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

**Happy January 2022!**

This month we invite you to join us for in [person events](#) or register for [free online](#) Zoom classes.

Submit your application to become a [UCCE Master Gardener](#) volunteer (all online) by January 9th.

Learn about invasive tree species and their alternatives in [Janet's Jottings](#).

Read in [Coordinator's Corner](#) about how Master Gardeners help you with your gardening efforts. Read about an amazing partnership at Kimbark Elementary in [Debbie's Diary](#).

Read about Jeff Ford's "worm window" in our [Master Gardener Spotlight](#).

Learn about chickweed in our January [What's Bugging Your Garden](#).



## Where To Find Us This Month Free In-Person Events

Please take all Covid-19 precautions. If you feel ill and/or currently exhibit any symptoms, please stay home for safety of others.

You can also find a complete list of classes on our [Calendar](#) of events.

- **January 8th Saturday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm:** *"Ask a Master Gardener"* time. Highland Library Community Room, For more information check out our [website](#).
- **January 22nd Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** *"From the Garden to the Table"* Chino Hills Branch Library, come to one class, or join us for the day. For more information and to register check out our [website](#):

9:00 to 10:30 am: Growing Fruit Trees

10:30 am to 12:00 pm: Preserving your Harvest

1:00 to 2:00 pm: Sustainable Landscaping

2:00 to 3:00 pm: Pest Management in the Garden

- **January 15th Saturday 9:00 am** [“Gardening and Food Preservation”](#) Rialto Community Garden. For more information contact the Garden Manager (909) 421-7221.
- **January 15th 8:30 to 9:30 am** [“Gardening Workshop”](#) Chino Community Garden. Please register for this free event.
- **February 12th Saturday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm:** [“Ask a Master Gardener”](#) time. Highland Library Community Room, For more information check out our [website](#).
- **February 26th Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** [“From the Garden to the Table”](#) Chino Hills Branch Library, come to one class, or join us for the day. For more information and to register check out our [website](#):

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## Where To Find Us This Month Zoom and Online Events

Have Gardening/Landscaping Questions? Join any of our free Zoom or Online talks listed below and ask your gardening questions at the end of class! You can also find a complete list of classes on our [Calendar](#).

- **January 9th Sunday 11:00 to 1:00 pm** [Ask a Master Gardener Time and Short Presentations:](#)
  - 11:00 am: Citrus Greening Update
  - 11:45 am : Growing Geraniums for Cuttings
  - 12:30 pm " Food Preservation" Master Food Preservers will be joining us this month too, so bring your food preservation questions too!
- **January 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm** [“January in the Garden”](#) get a new look for 2022 come check it out!!
- **January 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday. 8:30 to 9:30 am** [“Seed Saver Series: Common Seed Saving Challenges and Solutions!”](#)

- January 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 pm [“Edible Gardens: Growing Herbs through the Winter Months!”](#)
- January 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10:00 to 11:00 am [“Cultivo de Fresas”](#)
- January 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 to 11:30 am [“School & Community Gardens Collaborative worksho](#)

*If you miss a presentation, it will be available on our YouTube channel within 24 hours of the live talk, as listed here: [“recent presentations”](#)*



## Janet's Jottings

By: Janet Hartin  
Area Environmental Horticulture Advisor

### Invasive Trees to Avoid/Suggested Alternatives

Many previously "welcomed" urban tree species have outlived



their stay, becoming invasive and crowding out other plants in our Southern California landscapes...

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## Coordinator's Corner

**By: Margaret O'Neill**  
**Environmental Education and Master Gardener**  
**Coordinator**

### **Master Gardeners...Your Friendly Neighborhood Gardeners! Here to Help!**

To bring in the new year, I wanted to talk about all the ways we are here to help you in your gardening adventures...

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## Debbie's Diary

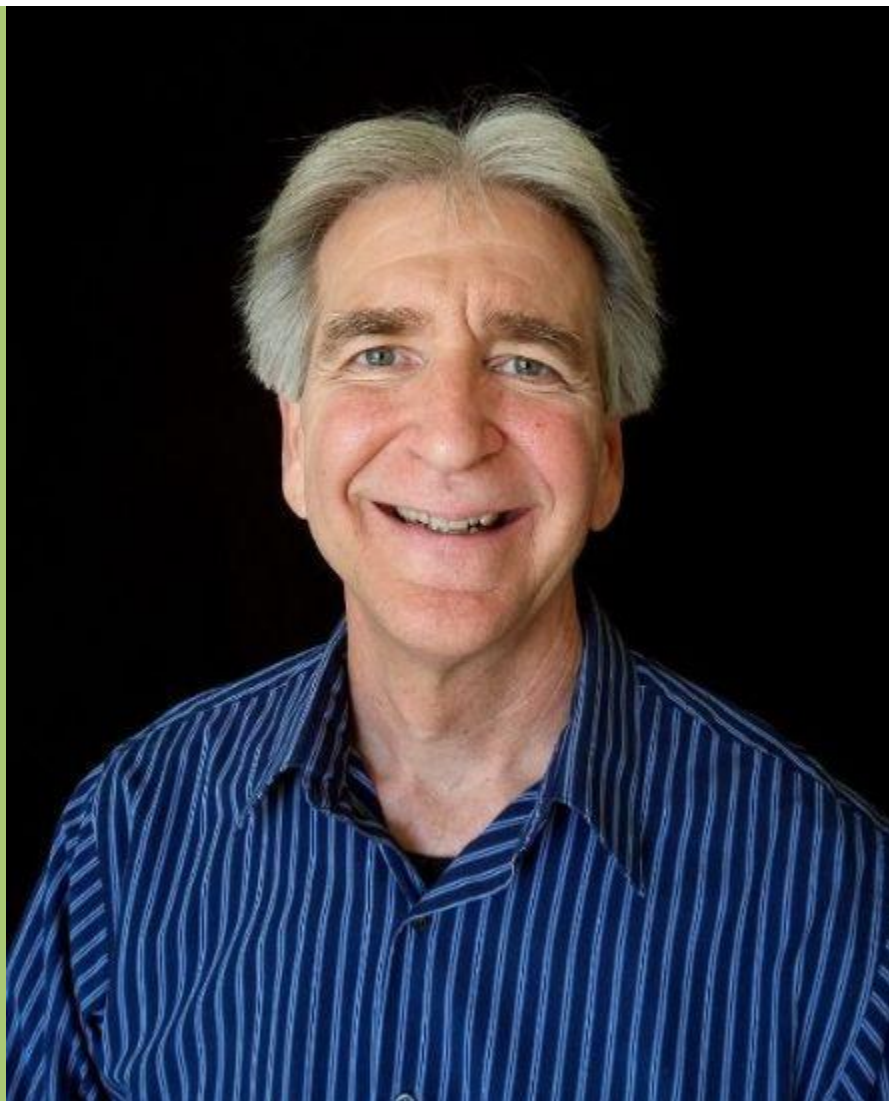
**By: Deborah Schnur, MG  
Environmental Education Coordinator**

### **Environmental Education at Kimbark Elementary**

I am particularly in awe of educators who fully integrate outdoor spaces into their teaching. One of these is educators is...

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## **Monthly Master Gardener Spotlight**

**By: Margaret J. O'Neill  
Environmental Education and Master Gardener  
Coordinator**

### **Jeff Ford, MG**

Jeff has always been great at brainstorming outreach, but it was the "worm window" where I first became aware of his genius!

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## What's Bugging Your Garden?

The University of California [Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\)](#) program has a great website for controlling garden pest problems with the least impact on people and their surroundings. Whether it's fungal, insect or vertebrate pest, you can find some answers.

During this rainy month, we are highlighting [chickweed](#) which is a widespread and successful weed. Its seeds are the preferred food for chickens and many other birds, but they can also invade your garden and your lawns.



## UCCE MG Helpline

We can help with your growing and pest control questions.  
**Email or phone us at the Master Gardener Helpline**

[mgsanbern@ucanr.edu](mailto:mgsanbern@ucanr.edu)  
**(909) 387-2182**





## 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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