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Spring 2021 Newsletter

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Planting Bare Root Trees

by Myron Kelso, UCCE Master Gardener

Why have an Orchard? It's every gardener's delight; a beautiful home orchard full of delectable fruit, to pick and eat right off the tree, or to savor for months to come, in the form of canned fruit. If you have ever considered a home orchard, now is the best time to consider planting bare root trees and begin your own adventure into healthy mouthwatering fresh fruit from your own orchard. ([read more](#))



Easter Lilies Kill Kitties

by Sherida Phibbs, UCCE Master Gardener

Easter is right around the corner and one of the most commonly gifted plant during this holiday is the Easter Lily (*Lilium longiflorum*). Unfortunately, as popular and beautiful as the Easter Lily is, did you know that all parts of the Easter Lily are potentially lethal to our feline pets? ([read more](#))



Fiddle Leaf Fig Houseplant

by Sherida Phibbs, UCCE Master Gardener

The common name "Fiddle leaf fig" can refer to the "Ficus lyrata" or a "Philodendron bipennifolium". Quite often the same common name can be referenced to more than one plant, which is what we find here. The following information is for the Ficus lyrata, which is what is more commonly seen in our retail stores sold as a Fiddle Leaf Fig houseplant. ([read more](#))



Mom Said "Go Look It Up"

by June Walsh, UCCE Master Gardener

As a University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardener I often have to do some research to be able to answer client's questions. ([Read more](#))



Preserving the Earliest Harvest: Herbs

by Dottie Simmons, UCCE Master Food Preserver

Herbs add wonderful flavors and dimensions to your dishes. Freezing and drying herbs when they are plentiful allows you to use them during the entire year. ([Read more](#))



A Gardening Project for the Bored Gardener

by Grant Eberly, UCCE Master Gardener

Several years ago, I tried growing carrots in my garden, and found them to be very tasty, and rewarding to grow in the home garden. While a bag of carrots at the grocery store is relatively cheap, the flavor of home grown just cannot be beat. ([Read more](#))



Pink Muhly Grass

by June Walsh, UCCE Master Gardener

Muhlenbergia capillaris (Pink Muhly Grass) has offered a delightful sight, to visitors, through the fall and winter in the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden. It is planted near Berberis thunbergii 'Gold Ring', which has a strong burgundy color in its leaves and through winter in its naked stems. ([read more](#))



Saving the World One Worm at a Time

by Janet Winzler, UCCE Master Food Preserver

I have been a part of the Master Food Preserver program since 2012. We try not to waste food and preserve it at all costs. However, sometimes we do waste food. It has become a serious problem for the environment. It's estimated that 25% of our food goes to the landfill as waste. The result is greenhouse gases and methane all bad for mother earth. ([read more](#))



Little Bit

by Grant Eberly, UCCE Master Gardener

My recycling spot is a large bin in my neighborhood. It's at the local fire station. The walk lets me get to know all of the people and animals, and that is where I met Little Bit. He was a brown terrier mix breed that lived near the mailbox with his owners. Little bit is small. When his owner couldn't get to mowing his lawn, Little bit would disappear. ([read more](#))



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