



Napa Master Gardener Booth Descriptions

Fall Faire - Saturday, October 5th Noon to 4pm – 1710 Soscol, Napa

Bale Gardening

Learn to prepare your hay/straw bale in a simple way that turns it into compost and becomes a wonderful medium to grow your plants. It's perfect for soil deficient areas, small and temporary spaces like patios and balconies but can be used instead of raised beds in a full-on garden. You'll see an actual straw bale with plants growing in it (that will be raffled off and you may win!) along with a photo book of steps to take to grow your own bale garden. There will be several scheduled three-minute demos sharing the benefits and how to make your own bale garden. You'll be able to interact with the materials and have your questions answered.

Beverages from Your Garden

Many easily grown garden plants are useful as infusions for hot and cold beverages. These infusions are called "tisanes" rather than "tea", as tea properly refers to the beverage made from the plant *camelia sinensis*. Possibilities range from annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. Find out how to grow the plants and explore their scents and flavors at the beverage booth. Learn how to brew the tisanes from green as well as dried materials, and expand your non-caffeinated beverage knowledge.

Carnivorous Plants

Come see, learn and take part in hands-on activities about your favorite carnivorous plants.

Fall Bulbs

We will be teaching about how to plant bulbs - when - where - how deep - how to amend the soil. Hope to have various bulbs available for "hands on" activities. We will try to incorporate "fun facts" about how bulbs work.

Games Area

Lots of fun games for kids of all ages!!

Garlands from our Gardens

Children and adults will learn how to make head garlands using fresh and dried flowers from our gardens.

Good Bugs- Bad Bugs

Through fun games and visual exploration, attendees will learn about good and bad insects inhabiting Napa County. Some of these insects are serious threats to our home gardens and agriculture. Learning to identify them is the first step in prevention.

Help Desk

Master Gardener Help Desk will aid you in finding answers to your gardening problems.

Herbal Crafts and Seeds

You will learn how to make herb bouquet garnis (for cooking), as well as other crafty things to do with Herbs.

Mushroom Madness

We will discuss the basic life cycle of mushrooms plus some of the ways fungi benefit us, our gardens and the environment. You will have the opportunity to “plug” a log with mycelia, take it home and observe if it fruits.

Natural Dyes Booth

The beautiful bright colors we admire in plants and flowers are the result of an intricate play of both biology and chemistry. The Natural Dye Booth will provide education and a chance to experiment with plant colors.

Planting a Pollinator Paradise

Fairgoers will learn about the growth habits of beautiful and pollinator-friendly flowering plants. Smaller, herbaceous perennials and annuals and larger, woody landscape plants will be the focus. Beekeeping will be part of this booth.

Scarecrow Row

Back by popular demand! The use of scarecrows as a protector of crops dates back thousands of years to ancient Egyptian times. Learn how to construct a scarecrow frame from PVC pipe. Enjoy the many creative designs along Scarecrow Row. Be amused and inspired, then vote for your favorite Scarecrow.

Secret Life of Plants (AKA Botany)

Fairgoers will examine whole plants, and plant parts through dissection

Seeds for Fall Planting

We will be giving away seed packets of Fava Beans, Calendula and Kale along with planting instructions. Posters of mature plants depicting benefits (insects and edible uses) will be on display as well as a glass vase showing fava beans’ roots with explanation of benefits

Soil-it’s not Dirt

Learn how to appreciate and create living soil with posters, hands-on examples of Napa soils and various amendments to the soil. Learn how to improve your soil, without toil!

Succulents

Both adults and kids will learn how to grow succulents in containers. Kids will be able to transplant a succulent to take home.

Tool Care

How to take care of your gardening tools with a display of different tools. Hands-on instructions

Tree Book Sales

Master Gardener Tree Books will be for sale.

Worm Composting

Watch worms eat your garbage. There will be a finished compost, a worm bin box, worms to see and understand the difference in red wigglers as opposed to others. See the difference in growth between two plants, one growing in compost and the other in garden soil.