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March 2016

In Celebration of Earth Day...

Friday, April 22nd is Earth Day but why not celebrate it all month long. UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe are hosting two special events this month. On the 26th, there will be an asparagus phenology workshop at the Truckee Demonstration Garden located within the Truckee Regional Park. Additionally, there will be a talk on how climate change is impacting our Lake Tahoe environment held at LTCC on April 28th. Please read below for additional details and other opportunities to get involved with this Earth Day. Both UCCE Master Gardener sponsored events are free and open to the public. We hope you consider joining us!

*Sincerely,
Megan Suarez-Brand*

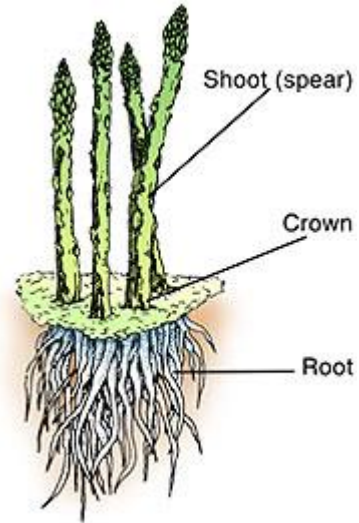
Tuesday, April 26th, 5:30 pm

**Asparagus Phenology Workshop
Truckee Demonstration Garden
*Free Plants!***

Join the UCCE Master Gardeners and the Tahoe FoodHub on Tuesday, April 26th for a the Truckee Demonstration Garden's Workshop Series on Asparagus Phenology and Grow-out Trials.

The purpose of this Phenology and Grow-out trial is to determine the suitability of the asparagus cultivars being evaluated to the weather and climate conditions found in the Truckee/Tahoe region.

To facilitate the evaluation we are asking public gardeners with an interest in science reporting and with special interest in growing asparagus for personal consumption to assist. Those participating will receive instructions on the history and cultivation techniques related to asparagus.



Each participant will have the opportunity to receive at no cost several asparagus plants that they will be asked to grow in their home gardens.

During the course of this study, those participating will be able to obtain assistance in cultivating the plants, including information on plant maintenance and pest management. The project is expected to take a minimum of two growing seasons, and with success possibly a third season.

Each participant is expected to provide information on garden location, garden conditions at the time of planting, proposed methods of cultivation and periodic updates related to plant growth and development. Transmittal of information is expected to be done via on-line forms.

The cultivars proposed to be evaluated are:

Mary Washington - Seedling and root crown. Mary Washington is an open pollinated cultivar developed by

the United States Department of Agriculture to address asparagus rust susceptibility.

Jersey Knight - Root crown. This is an all-male variety released by Rutgers University. Resistant to rust, fusarium and crown rot. Does moderately well in clay or heavy soils.



Purple Passion - Root crown. A dioecious asparagus originally from Europe (Italy?) having a strong purple coloration in the spears. The fern-like vegetation is green, similar to other varieties. The purple color is lost if heavily steamed or cooked.

Guelph Millennium - Root crown. Another all male cultivar and a more recent release from Guelph University, Ontario Canada is noted for cold resistance, excellent production in a number of soil types and good asparagus flavor.

Workshop Details:

Sign-up: Ericka Kay, erickarkay@gmail.com

When: Tuesday, April 26th, 5:30 pm

Where: Truckee Demonstration Garden within Truckee Regional Park

**Thursday, April 28th,
6:30 - 7:30 pm**

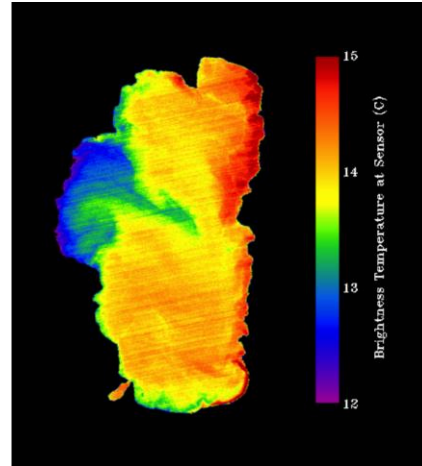
**Our Changing Climate Workshop
Lake Tahoe Community College**

UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe present a free public workshop on South Lake Tahoe's Changing Climate.

Our Climate is Unhealthy but We Have the Power to Heal: You've heard people talk about it. We all sense that our climate is changing right here in Tahoe, but is it true?

Presentation by UCCE
Master Gardener Bonnie
Turnbull.

In this talk we will provide evidence that not only can we do something--**we already are!**



Workshop Details:

When: Thursday, April 28th, 6:30-7:30 pm

Where: Lake Tahoe Community College in the Aspen & Board Rooms

Earth Day Celebrations around the Lake...

Tahoe Truckee Earth Day Event

Saturday, April 16th, 11 am to 5 pm

Village at Squaw Valley

The Tahoe Truckee Earth Day Festival is a volunteer run, non-profit event to recognize, celebrate and promote the region's unique beauty. Come to the Village at Squaw Valley on April 16, 2016 from 11am to 5pm for fun, live music and entertainment, and to learn how to preserve and protect our local and global natural resources.

South Lake Tahoe Earth Day Event

Saturday, April 23rd, 10 am to 3 pm

Bijou Community Park

Earth Day recognizes, celebrates, and promotes our region's unique beauty while educating the public about local environmental issues. Bring your friends and family to learn about ways to counteract global climate change through recycling and composting, alternative energy, water conservation, sustainability, and reducing our ecological footprint. Enjoy local live music and dance, swing through the Kid Zone to make some recycle-themed arts and crafts, or get your face painted, and be sure to support the wide array of educational booths and local vendors. Food and local crafts will be available for

purchase, and don't forget to buy some raffle tickets for our huge Earth Day raffle!

Reno Earth Day Event

Sunday, April 24th, 11 am to 6 pm

Idlewild Park, Reno

People come together from all over the High Sierra area to take part in this collaborative day of celebrating the planet we share. The park is filled each year with new activities and programs to increase outreach, engagement with the community/region and retention of knowledge that carries over into everyday practices. Join us to explore educational exhibits, non-profit organizations, arts and crafts and local businesses. Many are offering workshops, special topic themed areas and interactive activities. Enjoy several stages with local live music and dance, food and drinks, and games and prizes for everyone.

Sincerely,

Megan Suarez-Brand, Program Coordinator & UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe Contributors: Ericka Kay, Dave Long, Jennifer Lennstrom and Bonnie Turnbull

The UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe strive to meet the horticulture needs of the Lake Tahoe Basin Community, we are pleased to extend research-based information to fellow gardeners on home horticulture. Our Master Gardener volunteers receive training and certification from the University of California Cooperative Extension and provide practical scientific gardening information.

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