



Holiday Gifts from the Kitchen and Garden Event
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We have some pretty “Hefty Holidays” just around the corner: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years. Do you ever find yourself in a “gotta run out for a present” situation for that last-minute gift need? We all have! But help is on the way. The UCCE Master Food Preservers and Master Gardeners of El Dorado County are presenting an event which might solve all of your gifting needs. Best of all: it’s FREE!

On Thursday, September 17, at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds’ Marshall Building, both organizations will host inspirational booths and 20-minute classes. Both booths and classes have been geared to inspire giving from the heart. Sound too “artsy-crafty” for your taste and talent? Not at all! The hobbyist gardeners, cooks and designers will find hundreds of ideas which will allow you to prepare those perfect gifts.

The Master Gardeners’ inspirational booths include: preparing general gifts for gardeners, gifting potted plants and bulbs, gifting garden journals, prepping and packaging herbs for gifts, and citrus plants and products as gifts.

The Master Food Preservers’ inspirational booths demonstrate preparation of gifts for your favorite cooks, foodies and hosts, including: gifting meals and mixes, gifting apple and pear products, preparing and gifting dehydrated gifts, gift-packaging your jams and jellies, prepping and gifting condiments, and gifting “nibbles and sweets.”

At the same time the booths are demonstrating great gift ideas, classes will be held every half hour. Class topics will include: gifting holiday plants (Poinsettias, Christmas Cactus and Amaryllis), gifting great gadgets for the cook, preparing and gifting citrus products, and preparing and gifting packaged meals.

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Mark your calendars and get your creative juices flowing. Your gift recipients will really appreciate it because their gifts will reflect both your personality and their personality. And who knows, you just might save money in the process. This free event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday September 17 at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds' Marshall Building.

UCCE Master Food Preservers are available to answer home food preservation questions; leave a message at (530) 621-5506 and a Master Food Preserver will return your call. The Master Food Preservers are also available to speak to organizations and clubs about food safety or food preservation topics. Just call the number above to arrange for a speaker for small or large groups. For more information about the public education classes and activities, go to the UCCE Master Food Preserver website at <http://ucanr.edu/edmfp>. Sign up to receive our online E-Newsletter at <http://ucanr.org/mfpnews/>. Find us on Facebook, too (UCCE Master Food Preservers of El Dorado County).