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### UC Master Gardener Program Mission Statement

*The purpose of the UC Master Gardener Program is to extend to the public research-based information verified by UC experts about home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape.*

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## CONGRATULATIONS

to our 2022 Class of  
Riverside County Master Gardener  
Graduates!



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### Contributed by Pam Elias, UCCE Master Gardener

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) is proud to announce that 30 Master Gardener trainees have graduated and those completing fifty hours of volunteering are now Master Gardeners. Our recent graduates successfully completed an extensive six-month education program of 150 hours and 50 hours of volunteer requirements. The graduation ceremony was held on June 12 at the beautiful Rose Garden at Fairmount Park in Riverside, California.



**Master Gardener Graduates Pictured Above:**

**Back row:** David Lahti, Jennifer Bliton, Jasmine Ocegueda, David Frelinger, Deraun Coleman, Bob Freel  
**Second row:** Melanie Stolworthy, Linda Williams, Penelope Chick, Norma Larson, Laura Lampers, Jungmiwha Bullock Nelson, Pamela Rose Morisoli, Clifford Morrison, Monique Gordon, Roger Tansey, Younhee Choi  
**First row:** Steven Moreno, Marta Lieu Nguyen, Meagan Judkins, Pamela Elias

**Graduates not pictured above:** Lori Anderson, Precious Carter, Susan Costa, JoAnn Farver, Rachel Meeker, Steve Scott, Heather Vuyancih, Janet West, Jamie Worth

In addition to their Master Gardener certificates, special certificates were also awarded to graduates. Master Gardener Graduate, Dr. Clifford Morrison, received three special awards: “Outstanding Trainee,” the 100 hour pin, and the 250 hour pin. He earned the most hours, 277, of all recent graduates. Way to go Dr. Morrison!



**Pictured Above:** Melody M. Knox, Rita Clemons, Rosa Olaiz and Dr. Clifford Morrison

Master Gardener Graduates, Steven Moreno, and Pamela Rose Morisoli both received two special awards: “Outstanding Trainee” and their 100 hour volunteer pins. Also receiving two awards each were David Frelinger, David Lahti, and Pamela Elias who each received the “Spirit of Master Gardener” and their 100 hour pin awards. Laura Lampers, Marta Lieu Nguyen, and Jasmine Ocegueda, also received their 100 hour pin awards.

A special thank you to the Class of 2022 Class Coordinator, Melody M. Knox; Volunteer Services Coordinator, Rosa Olaiz; Master Gardener Program Director, Janet Hartin; and Area County Director for San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties, Rita L. Clemons. Thank you to the many esteemed instructors who provided the invaluable training and the mentors who provided guidance throughout the program to our students.

The “Class of 2022” Graduation was dedicated in memory of Martha Tureen Class of 2015 and Christine Curtis Class of 2017, Master Gardener leaders, who recently passed away.

We would also like to give special thanks to the graduation committee for their outstanding efforts to make the ceremony such a beautiful and memorable event. Thank you: Jungmiwha Bullock Nelson, David Frelinger, Melody M. Knox, David Lahti, Rosa Olaiz, Georgia Renne, Melanie Stolworthy, Heather Vuyancih, and Yvonne Wilczynski.

Congratulations to all our recent graduates! We appreciate all the hard work you put into the program and your commitment to serve the community volunteering as UCCE Master Gardeners for Riverside County.



## Update on New Officers and Project Coordinators for 2022-2023

The Master Gardener year runs from July 1 to June 30, just like some fiscal years. Every July due to MGs stepping down from their positions, we then have some new elected officers and new Project Coordinators who are added to our area advisory boards, West County Advisory Board (WCAB) and Desert Advisory Board (DAB). The current Chair moves to the Past Chair, the current Past Chair goes onto other MG activities, and the new Chair Elect is chosen in the May elections by the Desert and West County Area memberships. If there is an open position for an elected officer (consisting of the three Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer) candidates are nominated and appear on that area's ballot along with the new Chair Elect position.

This past year in the Desert due to health concerns, the current Chair, Smoky Zeidel, had to leave her position. The DAB Executive Board, the elected officers, voted to have Jim Thompson, then Chair Elect, take over the Chair duties to finish the year. He then continues as Chair for the coming year 2022-2023 with Smoky now able to assume Past Chair duties. Brad Hardison was voted Chair Elect for the coming year.

This past year in West County the current Chair Elect, Amy Clayton, also had to leave her position due to family health concerns. To fill the Chair Elect position, the WCAB Executive Board, the elected officers, chose Dave Brandtman to fill the Chair Elect position. For 2022-2023, Dave will move from Chair Elect to Chair, Darrilyn Erickson will be Past Chair, and Patti Bonawitz was voted Chair Elect.

Project Coordinators in both West County and the Desert often change at the end of the year. Please see below both the West County and Desert rosters to see who are the current Project Coordinators. Also use these rosters to communicate by email any questions you may have about a particular project. The current rosters always appear on the last page of the bi-monthly *Garden Views* newsletter.

We thank all the members of DAB and WCAB for their untiring service this year to our Master Gardener Program! We so appreciate how you will mentor the incoming officers and Project Coordinators for 2022-2023. Thank you new advisory board members for your willingness to lead.

Grenne, *Garden Views* Editor





## 2022-2023 UC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM of RIVERSIDE COUNTY WEST COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD ROSTER

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