



Master Gardeners of Nevada County

Our mission is to inspire foothill home gardeners to embrace research-based, sustainable gardening practices so our community and environment thrive.

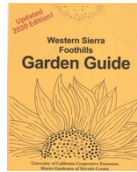
University of California trained and certified Master Gardener volunteers are avid home gardeners who work to promote environmentally responsible horticultural practices, including sharing information about maintaining healthy gardens to reducing fertilizer and pesticide pollutants, conserving water, composting green waste to reduce landfill and improving air quality by reducing burning of green waste.

Our Demonstration Garden is located on the grounds of the Nevada Irrigation District in Grass Valley at 1036 West Main Street. The garden features 1.5 acres with targeted growing areas, including:

- ✧ Foothill Mediterranean Garden and Rock Garden
- ✧ Cottage Garden
- ✧ Orchard
- ✧ Raised Bed Gardens & Hoop House
- ✧ Oak Habitat and Native Plant Meadow
- ✧ Compost area



Master Gardeners offer:

- ✧ **Educational workshops** both in person in the Demonstration Garden during warmer months and then at the Veteran's Hall during cooler months plus on our website ncmg.ucanr.edu via previously recorded workshops.
- ✧ **Call-in radio show** on KNCO (830 on AM dial) on Saturdays 10-noon to ask home gardening questions. The number to call at the KNCO studio is 530-477-5626.
- ✧ **The Western Sierra Foothills Garden Guide** provides horticultural and an abundance of gardening information relevant to the western Sierra foothills. For sale at: A to Z Nursery, Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply, Weiss Brothers Nursery, B&C Nursery, and New Life Nursery.  tips
- ✧ **Annual Plant Sale** is held the Saturday before Mother's Day in May. All plants sold at our public sale are grown by Master Gardeners and are officially inspected, first by qualified Master Gardeners, followed by a Nevada County Agricultural Inspector.
- ✧ **Got Questions?** Call our Hotline 530-273-0919 on Tuesdays 9 AM to Noon and a Master Gardener will answer your gardening questions, or use the Help Desk email on "Got Questions" on ncmg.ucanr.org.
- ✧ **Speakers** to local clubs and organizations upon request.

MASTER GARDENERS OF NEVADA COUNTY celebrated 40 YEARS in 2023



The statewide University of California (UC) Master Gardener Program is a cornerstone program of the UC Cooperative Extension. As the link between UC research and home gardeners, the Master Gardener Program is crucial in providing practical, research-based information and best practices.

Master Gardeners of Nevada County (MGNC) was established in 1983 and strives to meet the needs of our western Sierra Foothills community.

By the Numbers

Current Volunteers = 109		Volunteers in 1985 = 28
<u>Volunteer Hours Donated</u>		<u>Value of Donated Hours</u>
FY 2022-23	13,358	\$498,521
1983 to present	220,049	\$6,759,251

Our all-volunteer organization has a very modest program budget of \$34K which affects our ability to be impactful in our community. Revenue is primarily generated by our Annual Plant Sale and Garden Guide sales, with no operating support coming from the UC system. Contributions are appreciated!

Accomplishments



- ⌘ 1986: MGNC started planting 5,000 daffodil bulbs along Highway 20/49 and continues to plant daffodil bulbs to beautify the community every fall, at the North Star House in 2022.
- ⌘ 1991: our Demonstration Garden, located on NID grounds, was established.
- ⌘ 1992: the annual Spring Plant Sale was established, that financially supports MGNC's programs.
- ⌘ 2020 – 2022: COVID necessitated the public plant sale to go on hiatus in 2020. In May 2022, our popular plant sale returned to the Demo Garden and was well attended by the public.
- ⌘ 2022: After a pause due to COVID, MGNC engaged in a Strategic Planning process to re-invigorate the organization and to advance the community's understanding of research-based sustainable gardening practices.
- ⌘ 2022 Fall: An Interpretive Signage Project for the Demo Garden was designed to increase visitor enjoyment through appreciation and understanding of sustainable gardening practices.
- ⌘ Renewal of all the Demo Garden's growing areas in anticipation of our Open House, September 23,2023