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## **Welcome to our UCCE Master Gardeners of San Bernardino County Monthly Newsletter**

Dear UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Newsletter  
Recipients,

Happy September!

We invite you to attend a free Zoom class (add link) that will green your brown thumb, be inspired by the volunteerism of Dr. Betty Richards, our September [Spotlight Master Gardener](#), and enjoy Master Gardener Coordinator [Maggie O'Neill's blog](#) on the virtues of fall gardening and learn a little about our newly accepted Master Gardeners in Horticulturist [Janet Hartin's blog](#).



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## Where To Find Us This Month

UCCE San Bernardino County Master Gardeners will be providing free online Zoom classes (a **link will be provided to those who RSVP**) that will include guidelines and tips for gardeners in all climate-zones of the county (valley, desert, and mountain) with time for questions. With some added downtime, this is the perfect opportunity to green up your brown thumb!

- **Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. 2:30 to 3:30 pm** [“September in your Garden”](#) Join Master Gardeners who will go over the gardening tasks that need to be done in September to keep your garden happy and healthy, covering **“What to Prune, What to Fertilize, and What to Plant.”**
- **Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. 6:30 to 7:30 pm** [“Ask a Master Gardener”](#) Take advantage of this opportunity to have all your home gardening and landscaping questions answered. Whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! We will do a short talk on **“Keeping Your Soil Healthy”** at the beginning of the session.
- **Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Thur. 2:30 to 3:30 pm** [“Seed Saver Series: Planning your Cool Season Seed Garden”](#) This month’s class is all about our cool season gardens! There is lots that you can grow and many things you can seed save from in your fall and winter garden.....but you need to know how to plan and space your garden so that your seeds

will “breed true.” This is a good class for beginning, intermediate or advanced seed savers and be sure to bring your questions!!

- **Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9:00 to 10:00 am** [“Master Gardener Training Class Info Session”](#) This is one of two September **Information Sessions** where you can learn about the Master Gardener program and will have a chance to ask questions about its purpose and your role as a Master Gardener volunteer if you decide the program’s for you! Attendance at one of these two remaining sessions is required for acceptance into the training class that will begin October 3, 2020 (via Zoom online).
- **Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Sat. 2:30 to 3:30 pm** [“September in your Garden”](#) If you weren’t able to attend this class earlier in the month, here is a second opportunity to join Master Gardeners to go over gardening tasks that can be done in September to keep your garden happy and healthy, covering the **“What to Prune, What to Fertilize and What to Plant.”**
- **Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Sun. 11:00 to 1:00 pm** [“Ask a Master Gardener Time and Short Presentations”](#) Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions from around the county. Join us to get your questions answered about your local growing area. Whether it is in the high desert, the mountains or valleys, we are here to help! Master Gardeners will also be making two short presentations on **“Planning your Native Garden (11:00-11:30 am) and “Using Mulch on your Landscapes and Vegetable Garden” (12:00-12:15 pm)**
- **Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Thur. 1:00 to 2:00 pm** [“Planificando su Jardín de Otoño”](#) (*en Español*)(*en línea*) En esta clase, aprenderá cómo prepararse para su huerto de otoño
- **Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Thur. 2:00 to 3:00 pm** [“Planning your Fall Veggie Garden”](#) Master Gardeners will teach you how to prepare for your fall vegetable garden, from preparing the soil to watering, fertilizing, pest management and more.
- **Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 6:30 to 7:30 pm** [“Master Gardener Training Class Information Session”](#) This is the last **“Information Session”** offered where you can learn about the Master Gardener program and will have a chance to ask questions about its purpose and your role as a Master Gardener volunteer if you decide the program’s for you!

Attendance at one of these two remaining sessions (Sept. 12th or Sept. 17th) is required for acceptance into the training class that will begin October 3, 2020 (via Zoom online).

- **Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9:00 to 10:00 am** ["Decoding Garden Codes and Labels"](#)  
A Master Gardener will help you crack the code on reading and deciphering labels, tags, and calculations! You will learn how to: read seed packets/seed viability, plant labels, gardening math, fertilizers (NPK), soil and amendment packages/bags, chill hours, frost, frost dates, last frost, first frost, gardening for your household (how to calculate how much to plant), climate/hardness zones, and plants for different micro-climates (shade, part shade, full sun, etc.)
- **Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Sat. 2:30 to 3:30 pm** ["Ask a Master Gardener"](#) Take advantage of this opportunity to have all your home gardening and landscaping questions answered. Whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help. We will start out with a short talk on Fall Fruit Tree Care.
- **Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Tues. 5:00 to 6:00 pm** ["From our Garden to Yours: Seed Paper Making Demo"](#) This month's gardening demonstration will be on making seed paper and seed tape. This is a great activity to do with kiddos and adults alike and it is a fun creative activity that is also practical. You'll learn everything you need to know to make your own seed paper. Class attendees will be given a supply list during class.
- **Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 2:30 to 3:30 pm** ["Plant propagation"](#) This month's plant propagation class will be on the basics of grafting fruit trees. This is a good class for grafting beginners and will focus on grafting terminology and techniques. Since fall (and spring) are the best times to graft citrus, we'll cover this topic specifically.
- **Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 6:30 to 7:30 pm** ["Ask a Master Gardener"](#) Take advantage of this opportunity to have all your home gardening and landscaping questions answered. Whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! We will start off with a short talk on **"Fall Garden Watering"** and then answer all of your gardening questions.
- **Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Mon. 5:30 to 6:30 pm** ["Growing Great Lettuce"](#) This month's crop talk will be all about growing lettuce, a wonderful cool season crop. Lettuce is easy to grow and easy to seed save from

once you learn the techniques. We will give you tips and tricks for lettuce success and answer all your lettuce questions.

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## Monthly Master Gardener Spotlight

By: Debbie LeDoux, MG

Come Take a Garden Walk with  
Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Richards

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## Coordinator's Corner

By: Margaret O'Neill

Environmental Education and  
Master Gardener Coordinator

Planning Your Fall in the Garden

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## Janet's Jottings

By: Janet Hartin

Area Environmental Horticulture Advisor

Welcome Accepted Master Gardener Applicants!

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## UCCE MG Helpline

Our helpline is still open!

Email or phone the Master Gardener Helpline

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## Who We Are

[UCCE Master Gardeners](#) are trained volunteers who provide unbiased research based information to the gardening public. Areas of expertise include drought-resistant sustainable landscapes and food production in home, community and school gardens. Master Gardeners reach over 35,000 San Bernardino County residents annually. Other UCCE programs in San Bernardino County are the [Master Food Preserver Program](#), [Youth/4-H](#), [Expanded Food and Nutrition Education \(EFNEP\)](#), commercial horticulture, livestock and natural resources. Learn more about our programs here: <http://cesanbernardino.ucanr.edu>

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