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Coordinator's Corner:

Greetings!

We hope that you are enjoying winter. It looks like it has finally arrived. The Master Gardeners have been busy planning our spring and summer workshops. Please see below for more details on our Tahoe Friendly Gardening Series at the South Lake Tahoe Library. We will be hosting 3 separate workshops (April, May and June). We will again be hosting the Growing Food in Tahoe Series. We are excited to offer 5 different plant varieties (potatoes, onions, raspberries, kale/lettuce and tomatoes) this time around and workshops will be all around the Lake in May and June.

Did you by chance catch our display at the South Lake Tahoe Library? If not, here is a picture. We have some great articles for you to read too and will hopefully get your gardening juices flowing...

Sincerely,

Megan Suarez-Brand



Designing Your Garden

by Lynne Brosch, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

Recently I chose to attend a Master Gardener training class for a refresher on planning and designing your garden. I was pleasantly surprised to discover some new ideas for my future garden plans. This training is part of a public workshop coming up on May 19th as part of our Tahoe Friendly Garden Workshop Series. (See more info in this newsletter!)

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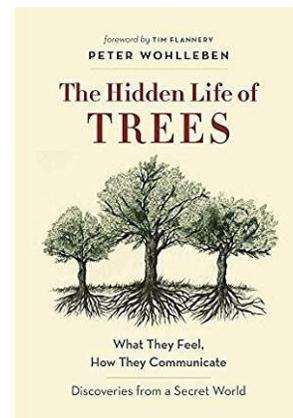
Some Books for the Garden Nerd and *Not So Nerdy Gardener*

by Lynne Brosch, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

Recently I have been reading some books of great interest to those who are interested in plants and would perhaps be surprised at some of the amazing facts recently discovered by plant scientists. We Master Gardeners sometimes consider ourselves citizen scientists and some of us are perhaps more heavily involved in the science than the average person.

The books I would like to tell you about are of interest to not only those who might think themselves science oriented but also to the average hobbyist gardener who just might find these books quite interesting.

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Let's Talk Herbs

by Lynne Brosch, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe



Herbs need at least 6 hours of sunlight per day just as your vegetables do. Sometimes it will work just fine to plant the herbs in your vegetable garden. Even better for Tahoe gardeners is to put them in pots among your vegetables. Thus the edible garden is complete.

You may want to fertilize herbs once or twice per season with a low nitrogen, organic fertilizer. Herbs need pruning, or rather cutting for use, to help them grow efficiently and maintain a pleasing shape.

Only a few herbs will be perennial in our Tahoe climate so you will be removing them at the end of the season to grow indoors or just discard as compost.

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Question & Answer: **Early Bulb Emergence?**



Question: *I am worried about my bulb plants as they are already coming up now in February since we have had such warm weather and no snow. Will they be ruined for this year?*

Answer: Your bulb plant is designed by Mother Nature to withstand great fluctuations in sunlight and temperature early in the season. There may be growth above ground but the main source of energy for the plant is still underground and well protected. These leaves may develop and even turn yellow but the flower shoot will most likely be waiting until at

least 6 weeks of warmer weather before it begins to arise. The leaves that appear too soon and wither most likely will be replaced by new leaves at a later time. If you are concerned, you can try a little covering of mulch, pine needles and bark. Even if some flower buds appear and then are killed, you will still most likely have a later burst of flowers at the right time. Make sure to plant as late in the fall as possible for most bulbs so that they won't be attempting to grow until our late spring has arrived. They also must be planted at their proper depth to insure against premature growth.

<https://ask.extension.org/questions/225658>

<https://ask.extension.org/questions/228348>

FREE Tahoe Friendly Garden Workshops **Spring at the SLT Library**

This spring the UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe in partnership with South Tahoe Public Utility District will be hosting 3 free garden/landscape design workshops. All Tahoe Friendly Garden Workshops will be held at the South Lake Tahoe Library: 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Workshops will be presented by the UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe and South Tahoe Public Utility District.



Workshop #1: Choosing the right plants for your garden, Saturday, April 28th, 1-3 pm

Workshop #2: How to Design a Tahoe Friendly Garden, Saturday, May 19th, 1-3 pm

Workshop #3: Irrigation: the basics for your home landscape, Saturday, June 16th, 1-3 pm

Participants will get to plan or re-imagine their home garden while also getting hands-on experience. As a group we will be helping to re-design and plant one of the memorial gardens at the library.

Materials provided to registered participants. **Sign-up for one or all workshops at:**

<http://ucanr.edu/tahogardenworkshop>



Growing Food in Tahoe Workshops

Join us & get plants for your garden

We're back at it with another packed series of Growing Food in Tahoe Workshops!

We will be offering a series of 5 workshops on Potatoes, Onions, Raspberries, Kale/Lettuce and Tomatoes.

Each week will be a new theme.

Workshops are family friendly and you get to go home with plants for your home garden!



Classes will run from May 14 - June 14th, 2018 in the evenings.



* **Mondays:** Tahoe City, UC Davis TERC Environmental Field Station

* **Tuesdays:** South Lake Tahoe Library (*except June 12th at Bijou School)

* **Wednesdays:** Truckee Demonstration Garden

* **Thursdays:** Incline Village, North Tahoe Demonstration Garden

Most workshops are free but some have a suggested donation to assist with routine maintenance at demonstration gardens. The Growing Food in Tahoe Workshop series are a part of a larger climate study to see which varieties grow best in our Tahoe environment.

For more information on times and locations

please visit: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/mglaketahoe/files/278132.pdf>

Thank you to our partners at UC Davis TERC, Slow Food Lake Tahoe, South Lake Tahoe Friends of the Library and North Tahoe Demonstration Garden. We are excited for another great round of spring workshops!

Sincerely,

Megan Suarez-Brand, Program Coordinator & UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe Contributors: Lynne Brosch and Dave Long

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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