psyllids. Dr. Hoddle's research team, in collaboration with the engineering department and computer science department at UCR, developed a very efficient ant control system along with a state-of-the-art monitoring system to track the effectiveness of the ant insecticide on their population.



His first-hand account of this cutting-edge research was truly riveting. Tom Spellman, an expert in the world of citrus, said he learned so much from Dr. Hoddle's presentation.

**Sign up on VMS for the next workday at the California Citrus State Historic Park on December 6!**

*Photo Credits: Christal Ferlisi*



## California Gardeners: November Is Another Growing Season!

*Contributed by Betty Guida, UC Master Gardener of Riverside County*

We gardeners in California have opportunities that other gardeners do not have because of our Mediterranean climate. November, for us, is just as much a growing season as the months of April and May. We can confidently say "let's plant some vegetables this November."

There are many factors involved in having a successful fall vegetable garden. These factors are length of days, hardiness zone, rainfall, humidity, and heat. Winter vegetables thrive in temperatures of 55-75 degrees. They can also tolerate a slight frost.

Basics to consider when choosing what veggies to plan:

- Plant vegetables that your family enjoys.
- Select a site that receives 6 to 8 hours of sun each day.
- Plant rows north to south with the taller plants on the north side.
- Plant only what you can maintain. Plan on spending 3-5 hours a week caring for your garden if it is large.

Vegetables can be divided into many categories according to their family, their edible parts, warm or cool season, and other categories. However, for this discussion we'll discuss those with edible parts. Edible parts are any part of the plant we can eat. These categories are:

- Root crops – carrots, radishes, beets, turnips
- Stems – asparagus, celery, rhubarb, bamboo shoots, sugar cane
- Leaves – spinach, lettuce, cabbage
- Immature Flower Parts – broccoli, cauliflower
- Seeds – lima beans, peas, green beans, sunflower seeds and more



## Where Are Those Peanuts?

*Contributed by Burt Boss and Geogia Renne, UC Master Gardeners of Riverside County*

I recently asked Burt Boss for the next update for our *Garden Views* on those peanuts he planted at the Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City. Recall in the July-August newsletter Burt shared with us, “The kids ask about growing a variety of plants that are not necessarily compatible with our desert environment. For some reason, this year their fixation was on peanuts.” So, in June for the kids, he began an experiment by sourcing and planting unprocessed “seed peanuts” necessary for germination. Surprisingly, in three weeks they sprouted.



Then in the September-October *Garden Views* he shared how he peeked at the base of the growing plants. “I pulled back some upper growth and started looking at the base of the plants. And... Notice the thin tendrils coming from the right side of the picture and attached to the peanut. Those are the offshoots of the flowers after they have been pollinated. The tendrils are the “root” on which the peanuts grow.”



So, Burt, do we now have peanuts ready to harvest?

Though the above information is elementary, it can be the beginning of a wonderful adventure in your November Garden.

For tips on planning and planting your edible garden visit:  
<https://mg.ucanr.edu/Gardening/Edible/Classifications/>

For the “Grow Your Own Vegetables” tip sheet:  
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/sacmg/files/74897.pdf>

For the “November Gardening Tips”:  
[https://ucanr.edu/sites/RiversideMG/Gardening\\_Tips/#November](https://ucanr.edu/sites/RiversideMG/Gardening_Tips/#November)  
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*Photo credit: Unsplash*

## Winter Veggies?





Burt sent this November photo of actual very young peanuts.

But they are not yet ready for harvest! Before he harvests, he wants a great recipe for roasting and seasoning them. Please send yours to [grenne@earthlink.net](mailto:grenne@earthlink.net) with "Peanut Recipe" in the subject line so I can forward to him.

He will send photos and the next article for the January February newsletter along with the winning recipe he makes for the children who were so curious about how peanuts grow that he then experimented and proved they actually could grow in the Coachella Valley!



**Rosa Olaiz**  
**Volunteer**  
**Services**  
**Coordinator**

As we gather this holiday season, I want to express appreciation for all the hard work and dedication you've shown throughout the year. In this final newsletter of the year, there are a few key updates I'd like to share.

### **UC Master Gardener Program of Riverside County Branding**

As part of the recent changes, the state office has emphasized the importance of all counties using consistent branding for the UC Master Gardener Program. While the state office itself has not changed, it requires that all counties adhere to the same branding guidelines.

Please refer to the following link for the UC Master Gardener branding document, which includes the correct logo and wording for using the Master Gardener brand. The state office wants to ensure we are using the proper language, and there are also specific colors associated with the branding.

Here is the link where you will find the proper branding for the UC Master Gardener Program. [https://ucanr.edu/sites/communicationstoolkit/Branding/Logo\\_Downloads/UC\\_Master\\_Gardener/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/communicationstoolkit/Branding/Logo_Downloads/UC_Master_Gardener/)

Key updates to be aware of:

- Use "**UC Master Gardener Program of Riverside County**" instead of "**UCCE Master Gardener Program of Riverside County**" or any other variation.

- When referring to Master Gardeners or signing emails, use “**UC Master Gardener**” or “**UC Master Gardener of Riverside County**”.
- The correct logo (below) to use is one without any words or lettering.



### 2023 and 2024 Impact Report

The UC Master Gardener state office is excited to showcase the work of the UC Master Gardener Program in the upcoming **2023 & 2024 Impact Report**. They are looking for high-quality images that capture the program’s success, highlight innovative projects, and showcase inspiring volunteer efforts.

If you have any photos that you would like to submit, please send them to me at [rmolaiz@ucanr.edu](mailto:rmolaiz@ucanr.edu).

Wishing you joyful and meaningful holidays!

**THE TOP TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT UC MASTER GARDENERS ON GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

- 1. Support Educational Programs:** Help fund workshops, lectures, and educational programs that equip community members with sustainable gardening knowledge.
- 2. Enable Free Resources:** Support the distribution of free gardening information through media, email, helplines, and in-person advice.
- 3. Fund Community Resources:** Help create and maintain demonstration gardens to serve as practical learning spaces, showing sustainable, low-water landscaping and pollinator-friendly practices.
- 4. Advance Research:** Support important research efforts in collaboration with UC Academics which lead to advances in sustainable landscaping and pest management.
- 5. Enhance School Garden Programs:** Support school gardens to help educate children about plants, nutrition, and the environment.
- 6. Environmental Stewardship:** Support education about eco-friendly gardening practices to reduce pesticide and water use.
- 7. Empower Diverse Communities:** Your donation supports free mentorship and gardening advice, ensuring equitable access to information and resources.
- 8. Cultivate Local Expertise:** Help volunteers train and expand their knowledge, enabling them to provide even better advice on horticultural practices tailored to Riverside County’s climate and challenges.
- 9. Preserve and Beautify Public Spaces:** By funding demonstration gardens and local fairs, donations contribute to beautifying and sustaining green spaces that enhance the quality of life in the community.
- 10. Encourage Community Involvement:** Donations make it possible for UC Master Gardeners to continue engaging in community fairs and events, fostering connections and spreading the joy of gardening throughout Riverside County.

**PLEASE GIVE ON GIVING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024  
FROM 12 AM TO 11:59 PM**

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**To support the UC Master Gardener Program of Riverside County, select UCCE Riverside County Master Gardeners.**



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**Holiday Gift for Friends, Family, and Neighbors!**

**Classes for: The Home Gardener, Those New to the IE, or  
Waiting for Future Master Gardener Classes**

**UC Master Gardeners of Riverside County Announces  
Home Gardening Basics 101 Series 2025 For All Home Gardeners!**



**Home Gardening 101: The Basics is offered in three sessions on Saturdays in  
January-February 2025 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm in person in Riverside.**

- The cost for the 3 sessions is \$50\* including all materials.
- Class size is limited to 25.
- **Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2025.**
- For more information and to register you **must** contact: Georgia Renne, HGB Coordinator, at [grennemg@gmail.com](mailto:grennemg@gmail.com).

## **ENCORE! HOME GARDENING 101: The Basics**

### **Session 1: Saturday, January 25, 2025**

- **The Basics: Soils, Mulches, Compost, Tools, Safety, Water, Irrigation**

### **Session 2: Saturday, February 1, 2025**

- **What to Plant in the IE: Landscape Plants, Kitchen Garden, Wildfire Season**

### **Session 3: Saturday, February 8, 2025**

- **What Else: Garden Design, Gardening Problem Solving, Wrap Up**

*(\*The tuition covers expenses and supports the UCCE Master Gardener Program.  
UCCE Master Gardeners are volunteers and are not paid for their time.)*