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June Merced Master Gardeners Public Newsletter

Public Educational Opportunities:
June 8th Workshop on non-chemical approach to pest management in your garden, see Page 2 for info and register.

Check Merced Master Gardeners Facebook page for information.

It's Fair Time:



Come visit us at the Merced County Fair, June 5-9th. We have a beautiful garden, an information booth, and an educational display. See you there!



Merced Master Gardeners
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To find out more about the Master Gardeners Program, point your phone's camera at the above QR code and follow the link.

Enjoy Summer and Gardening!

Garden To-Do's

By Pat Shay

June

Mulch, mulch, mulch.....helps soil retain moisture for the plant's use and reduces weed growth.

Keep mulch at least 6 inches from the base of trees and shrubs to prevent fungus/disease.

Continue to fertilize roses and dead-head as needed – the more you dead-head the more re-bloom!

Monitor suckers on fruit trees and remove.

Enjoy bird visitors to your garden. If you have hummingbird feeders be sure to empty and refill at least every other day. Provide a birdbath and clean/refill often to prevent disease. Place a cork or two in a bird bath for bees to land on while getting a drink. As the temps rise, it is vital that they get enough water to keep their hives cool.

If you have a wisteria, prune it now to ensure good bloom next year.

Delores Cabezut-Ortiz note: If you like to use coir as mulch, you can buy dry blocks. Open them, put them in a half barrel with water, and it's ready to spread in a few minutes.

Tom Dinwoodie says: Peaches require early thinning to produce the largest high quality fruit. Early means just as bloom ends and very small fruit appear...now! Remove all fruit within six inches of thin branch end. Thin to one fruit every hand's width - four inches - or more. Twist the young peach and gently pull. Consider how large and heavy the fruit will be at picking. Less is better. Do NOT let excessive fruit shape your tree with downward pointing and/or broken limbs.

PEST MANAGEMENT

In Your Vegetable Garden – a Non-Chemical Approach

Presenter: **Tom Dinwoodie**, Merced County Master Gardener

SATURDAY
JUNE 8th


10:00 to 12:00

- Common garden pests and problems: understanding the good and the bad
- Principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and less toxic management tips
- Learn biological, cultural, mechanical and a few chemical controls

LOCATION: UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CLASSROOM
2145 Wardrobe Avenue, Merced

*Please Pre-Register by Friday noon
the day before the workshop

* Or: <https://forms.office.com/r/hbpMJUvE9Y>

* Use the QR code to the right 

• Email: anrmgmerced@ucanr.edu

*FREE Event *Donations accepted
*Walk-ins welcome



UPCOMING 2024 WORKSHOPS

JUNE 8th

*Pest Management in the Veggie Garden—
a Non-Chemical Approach*

JUNE 5th - 9th

See You at the Merced County Fair!

More Workshop Topics to Come

Master Gardeners are a University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources trained volunteer group within the University of California Cooperative Extension that seeks to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of Merced County. Master Gardeners accomplish this through extension, informative outreach programs, and workshops.

You can also find us at:

Merced Downtown Farmers Market
1st & 3rd Saturdays March—October
from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Questions for Help Line: (209) 3587403
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You can use this QR Code to register for the June 8th workshop.

You are receiving this email because you provided your email address at a Master Gardener Event. If you do not wish to receive email from the Merced Master Gardeners, please let us know.

Have gardening questions?

The Helpline Number is 209 385-7403. The Helpline email is anrmgmerced@ucanr.edu