

UC Cooperative Extension in Santa Barbara County

HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEMS • HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS • HEALTHY COMMUNITIES • HEALTHY CALIFORNIANS

FROM THE FIELD:

“Once again, I can not thank all of the Master Gardeners for their dedication to volunteer and teach us newbies. I think it's amazing and you are wonderful people to invest your time in us.”

-Anonymous Victory Vegetable Garden (zoom) For True Beginners



Information table with the butterfly garden in the background.

UC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

The Butterfly Garden at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden, a Santa Barbara Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, has reopened with a new public education component. Twice a month an information table is set up at the Butterfly Garden with a sandwich chalkboard featuring a particular plant or garden task and inviting the public to ask UC Master Gardener volunteers questions on this or other gardening topics.

The Project:

https://cesantabarbara.ucanr.edu/Master_Gardener/Around_the_County/Butterfly_Garden/

Visit the Garden:

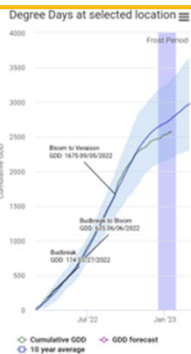
<https://santabarbaraparks.com/parks/alice-keck-park-memorial-gardens/>

LIVESTOCK & RANGE PROGRAM

In November 2022, in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, UCSB's Sedgwick Reserve, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and Santa Barbara County Fire; Livestock & Range Advisor Matthew Shapero helped host the first Santa Barbara Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (TRES). The TRES model brings prescribed fire practitioners together to “learn and burn,” focusing on building the skills, knowledge, and experience to apply good fire to the management of our local ecosystems. Forty-five individuals from California, the US West, and Canada converged at Sedgwick Reserve in the Santa Ynez Valley and at the Dangermond Preserve at Point Conception across eight days of pile and broadcast burning. The event strengthened relationships and expanded the use of prescribed fire in the region.



Santa Barbara Prescribed Fire Training Exchange



Pinot Noir growing season degree-days for 2022 compared to the ten-year average at Santa Maria

WATER RESOURCES & BIOMETEROLOGY

CalAgroClimate is an amazing new web-based tool that puts comprehensive past and forecast weather data at any grower's disposal. California's high-value crops are subject to a myriad of weather-related risk factors, such as frost, heat spikes, and gradually warming seasons. This tool will allow growers to better address these risks in both the near-term and long-term, and in the end grow more profitably.

<https://calagroclimate.org/>

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