



UC MASTER GARDENERS OF BUTTE COUNTY

FALL 2021 WORKSHOPS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register at our website: ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops



ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS

- Workshops are free—**registration is required** for all workshops.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
- Space is limited. Please check workshop descriptions for details.
- Heavy rain cancels outdoor workshops (unless noted); cancelled workshops will be rescheduled.

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

- **Demonstration Garden and Pat's Barn:** Patrick Ranch, 10381 Midway, between Chico and Durham
- **Other addresses** are included in the description.
- Zoom: some workshops will be online via Zoom. Zoom meeting ID number will be e-mailed after registration and again a few days before the workshop.

QUESTIONS?

Need to cancel? Want to get on a Workshop Waiting List? Please email us at: anrmgbutte@ucanr.edu.

Masks are currently required for all indoor workshops. Visit our website at ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops for additional Covid Safety Information.

WATCH A WORKSHOP

Missed a workshop? Videos of past Zoom workshops can be found on our YouTube channel: [tinyurl.com/UCMGBC-youtube](https://www.youtube.com/UCMGBC)

SEPTEMBER

Drought Triage **NEW**

Wednesday, September 8, 9-10:30am
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 20 participants.

We have been asked to make voluntary reductions in our daily water use, and these reductions may soon become mandatory. This timely workshop will help you evaluate how, where, and when to best use our increasingly scarce water resources in your landscape. The focus will be on determining which plants to save (and why) and the best methods of applying irrigation to them. It's important that we all do our part to conserve water, and save as many plants, particularly shade-producing trees, as possible. The Master Gardeners are committed to helping with that effort.

Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening **NEW**

Tuesday, September 14, 9-11am
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 20 participants.

The satisfaction of growing your own food doesn't have to end when summer does! Vegetable gardening in milder weather with (hopefully) some irrigation by rain can make for a more enjoyable, leisurely garden experience. Join this workshop to learn how to transition through the seasons by preparing your garden beds to grow fall and winter vegetables, and selecting vegetables that perform best in our climate. This workshop takes place in the Edible Garden section of our Demonstration Garden.

Berry and Grape Care **NEW**

Friday, September 17, 10-11:30am
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 20 participants.

This workshop takes place at our newly planted berry and grape garden, where a number of grape and berry varieties were planted in early

2021. You will learn about the best varieties to plant in our climate, along with optimum methods of planting, training, pruning, irrigating, and harvesting. In addition to grapes, the workshop will cover blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, and even Goji berries and elderberries, plus any other brambleberry fruits of interest to participants. Bring your questions!



Garden Guide and Journaling

Monday, September 20, 9-10:30am
Magnolia Gift & Garden (outside)
1367 East Ave, Chico
Limited to 10 participants.

This workshop explores our *Butte County Garden Guide and Three-Year Journal*, available in two versions: bound as a book and unbound, ready to add to a loose-leaf binder.

Join us while we discuss using the *Garden Guide* to determine the best times to perform seasonal and weekly garden tasks, as well as find useful information on plants, climate, and soil for our region. An integral part of this workshop is using the *Garden Guide* to record lessons learned and keep track of useful plant and weather information for your garden over the years. This invaluable resource, written by UC Master Gardeners of Butte County, is full of material about our local climate, plants, and wildlife, and includes weekly tips and fun facts.

Irrigation and Maintenance

Wednesday, September 29, 9-10:30am
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 20 participants.

Drip irrigation is arguably the most efficient method of providing water to trees, crops, gardens, and landscapes. The surface drip irrigation system emitter was first developed in Israel, where the dry climate makes water

conservation a necessity. This workshop will provide an overview of different options available for drip irrigation systems and how to install them. You will also learn how to troubleshoot and inspect your system, and how to make repairs when needed.

Propagation

Monday, September 27, 10am-noon
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 15 participants.

Learn the best time to propagate woody perennials and divide plants; how to select and make cuttings; the proper techniques for dividing plants; the best planting mediums to use; and how to plant cuttings and divided plants. You will get to take home several plant starts from cuttings in our Demonstration Garden. Bring your own garden pruners; all other materials will be provided.

OCTOBER

When to Control Pests? Degree Days Tell Us. **NEW**

October 8, 9-10:30am
Pat's Barn
Limited to 30 participants.

Ever wondered how to tell when to treat for certain pests like apple codling moth? The answer lies in temperature and plant growth stages! Both plants and insects reach each developmental stage according to the amount of heat they experience. A simple on-line University of California app calculates this heat as degree days. UC research has determined the degree days necessary for the developmental stages of different kinds of insect pests, and that the best time to treat for control is when the insect pest is at its most vulnerable stage. In this workshop, we'll walk through examples for some common pests by getting degree days, applying UC treatment-timing research, and choosing a treatment.

NOVEMBER

Gardening with Chickens

Wednesday, November 3, 10-11:15 am
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 20 participants.

Backyard chickens offer more benefits than their fresh eggs. The focus of this workshop is how to create a symbiotic relationship between you, your garden, and your chickens. We will explore optimal garden design, including the selection



Landscaping for a Future with Fire **NEW**

Every Wednesday in October via Zoom.

Register for any or all of these presentations.

A live question and answer period follows each pre-recorded presentation.

Preparing our homes and landscapes for the new reality of living with fire is the focus of this four-part Firewise workshop series. We will help you revise your landscape design and your maintenance routine to incorporate the best practices for adapting to our changing climate. We will consider the pros and cons of using mulch in the garden; explore the design and implementation of defensible space guidelines; discuss realistic landscape choices; and learn how to care for trees after a fire. Throughout these workshops we will be discussing natural regeneration, erosion, fire ecology, and the characteristics of plants that provide the best fire resistance.

Defensible Space

Wednesday, October 6, 10-11am

Since the Tubbs Fire in Sonoma County in 2017, our understanding of the best way to design defensible space around the home through hardscape and plant choices has been revised and refined. In this workshop, learn about current state guidelines and the recommendations of University of California researchers.

Soil Restoration, Erosion and Mulch

Wednesday, October 13, 10-11am

What are the impacts of fire on the soil in your landscape? Learn more about this topic and explore possible remediations, including how to address post-fire erosion. This workshop also explores the many types of mulch and their various uses, helping you decide which mulch is most appropriate for you and your garden.



Firewise Landscape Conversion

Wednesday, October 20, 10-11am

It's time to talk seriously about the landscape choices we make and how those choices contribute to a changing climate; water supply; and overall environmental health. Join us for this conversation about how the plants we choose, why we plant them, and where we put them can make a positive difference in the present and in the future.

Maintaining Your Firewise Landscape

Wednesday, October 27, 10-11am

You have established a firewise landscape, but what's next? In this workshop we present recommendations and actions for maintaining the safety of your landscape over time. This session includes information about post-fire care of your trees and your soil.

of plants that benefit chickens, and we will introduce a number of resources on raising chickens that will help you optimize your space in relation to the needs of your chickens.

Espalier Gardening

Tuesday, November 9, 10-11:30 am
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 20 participants.

Espalier is the ancient horticultural practice of growing trees and bushes along a horizontal surface. The UC Master Gardeners planted their Espalier Demonstration Garden in the spring of 2016; this is their second workshop covering how and why to train fruit trees on a support structure. Espalier gardens are often seen in the most formal and grand of gardens, but can work in almost any garden type. After seeing

this garden, you will want to create your own espalier garden.

DECEMBER

Tool Care

Wednesday, December 1, 10-11:30 am
Demonstration Garden
Limited to 20 participants.

Winter is the best time to sharpen, oil, and perform routine maintenance on your hard-working garden tools. Rob Fanno from Fanno Saw Works will tell us how to take care of our garden tools. He will discuss the different types of garden tools, provide an overview of material differences in the selection process, discuss strengths and weaknesses of specific tools, and review tool care and maintenance.