

## UC Cooperative Extension's Award Winning Service to the Community

As Advisors at UC Cooperative Extension, we work in the areas of agriculture, natural, and human resources, and are dedicated to providing research-based information, educational programs, and problem-solving techniques. We design our applied research and education activities with you, the people of Santa Cruz County, foremost in our minds.

The 2006-2007 program year at UC Cooperative Extension has been eventful! This year our efforts were recognized with several awards:

*Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty*, Youth Development Advisor, received the California 4-H Association's Distinguished Service Award. The award is based on Lynn's community contributions in science education and youth development and her professional accomplishments. She received the award at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents annual meeting in late 2006.

*Mark Bolda*, Strawberry and Caneberry Farm Advisor and *Laura Tourte*, Farm Management Advisor, received Distinguished Service Awards from the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources in December 2006. Along with a number of other UC Cooperative Extension Advisors and Specialists, Mark and Laura were recognized for their team work on Central Coast Farm Water Quality Education.

*Rick Starr*, Marine Advisor, received a Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Reflection Award in the Science and Research category. He was nominated and selected by scientists working the Central Coast region extending from Half Moon Bay to Morro Bay. Rick received this award at a ceremony in Monterey in March 2007.

These awards follow close on the heels of the two Distinguished Service Awards that Steve Tjosvold, Environmental Horticulture Farm Advisor, received in 2005 for his research and education work in sudden oak death and integrated pest management.

We wanted to share this special news with you, and at the same time take this opportunity to extend our thanks to you all for your support and assistance over the years.

We would also like to hear from you! We have enjoyed writing this monthly question-answering newsletter column. We have been writing it for over five years now, and we thought it a good time to ask you how we can better serve you.

Please let us know how you think we are doing, what your needs are, and how we might be able to work together in the future. Our telephone number at the office is (831) 763-8040, and our website, with advisor email contact information, is <http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu>.