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

We hope you are all well and that our June, 2020 University Cooperative Extension (UCCE), San Bernardino County Master Gardener newsletter brings you some joy during these difficult and unprecedented times!

Features include the popular UCCE Master Gardener Spotlight which this month showcases the many contributions Master Gardener Doug Arnold has made in the High Desert. Learn how Doug and his wife, Sara, a UCCE Master Food Preserver, share their wealth of knowledge with local residents, teaching them how to grow and safely preserve the fruits of their labor at Home Shows and Farmers Markets. Master Gardener Coordinator Maggie O'Neill's 'Coordinator Corner' offers many useful tips for gardening in the heat and Environmental Horticulturist Janet Hartin's column explains how to identify and reduce

the spread of the potentially deadly Invasive Shot-Hole Borer/Fusarium dieback complex infesting local trees.

Due to more time at home stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic, interest in gardening and outdoor activities has skyrocketed. We are proud of the novel and creative means by which the Master Gardeners have continued to reach out to residents of San Bernardino County during this difficult time. Planned in-person classes and workshops have been converted to virtual formats, reaching hundreds of residents across the 20,000 square miles of our county. Master Gardeners will continue to follow state, UC, and county guidelines as we all move into Phase 2 reentry over the next several months. Check out our free upcoming Zoom classes (listed below) that cater to the gardening needs of San Bernardino County residents in all locales and climate zones.

Please help us spread the word that UC Cooperative Extension San Bernardino County's on-line annual giving day (#BigDigDay) is on Friday June 5, 2020. Donations are tax deductible and can be earmarked for one or more of our local programs (Master Gardener, Master Food Preserver, 4-H program) that collectively reach over 35,000 county residents annually. To make a gift using a credit card, click on 'Make a Gift' here: <http://cesanbernardino.ucanr.edu/>. Thank you for your support, big or small!

Have a wonderful month!

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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!

- **June 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2:30 to 3:30 pm** “*June in your Garden: a look at what to do, what to plant and what to feed*” plus “*Ask a Master Gardener*” time! Our Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487279>
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 pm** “*Ask a Master Gardener*” time: We will offer a second time today to answer all of your gardening questions, so whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487280>
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am** “*From the Garden to the Table: Grow your Food!*” This workshop, previously scheduled for Crestline Library, is now online! You can join us to learn about growing your food garden with a special focus on mountain growing areas. Note: the login link will be the same for the whole day, so if you would like to join more than one class you will not need to join a different meeting. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487265>
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10:00 to 11:00 am** “*From the Garden to the Table: Composting in your Backyard*” This workshop, previously scheduled for Crestline Library, is now online! We will teach you the basics of composting with a special focus on the challenges and needs of mountain composters. Note: the login link will be the same for the whole day, so if you would like to join more than one class you will not need to join a different meeting. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487266>
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 11:00 to 12:00 pm** “*From the Garden to the Table Workshop: Pickling* ” Learn about pickling in your own kitchen. We will review all about pickling so you are sure to have success with your home batches. Note: the login link will be the same for the whole day, so if you would like to join more than one class you will not need to join a different meeting. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/sbmfpp/?calitem=487586>
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1:00 to 2:00 pm** “*Sustainable Landscaping*”

***for Fire Safety and More***” This workshop, previously scheduled for Crestline Library, is now online! Join us to learn best practices to keep your garden a beautiful, waterwise space that minimizes the fire danger a landscape can bring when you live in the mountains. Note: the login link will be the same for the whole day, so if you would like to join more than one class you will not need to join a different meeting. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487267>

- **June 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 2:00 to 3:00 pm** ***“Emerging Pests and Weeds in the Garden”*** Learn about emerging pests and weeds in the garden and what you can do to protect your trees and plants, with a special focus on mountain growing areas. Note: the login link will be the same for the whole day, so if you would like to join more than one class you will not need to join a different meeting. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487268>
- **June 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2:30 to 3:30 pm** ***“Summer Fruit Tree Care”*** Wondering what you need to do to keep your fruit trees happy and healthy during the summer? We are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487281>
- **June 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am** ***“June in your Garden: a look at what to do, what to plant and what to feed”*** plus ***“Ask a Master Gardener”*** time! Our Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487282>
- **June 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday 2:00 to 3:00 pm** ***“Ask a Master Gardener”*** time: We will offer a second time today to answer all of your gardening questions, so whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487283>
- **June 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday 4:00 to 5:00 pm** ***“Preparing your Garden for Summer’s Heat”*** Trying to keep your veggies, shrubs and trees alive and healthy during the heat of summer? We will offer tips and tricks to keep your yard healthy during the heat of summer! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487284>

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time: We will offer a second time today to answer all of your gardening questions, so whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help!  
<http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487285>

- **June 19<sup>th</sup> Friday 4:00 to 5:00 pm “Demo: Olla Making Time!”**  
Ollas are a fun a convenient way to keep your plants watered. Join our Master Gardeners to learn how to make, “plant” and use your ollas! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487286>
  - **June 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am “Seed Saving Series: How to Harvest and Clean your Seeds”** Join our Master Gardeners for the next in our seed saving series. This month you will learn how to properly harvest and clean your seeds! Be sure to bring your seed related questions, we are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487287>
  - **June 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2:30 to 3:30 pm “Fire Safe Landscaping and Defensible Spaces”** Master Gardeners will give tips and techniques that will help you create a defensible space around your home and help you reduce the risk of fire through fire safe landscaping techniques. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487288>
  - **June 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am “Pests in your Veggie Garden and Landscape”** What's bugging your garden? Master Gardeners are here to help with a presentation that will give you tools and resources needed to help keep your garden pest free and healthy. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=487289>
  - **June 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday 2:00 to 3:00 pm “Ask a Master Gardener”**  
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## **Monthly Master Gardener Spotlight**

**By: Debbie Ledoux, MG  
Doug Arnold - High Desert  
Master Gardener**

Doug is one-hundred percent  
home grown

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**Coordinator's Corner**

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

Preparing Your Garden for  
Summer's Heat

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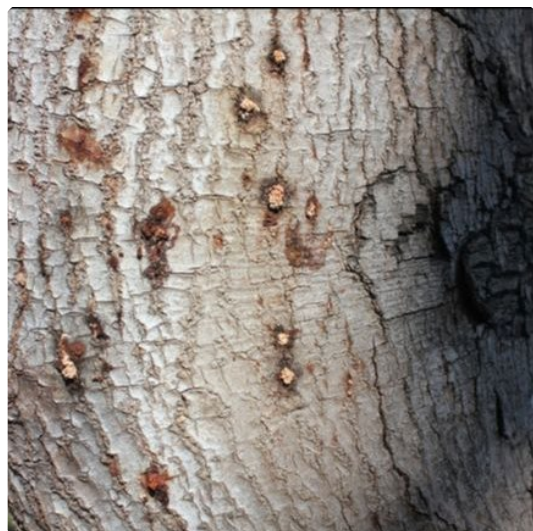
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**Janet's Jottings**

**By: Janet Hartin  
Area Environmental  
Horticulture Advisor**

Watch Out For Invasive Shot  
Hole Borers on Your Landscape  
Trees

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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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