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

Thank you for your interest in our Master Gardener classes, activities, and news updates. Please note that, due to COVID-19 concerns, all UCCE San Bernardino County face-to-face program activities, classes, and other events scheduled through May 31, 2020 have been postponed or converted to Zoom meetings or other distance learning formats.

**However, UCCE San Bernardino County Master Gardeners continue to address your home horticulture inquiries through their telephone (909)387-2182 and email helplines ([mgsanbern@ucanr.edu](mailto:mgsanbern@ucanr.edu)).** Thank you for your understanding and your flexibility as we continue to provide research-based information in new and novel formats during this difficult time.

We hope you enjoy our May Master Gardener newsletter which includes Debbie Ledou's uplifting 'Spotlight' interview of Master Gardeners Jillian and Adam Wagner who specialize in teaching people how to grow food. They even shared seeds via curbside pickup when the Yucaipa Seed Library needed to temporarily close due to COVID-19. 'Coordinator's Corner' focuses on Maggie's heartfelt admiration of community gardens and the gardeners who tend them, and UCCE area Environmental Horticulturist and Master Gardener Program Manager Janet Hartin's blog highlights how and when to irrigate your landscape trees.

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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!

- **May 2<sup>nd</sup> “*Butterflies in Your Backyard*” from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** Join Master Gardeners to learn how to create a waterwise and butterfly friendly garden and get some plant selection ideas to help make your dreams a reality. This class is offered by the San Bernardino Municipal Water District, to register go [to: https://www.sbvmd.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/1734/16](https://www.sbvmd.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/1734/16)
- **May 2<sup>nd</sup> “*Ask a Master Gardener for Mountain Residents*” from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.** This is an opportunity for mountain residents to get answers to their home-horticulture questions specific to their climate zone and learn more about defensible space and landscaping in fire-prone areas.

<http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486010>

- **May 2<sup>nd</sup> “Ask a Master Gardener for High Desert Residents”** from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This is an opportunity for mountain residents to get answers to their home-horticulture questions specific to their climate zone. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486523>
- **May 5<sup>th</sup> “Tool Cleaning 101”** from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Master Gardeners will teach you how to clean your garden tools <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486524>
- **May 7<sup>th</sup> “Pollinator-Friendly Gardens in Small Spaces”** from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Learn how to grow a pollinator friendly garden in small spaces and on patios and porches <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486525>
- **May 8<sup>th</sup> “Hands on Seed Paper Making Class”** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Check out this virtual hands-on class. A supply list will be provided on the website and we will go through making seed paper together, or you can just tune in to watch and try the activity out later! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486526>
- **May 9<sup>th</sup> “May Gardening Chores and Ask a Master Gardener”** from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Every month we publish our chores to do in the garden that month. This month we are taking it online and including information based on the weather we are having and how that effects regular May chores. We will also include time for you to ask your gardening questions from anywhere in the county. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486527>
- **May 12<sup>th</sup> “Fires Safe Landscaping and Defensible Spaces”** 4 to 5 pm. Join Master Gardeners to learn about fire safe landscaping and creating defensible spaces around your home. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486552>
- **May 14<sup>th</sup> “May Gardening Chores and Ask a Master Gardener”** from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. We will offer this class twice this month to work with everyone’s schedule. Residents from across the county are invited to ask gardening questions for their local climate zones. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486528>

- **May 15<sup>th</sup> “*Hands on Class: Three-Tiered Herb Garden*” from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.** Check out this virtual hands-on class. A supply list will be provided on the website and we will go through making a three-tiered herb garden together, or you can just tune in and watch and do the activity later! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486529>
- **May 16<sup>th</sup> “*Maintaining your Water Efficient Landscape*” from 10 am to 12 pm.** Join this webinar to get tips on irrigating, fertilizing, mulching, and pruning your landscape plants (with a focus on trees), all while saving time and money. You’ll also have an opportunity to become a ‘citizen scientist’ and take tree care data in your own neighborhood for a real University of California research project! This class is offered by the San Bernardino Municipal Water District, to register go to: <https://www.sbvmd.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/1738/16?curm=5&cury=2020>
- **May 16<sup>th</sup> “*Fire Safe Landscaping and Defensible Spaces*” from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.** We are offering this class on fire safe landscaping and creating defensible spaces again to accommodate participant schedules, if you can’t tune in on Tues, then you can catch it again on Sat afternoon! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486553>
- **May 19<sup>th</sup> “*Keeping Citrus Happy and Healthy*” from 4:00 to 5 pm.** Join Master Gardeners to learn how to keep your citrus trees happy and healthy for years to come. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486530>
- **May 21<sup>st</sup> “*Growing food in Small Spaces and Containers*” from 2:30 to 3:30 pm.** In this class you will learn how to successfully grow food in small spaces and containers. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486531>
- **May 21<sup>st</sup> “*Ask a Master Gardener*” from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.** This is an opportunity for gardeners across the county to get answers to their home-horticulture questions specific to their climate zone. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486533>

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- May 23** “*Seed Saving 101*” from 9:00 to 10 am. Learn how to save seeds from your garden and how to properly store them and start them next season. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486534>
- **May 26<sup>th</sup>** “*Preparing your Garden for Summer Heat*” from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. We offer this class once a year to help you prepare your garden for the summer heat, with tips and tricks to get your garden through the hot days of summer! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486535>
  - **May 28<sup>th</sup>** “*Seed Saving*” from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Learn how to save seeds from your garden and how to properly store them. In this second seed saving class we will dive a little deeper into the genetics and reasons for seed saving. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486536>
  - **May 30<sup>th</sup>** “*Growing Food in Small Spaces and Containers*” from 9:00 to 10:00 am. We are offering this class about how to successfully grow food in small spaces and containers to better accommodate everyone’s schedule. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486537>
  - **May 30<sup>th</sup>** “*Ask a Master Gardener*” from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This is an opportunity for gardeners across the county to get answers to their home-horticulture questions specific to their climate zone. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=486538>
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## **Monthly Master Gardener Spotlight Meet Adam Wagner and Jillian Kowalczuk**

**by Debbie Ledoux, MG**

Love Starts with a Seed

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## **Janet's Jottings**

### **Landscape Tree Irrigation to Maximize Tree Health, Benefits and Beauty**

Most trees in California need supplemental irrigation ...

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## **Coordinator's Corner**

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

Finding Community in the  
Garden

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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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