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Greetings,

UCCE Central Sierra wants to keep you informed about what's happening! We host many workshops throughout the year, including free Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver classes open to the public. You will also find up-to-date 4-H news. Please read on for more information!

News & Updates

New 4-H Coordinators



Tuolumne County- Kelsey Markus is a Calaveras County native who grew up as an active member of 4-H. She participated in many projects and became a teen leader and Calaveras County All Star. After graduating from Bret Harte High School, Kelsey began attending California State University, Chico. While earning her Bachelors in Animal Science and Agricultural Business, Kelsey still found time to volunteer as a leader for her local 4-H club in Calaveras County. Post College, Kelsey found it important to return to her small community and began working as a substitute teacher and wine club coordinator. Although these two jobs taught her a lot about working with diverse groups of children and putting together large events, it was her role in a non-profit therapeutic horse riding program that gave her expertise for this job. Her experience as a riding instructor and business manager has given her skills in volunteer management and recruitment, as well as following the tight budget of a non-profit organization.

UCCE 4-H Events



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4-H Dates:

[Enrollment Begins July 1st](#)

Open all year

[Amador](#)

8-4: [County Council Meeting](#)

[Calaveras](#)

[El Dorado](#)

[Tuolumne](#)

UCCE MFP Classes



Free Classes Offered by [UCCE Master Food Preservers](#)

[Amador/Calaveras](#)

8-4: [Training Orientation Meeting](#)

8-8: [Summer Harvest](#)

[El Dorado](#)

8-1: [Tomatoes - Basic & Fancy](#)

8-4: [Pressure Canning: Confidently Can Soups, Broth, Meats,](#)

[El Dorado County-](#)

Denise Veffredo grew up in El Dorado County and was an active member of 4-H for over ten years. Over those years she participated in multiple large livestock animal projects, served as an officer, was a Jr. leader, and Teen leader up until she left for college. She began at Sierra Community College where she earned an Associate's degree in General Agriculture, followed by graduating from Chico State with a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Business, with an emphasis in Management. She was a manager for Safeway, as well as Livestock Superintendent for Placer County Fair. She devoted over eight years of volunteering for the Gold Rush #1034 Active 20-30 club where she fundraised for underprivileged children in El Dorado County. Her vast experience with livestock, roots within the community and over ten years of fundraising and event planning give her the tools needed to be successful.



UCCE Master Food Preserver Training 2015 - Amador County

Do you like volunteering? Do you like preserving your harvested bounty? Do you like sharing your knowledge with your community?

Come learn what to do with all those fruits and vegetables you harvest from your garden or get from friends and at the same time, learn to teach others the latest safe scientific methods in doing so.



The UCCE Master Food Preservers of Amador/Calaveras Counties are about to begin recruiting for a new training class for anyone interested in becoming certified to teach effective home food preservation techniques using research-based information. You will learn how to can, freeze, dehydrate, pickle and more using the latest and safest methods according to UC Cooperative Extension. Classes begin in late August.

[Vegetables and More!](#)

8-12: [Tons of Tomatoes and Zillions of Zucchini's](#) (MG/MFP combo class)

8-15: [Growing and Preserving Zucchini's](#) (MG/MFP combo class)

8-18: [Dehydrating & Freezing](#)

8-29: [Meat Preserving](#)

9-1: [Apples-Pears & More](#)

UCCE MG Classes



Free Gardening Classes offered by

[UCCE Master Gardeners](#)

[August Gardening Tips](#)

Look for UCCE Master Gardeners at the Farmers Markets.

[Amador](#)

8-22: [Tomato Tasting](#)

8-29: [Veggies for Fall & Winter](#)

[Calaveras](#)

8-22: [Open Garden Day: Summer Pruning in the Orchard](#)

[El Dorado](#)

UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County - [Training information coming soon](#)

8-8: [Fall & Winter Vegetables](#)

8-12: [Tons of Tomatoes & Zillions of Zucchini's](#) (MFP/MG combo class)

8-15: [Growing & Preserving Zillions of Zucchini's](#) (MFP/MG combo class)

[Lake Tahoe](#)

Beginning June 1st: UCCE Master

If you are interested in learning the latest techniques and becoming involved in passing this knowledge on to the public, we will host an orientation meeting to explain our UCCE Master Food Preserver Volunteer Program, the training course and volunteer time requirements.

- August 4, 3:30-4:30 pm
- UCCE Amador County Office: 12200B Airport Rd. Jackson

RSVP [online](#), or contact Robin Cleveland, 530-621-5528 or rkcleveland@ucanr.edu

Go to [Becoming a Master Food Preserver webpage](#) to learn more. If you can't make this year's training and would like to be considered for future trainings enter your name on the interest list to receive information for the next training, or call the Master Food Preserver Certification Training Program at (530) 621-5528.

USDA FSA Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Workshops

These workshops will assist producers in understanding available buy-up options and will provide an overview of the use of a web-based decision tool to determine NAP crop eligibility and estimate NAP fees, premiums, and payments. Producers now have the option to cover up to 65% of yield and 100% of the price compared to the old program where coverage was only available at 50% of yield and 55% of price.

- New organic pricing options available
- Learn how to estimate premiums
- New coverage levels available up to 65% of yield and 100% of price
- Protect against low yield and prevented planning

Premium Assistance and Service Fee Waivers Available to Those Who Qualify

You can register [online](#) or find more information on our [website](#).

Gardeners of Lake Tahoe will be at Farmers Markets first & third Tuesdays of each month - 9:00 - Noon

[Tuolumne](#)

8-1: [Open Garden Day](#)

UC ANR Tidbits

UC IPM & more...



Weed control using fabric and mulch

Is your lawn suffering from pest issues? Check the [Lawns and Turf](#) pest notes for information.

[Vegetable and melons](#) for backyard growers.

Use the [IPM Weather, models, & degree days webpage](#) to time insecticide applications.

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UCCE Central Sierra SNAMP Wraps Up



UCCE Central Sierra is finishing up 8 years of outreach to the stakeholders of the Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP). The University of California forest research project included teams of UC scientists from 6 different disciplines looking at the effects of fuel reduction treatments in national forests. Central Sierra staff including Susie Kocher, forestry advisor, and Community Education Specialists Kim Ingram and Ann Lombardo shared SNAMP research on fire behavior, forest health, water quality and quantity, the Pacific fisher and California spotted owl over the last eight years. Together they hosted 287 in person events (through December 2014) and made over 8,500 personal contacts presentations, meetings, and fieldtrips. This culminated in the final SNAMP meeting on May 27, 2015. [Continue reading.....](#)

Over 800 stakeholders listened, learned and shared their opinions as they accompanied us on this project and for that we are thankful. We have improved our collaboration skills, even holding workshops and designing a workbook to assist with those efforts. If interested contact Kim Ingram at kcingram@ucanr.edu. [Continue reading.....](#)

USDA's Glenda Humiston Selected to Lead University of California's Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs

DAVIS, Calif., July 10, 2015 - USDA Rural Development's California State Director Glenda Humiston will embark on a new role in August 2015, as Vice President of the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. After a nationwide search, UC President Janet

require special accommodations for any of our educational programs, please contact us at 530-621-5502.

Napolitano selected Humiston for her decades of experience in sustainable rural development and talent for building new partnerships across the state and nation.

"I am thrilled to join the University of California in connecting world-class research with local know-how. Working together we can provide innovative science-based solutions to farmers and deliver healthier food systems and healthier environments for all Californians," said Humiston. "In this new role I will continue to have a strong connection with USDA as we expand ANR's partnerships and connect UC Cooperative Extension offices with more USDA programs. My ambition to build a rich, resilient and evolving network of collaboration among the public, nonprofit and private sectors in rural California remains the same as ever." You can read more [here](#).

Events & Workshops

California Naturalist Certification Training

Register Now!

California Naturalist
5 week certification training at
Calaveras Big Trees State Park



Sept. 11 & 12, Sept. 18 & 19, Sept. 24, Oct. 2 & 3, and Oct. 9 & 10
Calaveras Big Trees State Park, 1170 East Hwy 4, Arnold, CA 95223

Become a 'citizen-scientist' as we explore California's natural environment. Learn about opportunities that you can take on to share and engage others in natural resource stewardship through education and service.

Registration is required and participation is limited to 30. To register, please go to: http://ucanr.edu/cbt_canat_2015 Cost for this workshop is \$350.00 per person. There are a limited number of scholarships available. To apply for a scholarship, please go to: http://ucanr.edu/cbt_canat_scholarship_2015 For more information on the California Naturalist Program, please go to: <http://calnat.ucanr.edu/>





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For more information,
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Click flyer for CA Naturalist webpage

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[Webpage and registration information.](#)

El Dorado County Master Gardener Training

Come Grow with Us!

Applications due October 1, 2015



Do you enjoy getting your hands dirty, giving back to the community and meeting new people who share your passion for gardening?

Then you might be the ideal candidate to become a UCCE Master Gardener of El Dorado County!

15 week Training begins January 21, 2016!

Register: http://ucanr.edu/mgel_dorado2016;

Email: tbcelio@ucanr.edu

Phone: 530.621.5532

Learn It! Grow It! Teach It!

Water Conservation Information

Available:

University of California Cooperative Extension Central Sierra Master Gardeners of Tuolumne County is excited to partner with Tuolumne Utility District by offering free advice and guidance to Tuolumne residents managing gardens and landscapes during this drought. Water conservation information can be found at the following events in Sonora during the month of August.

- UCCE Tuolumne Master Gardener Demonstration Garden-Open Garden Day is August 1st starting 10:00 to 1:00 pm. Presentations start at 10:30 am. The Demonstration Garden is located at 251 South Barretta Str., Sonora 95370
- UCCE Tuolumne Master Gardeners at Sonora Certified Farmer's Market is open to the public every Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The Sonora Farmer's Market is located on Theall and Stewart Street and is one block off of Washington St/HWY 49
- UCCE Tuolumne Master Gardener information booth at Orchard Supply is staffed every Thursday from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Orchard Supply is located at 750 Mono Way, Sonora 95370.
- UCCE Tuolumne Master Gardeners at the Tuolumne Certified Farmer's Market located at Memorial Park in Tuolumne City. Hours are Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - dusk
- UCCE Tuolumne Master Gardeners at the Organic Farmer's Market at the Farmory located at 10800 Airport Road, in the old National Guard Armory building, next to the County Airport. Tuolumne Master Gardeners have information available every Wednesday and Saturday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm (the market is open until 6:00)

Thank you for your continued interest in the UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra's news, workshops, and events.

Sincerely,

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Central Sierra

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