



# GARDEN VIEWS

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## Cathy Konyn Award

The Cathy Konyn Memorial Award was presented to Lucy Heyming in honor of all that she has done for the UCCE Master Gardener Program of Riverside County. (More inside this issue.)

## Welcome New Trainees!!

Meet the Desert Master Gardener Class of 2017-2018. First day of class for the 32 trainees was November 1. "Their eagerness to get started is obvious from all those smiling faces!" said Brenda Costantino, class coordinator. (Two trainees are not shown.)

Photo by Marcia Stone.



## Desert MG Project

### Desert MG Project Wins Cash and Manpower Award

Contributed by Maureen



Photo by Marcia Stone.

Congratulations to Braille Institute in Rancho Mirage, recipients of 'Lowe's Heroes Project Award'. Braille Institute is an ongoing project of the Desert Master Gardeners.

The award was \$2500 worth of materials at cost, and two days of work done by volunteers from Lowe's Home Center in Palm Desert.

The project that was constructed is a covered, raised-bed, fully-irrigated vegetable garden.

Desert MG Barbara Kay-Levin is the project coordinator.

## Happy Holidays

*Contributed by Betty Balo*

Hello fellow Master Gardeners and Trainees:

2017 has been a busy year for us.

We have manned many info tables, propagated a whole lot of plants, given demos on various topics, learned about gardening/landscaping techniques and the best tools to use, helped schools and communities with their garden projects, presented talks at a variety of locations and on a variety of subjects, and on and on.

We have lived our mission: take the knowledge we have learned about sustainable gardening and give it back into the community.

All of us can be proud of our accomplishments! We have reached more people this year than even before.

We have seen quite a few changes this year, with more to come. We reorganized and formed an Executive Advisory Board in the hopes that all areas of Riverside County would be better represented. We made some significant changes in the Phone Squad-Help Line out in the desert. We have added more sites for our

information tables and we have made improvements at the Grow Lab to make it less labor intensive, with more to come! Additionally, we have a number of people new to leadership roles. Our webpage is looking better and better every day and our marketing is helping us reach more people.

It is all working! As a team, we are succeeding.

None of these things would have been possible without Rosa, our coordinator. She is such a wonderful resource for us. She is the “glue” that holds us together and keeps us organized. Thanks Rosa!

To everyone who has volunteered this past year, thank you! Thank you to all the Board members and Committee heads for your time and expertise. We are a good team, we are working well together and I am sure 2018 will bring us even more opportunities.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year!

Betty

## Desert Gardening Event a Big Hit

Contributed by Maureen

Photos by  
Mary Ann Egan  
Marcia Stone

The event touted as “The desert’s biggest gardening event of the year,” proved to be just that...the desert’s biggest gardening event of the year!





Organizers and attendees alike, agree.



Desert Garden Community Day, held Oct. 28 at University of California Riverside, Palm Desert, exceeded all expectations for attendance with an estimated over 600 people turning out to learn about gardening.

The event was a collaborative effort of UCCE Master Gardeners, UCR, and Desert Horticultural Society of Coachella Valley.



Participants had the option to choose from several classes each hour, taught by UCCE experts, advisors and Master Gardeners, and others in the horticultural community.



Topics covered included: native plants and weeds; issues with desert trees and palms; water-saving landscape ideas; sustainable water use technology;

and all aspects of fruit and vegetable growing. Also of interest were classes on earthworms, bees and butterflies.



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November-December 2017

The only complaint registered by attendees was that they were not able to attend more of the over 20 lectures offered, due to overlapping time frames.



During the event, a variety of ornamentals, veggies and herbs, grown by MGs, were available for purchase at the Master Gardener plant sale. Shoppers expressed delight in the selection of plants available, including many unusual herbs.

A special attraction was the kids' area, where youngsters learned about bees and butterflies. They made bee boxes and decorated clay pots in which they planted 2 butterfly plants—a host and a nectar plant—to take home.

Plants were propagated by UCCE Master Gardeners.





“Loved it. Keep up the good work.” “Keep doing this.”  
“Great event.” “Keep it up.” “Loved this event.” “Fun  
event. Glad I came.” “Thank you for a fabulous day; lots  
of work.”

Plans have already begun for next year!

Those who worked tirelessly to make this event a reality were encouraged attendees’ written comments.



### In Memoria - Eula Moore

Eula Moore, a long time Master Gardener and Rosarian, passed away a couple of weeks ago. The family asked me to let her Master Gardener friends the the funeral was held Thursday December 7, at Acheson and Graham Mortuary on Magnolia Avenue in Riverside.

Eula was a wonderful gardener and an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a darling who specialized in miniature roses. She pulled out her front lawn and installed low water use landscape way before it was the popular thing to do. She will be sorely missed by her friends and fellow gardeners.

~Jean Texera

## Digging for Gold

Contributed by Thurman Howard

We completed the month of October with a very busy couple of weeks. We felt the throttle slowly easing back during the month of November.

### Women, Infants & Children (WIC)



Our WIC program was given wonderful reviews by the WIC supervisors, and the director of WIC for Riverside County. WIC Director Perveen Ali personally came over to our booth at the Riverside Community Action Event to thank the Master Gardeners for working with the WIC program. MS Ali instructed her supervisors to coordinate with our program and in this way bring needed knowledge of gardening to supplement health issues needs in their program. There will be 9 offices in our area with Temecula opening in January. A plan is being developed for this program to start.



*Thurman Howard and Perveen Ali  
At Riverside Community Action Event*



The Riverside Community Action Partnership is a group of County programs which brings different agencies together. WIC, NEOP and the University Health System are partners in this group. They have asked the Master Gardeners to participate in future events. It was a very good event, they supplied the table, pop ups, and fed us lunch. We had a good turnout of 84 people stopping by during the three-hour event.



Our EMWD open house did very well. We had a great spot in the shade and a constant flow of very interested gardeners. Some of the Master Gardeners shadowed their garden tour guide to help take some of the questions from the public to expedite the tour. I received a call from Allen Freetage, the coordinator of this event, with high praises for all the Master Gardeners that attended and helped at this



event. Allen is also looking forward to events in 2018 in which the Master Gardeners can work alongside with the EMWD. A special Thank you to Linda Freeman UCCE Riverside Master Gardener for taking on the docent program. As you can see, with two events back to back, this was a very long day for

some of the Master Gardeners and Trainees. Many thanks to UCCE Riverside Master Gardener Nancy Nelson and Dee Hydinger for pulling double shifts. This event is under review for next year participation.



At the Kaiser event in Murrieta on November 2nd was a bit windy and on the chilly side but a team of dedicated UCCE

Riverside Master Gardeners Shelly Crag, Sandra Starkey, and Linda Powell weathered the elements. For a two-hour event, we had a good turnout to our information table. Kaiser is another partner that is very involved in our community, and I look forward to working with their representative, Cecile Aris.



On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we met again with Cecile Aris at Kaiser, this time to discuss their 24 raised beds in their garden area.



*In the pictures from right to left is UCCE Riverside Master Gardener Marilyn Cerone, Joni Kiplinger, Cecile Aris Kaiser, Jeramiah March and Meggie Maratoso.*



At a Tractor Supply Information table, we met Jeramiah Perotti who oversees the FFA Future Farmers of



America Menifee. Maggie Maratoso oversees the horticulture department at Heritage High School, a part of the FFA program. Knowing that Kaiser had 24 unused raise beds I arranged a meeting with Cecile Aris, and Joni Kiplinger, to meet with Jeramiah and Maggie. At first, I was thinking this would be more of a school project. However, it

seems like a dual project involving both school and Community coordinators. This will be an ongoing project, and I have informed Cindy Peterson of this project.

**Olive Festival 123 Farm**



We had just under 200 people come by our booth at the 2-day Olive Festival event. This was a good event that brought out Master Gardeners from the Pass

Area. This was a last-minute event that turn out very well thanks to Gold Miner UCCE Riverside Master Gardener Connie Mettler. This event is a keeper and I look forward for us to do this again next year.

**Certified Farmers Market  
Vail Ranch Farmers Market**



These two markets are the staple of south county. Gold Miner Shelly Crag is doing a great job managing these two events to keep our south county Master

Gardeners busy. Next year Shelly plans to run these two events for the month of November and cut back to one event in December. She plans to incorporate Tractor Supply into her event mix. WIC will start here in January.



Eben Longfellow Gold miner for Hemet, is planning to start up the farmers market again in Hemet. Eben plans to work with management to work on improving crowd

turn out. Eben has also been working with Valley Beautiful and helping with our school garden program in the Hemet area. WIC is off and running in Hemet. Eben has a big task in awakening the Hemet Valley area, I don't know of a better person for this endeavor.



Gold Miner Thomas Vineski has a few things working with the city of Lake Elsinore. Early next year we will have an information table their health fair. The city has also invited us to attend many of their upcoming events. Since we have a limited supply of volunteers in that area we will have to draw from other districts. We will need to be very selective with which events to attend. Together we hope to build the area for next year's Master Gardener class. We will be starting WIC in January, and have calls in to the water district for events that we can be invited to.

## Lucy Heyming Honored



This award honors the individual Master Gardener who has demonstrated the highest of ideals in fulfilling the mission of the UCCE Master Gardener Program in Riverside County. It is given to honor the memory of Cathy Konyn, who served as our Chair for 2015-2016. Cathy was involved in every aspect of the Master Gardener Program, from conducting workshops to drafting instructional guides for the Help Line. Her leadership inspired a team of project coordinators and their volunteers to achieve great things.

The award winner receives a leaf shaped plaque and a leaf with her/his name is added to a perpetual memorial plaque shaped like a tree and hung on the wall of the UCCE office.

Lucy Heyming is the best person imaginable to receive the Cathy Konyn Memorial Award. Her life and activities in support of the Master Gardener Program exemplify the best Riverside County has to offer.

It was a beautiful, warm December day and the **Master Gardener's Annual Holiday Social** set the scene for honoring Lucy Heyming with the very first **Cathy Konyn Memorial Award**.



Lucy Served the program as writer and then the editor of the Garden Views. She went on to become the Chair of the Advisory Board and later to fill in as Chair for another term.



The list could go on, with classes and workshops conducted by Lucy at more venues than this writer could name. Lucy and her husband Frank have hosted numerous Master Gardener events and it is through their generosity that we have the Grow Lab.



Lucy created the Gold Miner Program, which received an Award of Excellence from the Statewide Master Gardener Program. She was instrumental in forming the Speakers Bureau Program as we know it today.





## FREE GARDEN WORKSHOP!



### WATER AND SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

Learn about the journey of water in our local area and how to have a landscape that thrives and provides environmental benefits, presented by Mark Norton of the Santa Ana Watershed Protection Authority and Janet Hartin of the University of California Cooperative Extension.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Western Municipal Water District

14205 Meridian Parkway, Riverside, CA 92518

**Just off the 215 Freeway at Alessandro Blvd., on Meridian Parkway between Alessandro and Cactus Ave.**



Presented by WMWD & UCCE Riverside County Master Gardeners

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**Flowers 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Britney Judge**

**Dahlia from Minnesota Arboretum**



**Flowers 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cathy Bailey**

*Scabiosa caprifoliaceae*, 'Pincushion flowers



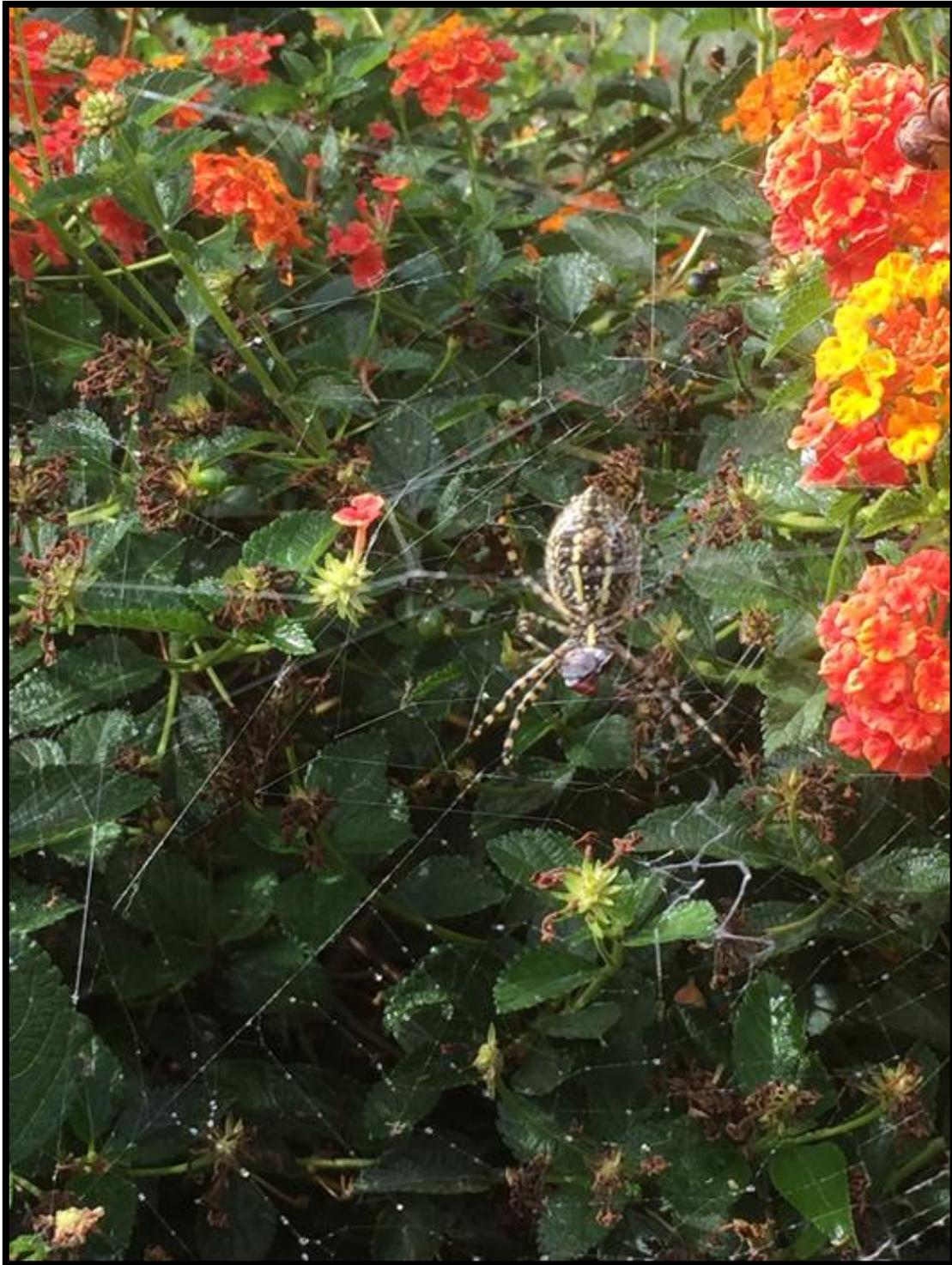
**Bugs 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Karen Brandtman**

**Monarch Butterfly and Chrysalis**



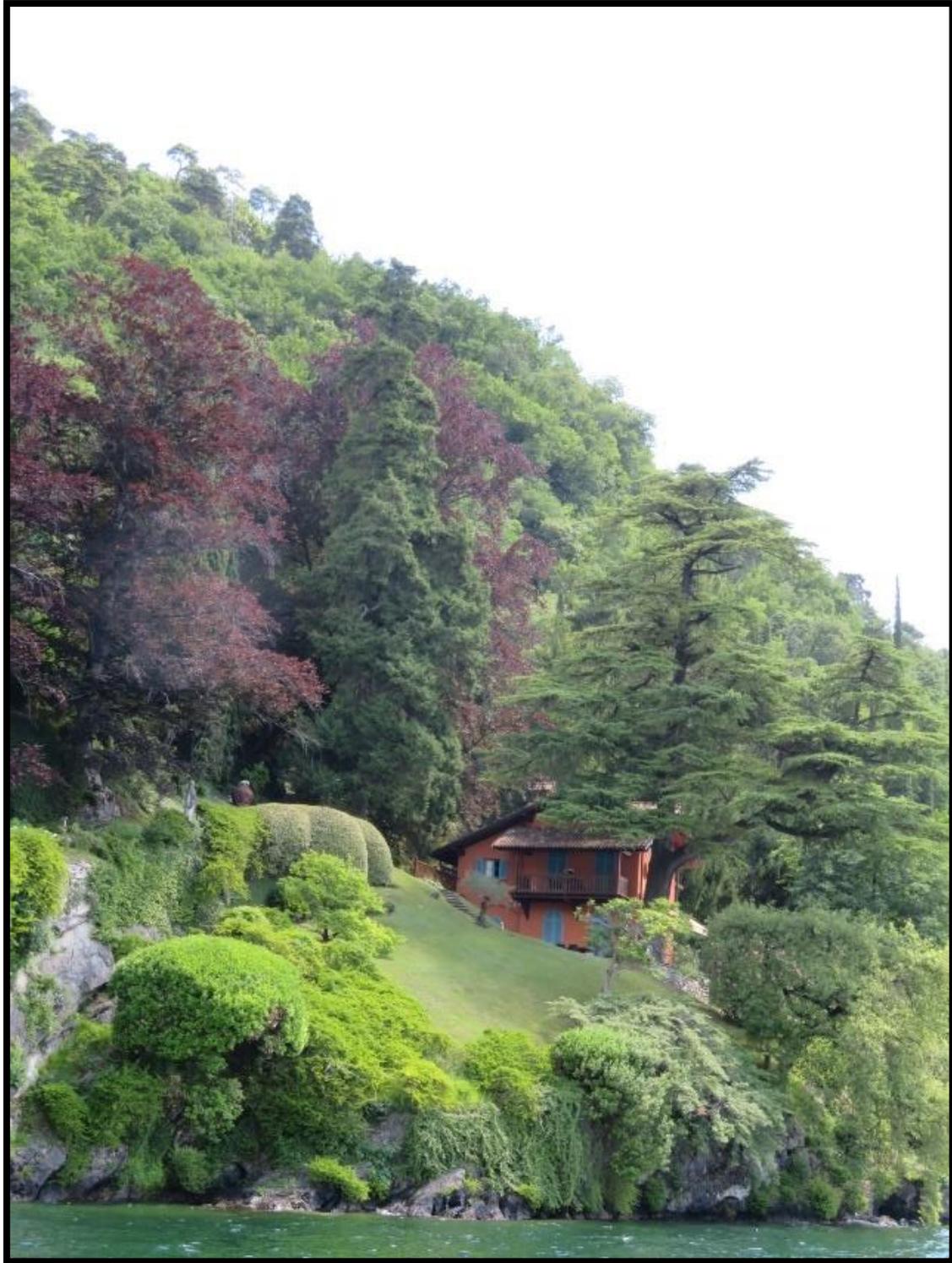
**Bugs 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Susan Wright**

*Argiope trifasciata*, 'Banded Garden Spider'



## Vacation 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Juanita Wielenga

Lake Como, Italy



**Vacation 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Juanita Wielenga**

**Hillside Vineyard in Weikersheim, Germany**



**Food 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Linda Freeman**

*Ficus carica*, 'Mission Fig'



**Food 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Karen Bradford**

**"Still life of Water on Lettuce Leaf"**



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## WMWD Garden Committee

Contributed by Lisa Lemoine

The UC Master Gardener/WMWD Committee met on November 6th for our monthly meeting.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to committee members with sincere “thank you” for their dedication and efforts this past year. During 2016–2017 we conducted eight workshops plus Ask the Experts event, reaching about 700 members of the community; and provided eight hours of continuing education for over 50 master gardeners.

The annual event, “Ask the Experts,” has been placed on hold until 2019 due to the sale of Western’s garden. However, Master Gardeners will participate in Western’s fall event planned for October.

On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, by 81 guests and Master Gardener volunteers attended the workshop presented by Greg Rubin entitled, “The California Native Landscape: Threats and Solutions Explored.”. Mr. Rubin presented a thorough overview of the ecological benefits of gardening with native California species, provided tips on establishing, caring for and protecting natives in the Inland Empire landscape; and discussed best defenses against the Argentine ant. The

presentation was followed by a question and answer session, and autograph signing.

In addition to the Committee’s monthly public educational offering, on November 4<sup>th</sup>, Sandy Starkey coordinated a full-day continuing education workshop presented by John Kabashima, titled, “The Latest Pest in our Local Gardens.” Dr. Kabashima, in his usual engaging and humorous fashion, led a full house through the ANR Pest Notes site. He shared field and personal experience as he articulated the varied paths in which non-native pests can enter the region—such as the transport of firewood across state lines. Dr. Kabashima explained the identification process and resulting research leading to management and education. He also explained how each of us can become a “First Detector” through the National Plant Diagnostic Network, <https://firstdetector.org/static/index.html>.

We are kicking off the winter/spring workshop series in January and invite everyone to volunteer and enjoy the sharing of information with each other and our community. Until then, on behalf of our Committee members, we wish you happy and safe holidays.

## Public Relations Report

Contributed by Bill Floyd

West County Public Relations Coordinator

EBLASTS- A third eblast about upcoming MG events was sent in late October through our free Mailchimp account. Thanks to the efforts of Thurman and the Goldminers, and the WMWD workshop committee, we have built the list to approximately 450 email addresses. And, Thurman tells me there are more to come. The eblast was also sent to MGs through VMS at the same time it was sent to the public. As requested by

the Chair, a survey was included to gauge the interest of the eblast recipients in taking classes taught by MGs. The good news is that the interest in taking classes on topics such as drought tolerant landscaping-design & irrigation, CA native plants, roses, pest management, pollinators, composting basics, pruning, and vegetable gardening was unanimous. There was also a unanimous response in favor of paying a nominal fee for the

classes. The not-so-good news is that only ten recipients responded to the survey. The next eblast will go out towards the end of the month. As always, suggestions or ideas from the AB are welcome.

**MEDIA RELATIONSHIPS-** Efforts are continuing to establish and cultivate relationships with newspapers, radio stations, and other media outlets to get our events promoted. A press release regarding Greg Rubin's presentation at the MG/WMWD workshop last Saturday was sent to 10 weekly newspapers and one daily in an effort to expand our reach. Unfortunately, we are finding that traditional, for-profit newspapers are increasingly reluctant to publish articles for non-profits on a freebie basis. Many have complimentary community calendars which publish very abbreviated

information about upcoming events, and we will take better advantage of those going forward to supplement the press release efforts.

**SOCIAL MEDIA-** Regular postings are being made to our social media pages and the Facebook Events calendar. Our colleagues in the Desert have recently begun posting on the Facebook page, increasing the number of people we reach. Please continue to send information, pictures, posters, etc. about events you would like me to help promote, as well as after-event pics and descriptions for posting.

As always, your feedback, ideas, and suggestions are welcome.

Bill Floyd

## Palms to Pines to Palms

### — Low-Cost, Desert Day-Trip For Garden Enthusiasts, Number Two

by Ron Jemmerson, DAB Chair

Did you know that the western edge of the Coachella Valley is one of the most botanically diverse regions in the United States, if not on Earth? Just north of Palm Springs the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts meet, each with its unique flora, and Mt. San Jacinto rises two miles into the sky encompassing four different climate zones. In this second installment of low-cost desert day trips, garden enthusiasts can experience in one day much of what nature has to offer for the high mountains and low deserts of Southern California.

The trip begins from I-10 in Banning as you exit to CA-243 South heading toward Idyllwild. As you rise in elevation be careful not to peruse the scenery below too long or you may find yourself swerving toward the edge (I speak from experience). Daily travelers are adept at driving at faster than safe speeds so be prepared to pull over whenever possible. As you head toward Pine Cove just north of Idyllwild you will come upon several vista points. Pull over and enjoy the view to the west of the valley around Hemet. Diamond Valley Lake, a man-made reservoir, is the focal point from these vistas.

Along the roadside you will see two of the dominant plants of the area. The sugar pine, *Pinus lambertiana*, produces the longest cones of any pine that can extend to 2 ft. in length. The cones are covered in a sugary substance, hence the common name. The other dominant plant is the manzanita or "little apple" bush, so named in Spanish because of the fruit that it bears. There are several species of manzanita in this area of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park that are recognizable by striking red bark, the most common being *Arctostaphylos pringlei* ssp. *drupacea* or pink-bracted manzanita with its pink and white clusters of flowers that erupt in Spring.

A few minutes past Pine Cove at 5,413 ft. is Idyllwild, a charming mountain town with several quaint but upscale small restaurants and coffee shops. Stretch your legs and visit artists' boutiques and a local nursery in the center of town.

Not far past Idyllwild, in a descent of nearly 1000 ft., is the area of Mountain Center. Here CA-243 joins the Pines to Palms Highway, officially known as CA-74. Just

beyond is Lake Hemet in a valley populated by the Ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* var. *pacifica*). Every time I drive through this mountain valley I picture the opening scene of the 1960's television show "Bonanza" with its appropriately named ranch, the Ponderosa.

CA-74 forms a U-shape as it curves through the mountains. At its northerly turn in a valley between the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa Mountains is located the community of Pinyon Pines (5,561 ft.), named for a prominent tree (*Pinus monophylla*) which is often found associated with the California juniper (*Juniperus Californica*). These plants usually grow above 3500 ft.

Perhaps the most picturesque part of the drive along CA-74 is the vista point located on the right beyond a sharp turn as the road begins to descend into the Coachella Valley. Here you can see as far south as the Salton Sea and north to Mt. San Gorgonio, usually covered in snow from December through June. CA-74 can be seen below snaking its way toward the downhill straight-away into Palm Desert.

You will notice ocotillos appearing in the hillside during your descent. At the base of the mountain on the right side is the Visitor Center for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Behind the Center there is a walking path bordered by an exhibition of plants common to this area of the Desert. The creosote bush (*Larrea tridentata*) is the dominant plant accompanied by brittlebush (*Encelia farinosa*), smoketree (*Psoralea argophylla*), and desert globe mallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*), among others. Plaques identify plants by name. Rub your fingers through the leaves of the creosote bush and take a whiff to get a sampling of what the air smells like during a desert rain. Don't miss the smell of the stems of the cheese plant (*Ambrosia salsola*) and decide for yourself if it deserves its name.

Inside the Visitors' Center are two films worth seeing, both free of charge. If the narrated film in the viewing room is not showing ask the volunteer at the desk to

turn it on. For about 40 minutes you will be entertained by the sound of native music and breathtaking scenery of the Desert in bloom. You will learn about the designation of the Monument as such by the U.S. government, use of certain plants by the ancestors of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the formation of ancient Lake Cahuilla, no longer in existence, and the Salton Sea. A word of caution—the film is so mesmerizing that it will be hard to stay awake (again, I speak from experience.) The other film, which is not narrated, depicts changes in the Desert seasons and can be seen at the rear of the souvenir shop. There are picnic tables at the Center if you wish to pack your lunch.

Before heading home, turn south on HWY 111 and stop at Shields Date Garden in Indio where you can have a refreshing date shake while watching the free film "The Romance and Sex Life of the Date." Learn how female date palms are artificially pollinated—one male palm is used to "service" 49 female palms at the Shields date farm. As you drive from Palm Desert through Indian Wells toward Indio note the difference in palms along the way. The predominant palm in Palm Desert is the California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*), while the palms along the scenic boulevard in Indian Wells are date palms (*Phoenix dactylifera*).

The name "palm" derives from the hand-like appearance of the fronds. The *Washingtonia* palms are indigenous to the area while the date palms are imported from the Middle East. In protected areas of the Coachella Valley the fan palms appear in groves around springs, some of which derive from runoff of mountain snow and others from fault lines in the Earth's crust. You will have an opportunity to explore fan palm oases in the upcoming low-cost Desert day trip, number three along with several manicured desert gardens, all open for visitation at no charge.



### Photograph legend

CA-74 (lower right) snakes along as it descends into Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley. The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitors' Center is just below the Big Horn Golf Course in the middle of the photograph. In the distance on the left, Mt. San Gorgonio, the tallest peak in Southern California (11,503 ft.), is shown snow-covered. In the foreground are some of the native plants, collectively referred to as the "creosote scrub."

## Janet's Jottings

Contributed by Janet Hartin, Program Director



Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday season with family and friends and an ample amount of rest and relaxation. It's hard to believe 2018 has arrived.

With more interest than ever in 'green living' have you thought about adding some houseplants to your home decor? They not only add beauty and reduce stress, but

also help purify the air.

Before selecting specific species for your home, remember this above all else: there is no perfect plant, indoors or out! Here's just one example of this concept.

NASA scientists consider English ivy (*Hedera helix*) one of the best air-filtering indoor plants available. While it is a great air purifier and is very low maintenance and grows well under low light, it contains a chemical (hederagenin) that is toxic to animals ingesting it in large amounts. Other indoor plants including Chinese Evergreen (*Aglaonema*), Philodendron (*Philodendron* sp), Calla lily (*Zantedeschia* sp), Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum wallisii*), and Pothos (*Epipremnum aureum*) can also pose risks to humans and pets dermally, orally or both. In other cases, such as with Coleus (*Coleus* sp), little toxic risk occurs in humans but pets may be sensitive.

Two easy to grow indoor plants that pose little risk to humans and pets are the much beloved Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*) and the old standby 'Snake

Plant' (*Sansevieria trifasciata*) which is sometimes derogatorily called "mother in laws tongue" due to its long, lashing leaf shape.

The Spider Plant is low maintenance, grows well in low light conditions, and is not toxic to humans or pets (although there are reports of cats getting stomach aches from just simply liking them and eating too much!). What's more, it made the 'Top 10' NASA list of air-purifying plants for indoor use due to its ability to fight off formaldehyde, carbon monoxide, benzene and xylene.

The Snake Plant also poses low toxicity risks and grows well under low light and other adverse conditions. It can be tucked away in dark corners and other nooks and crannies that most houseplants won't like. It's also great in a bedroom, since, unlike most plants, it takes in carbon dioxide and releases oxygen during the night, purifying the air.

Remember to direct any inquiries about potentially poisonous plants to the Poison Helpline (1-800-222-1222) which connects callers to their local poison center. (In the event of an emergency, the person should immediately call 911 and have another call the Poison Helpline simultaneously if possible.) The Poison Help Lines is staffed by trained nurses, pharmacists, and doctors. The call is free and confidential. Their website <https://www.poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/the-poison-help-line/> covers useful information on types of toxins, safety and

prevention, and when to contact your poison center. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), funds the Poison Help line.

The new addition of the Master Gardener handbook has an excellent updated chapter on Poisonous Plants as well. It is now available as a separate free publication as well as a chapter within the larger handbook. It can be downloaded here:

<http://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/Details.aspx?itemNo=8560>



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**Editor's Remarks**

*Dave Brandtman, Editor*

Happy New Year cheer from the folks on the Garden Views staff. The winners of Part One of the Photo Contest are highlighted in this issue. Did I say Part One? Yes, there is a Part Two that will follow shortly. Categories are Front/Back Yards and Seriously Cereus. Look for your email ballots.

As we look back at the year, there are many reasons to take pride in the volunteer work we do for the Master Gardener Program. Opportunities to engage with the general public are around every corner. You may meet someone at your local nursery and offer advice. You may be working at one of our Info Tables or doing stand-up presentations at local venues. This is what we are known for, but the folks who work behind the scenes to plan and organize our shared activities are vital to our successes. As we look to the new year, think about how your skills can contribute to the richness of our organization. With each new project you will have fun learning and sharing that knowledge.

May everyone have a safe year and a productive one too!

**Mission Statement**

*Master Gardener Volunteers are trained by the UCCE Advisors, Specialists and other qualified instructors to provide the gardeners of Riverside County with research-based information to promote environmentally responsible and sustainable horticultural practices. Activities of volunteers are solely educational - without inclusion of any purpose or intention of carrying on a business, trade, avocation or profession for profit.*

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