



# UC MASTER GARDENERS OF BUTTE COUNTY

# SPRING 2022 WORKSHOPS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register at our website: [ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops](http://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 locations:** if not included in the description, registered participants will receive an address via email one week before the workshop.
- **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](mailto:anrmgbutte@ucanr.edu).

**Masks are currently required for all indoor workshops.** Visit our website at [ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops](http://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/channel/UCMGBC)

## FEBRUARY

### Seed Starting **NEW**

Wednesday, February 2, two workshops  
First workshop at 10–11:30am  
Second workshop at 1–2:30pm  
Demonstration Garden  
Limited to 20 participants.

Would you like to plant different varieties of summer vegetables than those that are available at the big box stores as starts?

Learn to start your own plants from seed, and you can choose any variety you'd like! Our focus will be tomatoes and peppers. You say you don't have a heated greenhouse? Not to worry, as this workshop will also explore options for starting seeds indoors, including the proper lighting and temperature control.



### What's Bugging You—Garden Insects **NEW**

Tuesday, February 15, 10–11:30am  
Pat's Barn  
Limited to 20 participants.

We all have found damage to plants in our gardens. There are many causes, but this workshop looks at damage caused by insects, and how to find the information you need to control and even appreciate garden insects. We will demonstrate the use of an insect identification cell phone app, online aids to diagnose problems on different host plants, and simple online searches for additional information. In addition to discussing the different types of insects and how they grow and feed, we will present a slide show of common insects and the damage they do. Finally we will cover the basics of Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

## MARCH

### Summer Vegetable Garden **NEW**

Thursday, March 10, 10–11:30am  
Demonstration Garden  
Limited to 20 participants.

This year, get a head start on planning your summer vegetable garden. This workshop starts with the basics of what to plant and how to prepare your soil and planting beds, and then highlights best management practices for growing and harvesting summer vegetables. Topics include pest management, irrigation and water conservation, crop rotation, and succession planting for long-lasting vegetable harvests.

### Garden Guide and Journaling

Tuesday, March 15, 10–11:30am  
Magnolia Gift & Garden, 1367 East Ave, Chico  
Limited to 15 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 find the best times to perform seasonal and weekly garden tasks, as well as 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.

### Honeybees

Friday, March 18, 10–11:30am  
Private residence in Durham  
Limited to 20 participants.



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to keep a hive of honeybees? Humans have been fascinated by the honeybee for a very, very long time: evidence of beekeeping goes back at least 9,000 years, and humans collected honey from wild bees before that. In this class you'll have an opportunity to observe honeybees and learn how to set up your own apiary. Along the way, you'll learn what you can do to help honeybees and pollinators survive and thrive in our current environment. This workshop is designed for those considering beekeeping as a hobby and also those who are interested in learning more about attracting and supporting honeybees and other pollinators.

### Native Bees

**Monday, March 21, 10-11:30am**

**Private residence in Paradise**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

Learn about the Blue Orchard Mason Bee, a native pollinator perfect for a backyard that contains several fruit trees and early-flowering plants. Mason bees do not sting or provide honey, but they do provide superior pollination for three months with little effort. The current understanding of colony collapse disorder (which affects only honeybees) will also be discussed.

### Succulents

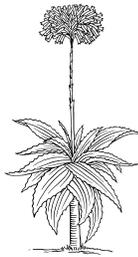
**Wednesday, March 30,**

**10:30am-noon**

**Demonstration Garden**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

Succulents do well in our Mediterranean climate because their thick, fleshy leaves retain water during long dry summers. Their striking and unusual appearance makes these plants great choices for ornamental gardens. This workshop focuses on the heat and water requirements of succulents, and covers types that are suitable for planting in the ground and in containers. We will include a tour of our new succulent garden and a discussion of the plants featured there.



## APRIL

### Companion Planting

**Tuesday, April 5, 10-11:30am**

**Demonstration Garden**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

Companion Planting is the art of arranging certain plants in proximity to one another so that they attract beneficial insects and

pollinators, deter unwanted pests, and offer shelter and food for other critters. Companion plants provide one another with things they need, such as nutrients, shade, and physical support. We will show you how to accomplish this in the home vegetable garden, focusing on the potential symbiotic relationships between various vegetable, herb, and flower combinations. We will also include time for you to analyze your own garden and consider plant combinations that can work there.

### Biochar **NEW**

**Wednesday, April 6, 10am-noon**

**Pat's Barn**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

This workshop begins with an overview of what biochar is, how it is made, and how you can use it in your garden, followed by a live demonstration of how to mix biochar into raised beds. A brief tour of the biochar experiment taking place at our Demonstration Garden will be included.

### Soil Science **NEW**

**Friday, April 8, 11am-1pm**

**ZOOM**

Discover how to build a more resilient garden, work less to maintain it, and help prepare for our dryer, hotter summers. We will discuss garden practices to move away from in order to focus on farming the microbes below ground rather than the plants above it, for healthier gardens with fewer weeds and pests. We'll also look at biochar, a long-term investment in garden vibrancy. This workshop invites you to imagine life underground and prepare the way for a new kind of gardening.

### Converting Yards to Invite Monarchs with Native Plants **NEW**

**Tuesday, April 19, 10am-noon**

**Pat's Barn**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

Learn about the lifecycle and migration habits of the beautiful Monarch butterflies, as well as what you can do to help increase their dwindling numbers. In this workshop, we focus on how to invite monarchs into your yards with a variety of native plants.

### Gardening with Chickens **NEW**

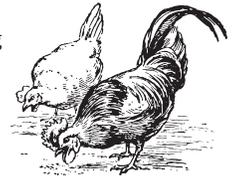
**Tuesday, April 26, 10:30am-noon**

**Private residence in Chico**

**Limited to 10 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 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.



## MAY / JUNE

### Rodent Control **NEW**

**Wednesday, May 11, 10-11:30am**

**Demonstration Garden**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

Have you ever looked out your window to see a prized plant shaking or rocking? That's the sign of a pesky rodent doing its damage from beneath the surface. Given free rein, rodents can wreak havoc on our gardens! Learn methods to prevent, control, and discourage such rodents as gophers, moles, and voles from destroying your vegetables and ornamentals. A demonstration of trapping and baiting will be included.

### Composting

**Thursday, June 2, 10-11:30am**

**Demonstration Garden**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

Composting uses leaves, garden waste, and kitchen scraps to create wonderful soil-enriching compost. In this workshop we will discuss the different ways to create compost. Techniques range from simple to complex. This workshop will explain the choices so that you can choose the style that best fits your resources and needs.

### House Plants **NEW**

**TBA—exact date and time will be posted on our website later this spring.**

**Magnolia Downtown, 830 Broadway St, Chico**

**Limited to 20 participants.**

Houseplants add life, color, and interest to indoor spaces. Some, such as spider plants, are believed to help keep the air clean and fresh. Learn all about selecting the right houseplant for the right space, and how to keep indoor plants looking good year-round. This workshop will be held at the Magnolia Nursery downtown store, which specializes in houseplants. It is being held on a Sunday as a special event; the store will be closed to the public. After the talk, you will be able to shop for houseplants.