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

Dear UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Newsletter Recipients,

We hope all of you have enjoyed a great June and that you are harvesting the fruits of your labor and enjoying a new drought-resistant landscape plant or two! **The July, 2020 Master Gardener newsletter highlights upcoming free Zoom classes on growing food at home, maintaining sustainable landscapes, fire safe landscaping and defensible space, saving and storing seeds to ensure their continued viability, 'Ask a Master Gardener' and many more interesting topics.** Please enjoy as many of these learning opportunities as you can, and feel free to share the list with friends, family and your neighbors.

Enjoy learning all about how Master Gardener Esther Martinez, our Spotlight volunteer, has taught hundreds of west end gardeners how to garden more sustainably and how to grow food and how she ‘walks the walk’ applying what she’s learned in her own yard (<https://ucanr.edu/b/~J9B>). Master Gardener Coordinator Maggie O’Neill’s blog (<https://ucanr.edu/b/~s9B>) is as fun and informative as ever and UC Cooperative Extension Environmental Horticulturist Janet Hartin’s blog (<https://ucanr.edu/b/~i9B>) covers beautiful but invasive plants to avoid and suggested substitutes.

Congratulations are extended to our talented and creative UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener, Master Food Preserver, and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) teams for winning the statewide ‘Integration’ Star Award from the UC Division of Natural Resources. Program managers were specifically recognized for their collaborations teaching youth at several schools across the county how to grow food and improve their health and diets. This team earned and deserves this prestigious award for their accomplishments and impacts. Way to go Maggie, Christine, Clara, Dalila, Roxana, Marilyn, and Dee!

We will be conducting the complete 2020/2021 UC Cooperative Extension San Bernardino County Master Gardener class online via Zoom. While originally scheduled to be taught live at the Chino Basin Water Conservation District in Montclair, due to COVID-19 concerns, we are converting learning modules into live and interactive Zoom meetings enhanced by outdoor assignments and activities that can be done at home. Classes are on Saturday mornings from 9:00am- 12:30pm October 3, 2020 through March 6, 2021 (no classes on October 31, November 28, December 26, and January 2). Graduation requirements include attending class regularly, passing open book midterm and final exams, and co-presenting a 15-minute talk to your classmates on a horticulture topic of your group’s choice. Please note that the goal of the program is to extend credible, objective gardening and landscaping information to the public and that each accepted applicant is required to volunteer a minimum of 50

hours back into the program by June 30, 2022. While the information provided will surely improve your personal gardening skills, outreach into the community is the major goal of the program. **Note: All potential applicants must attend a Zoom information session (listed on the Zoom class list in this newsletter) that explains the program's mission, goals, and requirements before becoming eligible to apply.** It's a great opportunity to get your specific questions about the program asked, as well!

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!

- **July 2nd Thursday 2:30 to 3:30 pm “July in your Garden”** Join Master Gardeners as they share gardening tasks that can be done in July to keep your garden happy and healthy, covering what to prune, what to fertilize and what to plant <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488426>
- **July 2nd Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 pm “Ask a Master Gardener”** Take advantage of this opportunity to have all of your home gardening and landscaping questions answered. Whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488403>
- **July 9th Thursday 2:30 to 3:30 pm “Successful Squashes, melons and more”** Having trouble with your melons, squashes or cucumbers? Master Gardeners are here to help! They will present information covering tips and tricks for success and to, following the presentation, answer your questions and help you with your challenges! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488420>

- **July 10th Friday 4:00 to 5:00 pm “Seed Cleaning Demo”** See the seed cleaning process in action and bring your seed cleaning questions too! Master Gardeners can help you troubleshoot your seed cleaning issues and get you headed in the right direction for success! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488451>
- **July 11th Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am “July 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 July to keep your garden happy and healthy, covering what to prune, what to fertilize and what to plant <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488427>
- **July 11th Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 pm “Ask a Master Gardener”**
Take advantage of this opportunity to have all of your home gardening and landscaping questions answered. Whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488402>
- **July 14th Tuesday 5:30 to 6:30 pm “Fire Safe Landscaping and Defensible Spaces”** Master Gardeners will go over what makes a landscape more “firesafe” and teach you how to create a defensible space around your home, helping you reduce the risk of fire through fire safe landscaping techniques. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488446>
- **July 16th Thursday 2:30 to 3:30 pm “Growing your Best Tomatoes”** Have questions about your tomatoes? We will go over some common tomato issues and answer your questions! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488423>
- **July 16th Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 pm “Ask a Master Gardener”**
Take advantage of this opportunity to have all of your home gardening and landscaping questions answered. Whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488404>
- **July 18th Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am “Seed Saver Series: Seed Saving from your Favorite Tomato Plants”** This month’s seed saver class will be all about tomatoes. Join us for a deep

dive into successfully saving and storing your tomato seeds and ensuring their viability for another bumper crop!

<http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488424>

- **July 23rd Thursday 2:30 to 3:30 pm “*Invasive Shot Hole Borer, in your Avocados and more*”** Learn about the Invasive Shot Hole Borer, how to identify it and what you can do to keep your trees healthy. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488419>
- **July 25th Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am “*Dive in Deep to Vermicomposting*”** Interested in vermicomposting (composting with worms) but aren’t sure where to start? Or are you already doing it, but have some issues you would like help with? Master Gardeners are here to help answer your questions and go over everything you need to know to be successful. <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488421>
- **July 25th Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 pm “*Ask a Master Gardener*”** Take advantage of this opportunity to have all of your home gardening and landscaping questions answered. Whether you are in the mountains, deserts, valleys or somewhere in between, we are here to help! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488405>
- **July 30th Thursday 2:00 to 3:00 pm “*Seed Saver Series: Seed Saving from your Favorite Tomato Plants*”** This month’s seed saver class will be all about tomatoes! If you couldn’t attend this class earlier in the month we are offering it again. Join us for a deep dive into successfully saving and storing your tomato seeds and ensuring their viability for another bumper crop! <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488425>
- **Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener in San Bernardino County?** Learn more about the program and have your questions about it answered at one of our live Zoom Information Sessions listed below. (Note: attending one of these sessions is mandatory before being accepted.)
8/8/20 **Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 pm** <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?calitem=488589>
8/19/20 **Wednesday 9:00 to 10:00 am** <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?>

[calitem=488592](#)

9/12/20 Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?>

[calitem=488594](#)

9/17/20 Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 pm <http://mgsb.ucanr.edu/?>

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Monthly Master Gardener Spotlight

By: Debbie Ledoux, MG

Esther Martinez - Plants are

Like People They are All

Unique

Educating the gardening public...

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Coordinator's Corner

By: Margaret O'neill

Environmental Education and Master

Gardener Coordinator

Your garden is calling...can you hear it?

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Janet's Jottings

By: Janet Hartin

Area Environmental Horticulture Advisor

Invasive Plants: Don't Encourage 'Bad Neighbors'

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Our helpline is still open!

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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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