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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

Butte Fire Post Recovery Resources Available

Last week, the University of California Cooperative Extension partnered with a number of state, federal, and local agencies to host a post fire recovery workshop for private landowners affected by the Butte Fire. Over 230 people filled the San Andreas Town Hall on Wednesday to hear



Butte Fire Workshop
Photo: courtesy of Maggie Murphy

University researchers, foresters, agency professionals and representatives from local organizations talk about post fire recovery. Susie Kocher, a registered professional forester and advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension discussed many of the management issues and treatment options that a landowner should consider after a catastrophic fire. Doug

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UCCE Nutrition News

FoodCorps & School Gardens Provide



Fresh Food to Butte Fire Evacuees

During the devastating Butte Fire in Calaveras County, FoodCorps and the Calaveras Unified School District (CUSD) joined forces to get fresh vegetables to community members affected by the fire. FoodCorps Service Members Emily Metzger and Lucas Hill, along with students and staff at three schools donated and distributed more than 300 pounds of fresh vegetables from school gardens to families in need.

With the wheels in motion, several organizations stepped up to support the effort. The American Red Cross, the Resource Connection Food Bank, UCCE Central Sierra, Community Emergency Response Teams, FoodCorps, Calaveras FFA and others jumped on board. Fresh food came from three garden programs at the Toyon Middle School garden, the Calaveras High School Farm and the

McCreary, also with the University of CA, discussed fire ecology in California oak woodlands and how to determine which oaks survived the fire. The workshop featured representatives from a number of organizations that discussed landowner assistance programs available to those affected by the fire. Calaveras County Public Access TV videotaped the entire program and will make it available online. In addition, all of the presentations and handouts from the workshop are available online at <http://ucanr.edu/buttefire/>.

Sherwood Demonstration Garden

by Sue McDavid

UCCE Master Gardener of El Dorado County

The Sherwood Demonstration Garden officially opened to the public on October 3 and was a huge success. Approximately 600 visitors toured the garden and all of the Master Gardeners present heard nothing but positive comments. There were lots of good questions asked about various things such as irrigation used (no overhead sprinklers, only drip and/or in-line Netafim drip irrigation), what kind of soil we have (silty loam), were we on a well (yes), etc.



Valley Springs Elementary School garden. [Continue reading...](#)

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UCCE 4-H Events

**UCCE
4-H Dates**



[Enrollment Open](#) -
Open all year

[4-H San Joaquin & Stanislaus County Horse Skills Day November 7th](#)

[Amador](#)

11-6: [State 4-H Leaders' Forum](#)

11-14: [Amador County Youth Poultry Show](#)

11-19: [New Volunteer Orientation](#)

[Calaveras](#)

11-6: [State 4-H Leaders' Forum](#)

11-14: [Amador County Youth Poultry Show](#)

[El Dorado](#)

11-6: [State 4-H Leaders' Forum](#)

11-16: [New Volunteer Orientation](#)

11-14: [Amador County Youth Poultry Show](#)



The garden was the inspiration of our good friend and fellow master gardener, Bob Sherwood, who envisioned a place for the public to learn about research-based home gardening techniques

and practices with outdoor classes and hands-on demonstrations. He found such a place after countless hours searching our county for just the right spot, and in 2009, in cooperation with the El Dorado County Office of Education and Folsom Lake College, El Dorado Center, broke ground on what is now the Sherwood Demonstration Garden. Unfortunately, Bob passed away last fall after working tirelessly on the garden with other master gardeners to get it up and running. We on the demonstration garden committee made it our mission to carry on in Bob's honor and get the garden open as soon as possible. We accomplished this in a little over one year and Bob's influence was with us all on opening day.

The garden features 16 themed gardens with each having a chairperson and a subcommittee of Master Gardener workers. These encompass All-Stars and Bog - both of which are still under construction - Butterfly, Children's, Cottage, Japanese, Mediterranean, Orchard, Ornamental Grasses, Native, Perennial, Rock, Rose, Shade, Succulent and Vegetable gardens.



Since opening day on October 3, approximately 12 organized tours averaging 30 people each have been conducted in the garden. We are particularly pleased that several school groups came through because one of our

Tuolumne

11-6: [State 4-H Leaders' Forum](#)

11-7 & 8: [4-H Teen Retreat - Ninjas vs Pirates](#)

11-14: [Amador County Youth Poultry Show](#)

UCCE MFP Classes

Free Classes Offered by



[UCCE Master Food Preservers](#)

Amador/Calaveras

11-14: [Citrus Squeeze - Amador County](#)

El Dorado

11-7: [Citrusmania - MFP & MG Combo Class](#)

UCCE MG Classes

Free Gardening Classes offered by



[UCCE Master Gardeners](#)

November Gardening Tips

Amador

11-21: [Recovering Burned Lands after the Butte Fire](#)

Calaveras

missions is to encourage kids getting interested and involved in gardening. Several public education classes have also been held at the garden, which are always popular because of the hands-on aspect.

The garden is closed now for winter, but will reopen to the public again on April 1. We hope to get our kiosk built over the winter months as well as begin construction on a floating walkway and deck around the Bog Garden. Please come and visit the Sherwood Demonstration Garden in the spring. For more information see the [Sherwood Demonstration Garden webpage](#).

UCCE Master Gardeners of Tuolumne County Training 2016 - now accepting applications

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) invites adults interested in helping others learn about gardening and to apply to train as a Master Gardener volunteer. UCCE Master Gardener volunteers learn University-based scientific information and then share that knowledge with the gardening community. Master Gardener volunteers are people of all ages and from all walks of life with a common desire to help others learn about gardening.



Who can apply: Master Gardener Training is open to anyone in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

Application deadline: Sunday, November 15, 2015

Go to the [MG Tuolumne Training 2016 webpage](#) for more information.

California Small Farms Conference

11-28: [Open Garden Day:](#)
[Topic: Pest and Deer](#)
[Resistant Bulbs](#)

[El Dorado](#)

11-4: [Backyard Fruit & Citrus Trees](#)

11-7: [Citrusmania - MG & MFP Combo Class](#)

11-14: [Noxious Weeds](#)

12-5: [Planting Fruit Trees](#)

[Lake Tahoe](#)

[Tuolumne](#)

11-7: [Open Garden Day: Holiday Nature Crafts for the entire family!](#)

UC ANR Tidbits

UC IPM & more...

Fall is the time to adjust irrigation schedules depending on weather and the plants changing needs for water.

[Irrigating fruit, shade trees and shrubs webpage](#)

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

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Beginning October 13, 2015 the California Small Farm Conference is accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming California Small Farm Conference in Sacramento, Ca scheduled for March 5-8, 2016. A scholarship is an affordable way for eligible recipients to attend the Conference. Small-scale farmers and ranchers, beginning farmer/ranchers, farmer/rancher employees and certified farmers market managers are encouraged to apply.



The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. PST on December 4th, 2015.

Download the [CSFC press release](#) for more details.

Building a better salad to outsmart climate change

A team of researchers representing diverse fields of study and fortified by a \$4.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is setting out to build the salad of the future.



Lettuce in UC Davis greenhouse. _Photo_ Gregory Urquiaga_

The researchers are located at UC Davis; UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Research and Extension Centers; USDA research facilities in Salinas and Beltsville; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; and the University of Arizona, Tucson.

The UC Davis-led team aims to leverage new technologies to sustain the lettuce supply, despite the challenges posed by climate change. [Continue reading...](#)



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A New Resource for UC IPM: Seasonal Landscape IPM Checklist

There is a new tool, [Seasonal Landscape IPM Checklist](#), (SLIC). SLIC is a decision-making tool to help guide users through the activities needed to implement an IPM program throughout the year and avoid and manage common pests of landscape trees, shrubs and vines. Select the region or county. Then select the elevation of interest (low elevation is less than 2,000 feet/high elevation is greater than 2,000 feet) to view a monthly list of actions to keep landscapes healthy, common pest problems to look out for and links to more information.

Events & Workshops

4-H San Joaquin and Stanislaus County Horse Skills Day

Saturday, November 7, 2015

at San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Beef/Dairy Barn Area
1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton, CA.



FREE FUN DAY OF LEARNING

New demonstration from an AQHA
Horse Trainer-Rod Burr

New information from Bonnie Davis-Horse Camping
Prizes and fun times

Please bring a food item for a pot-luck
lunch (everyone should bring
something to share).

How to Register Online:

Click on: http://ocanr.edu/sites/OC_4H/Events_and_Calendar/4-H_Horse_Events/4-H_San_Joaquin_Stanislaus_County_Horse_Skills_Day

This link will take you to the Horse Skills Day web page where you will then scroll down to the link for **How to Register**.

What to Bring: Folding chair, notebook, pen,
food item for pot-luck lunch, questions for professionals. *No horses are to be brought to this event.*

Schedule:

Registration 8:15 am
Skill Stations 8:45 am - 12:30 pm
Lunch 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm



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FREE To All 4-H Horse Project Members

Click Flyer to Download.

Management of Medusahead on Working Ranches - November 10, 2015

Click flyer to download information.

Management of Medusahead on Working Ranches

November 10th, 2015

9:00 am - Noon

Location: Workshop will be held in the field.
Stony Creek Road between North Pardee dam and Pardee
Recreation Center, Lone. **Watch for signs.**
This is a rain or shine event so dress accordingly.

Topics include:

- Overview of low-cost treatments
- Timing of treatments
- Demonstration and Rancher experiences with targeted grazing

Questions: Scott Oneto (209-223-6834) or
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