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Summer 2022 Newsletter



Humboldt and Del Norte Counties Welcomes 25 new UCCE Master Gardeners

by Sherida Phibbs, UCCE Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator

After a very long 7-year hiatus, University of California Cooperative Extension for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties offered training to certify new UCCE Master Gardeners. [READ MORE](#) to find out who we are and what we do.



Food Emergency Preparedness

by Dottie Simmons, UCCE Master Food Preserver

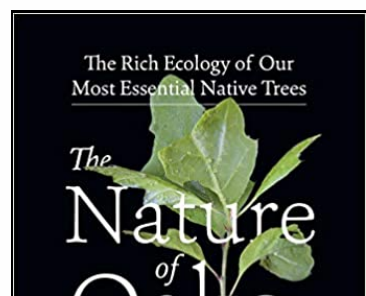
Long before Covid, the war in Ukraine, and the increasing effects of climate change were evident, people were concerned about having supplies to carry them through a disaster. Whether you are urban or rural, you want to have a good supply of basics. And the MOST IMPORTANT basic is KNOWLEDGE. People who make it through long-term catastrophes generally have more skills than stuff. [READ MORE](#)



Seasonal Pests - E is for Earwigs - The Cringe-worthy Earwig

by Keyt Fischer, UCCE Master Gardener

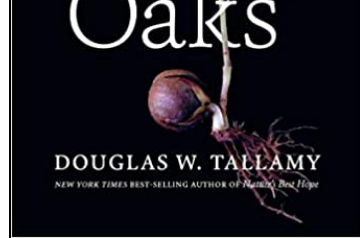
For most people, there is something cringe-worthy about the ubiquitous earwig. The name comes from Old English, ?ar-wicga derived from ?ar (ear) and wicga (beetle, worm, insect) and originated from the widespread false belief that the earwig crept into peoples' ears at night and burrowed into their brains. [READ MORE](#)



Book Review - The Nature of Oaks, Douglas Tallamy

by Maria Krenek, UCCE Master Gardener

Every book has a lesson to learn; a message to deliver. Douglas Tallamy's lessons are profound and insightful helping



to reveal the natural world in greater clarity and cohesiveness. In THE NATURE OF OAKS, a universe comes to life in an oak tree in his garden in Pennsylvania. One acorn, planted and placed as a seedling managed to grow and create a world full of rich relationships, interdependencies, and possibilities in his backyard. [READ MORE](#)



Star of the Season **Hydrangea macrophylla 'Mariesii Perfecta'** **BLUE WAVE**

by Sherida Phibbs - UCCE Master Gardener

Right outside of my kitchen window is a lacecap Hydrangea. It is 7 feet tall and at least 7-8 feet wide. Starting in the late spring it starts to bloom and by July the shrub is loaded with blossoms. I frequently glance out at its beautiful blue blossoms, as it makes doing dishes more of a joy than a chore. An extra bonus are the bumble bees that frequent my lacecap. The inner part of the flower cluster of the lacecap contains fertile flowers that have nectar and pollen which attracts the bees. [READ MORE](#)



What's Bugging Me? Friend or Foe?

by Lisa Nedlan, UCCE Master Gardener

Friend or Foe? Insect? Bug? Beneficial? Pest? Insect Relative? Pollinator? Other? All these terms, and the creatures/animals they represent, can fall into, "What's Bugging Me". I'd like to introduce you to some common thoughts and definitions about these creatures as well as a little scientific information. [READ MORE](#)



From Garden to Table - Chard Crust Quiche

by Jennifer Bell, UCCE Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver

UC Master Gardeners are notorious for an over-abundance of produce from their garden. UC Master Gardener Jennifer created a non flour quiche crust using chard. [READ MORE](#)



The Master Gardener volunteers organize to extend educational services to their communities. The four important areas are: Healthier Plants, Healthier Environment, Healthier Gardeners and Healthier Community

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