



# Advice to Grow by... Ask Us! Master Gardener Program

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#### Coordinator's Corner:

Greetings Lake Tahoe Gardeners,

It's here! It's here! Spring has sprung and it is finally planting season! Or is it?

It is finally warm outside and the snow has melted (or is working on it) but that doesn't mean that it is time to plant quite yet.

As Master Gardeners we usually like to caution residents on planting until the first bud on the aspen's burst and/or around Father's Day. Now of course there are a few exceptions to those rules.... Did you over winter plants in your yard and are ready to get them in the ground? Well, then yes those may be the exceptions. Others may exist too but as a general rule we advise caution since temps can still be extremely low in the evenings and the soil hasn't had enough time to warm up for all of those tender plants that (may) have been grown off the hill in warmer soil.

We are excited to announce our first workshop of the spring, **Gardening through the seasons -Spring is this Saturday May 4th**. This will be a great event to get you prepped and ready to start spending time in your garden. Our next *Gardening through the season --Summer* workshop will be held on June 29th. Both workshops will be held at the South Lake Tahoe library in partnership with Friends of the Library and South Tahoe Public Utility District.

We are also busy prepping for our next round of Growing Food in Tahoe workshops. Read below for more information on when and where.

Also, we are excited to announce that we will be holding a **Master Gardener Plant Sale on Saturday, June 22nd from 1-3 at the Cowork Tahoe (formerly Tahoe Mountain Lab -- formerly, formerly the Tahoe Daily Tribune) parking lot. We want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to Cowork Tahoe for hosting us!**

Sincerely,

Megan Suarez-Brand

## Gardening Through the Seasons Workshop -- Spring



### Free Tahoe Friendly Garden Workshop

**When:** May 4, 2019 1-3 pm

**Location:** South Tahoe Public Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd, South Lake Tahoe

Who said gardening in Tahoe would be easy. Being a successful gardener in Tahoe requires working with, rather than fight, the local environment. Please join the UC Master Gardeners and South Tahoe PUD to learn springtime landscaping tips and tasks to help you get a head start on your Tahoe friendly garden. With a little Tahoe gardening know-how, there is no reason why your garden shouldn't thrive instead of just survive.

Consider supporting your local library by becoming a BB's garden volunteer! This informative presentation will help you gain the knowledge to help us keep BB's garden, in front of the South Lake Tahoe Library, as lovely as it is now.

## Growing Food in Tahoe Workshops - May and June around the lake

Join Master Gardeners Dave Long and Melissa Guthrie as they present the 2019 Growing Food in Tahoe Workshops around the lake! We thank our partner organizations: Friends of the Library, UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center and Slow Food Lake Tahoe (Truckee Demonstration Garden) and especially **UNR's Desert Farming Initiative!**

We encourage you to participate in our grow out trials! For a small donation bring plants home to test in your garden.

### 2019 Workshop schedule

May 20th - Tahoe City, UC Davis Field Station - Potatoes, 5:30 pm

May 21st - South Lake Tahoe Library - Potatoes, 5:30 pm

May 22nd - Truckee Demonstration Garden - Potatoes, 5:00 pm

May 27th - Tahoe City, UC Davis Field Station - Raspberry, 5:30 pm

May 28th - South Lake Tahoe Library - Lettuce & Kale, 5:30 pm

May 29th - Truckee Demonstration Garden - Raspberries, 5:00 pm

June 3rd - Tahoe City, UC Davis Field Station - Lettuce & Kale, 5:30 pm

June 4th - South Lake Tahoe Library - Tomatoes, 5:30 pm

June 5th - Truckee Demonstration Garden - Lettuce & Kale, 5:00 pm

June 10th - Tahoe City, UC Davis Field Station - Tomatoes, 5:30 pm

June 12th - Truckee Demonstration Garden - Tomatoes, 5:00 pm



## Art in the Garden

By: Cyndy Brown-Carlson

What we call garden art today has drastically changed from the elaborate art that graced gardens of earlier civilizations.

The gardens of ancient Roman, Chinese and Egyptians were a place of solitude, a place to reflect. Their gardens were a sign of their wealth. Within the magnificent gardens were fountains, decorative statues, water features, bridges and other works of art which kept the interest of those who visited.

In the Renaissance period, well-manicured topiaries along with mythological statuary found their homes amongst boxwood and rosemary hedging. The topiary became popular and talented gardeners spent hours sculpting fanciful shapes from various shrubbery and trees.

I think it is safe to say that today, our gardens are still our number one go-to area where we can find peace and reflection. They are often the only place where someone without special training can use their creativity as a designer and artist. When thinking of garden art...think of it as jewelry...a little extra pizzazz...items that will reflect your personality or fantasies. [Continue reading...](#)

## The South Tahoe Garden Club

By: Carolyn Meiers, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe



I am writing this history of the South Tahoe Garden Club while reviewing seven scrap books filled with memorabilia, newspaper clippings and photos. It is truly a 'walk down memory lane.'

Having lived here since the 1950's, many of the members are familiar to me, and a few were still members when I joined the club. Many newcomers to Tahoe did not continue to garden as they did prior to moving here. They were happy to leave their lawn mowers behind and enjoy the barren, pine needle terrain, and the ponderosas reaching to the sky. Naturally beautiful! [Continue reading...](#)

## South Shore: Water wise Landscaping Information and Assistance



South Lake Tahoe residents who are in the South Tahoe Public Utility District area the Water Conservation Program is in full swing! Call Jen Cressy at STPUD for all of your water conservation needs and questions! The Water Conservation Program offers rebates and services including: water wise landscape consultations, water wise house calls, efficient irrigation rebate, turf buy back rebate, irrigation efficiency evaluation. Jen is also a plant enthusiast and longtime Tahoe gardener and will happily make recommendations for plant selection and design. Jen is also a longtime UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe.

Contact Jen at [jcressy@stpud.us](mailto:jcressy@stpud.us), 530-543-6268, [www.stpud.us](http://www.stpud.us)

## North Shore: Wilder than Wild Film Screening

Wilder than Wild is a one-hour documentary that reveals how fire suppression and climate change have exposed Western landscapes to large, high intensity wildfires. The screenings in North Tahoe are part of a larger effort to engage communities in conversations about the future of wildfire and actions that can be taken now to protect lives and homes. The screenings are free and open to the public. We appreciate you sharing this information with your audiences.

Award-winning documentary Wilder than Wild: Fire, Forests, and the Future to screen at Homewood Mountain Resort and the North Tahoe Event Center in June. Tahoe City, Calif. May 1, 2019 - North Tahoe Fire, Meeks Bay Fire and the Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities are hosting two screenings for the award-winning documentary Wilder than Wild; Fire, Forests and the Future at the Homewood Mountain Resort North Lodge on June 6, 2019, and a second viewing will be held at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach on June 13, 2019.

For information on ways Lake Tahoe residents and visitors can prepare for wildfire, visit [www.tahoe.livingwithfire.info](http://www.tahoe.livingwithfire.info)

## UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe PLANT SALE!



**SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2019**

**12 - 2 PM**

## **UCCE Master Gardener Plant Sale**

**Cowork Tahoe Parking Lot, 3079 Harrison Ave., SLT  
Large Selection of Native & Adapted Plants**



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*Sincerely,*

*Megan Suarez-Brand, Program Coordinator*

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