



## Amador County February Master Gardener Classes – Free!

*Unless otherwise noted, all classes are from 9am – noon at the GSA Building, 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA.*

### **February 2: Living in the Forest & Defensive Landscaping**

Amador County Master Gardeners Janice Johnson and Cathy Koos Breazeal explain how to be a good steward of your property by keeping your forest healthy. Cathy Koos Breazeal is also the Executive Director of Fire Safe and will tell how can save your home and your neighborhood from wild land fire, may help you retain your fire insurance, and may be able to save you money with a Defensible Space.

### **February 9: Grafting**

Join Amador County Master Gardeners for a hands-on clinic teaching grafting techniques for home gardeners. Materials and procedures will be presented; whip, tongue and cleft grafts will be demonstrated and practiced; bud grafts will be discussed. A variety of fruit tree scions will be available to take home.

### **February 23: Growing Great Vegetables (Part 1)**

This will be the first of a 4 part series of classes to help you get started if you are a new gardener, or add to your skills if you are already growing your own vegetables. It is hard to beat fresh from the garden produce and you can do it all year long in Amador County. We will discuss the fabulous cold weather vegetables you may not have tried as well as the more familiar summer crops. Part 1 introduces our vegetable planting guide which lists seed starting and transplant dates so you can get the most out of your garden. Master Gardeners with vegetable gardening experience in your area will discuss the basics of organic gardening, watering zones, techniques for extending the gardening season, and the value of raised beds.

### **February 23: Pruning Olive Trees and Grapes**

*Noon – 3pm*

Hands-on pruning classes for homeowners for both olives and grapes will be taught and practiced at Valley Oaks Vineyard. Pruning olive trees will begin at 12 pm; grape pruning at 1 pm; both end at 3 pm. Head pruning and spur pruning of grapes will be taught and practiced. Bring your hand by-pass pruners, small loppers or another favorite tool. Please disinfect your tools prior to class.

*Location: Valley Oaks Vineyard, 10730 Valley Drive, Plymouth*

*Master Gardeners can be reached at (209) 223-6838 Tuesday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Amador County GSA Building, 12200-B Airport Road, Jackson, CA.*

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