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Congratulations Master Gardener Class of 2021!

(See full story and photos page 2.)

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Congratulations MG Class of 2021!

Contributed by Mona Swinehart, UCCE Master Gardener

Saturday October 2nd the University of California Cooperative Extension added 34 new graduates to the ranks of Master Gardener.

The party was hosted at the beautiful home of Ted and Cyndi Yancu in Riverside. Rosa Olaiz, Volunteer Services Coordinator, and Janet Hartin, Master Gardener Program Director, served as Masters of Ceremony.



Janet Hartin speaks to graduates and guests

The celebration began with a social hour and fiesta lunch. The food was incredible. Chips served with salsa, made by our hostess, Cyndi Yancu, from tomatoes and chilies grown in her impressive, raised bed vegetable gardens. Zapata's Taco Catering served Al pastor meat, pollo and carne asada tacos with all the trimmings and bacon wrapped hot dogs. Delicious! It was wonderful for all the graduates along with our veteran Master Gardeners to get together in person after a year of Zoom classes and events.



Cyndi Yancu, Karen Spiegel, Rosa Olaiz

Following lunch, the introduction of the class of 2021 commenced. Rosa Olaiz and Janet Hartin presented the Certificates of Recognition to the graduates. Karen S. Spiegel, Chairman of the Riverside County Supervisors, recognized the graduates awarding all special certificates from the County of Riverside. The certificates congratulate them for their diligent efforts in enhancing the health and wellbeing of the communities by completing the 2020-2021 Master Gardener Training through the University of California Cooperative Extension of Riverside County.

Special Awards were presented by Darrilyn Erickson, Chair West County, Smoky Zeidel, Desert Chair, and Rosa Olaiz.



Smoky Zeidel, Darrilyn Erickson, Rosa Olaiz

Spirit of Master Gardener: Patricia Clayes and Haley Preston

Outstanding Trainee: Jennifer Hopper and Jax Patterson

Most Hours Award: Jax Patterson and Pat Clayes

100 hour pins awarded to:

Pat Clayes, 158 hours

Toni Palatano, 172 hours

Jax Patterson, 221 hours

Cindi Yancu, 125 hours

Vivian Yturralde, 138 hours

The Class of 2021 presented a special thank you to Martha Tureen, our Class Coordinator, given to her on Friday October 2nd in appreciation for the hundreds of hours she devoted to our class. We will never forget her wise and gentle support offered to us throughout the program. Rosa Olaiz,

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Volunteer Service Coordinator was also given a gift certificate in appreciation of all her support during the most challenging of times due to the many COVID restrictions.

The class of 2021 is looking forward to working with our Veteran Master Gardeners and serving the community at large.

Please welcome our newest graduates:

**Terri Abshire*
Marilyn Blitz
Rick Bonnet*
Erica Bowlin
Lauren Bugeja*
Patricia Claves
Janet Cook*
Susan Cook
Jennifer Hopper*
Jim Huberty
Susan Knollenberg*
Dee Kongsle
Kate Kramer*
Stephen Mangione
Tony McKinney*
Michelle Melancon
Bill Miller*
Shirley Mirch
Christi Moore*
Jackie Morgan
Judi Newby*
Toni Patalano
Jacqueline Patterson*
Sandra Petterson
Cassandra Potter*
Haley Preston
Elizabeth Reade*
Emma Rosenthal
Leslie Roth*
Julie Sarmiento
Mona Swinehart*
Nan Wiecek
Cyndi Yancu*
Viviana Yturalde**

Camp Palm Springs

Contributed by Brad Hardison, UCCE Master Gardener

On Friday, July 9th, Desert and West County Master Gardeners provided hands-on garden learning at the finale of a week-long Farm Camp sponsored by the Palm Springs Park and Recreation Department. 107 First through Eighth grade "campers" and 33 youth counselors rotated through five learning stations focusing on pollinators and host plants reinforced with art activities, online learning, and stories.

As Christine Lampe spoke, Ralph Thompson would take the various live critters around through the group of students so they could see them up close. The kids were almost all very attentive, asked lots of questions, and were able to repeat the main points: To help butterflies (and

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pollinators in general), plant nectar plants, plant host plants (especially milkweed), and do not use pesticides.



Christine Lampe

Christine was able to bring live Gulf fritillary caterpillars, eggs, and a chrysalis. She also had live Pipevine swallowtail caterpillars (they were the HIT of the show), eggs, and a live Pipevine butterfly along with various expired adult butterflies. She brought some native and tropical milkweed plants and some examples of nectar plants. The point stressed was that if you plant the right plants, it will help the butterflies.

Jax Patterson led the Art Station which included activities such as tracing, a coffee filter tie dye project, and origami.



Butterfly Art

Peggy Baake was thrilled to read to all the different age groups. They especially liked Master Gardener Smoky Ziedel's book, *Who's Munching My Milkweed* and another book by a different

author entitled *JUMP*. Peggy also read one of her favorite inspirational children's books called *Maybe* to the older group.

What is a Microclimate?

Contributed by Betty Guida-Ingalls, UCCE Master Gardener



Peggy Baake

Kim Leonard led the lesson station focusing on “Parts of a Plant” for grades 3rd thru 5th, “Plants are Living Things” for grades K to 1st, and “Plants Need Nutrients” for Grades 6th through 8th.

We’ve heard of a tropical climate, and desert climate. What is a microclimate? If you said a small climate, you’re exactly right. A microclimate is a climate within a climate. It can be as small as a garden bed or as large as a rural valley or a bustling city. If you’ve ever been in a rainstorm, driven several hundred feet to a higher elevation, and suddenly it’s snowing, you’ve experienced a microclimate.

The campers were able to plant lavender cuttings at a planting station led by Barbara Kay Levin. Not only did the young people leave with their new knowledge and their artwork, but they also took home a cutting they planted in a pot.

A microclimate can be created by being near water, a wall, or asphalt. Sun facing walls can be a heat source while hedges and fences can shelter from the wind. Building a hoop tunnel can create a microclimate by protecting a plant from the wind and rain. Placing a plant under the shade of a tree can lower the temperature by several degrees from the surrounding area.

This is illustrated by the two photos below. In **Photo A** the one plant is near the larger plant and is experiencing filtered sun and some shade.



Barbara Kay Levine (far right)

Recreation Director Rosa Romo thanked Master Gardeners for providing a “fun-filled experience for the campers.” We all look forward to working with the Palm Springs Parks and Recreation Department next year for their summer camp.



Photo A

In **Photo B** the other plant is a few feet away and is experiencing direct sun as well as heat from the wall. Note that plant’s burned leaves.



Photo B

From this we learn the microclimates of our garden beds and yards can be beneficial in selecting the right plant for the right location including our microclimates.

My Discovery of Microclimates

Contributed by, Georgia Renne, Editor, UCCE Master Gardener



Microclimate: Local variations from the general or regional climate resulting from slight differences in elevation, direction of slope exposure, soil, density of vegetation, etc. CA Master Gardener Handbook Glossary

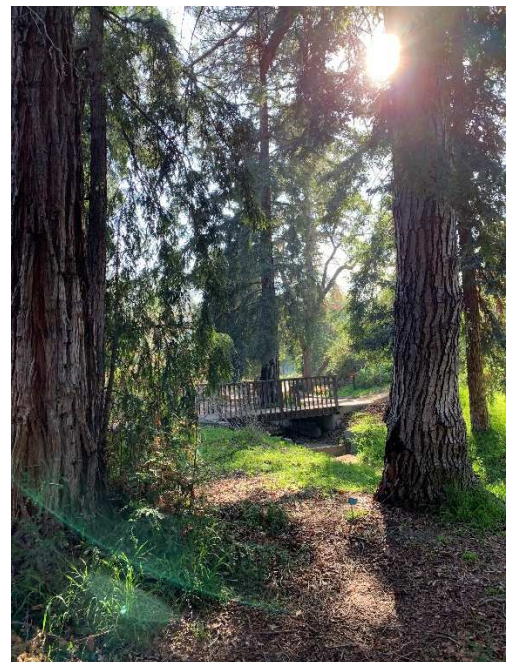
When I first read Betty Guida-Ingalls' article (above), my mind went immediately to how I finally understood the significance of microclimates when I was training to be a docent for UCR Botanic Gardens (UCR BG) several years ago. This training and ongoing exploration of the Gardens' landscape enabled me to begin my tours for students and adults with one of its most basic facts. "The variable elevation and topography of the Gardens and Riverside's subtropical climate create numerous microclimates that allow for the notable diversity of plantings as well as an abundance of wildlife," quoted from UCR Botanic Gardens (<https://gardens.ucr.edu/>).

Boasting 40-acres as a living plant museum the Gardens is host to 3,500 plant species including thousands of worldwide specimens. Founded in 1963, the focus of the Gardens centers on teaching, research, and demonstration, along with visitors' enjoyment and appreciation. Plants

are selected to thrive in our Mediterranean climate with dry summers and arid lands mirroring California and the southwestern desert. However, the many microclimates here are due to the hilly topography at the foot of the Box Springs Mountains, subsequent climate differences, and careful planting to foster development of varying geographical areas from the North American Desert to the North Coast Redwood Forest.



North American Desert, UCR Botanic Gardens



North Coast Redwood Forest, UCR Botanic Gardens

Here you can explore these unique regions each with its own microclimate:

- **Australia:** Recently renovated, this section features plants native to Australia's Mediterranean climate zone, including Eucalyptus, Melaleuca, Grevillea and others.
- **Baja California:** Plants from this arid southwest region include rare and bizarre species such as boojum tree (*Fouquieria columnaris*).
- **California Chaparral:** This section includes manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*), California lilac (*Ceanothus*), and other native sclerophyllous shrubs representative of California's chaparral plant community.
- **Coastal Sage Scrub:** This shrub community, characterized by *Encelia californica* (California brittlebush) and *Artemisia californica* (California sagebrush), is widespread in coastal California and native to the hills where the UCR Botanic Gardens is located.
- **North American Desert:** This section contains an extensive collection of southwestern US desert plants with emphasis on those native to the Mojave and Colorado Deserts.
- **North Coast Redwood Forest:** The lower section of Chancellor's Canyon supports the endemic California coast redwood and associated species.
- **Oak Woodland:** This section contains several species of oaks from California and other Mediterranean regions of the world.
- **Sierra Foothills:** Representing mid-elevations of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains, this section contains trees and shrubs such as foothill pine (*Pinus sabiniana*), California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*), and fremontia (*Fremontodendron*).
- **South Africa:** This desert collection contains spectacular displays of aloes, iceplant, and

South African bulbs and wildflowers in season.

- **Temperate Deciduous Forest:** The lower canyon bottoms contain a selection of trees and shrubs from temperate China and eastern US including a deciduous dawn redwood tree (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*.)

(UCR Botanic Gardens website, <https://gardens.ucr.edu/>)

In addition to these geographical regions you can find numerous specialty areas: Butterfly Garden, Herb Garden, Iris Garden, Lilac Lane, Rose Gardens, Subtropical Fruit Orchard, and Native American Plants Garden, the newest project. Wildlife is abundant with over 200 types of birds nesting throughout the year to small mammals some only appearing at night to over five types of lizards, the favorite of the children along with the turtle pond home of the red-eared sliders.

Fall is my favorite time to visit the Gardens with our cooler weather. It's the perfect time to hike the Gardens' over four miles of trails and catch evidence of the changing seasons. Visit the Gardens' website to check the days and times visitors can come. Please also consider becoming a UCR BG docent! In fact, I became a Master Gardener due to the urging of my docent friends. Please see below, "Docents Needed," contributed by MG Janine Almanzor, Botanic Gardens Curator.

Note: In preparing for this article, I found two excellent resources to help you fully investigate the microclimates in your own yard.

- **"Climate Zones & Microclimates," in the *Coastal Gardener*, by Sherida Phibbs: "Most all landscapes and gardens have microclimates. These are areas in your gardens that are influenced by various factors: exposure to wind, structure walls, sloping ground, dry banks, eaves and overhead structures and trees."**

<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=41180>

- Garden Site Microclimate Evaluation Form, “The following spreadsheet, which can be downloaded and printed for your convenience, will help you to analytically observe your landscape and determine what and where your garden microclimates are located.”

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/marinmg/files/47782.pdf>

Docents Needed!

Contributed by Janine Almanzor, UCCE Master Gardener

One of the primary missions of the UCR Botanic Gardens is to act as an educational resource to the community. We are seeking volunteers who want to learn more about the Gardens, its history, and plant communities, and share that information with school children and others. We will be offering Docent Training Classes that will meet once a week for six weeks, starting in February 2022.

Please contact Janine Almanzor, Botanic Gardens Curator, at janine.almanzor@ucr.edu if you are interested in attending the classes or would like more information.

We hope you will consider becoming part of our Docent team and join us in fulfilling our mission as an educational resource for the community.

(Editor’s Note: Master Gardeners receive credit for volunteer hours served as docents at UCR Botanic Gardens.)



Dennis Ponsor, UCR BG Docent and MG

Children’s Discovery Museum Garden Implements Hugelkultur in Existing Garden Beds

Contributed by Peggy Bakke, UCCE Master Gardener

What’s been happening at Children’s Discovery Museum Garden during the pandemic? Mostly maintenance, weeding, watering, and keeping existing pollinator plants and herbs alive and well.

Prior to COVID and the close of the museum, Laurel Ann Huiras, my former co-coordinator, and I had maintenance man, Joe, start the hügelkultur process in bed #1 by removing everything from the bed, placing large logs, sticks, cardboard and newspaper then replacing the existing soil, adding amendments and replacing the plants. Hügelkultur makes for good drainage and later decomposition which will eventually enrich the soil and keep things moist eliminating the need to water so much. Joe also did one more bed before the pandemic hit, and the museum closed. Cindy, the new CEO, is very supportive of our garden endeavors and stops by occasionally to chat and cheer us on.



Marcia Stone, Jax Patterson, Laurel Huiras

After receiving the OK to do COVID Exception maintenance, with the help of Laurel, Cesar Barreras-Lopez, Jax Patterson, Marcia Stone and myself, we attempted to start the Hügelkultur procedure on bed #3 only to find out Joe had

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already completed that bed. So, we transplanted the plants we had removed, added amendments, watered, and due to excessive heat called it quits scheduling in the future work for bed #4. We were able to harvest an enormous amount of Aloe pups from the parent succulents the children had planted in 2019, which Jax transported to CV Rescue Mission for propagation.

much earlier (7:00), returning all soil and plants to the bed along with some amendments of manure, coffee grounds, peat moss, and perlite and of course then putting the watering system back in place. It was a long haul, but with the help of my dedicated volunteers we completed all.



Rita Kraus, Pat Clayes

Jax Patterson and Aloe Marcia Stone

Prior to the end of COVID Exception, for maintenance, Burt Boss joined Jax and me for a rake and weed session. Crab grass was creeping through the fence onto the walkway. Bert did a great job of digging it out from the other side of the fence, while Jax and I got the inside.

Bed #4 proved to be a learning experience! What would normally take 2-3 hours ended up taking 3 separate sessions due to having to quit early because of the heat. First session I had 5 volunteers: Laurel, Pat Clayes, Rita Kraus, Jean Renaker, and Jax. We were able to remove all plants from the bed along with some spiders that Jax relocated (she loves spiders!) and some soil before having to retire due to the heat.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who braved the heat and came out to help. You are appreciated! The Museum could benefit by an extension of the COVID Exception at a later date with cooler weather conditions!

Freddie Hooper, Jax Patterson



Jax Patterson, Cesar Barreras Lopez, Peggy Bakke



In the 2nd session, Freddie Hooper joined Jax and me to finish removing all remaining soil. We added logs, twigs, cardboard, and newspaper before retiring, once again, due to the heat! In the 3rd session we continued our plight by starting



Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert

Looking for the perfect gift for family and friends?

UC Master Gardeners of Riverside County is Pleased to Announce a NEW Home Gardening Basics Series in 2022 for All Home Gardeners!



The first in this series is EDIBLE GARDENING and comprises *four* virtual Zoom sessions on **Fridays** in February 2022, from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. The cost for the series of 4 sessions is \$50 and includes all materials. (The tuition covers expenses and supports the UCCE Master Gardener Program. UCCE Master Gardeners are volunteers and are not paid for their time.)

Edible Gardening – All About the Basics and More!

Farm to table is a phrase that is often used to promote healthful eating habits. Don't have a farm? You can still grow edibles whether you have an acre, a small yard, or a patio. This series of classes will address basic edible gardening as well as details of the various methods to grown healthful, delicious crops of fruits, herbs and vegetables.

February 4 The Basic Vegetable Garden

Getting started on vegetable gardening. How to pick a site, soil improvement or raised beds, soil mixes, starting from seed or buying plants, protecting seedlings, spring and fall vegetables, what to do about common pests, and when to harvest and start saving seeds.

February 11 Herbs and Spices

There are MANY herbs and spices that you can grow and enjoy. Learn the types, multiple uses, planting and cultivation tips, and the fun of growing your own food enhancements!

February 18 Citrus, Fruit Trees, and Avocados

What is home orchard culture? Picking a site for your trees, good varieties for home gardeners, container citrus, frost protection, winter chill, multiple-grafted trees, and basic avocado and citrus care.

February 25 Growing to Preserve

The many different types of preservation, the process, benefits, and tips will be covered in this presentation given by a Master Gardener/Master Food Preserver.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

For more information or registration, please contact the Class Coordinator, Linda Powell, at gardenbasics4u@gmail.com

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JANUARY 21, 2022

School Garden Team Donates Plants to Youth Gardens

Contributed by Chris Curtis, UCCE Master Gardener

The School Garden Project Team, led by Kim Coons-Leonard, Brad Hardison, and Chris Curtis, planted over 900 seed starts at Grow Lab for our partner schools across Riverside County. These cool-season vegetable, herb and flower starts have been delivered to fifteen (15) youth and school programs that have active school gardens. Thanks to Kathy Warner for her knowledge and guidance on the days we planted and the Master Gardener volunteers who helped with planting: Janice Rosner, Cyndi Yancu, Rita Kraus, Janis Binam and Eva Mayer.



Plants Ready to Travel to School Gardens



Students at the Barnett Elementary School Garden Club planted their starts in October.



Editor's Note

Please save your photos of your plantings for winter gardens for future *Garden Views*. MGs love to see what other MGs are growing. Even our failures can provide great learning experiences. Trips to area gardens and photos are great fodder for new articles. The blooming of your favorite plant or pesky insect can be the beginning of a great article. My current favorite blooming plants are the Mexican sage (*Salvia leucantha* 'midnight') in the very back of my yard. I love to see the purple floral display from late summer into late fall comprised of tall flower spikes with numerous fuzzy purple calyces and flowers. Seeing this purple haze daily as I sit in my kitchen has greatly helped recovery from my broken leg and surgery. (Yes! This is in addition to my earlier broken shoulder!) Wishing you all joyous holidays filled with family and friends!

Georgia

grenne@earthlink.net



Mexican Sage 'Midnight'

Welcome 2021-2022 Master Gardener Trainee Class!

Contributed by Melody Knox, UCCE Master Gardener, Class Coordinator

The 2021-2022 Master Gardener Training Class is here, and what an impact the trainees have made already! We have a total of 36 Trainees. There are 25 from the West County and 11 from the Desert. You would not be able to tell that they are from two different areas with this class as they are working together as a magnificent group of one. The trainees are showing a great amount of enthusiasm, motivation, willingness to learn, willingness to help and are not afraid to get down and dirty in the soil.



Class at RCRCD Monarch Event
Photo Jungmiwha (Jummy) Bullock-Nelson



Class at Gardening Blind

They are already working the Farmers Markets and Information Tables. A group of trainees from West County made a trek (no, they didn't walk, they formed a carpool, but may have if there was a path available) to Gardening Blind in the Desert. The trainees made an excellent showing at the RCCD Garden Monarch Habitat planting activity. There were some trainees from the Desert that came out to visit the Grow Lab in Riverside. They are anxious and excited for the upcoming volunteer opportunities.



Class at Grow Lab
Adrian Ceja, Coordinator, middle
Photo Pam Elias

Even though the classes are on Zoom, many of the trainees have already formed friendships and bonds with one another. Isn't that part of being a Master Gardener? It allows you to make new friends and go on adventures you thought never possible all while fulfilling a much-needed purpose in our communities. It does not get any better than that!

I am extremely proud to say that I am part of the process, but I am not alone. Many thanks to the work of the Project Coordinators in West County and Desert who are going far and beyond to make sure there are volunteer opportunities for the trainees. I am also grateful to the Veteran Master Gardeners who are also assisting and mentoring the new trainees. I thank you all for supporting me this year as the Trainee Class Coordinator.

It takes all of us working together to create a new group of excellent Master Gardeners. "The whole is greater than the sum of the parts," Aristotle.



Janet's Jottings

Janet Hartin



Happy Holidays!

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. Below are some of my personal recommended books for holiday giving for your family and friends. (Just a friendly reminder that delays delivering packages are expected throughout December, so it is wise to order books and other gifts by December 10th for delivery by December 24th.)

“Pests of the Garden and Small Farm” is a set of 53 spiral-bound cards with photos and information addressing common biotic and abiotic pest problems and solutions that help identify and manage common pests in backyards, community and school gardens as well as small, diversified farms, with a focus on California. As the description aptly indicates, “from aphids to late blight, squash and stink bugs to spotted spurge, these cards have you covered!”

Source: UC ANR catalog (\$26.25)

<https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/Details.aspx?itemNo=3553>

“The Biophilia Hypothesis” was co-written by Stephen Kellert and Edward O. Wilson himself (a pioneer of the biophilia hypothesis). It explores the belief of humanity's innate affinity for connections to the natural world and contains perspectives from psychologists, biologists, and other experts. It provides a strong argument for the need for biological diversity, green spaces and

other connections to the natural world at an individual and societal level.

Source: Amazon and other online sellers and some retail bookstores (\$38 and up)

“Finding the Mother Tree,” beautifully penned by Suzanne Simard, Professor of Forest Ecology at University of British Columbia, describes the wonders of trees, focusing on how trees communicate through fungal networks in the rhizosphere.

Source: Amazon and other online sellers and some retail bookstores (\$15 and up)

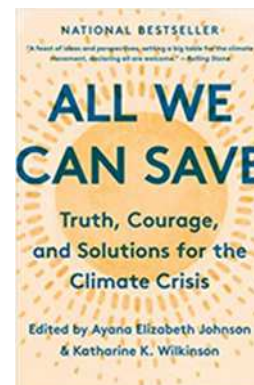
“Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History” is a very interesting book written by Bill Laws. It describes the history and significance of agave, eucalyptus, sweet pea and 47 other plants.

Source: Amazon and other online sellers and some retail bookstores (\$17.65 and up)

“All We Can Save,” includes contributions from 60 women from different backgrounds, cultures, ages, and professions around the world and is edited by Dr's Ayana Johnson and Katharine Wilkinson. The book focuses on opportunities we have today to reduce the impacts of climate change. It offers ideas and inspiration through poetry, stories of hope, and art.

Source: Amazon and other online sellers and some retail bookstores (\$13.60 and up).

As we end another year and begin a new one, I'm so very thankful and appreciative of all you do to promote a green and sustainable Riverside County and make thousands of meaningful human connections along the way!





**CONGRATULATIONS!
2021 THIRD QUARTER
WEST COUNTY RECOGNITION AWARDS
(July 1, 2021-September 30, 2021)**

1000 HOURS, GOLD BADGE
Kim Coons-Leonard

100 HOURS, BUMBLE BEE PIN
Alba Good
Toni Palatano
Cindi Yancu

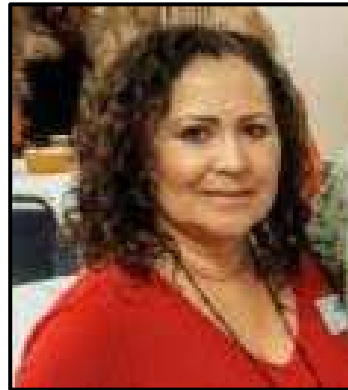
250 HOURS, TROWEL PIN
Linda Freeman
Linda Glaccum
Susan Wright

500 HOURS, WATERING CAN PIN
Gail Bell
Melody Knox

750 HOURS, PRUNNG SHEARS PIN
Susan Cline

(Desert Awards will be in next *Garden Views*.)

**News from Rosa!
Rosa Olaiz**



Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Master Gardener Graduate Class! We have a great group of excited trainees, ready to volunteer, and learn alongside veteran Master Gardeners.

During the month of October, the UC ANR portal was infected, and we were unable to access VMS. It appears many of the issues with the portal have been resolved. However, some links that may continue to be inaccessible. If you come across a dead link, please email me with a description of the problem, and if you can get a screen shot that would be helpful. In addition, keep your own record of your MG hours as some MGs reported their hours were incorrect.

As many of you know, Stephanie Barrett has been the interim County Director for Riverside County. She accepted a position with the UC ANR 4-H program as the Community Education Supervisor for Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego. UC ANR hired a new County Director who will start in December. Rita Clemons comes with supervisory and higher education administration experience. She will be responsible for the management of Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange County UCCE offices. More on Rita next month.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and a joyful New Year

Riverside County UC Master Gardeners			
UCCE Riverside County Director		Rita Clemons	
UCCE Riverside MG Program Director		Janet Hartin	
Volunteer Services Coordinator		Rosa Olaiz	
West County Advisory Board		Desert Advisory Board	
Chair	Darrilyn Erickson	Chair	Smoky Zeidel
Chair Elect	Amy Clayton	Chair Elect	Jim Thompson
Past Chair	Georgia Renne	Past Chair	Marcia Stone
Secretary	Judi Newby	Secretary	Cesar Lopez Barreras
Treasurer	Jonathan Crook	Treasurer	Jim Huberty
Fiscal Officer	Jim Huberty	Fiscal Officer	Jim Huberty
Community Gardens	Thurman Howard	Class Coordinator (County)	Melody Knox
Diverse Community Projects	Thurman Howard	Class Coordinator (Desert)	
Equipment & Inventory	Debbie Leuer	Coachella Valley Preserve Docents	Marcia Stone
Gold Miners	Thurman Howard	Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Ruben Arias
Grow Lab	Adrian Ceja	Continuing Education	Carolyn Daniels
Help Line	Susan Bookman	CREATE/Gardening Blind	Barbara Kay Levine
Home Gardening Class	Linda Powell	Events	Rita Kraus
IT/Website (Countywide)	Ralph Thompson	Farmers Markets	Gail Nottberg
Mentoring Program	Alba Good	Helpline	Ralph and Jim Thompson
Membership	Karen Fleisher	Home Gardening Class	Linda Borlaug
MG Logo Merchandise	Jennifer Hopper	Information Technology Team	Ralph Thompson
Newsletter	Georgia Renne	Job Descriptions	Patty Reed, Marcia Stone
Parliamentarian	Dave Brandtman	Member Engagement	Marsha McNamara
Parliamentarian	Cindy Peterson	Membership	Cynthia Morris-Sotelo
Public Relations eBlast	Susan Cline	Moorten's Gardens Docents	Smoky Zeidel
Public Relations Social Media	Pam Clarke	New Projects	Carolyn Daniels
Rooted	Patti Bonawitz	Propagation	Barbara Kay-Levin
School Gardens	Kim Coons-Leonard	Publicity eBlast	Barbara Kay Levine
School Gardens	Chris Curtis	Publicity Social Media	Vivian Yturalde
School Gardens	Brad Hardison	Social Recognition	Kathy Miller
Social Recognition	Yvonne Wilczynski	Speaker's Bureau	Pat Claves
Speaker's Bureau	Lynn Coffman	Sunnylands Special Events	Patty Reed
Tours	Linda Carpenter	WIC (Women Infants Children)	Vilma Raettig
Training Class (County)	Melody Knox		
UCR Botanic Gardens Liaison	Yvonne Wilczynski		
WMWD Liaison	Janice Rosner		



Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul.

Luther Burbank