Welcome to our UCCE Master Gardeners of San Bernardino County Monthly Newsletter

Thank you for your interest in our Master Gardener classes, activities, and news updates. Please note that, due to COVID-19 concerns, all UCCE San Bernardino County face-to-face program activities, classes, and other events scheduled through April 30, 2020 have been postponed or converted to Zoom meetings or other distance learning formats.

However, UCCE San Bernardino County Master Gardeners continue to address your home horticulture inquiries through their telephone (909)387-2182 and email helplines (mgsanbern@ucanr.edu). Thank you for your understanding and
your flexibility as we continue to provide research-based information in new and novel formats during this difficult time.

We hope you enjoy this month’s newsletter which includes MG Debbie Ledoux’s uplifting ‘Spotlight’ interview of Master Gardener Vikki Gerdes whose volunteer work helps transform water-guzzling landscapes into beautiful drought resistant gardens, ‘Coordinator's Corner’ focusing on heart-filled family gardening activities shared by Maggie and her children, and UCCE Area Environmental Horticulturist and Master Gardener Program Manager Janet Hartin’s blog highlighting ‘silver linings’ during the COVID-19 crisis.

Where To Find Us This Month

UCCE San Bernardino County Master Gardeners will be providing free online Zoom gardening/landscaping classes (a link will be provided to those who RSVP) that will include guidelines and tips for gardeners in all climate-zones of the county (valley, desert, and mountain) with time for questions. With some added downtime, this is the perfect opportunity to green up your brown thumb!

Topics are: *Growing Fruits and Vegetables, Landscape Plant Selection and Care, Making and Using Compost to Improve Soil and Plant Health, and Preventing and Controlling Garden Pests*. Each topic will be offered on a Saturday morning and repeated the upcoming Thursday afternoon.

- **Saturday April 4th**: 9:00 to 10:00 am [Growing Food](#)
- **Thursday April 9th**: 2:00 to 3:00 pm [Growing Food](#)
• Saturday April 11th:  9:00 to 10:00 am  Sustainable Landscaping
• Thursday April 16th:  2:00 to 3:00 pm  Sustainable Landscaping
• Saturday April 18th:  9:00 to 10:00 am  Composting
• Thursday April 23rd:  2:00 to 3:00 pm  Composting
• Saturday April 25th:  9:00 to 10:00 am  Pests in the Garden
• Thursday April 30th:  2:00 to 3:00 pm  Pests in the Garden

Ask a Master Gardener Time:

Do you have specific questions that you want to ask a Master Gardener, or want some general advice about your garden? We will host three Zoom sessions for the valley and one session each for the high desert and mountains. We will add more times and post them on our webpage and social media if there is interest.

• Saturday April 4th:  High Desert - 2:00 to 3:00 pm
• Saturday April 11th:  Mountains - 10:30 to 11:30 am
• Saturday April 4th:  Valley - 10:30 to 11:30 am
• Tuesday April 7th:  Valley - 12:30 to 1:30 pm
• Wednesday April 8th:  Valley - 6:30 to 7:30 pm

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UCCE MG Helpline

Our helpline is still open!

Email or phone the Master Gardener Helpline
mgsanbern@ucanr.edu
(909) 387-2182
Monthly Master Gardener Spotlight
Meet Vikki Gerdes
by Debbie Ledoux, MG

Vikki is a Master Gardener Dedicated to Water Wise Gardening

Keep Reading

Janet's Jottings
'Silver Linings' during the COVID-19 Crisis

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Coordinator's Corner
By: Margaret O'neill
Environmental Education and Master Gardener Coordinator
Kiddos in the Garden, It's a Wonderful Thing to See!

Who We Are

UCCE Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who provide unbiased research based information to the gardening public. Areas of expertise include drought-resistant sustainable landscapes and food production in home, community and school gardens. Master Gardeners reach over 35,000 San Bernardino County residents annually. Other UCCE programs in San Bernardino County are the Master Food Preserver
Program, Youth/4-H, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP), commercial horticulture, livestock and natural resources. Learn more about our programs here: http://cesanbernardino.ucanr.edu