



Hello!

Welcome to autumn! A time for harvest, watching the changing foliage and enjoying cooler weather. This month, consider attending a [Master Food Preserver workshop](#) online or in-person to learn about preserving all the wonderful things you've grown. The [Master Gardener](#) demonstration gardens are offering workshops, events and plant sales this month, and have great information about caring for your garden through the cold season ahead.

This month the [Master Gardeners of El Dorado County](#) host their second annual [Fall into Gardening](#) event at the [Sherwood Demonstration Garden](#) in Placerville on October 21st. If you have ever thought about [becoming a UCCE Master Gardener](#), consider signing up to attend one of our upcoming training orientation meetings for more information! Be sure to check out our other [UCCE programs](#) for [upcoming workshops and classes](#), and may you have a festive and colorful fall!



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Central Sierra Director &
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Central Sierra Nevada MCP



Sincerely,
JoLynn Miller

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II
Sonora, CA

Full Time Career Position
Job ID 59890

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UCCE Central Sierra Tuolumne County Office Seeks Administrative Assistant

This position will be the first point of contact, communicating with the public via walk in customers and phone calls, and will maintain consistent and regular open office hours to the public. This position will serve as receptionist and support for the UCCE office staff, Advisors, Master Gardener Program volunteers, CalFresh Healthy Living-UC Program, and 4-H volunteers.

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Agriculture and Natural Resources Forest Stewardship

Forests and woodlands in the Central Sierra Nevada are beautiful, extensive, diverse,

and owned by both public and private landowners. Active management is needed to reduce forest density and to help forests recover after wildfire. The goal of the Central Sierra forestry program is to empower landowners to overcome these challenges.

TuCARE Annual Natural Resources Summit
Saturday, November 4 | 8:00AM

[Mother Lode Fairgrounds](#)



Representatives and guest speakers from local agencies will discuss how the threat of wildfire on public lands is being addressed and what private landowners can do. Keynote speaker, state senator Brian Dahle, will speak on Fire Insurance Reform. [More Information](#)



Healthy Soil Forum

Tuesday, October 17 | 3:00-5:00PM

[UCCE Office in Sonora, Tuolumne County](#)

Who should come? Ranchers and farmers, small or large, who want to learn and discuss more about local regenerative agricultural practices and opportunities.

Guest Speakers

- **Scott Oneto, Tuolumne County Farm Advisor** for the UCCE will talk about findings from the compost on rangeland study.
- **Dambacher Farms** will discuss their use of biochar, biomass and how to grow a watermelon without irrigation.
- **Maria Perez, U.S Department of Agriculture—Farm Service Agency** to present funding opportunities for farmers and ranchers.



Need more info? Contact Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District (209) 642-8304 or info@tcrd.org

[Register Here](#)

"The Central Sierra foothill region produces a wide variety of agriculture commodities. The University of California brings research and outreach to area farms to assist with growing and cultural practices, pest and disease management, and more!"

El Dorado Livestock / Agricultural Access Program

You may have heard about an Ag Pass Program in El Dorado County, but what is it? This program may permit commercial agricultural and livestock operators access into evacuation zones to care for livestock and/or crops or provide expertise to law enforcement and emergency personnel during a disaster.

- In El Dorado County, to qualify as a commercial livestock operator, you need to have a minimum of 50 head of livestock (including in utero, e.g. 25 bred cows), 100 poultry/rabbits, or 50 beehives.
- In El Dorado County, the Agricultural Commissioner will determine whether an applicant qualifies as a commercial agricultural producer by verifying through a variety of data sources, such as crop report data, pesticide permit status, organic database, certified producer certificate, or other relevant data sources.

The purpose of the Agricultural Pass Program is to provide options for commercial agriculture and livestock operators to access restricted areas during or following a natural disaster. Section 2350 of California Food and Agricultural Code authorizes local government organizations to establish a pass program for the purposes of providing access to closed areas to vetted agriculture operators, during an emergency for the purpose of performing eligible activities. Access into closed areas may be permitted at the discretion of incident commanders and the law enforcement personnel having jurisdiction for the scene. Safety is the number one priority and participation in the program does not guarantee access during an incident (<https://www.vcemergency.com/agpassprogram>).

The decision to provide access can rapidly change during a fire or other natural disaster and will be dependent on safety conditions at the time and upon approval of emergency personnel. Livestock care shall only be made during daylight hours, and all persons must immediately depart the restricted area by the same route as entry. An escort may be required in any instance and all restricted entry will be dependent on approval of onsite emergency personnel. During initial evacuation phases, access will likely

be restricted to all individuals, including ag pass holders. Once the situation has stabilized, which may take over 24 hours or even days, then the agriculture pass will be considered an option by fire and law enforcement personnel.



Photo 1: Scott Oneto from UCCE is introducing the different speakers



Photo 2: Line of speakers waiting to address the audience

In order to receive this pass, you have to attend [a four-hour training](#). Then, each year, you will need to attend an hour refresher training to update your pass because the pass is valid for one year. The first training happened on September 12th at the Sheriff's building in Placerville (Photo 1).

The training covered an introduction and overview of the Livestock Access Pass Program from LeeAnne Milla, the Ag Commissioner in El Dorado County. Noele Richmond, Program Manager for Cal OES (Office of Emergency Services) talked about the Emergency Services during a disaster. Lieutenant Troy Morton from the El Dorado County Sheriff Department explained how OES Incident is conducted. Then, Sergeant Adam Croxton and Andrew Brown, Public Information Officer from the California Highway Patrol explained how to work with law enforcement for a successful entry with the Ag Pass. A representative from the El Dorado Animal Services provided an overview of animal evacuation services during a disaster and how to keep animals safe. For the second part of the training, Assistant Chief Eric Schwab and Deputy Chief of Operations Kevin Bohall from CalFIRE went over fire behavior and fire safety information (Photo 2).

This training triggered a lot of questions from the audience. More than 50 livestock producers, and agriculturists attended this first training. If you were not able to attend the training but are interested in doing so; good news, we recorded it! You will be able to take the training in-person at the Agricultural Department office. For more information about attending the training, contact, the Agricultural Department at 530-621-5520 or eldcag@edcgov.org

Be careful, each county has its own rules! If you have land in several counties, contact your Ag Commissioner to see if you qualify for their Ag Pass. Ag Passes are county specific and you will need a separate pass for each county. If you have a pass in one county, most counties will honor the training and provide you with a pass for another county.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Flavie Audoin at faudoin@ucanr.edu or Scott Oneto at sroneto@ucanr.edu.

Do you want to learn about Targeted Grazing?

If so, watch this video that explains the five grazing management principles, when targeted grazing can be used, and the costs and benefits of that practice.





Central Sierra 4-H Youth Development Program



JOIN THE CLUB

Now Enrolling for the
2023-2024 Program Year!

REQUEST MORE INFO

**Are you interested in helping youth
grow and achieve?**

Add your name to our [Interest List](#) and 4-H
staff member will contact you.



UCCE Central Sierra 4-H Website

UCCE Central Sierra 4-H eNews

Amador County 4-H Member Testimonial



My name is Delaney. I am nine years old and this is my third year in 4-H. I love being in 4-H because I have made so many new friends while doing really fun things. My favorite thing has been showing my cavy and my chicken in shows because of all the support from my fellow club members and leaders. I really love being there to support the other kids, too.

This year will be very exciting because I turned nine over the summer, so now I am a junior member! I'm most excited to add two new projects this year: the goat project and the equine project. I know this is going to be a great year for me and all of my fellow club members in 4-H!



Central Sierra UCCE Master Gardeners of Central Sierra

Fall Rose Sale & Open Garden Day

October 21, 2023 | 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Heritage Rose Garden in Jackson

The last open garden day of the year will feature fall blooming heritage roses and California natives, but there also will be heritage roses for sale.

About 30 or 40 roses, with very limited quantities of each, will be on sale, including two of our favorites, 'Mutabilis' and "Gatewood San Andreas." Both bloom for months. 'Mutabilis' an old China rose, often sports

pink, yellow and crimson blossoms all at the same time. "Gatewood San Andreas", a "found" old rose, produces a profusion of small white double flowers throughout spring and summer, and makes a wonderful sprawling, low-growing hedge.

Two climbing old roses, 'Cecile Brunner' and 'Yellow Lady Banks' will also be available. They are spectacular one-time spring bloomers. Both have been popular for generations and are sentimental favorites. 'Cecile Brunner', which is also known as the "Sweetheart Rose," impresses with its clusters of tiny pink buds in spring. 'Lady Banks' dazzles with its large clusters of butter yellow flowers. It commonly grows to heights of 20 feet or more, gracing fences and arbors with abandon. Both these climbers have few or no thorns.



UCCE MASTER GARDENERS
HERITAGE ROSE GARDEN'S
FALL ROSE SALE
OCTOBER 21, 2023
9:00 - 11:00AM

Limited quantities. No pre-sales.

Cash and checks accepted
Sorry, no power = no credit cards!

1534 Jackson Gate Road, Jackson

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All the heritage roses for sale are clones of roses at least 100 years old. They are grown on their own roots (not grafted) which has made them extra hardy, surviving years of neglect. Growing them alongside California natives has made the garden a living example of their compatibility. The biodiverse garden is increasingly becoming a haven for pollinators. We welcome visitors to come see what's growing and what we've learned along the way.

[More Info](#)



2024 UCCE Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program



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



Who Can Apply?

- Any adult resident of El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras or Tuolumne county.

Need to Know

- Training will take place virtually and in person.
- Applicants need internet access as most communication will be through email and websites.
- Instruction will include hands-on labs, projects, homework, exams, and lecture.

How to Apply

- Attend one of our October 2023 orientation meetings to learn about the Master Gardener Program, our community involvement, and your participation requirements.
- Application will open mid-October and be due before November 1, 2023.

RSVP for a UCCE Master Gardener Training Orientation Meeting

Amador / El Dorado

Calaveras / Tuolumne

South Lake Tahoe



MAINTAINING A NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

UCCE MASTER GARDENERS PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASS

COME TO ONE CLASS OR BOTH:

OCTOBER 21 9AM TO 12PM
C & C COMMUNITY GARDEN
1334 JACKSON GATE RD IN JACKSON

&
OCTOBER 28 9AM TO 12PM
SHERWOOD DEMONSTRATION GARDEN
6699 CAMPUS DR IN PLACERVILLE

NATIVE PLANT GARDENS ARE SOME OF THE MOST MANAGEABLE GARDENS, GIVEN THE RIGHT PLANTS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE. EVEN SO, TASKS STILL REMAIN. THIS CLASS WILL OFFER GUIDANCE ON TENDING THE NATIVE GARDEN SEASONALLY AND SPECIFIC TO CERTAIN PLANTS.

OBJECTIVES:
DISCUSS PRUNING, MULCHING, FERTILIZING, PROPAGATING AND WATERING NATIVE PLANTS
EXPLAIN HOW TENDING A NATIVE GARDEN BECOMES AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND ENGAGE WITH NATURE
PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF NATURE'S PATTERNS UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, WATER, SNACK, AND A HAT. SINCE THE CLASS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE.



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UC Master Gardener Program



FALL INTO GARDENING

Presented by UC Master Gardeners of El Dorado County

OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 9AM - 12PM

Sherwood Demonstration Garden | 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville, CA

On October 21, 2023, *Fall into Gardening* with the Master Gardeners at their beautiful Sherwood Demonstration Garden located in Placerville.

Visitors can come for one class or stay all day. There will also be activities for kids, community booths and UCCE programs.

All 16 individual gardens will be staffed by UC Master Gardeners who will answer your gardening questions. Get help with Fall chores and what is blooming that you can't live without.

Entrance is free. Come join us and *Fall into Gardening!*

Time	Class Schedule <i>30-minute classes take place all morning!</i>	Location
9:00 AM	Pruning & Deadheading	Cottage Garden
9:30 AM	Propagation	Pergola
10:00 AM	Compost & Vermiculture	Compost Central
11:00 AM	Alliums (Garlic, Onions & Shallots)	Veggie Garden
11:30 AM	Cover Crops & Cool Season Vegetables	Veggie Garden



El Dorado Chapter
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



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Calaveras Master
Gardeners

AUTUMN
festival
& PLANT SALE

October 28

10am to noon

Free Fun for the

Whole Family!

Master Gardener Demo Garden

891 Mountain Ranch Road

San Andreas

209-754-2880

**UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras
Demonstration Garden**

Open Thursdays in October | 9:00AM-1:00PM

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249



OPEN GARDEN GATE

Join us every Thursday, 9am to 1pm June through October 1pm to 6pm November through May. Come along for an hour, or the whole morning! The gates will indeed be open, and all are welcome to drop in to buy plants, enjoy the garden, share in the harvest, and ask for advice.

PRODUCE SHARE

Thanks to all who continue to share produce from their gardens with the community. If you have produce to share, please do as production is slowing at the demo garden. Leftover produce is given to the Senior Center for their meals program.

SEED EXCHANGE

Open every Thursday with free seeds and seed/starting information available. To share seeds from your stock or garden, please leave them in the Learning Center at the Demonstration Garden. Open packets and homegrown seeds are welcome. Please label seeds and leave your name in case we have any questions.

Open Garden Days
Every Friday & Saturday | 9:00AM-12:00PM
[Sherwood Demonstration Garden, Placerville](#)

Need garden inspiration? There are [16 individual demonstrations gardens](#) ranging from the Shade Garden to the Rock Garden and everything in between.



Master Gardeners are committed to educating the general public on sustainable horticulture and pest management based on traditional, current, and evolving research.

[Sherwood Demonstration Garden](#) is designed to provide the public with a hands-on, interactive experience about research-based, sustainable gardening practices specific to the west slope of El Dorado County, appropriate for all ages and cultures, and reflective of a variety of environments and gardening experiences.

Please visit our [Calendar of Events](#) to download a flyer with all of our fun garden activities this month.

Free Public Education Classes presented by Master Gardeners of El Dorado County

Landscape Grasses



October 7
[\(Placerville\)](#)

Citrus Combo Class



October 11
[\(Cameron Park\)](#)

Backyard Composting



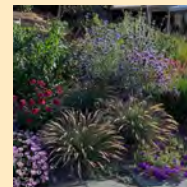
October 14
[\(Placerville\)](#)

Putting Your Garden to Bed



October 17
[\(Cool\)](#)

Native Plant Maintenance



October 28
[\(Placerville\)](#)



Help for Matilda The Plant

Matilda sits forlornly on the dining room table. She is obviously unhappy and unwell. There is a droopiness and lack of color about her. What to do? Is there a doctor in the house?

[Read more](#)
www.mymotherlode.com



Open Garden Day

The UCCE Tuolumne County Master Gardeners will host an Open Garden Day at the Demonstration Garden on Saturday, October 7, from 10AM - 1PM.

[Read more](#)
www.mymotherlode.com





Questions About Food Preservation?

Ask a UC Master Food Preserver online, any time! Visit our [website](#) for [e-news](#), [event updates](#), [recipes](#), and [class schedules](#).



**Ask a Master
Food Preserver**



October 11
6:30PM - 7:30PM
via Zoom

REGISTER

Nuts!



October 14
9:00AM - 12:00PM
[UCCE Placerville](#)

REGISTER

Four P's of Fall



October 18
9:00AM - 12:00PM
via Zoom

REGISTER

**Pressure Canning
101**



October 21
9:00AM - 12:00PM
[UCCE Placerville](#)

REGISTER

**Fermentation
102**



October 28
9:00AM - 12:00PM
[UCCE Jackson](#)

REGISTER



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Harvest of
the Month APPLES



Since apples are available in stores year-round, it's easy to forget that their peak season is in the Autumn – but nothing announces the arrival of Fall quite like an apple. Produced at higher elevations in the Central Sierra, apples are available at farmers markets and local you-pick operations. Apples are known for keeping us healthy, as they are good sources of fiber, vitamin C, and potassium...



Apples

Apples are available fresh, dried and as 100% juice for good nutrition and convenience. If selecting fresh, choose firm, shiny, smooth-skinned apples with inta...

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HOTM Apple



Apple Recipes

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- [Apple Celery Slaw with Nuts](#)
- [Apple Oatmeal Crisp](#)
- [Tuna Apple Salad](#)



El Dorado County Apples



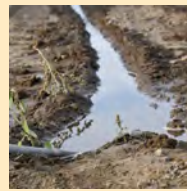
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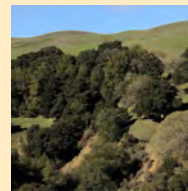
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