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## UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe News

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Greetings Tahoe Gardeners!

We hope that you are doing well and enjoying this cold, dry winter. We are diligently planning out our spring and summer educational activities and can't wait to roll them out within the next few months. In the meantime we encourage you to consider giving yourself a gift this Valentine's Day by joining us in our next training session. You won't regret it! You get to spend time with fun folks talking about plants. What could be better than that?

Cheers, Megan Suarez  
UC Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe Coordinator

### Annual Report

If you haven't had a chance yet check out the Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe 2019 Annual Report. We thank our partners, we couldn't have done it without you! [Learn More](#)



*Would Valentine's Day even exist without the Rose?*

Valentine's Day is upon us, and traditionally, cut flowers have been a means to demonstrate one's affection for another. Every year on the 14th of February millions give roses (primarily red) to loved ones, friends and family members. One of the reasons for giving roses on Valentine's Day has to do with a historical mechanism of communication. Historically, flowers were used to show someone your true emotions at a time when it wasn't suitable for people to be gushing over one another publicly. [Continue reading...](#)

## Propagation of *Phalaenopsis* cultivar – “Moth” orchid Orchidaceae (Orchid Family)



By: Shelby Kolstad, UC Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

There are approximately 60 species and numerous cultivars in the *Phalaenopsis* genus. In nature they are an epiphytic shade plant that attaches and grows on trees where they absorb rainwater and nutrients from decayed plant material that accumulates around them. They have aerial roots that can extract moisture from the air during dry seasons. **Continue reading...**

## Wood's Rose, *Rosa Woodsii* -Tahoe's Rose



Woods rose grows throughout the western states and portions of British Columbia. Within the Sierra Nevada Mountains it is generally found growing as thickets on moist sites under coniferous forests. Woods rose is a stout deciduous shrub which generally obtains heights between 3 - 6 feet. The reddish-brown stems are armed with numerous bristles. The flowers are usually solitary at the ends of branches, are 1-2 inches wide and vary in color from pink to red. **Continue reading...**

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