



February 2015 Class Schedule: UCCE Master Gardeners of Amador County

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Saturday, February 7: Growing Vegetables for All/Organic Gardening

Want to grow fresh vegetables for both spring and summer? This free class will cover garden planning and preparation, a discussion of crops you can grow and the best time to plant based on your elevation/micro-climate. Find out what crops you can direct seed, how to start seeds for transplants, and timing for transplants. Would you like to grow organically? The benefits and ins and outs of growing organically will be included in the class.

*Location & time: Amador County GSA Building, 12200-B Airport Road in Jackson/Martel.
9 a.m. – noon.*

Saturday, February 14: Fruit Tree Grafting & Starthistle Management

This class will include a “hands-on” clinic covering grafting techniques for home gardeners. Whip, tongue and cleft grafts will be demonstrated and practiced. Bud grafts will be discussed. A variety of fruit tree scions will be available.

Starthistle is an invasive pesky weed and controlling it is a year round task. We will discuss what steps can be taken to eradicate this weed at this time of the year.

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9 a.m. – noon.*

Saturday, February 21: Plant Propagation

Seed starting and using plant cuttings to clone new plants is one of the most exciting and interesting facets of being a gardener. There will be a lecture followed by hands-on practice under supervision of a UCCE Master Gardener. Bring some seeds or cuttings (keep cuttings damp) for a plant you wish to start. It will be a planting party! (Some seeds and cuttings will be available.)

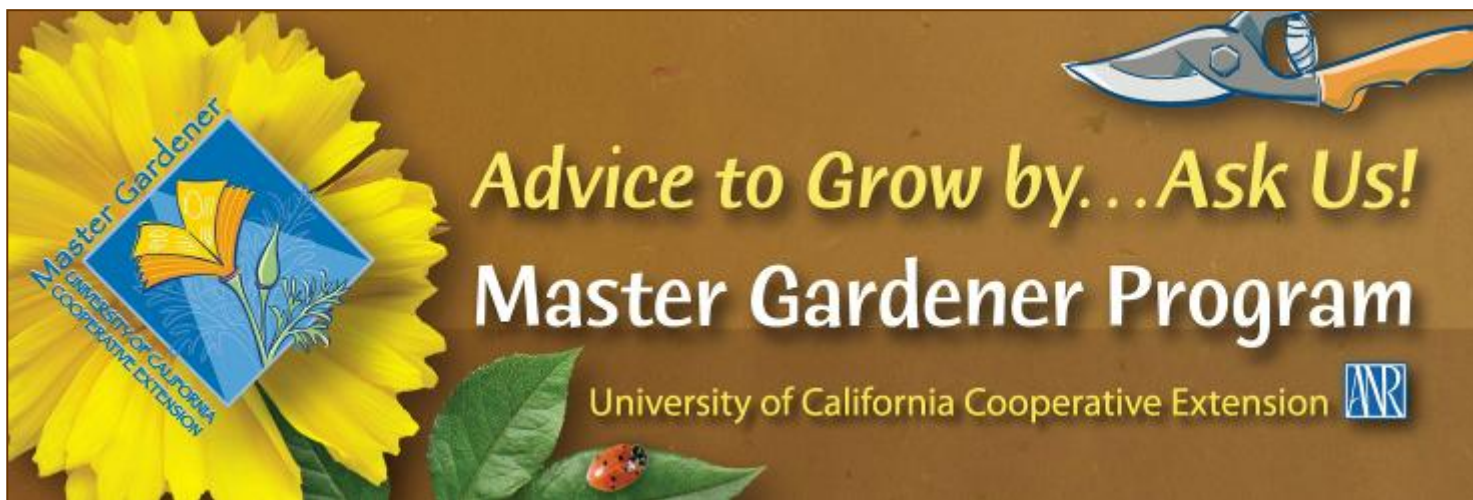
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Saturday, February 28: The Benefits of Raising Backyard Chickens

Are you a backyard gardener who knows the benefits of growing your own vegetables? Take it to the next step and add a small flock of chickens! Fresh eggs from your backyard beat store-bought just like home grown tomatoes beat ones from the store. To learn the pros and cons of raising your own chickens join UCCE Amador Master Gardener Janice Johnson in this free class.

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9 a.m. – noon.*

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February 2015 Class Schedule: UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County
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Saturday, February 7: Spring and Summer Vegetables Instructor: Zack Dowell

It's time to prepare the garden for the delicious spring and summer vegetables. UCCE Master Gardener Zack Dowell will discuss garden plant selection, planting times, site selection, soil preparation, proper seed planting techniques, and pest management.

*Location & time: Veterans Memorial Building Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Dr., Placerville.
9 a.m. – noon.*

Tuesday, February 10: Citrusmania Instructors: Mike Pizza and Phyllis Lee

You can grow citrus successfully in the foothills and then preserve the abundance of fruit harvested from your trees. Mike Pizza and Phyllis Lee will show the novice and experienced gardener what it takes to be successful in our area and all the delightful treats that can be made using citrus. (Presented by UCCE Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers.)

*Location & time: Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park.
9 a.m. – noon.*

Saturday, February 14: Roses Instructor: Eve Keener

The timing of rose pruning in our county is critical. If you are a novice or need a review of the “whys, whens and hows” of rose pruning this class is for you. Join UCCE Master Gardener Eve Keener for a workshop on this art and grow roses your neighbors will envy! **(Rain date: February 21)**

*Location & time: Sherwood Demonstration Garden, Folsom Lake College El Dorado Center,
6699 Campus Drive, Placerville. 1 p.m. – 4:30p.m.*

Saturday, February 21: Gardening in the Foothills Instructor: Stephen Savage

Join UCCE Master Gardener and retired meteorologist Steve Savage to learn about gardening in our unique environment. Explore plant hardiness zones; effects of light, heat, and terrain on plants; micro-climates; frost formation and protection; and how to make short range forecasts for your garden.

Location & time: Bethell-Delfino Agriculture Bldg., 311 Fair Lane, Placerville. 9 a.m. – noon

Saturday, February 28: Cutting Back Ornamental Grasses Instructor: Sue McDavid

Ornamental grasses are wonderful landscape plant that requires little in the way of maintenance, are pretty much pest free and can be worked into many different garden themes. UCCE Master Gardener Sue McDavid will show you how and when to cut back each type of grass to keep them looking their best.

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