



# UC Master Gardeners in Santa Barbara County

“UC Master Gardeners are valuable community partners for helping the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden achieve its mission of increasing native plant habitat throughout our region. Through volunteer activities, workshops, and interactions with the public, Master Gardeners provide information about maintaining water wise gardens that support native biodiversity and healthy soils.” – *Scot Pipkin, M.L.A.*

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## PROVIDING SOLUTIONS

In 2021, over 200 residents in Santa Barbara County received “Advice to Grow By” through our Helpline. (Buellton 2, Carpinteria 6, Casmalia 1, Goleta 17, Lompoc 11, Los Olivos 1, Montecito 9, New Cuyama 1, Orcutt 15, Santa Barbara 55, Santa Maria 13, Santa Ynez 10, unknown 67.)



## TEACHING NEW HOME GARDENERS

- In 2021, 136 people virtually attended monthly “Garden Talks” on topics like drought-tolerant gardening, vertebrate pest control, creating healthy soil, and composting.
- Our popular four-class series, “Victory Vegetable Gardening for True Beginners”, went online and taught 63 graduates how to grow food at home (260 total contacts).

## BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden welcomes UC Master Gardeners back for native plant and drought-resistant gardening advice and Invasive Shot Hole Borer information tables. Mesa Harmony Garden, a non-profit food forest which provides fresh produce to food banks, resumes in-person educational programming in 2022 with UC Master Gardener support.



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