American Rose Trials for Sustainability

by Sherida Phibbs, UCCE Master Gardener

Many of us have seen beautiful rose cultivars and wondered “How will that rose do in my garden?” Growers recognize that not all cultivars grow well in all areas. It is important to find a trustworthy and independent voice to help guide with our selection of rose varieties. The American Rose Trials for Sustainability evaluates cultivars for nursery professionals and home gardeners. (read more)

Rose Awards Designated for California’s Mediterranean Climate

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It is that time again to think about sprucing up our landscapes and gardens. Bare root roses are starting to appear at our local nurseries. Look for these roses which were awarded “The Local Artist” designation for California’s Mediterranean climate. (read more)

Wildflowers Bring Year-Long Color

by Myron Kelso, UCCE Master Gardener

If you wish for a beautiful yard, with little work on your part, your wish can come true. Consider planting wildflowers from seed. Planting is simple; with a little soil prep you can have brilliant colors through all growing seasons. (Read more)

Poinsettia Care and Reblooming Tips

by Sherida Phibbs, UCCE Master Gardener

“How do I keep my poinsettia alive and then get it to bloom again next year?” Most of us can keep them alive, however, to get them to bloom and display color we enjoy during the holiday season is difficult and sometimes achievable with a lot of effort. (Read more)

Spiced Quince In Syrup

by June Walsh, UCCE Master Gardener & Master Food Preserver

Quince Cydonia oblonga, is a fruit that few of us know. Quince is a member of the Rose family along with apples and pears. Something magical happens when the white flesh of the quince is slowly cooked with sugar anthocyanins are formed turning
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