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Coordinator's Corner:

Greetings!

Happy early Thanksgiving Tahoe Gardeners! Master Gardeners had a busy fall. We held our fall native and perennial plant sale. Thank you to all who attended! Our plant sale is one of our largest educational events and fundraisers. Over the next year we will use proceeds from the plant sale to host a Tahoe Friendly Gardening workshop series at the South Lake Tahoe Library. We also have plans to reinvigorate the garden at the library and make it a dedicated "Tahoe Friendly Garden," details to follow. Additionally, we plan to host *Growing Food in Tahoe* workshops next spring. We will also be at the farmers market next summer with hands-on gardening demonstrations. Finally, we will continue to foster school gardening programs. Thank you for all of the support through our fall plant sale and other events. We wouldn't be able to offer these services without you!

I'd also like to say a hearty thank you to all of the UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe for their tireless efforts! All of the Master Gardeners help out in so many ways and I am so grateful to work with such wonderful people. I'd like to personally thank the Plant Sale Committee (Michele Turner, Mary Wall, Kathy Maston and Flori Curran). I'd also like to thank Dave Long for spearheading our Growing Food Workshops and all of our partners around the lake for hosting (UC Davis -TERC, Truckee Demonstration Garden, Sierra Nevada College Demo Garden, and South Lake Tahoe Library).

Finally, thank you to all of our UCCE Master Gardener newsletter contributors! We have some exciting articles for you to peruse, we hope you enjoy.

*Sincerely,
Megan Suarez-Brand*

Learn it, Grow It, Teach it! **22--New Master Gardeners Being Trained**

This past September we started the next round of training which will go through spring of 2018. Twenty-two Tahoe residents from around the Lake began their immersive training. New Master Gardener Volunteers have already been getting their "hands dirty," by helping with our Fall Native & Perennial Plant Sale, school gardening, and planning for our upcoming Tahoe Friendly Garden workshops.



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 and landscaping.

Winterizing your Garden Tools

By: Flori Curran, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

Fall is here and it's that time of year when we start winterizing our garden. Mulching, tying up trees and shrubs, but we then forget we have other things to winterize like our garden tools and don't forget power tools as well. Now is the time to take one day to just concentrate on cleaning, sharpening and oiling these time-savers. Your tools will not only work better but will last longer and be more enjoyable to use. [Continue reading...](#)

Growing Food in Tahoe Workshops A year in review...



This past fall, the UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe completed our 3rd season of workshops on Growing Food in Tahoe. We are in the process of organizing a Committee to further the program, and perhaps expand on how and where we provide information on food production. We are soliciting feedback from all of our participants. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey that is applicable to you. We deeply appreciate your cooperation as it helps guide our future workshops. [Continue reading...](#)

Winter Gardeners

What does a Gardener do in the winter?

By: Lynne Brosch, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

Yes, the garden is buried in snow or soon will be. Out of sight out of mind? Not for a true gardener! This is the season to begin planning your garden for next year. In the dark and snowy days of winter it's time to relax by the fire and make notes on what was successful and what you might want to add or change for your next year's garden. It's also a good time to peruse your gardening books and get some new ideas. [Continue reading...](#)



Floriography

Meaning and Symbolism of Flowers & Plants at the Tallac Estates

By: Dave Long, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe



For centuries or even millennia, poets, priests, and royalty have ascribed meaning and symbolism to certain plants and flowers. For the priests (and many early scholars) the idea that the gods, or God would show the use or value of a plant based on some physical trait (the shape, color, location grown) known as a sign or signal. This system of plant values

evolved to become known as Doctrine of Signatures, which had a hiccup in its acceptance of validity when plants from the new world and exotic locations came to Europe along with description of uses from their native lands. [Continue reading...](#)

Tahoe School Goes Green

LTESM (Magnet) School's Green Space Project

By: Cary Brown & Tara Offenbacher, UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe

The Growing Green Program at the Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School (Magnet School) would like to design, construct and provide a well needed Green Space for the school and surrounding neighborhood. Our proposal would transform the under-utilized turf area located in front of the school into a functional Green Space enabling our students to learn hands-on based science and nutrition. [Continue reading...](#)



Quaking Aspen - *Populus tremuloides*

By: Dave Long, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

One of the most recognizable native deciduous trees in the Tahoe Basin, the Quaking Aspen is often found incorporated into the landscapes of residential and commercial lots. The fluttering foliage, which often turns a yellow gold coloration after the first frost and the tree's white bark make it one of the most photographed trees in Tahoe. The tree was a frequent recommendation for landscaping due to its fast growing characteristic, medium height, its tolerance to long winters and deep snow and its higher moisture content that help suppress fire movement through an aspen stand. [Continue reading...](#)



A Few of Our Favorite Native Plants

By: Lynne Brosch, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

Oregon Grape - This native shrub, sometimes called holly grape, is a tough plant that can truly survive with little to no care after it is established. When I first came to Tahoe I owned a home with all native plantings that had been abandoned for some time. I also was gone from April to September. The back yard was loaded with Oregon Grape that received no attention and virtually no water most of the summer except for the occasional shower. It was growing beautifully and actually needed to be cut back after years of neglect. [Continue reading...](#)



Sincerely,

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