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Coordinator's Corner:

We hope that you are enjoying your summer! We had a busy spring and early summer offering workshops and working in the garden at the South Lake Tahoe Branch of the El Dorado County library. We are excited to invite you to a garden open house in the newly renovated BB's Garden. Event details are below.

Thank you to the countless Tahoe community members who participated in one of our Growing Food in Tahoe workshops. We appreciate the feedback that you send us and always love receiving photos of your garden. We are planning on some additional garlic workshop this fall. Stay tuned for details.

Sincerely,

Megan Suarez-Brand

Thursday, August 7th "BB's" Garden Open House & Small Plant Sale



What happens when you combine a love of books, purple and gardens? A beautiful memorial garden at El Dorado County Library in South Lake Tahoe.

Barbara Berezin-Kearney, affectionately known as BB, was a Literacy Specialist at South Lake Tahoe Library. BB spent endless hours teaching people to read at the library and jail so they could have a better future. After her passing in 2002, a memorial garden was built to remember her warm, loving and caring personality.

The University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe have recently revived BB's garden with Tahoe friendly plants. Remembering BB's love of purple, you'll find purple flowers in bloom throughout the garden.

Join the UCCE Master Gardeners for the unveiling of the newly renovated BB's Garden and learn how to make your home garden Tahoe Friendly. There will be a small plant sale and light refreshments at El Dorado County Library in South Lake Tahoe, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd, on [Tuesday, August 7 from 3:30-5:30 pm](#). Stay until 6:00 pm for the concert on the lawn by The Tahoe Bagpiper.

How to Attract and Maintain Pollinators in Your Garden

About three-quarters of all flowering plants rely on insects or birds for pollination, and that includes one-third of all crop plants.

[Download this free UC ANR publication](#) that shows you how to create a landscape that is welcoming for bees and many other pollinators.



TNFAC: Helping residents and visitors plan for wildfire

By: Carlie Teague, Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator Tahoe RCD



Wildfires have been raging through the United States in 2018, with California having its worst fire year in over 10 years and Nevada currently recovering from the largest single fire in its history. With increased temperatures, low humidity, and large fuel loads of dead shrubs, brush, and trees left behind from the 2012-2017 drought, it is crucial to prepare now, before the next wildfire occurs.

To help residents and visitors in the Lake Tahoe Basin prepare for wildfire, the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) created the Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities (TNFAC). TNFAC is a multi-agency collaboration, led by the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, that brings communities together with the resources they need to prepare for wildfire. In wildfire-prone areas, fire adapted communities reduce the potential for loss of human life and injury, minimize damage to homes and infrastructure, and reduce firefighting costs by taking the necessary steps to prepare properties and people before a wildfire occurs. [Keep reading...](#)

Meaning and Symbolism of Flowers and Plants found at the Tallac Estates Part II

By: Dave Long, UCCE Master Gardener of Lake Tahoe

The gardens at the Tallac Estates are maintained by volunteers of the Tahoe Heritage Foundation, Forest Service staff and the South Tahoe Garden Club, with some of the plants and trees on-site planted by the original owners of the houses. Maybelle Tevis seems to have been the motivation behind the development of the arboretum, pond (now extensively modified from the original design) and the planting of the redwood trees. Her gardening prowess extended to the other family's properties in Kern County.



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What Made that Mound -- A Gopher or a Mole?

Finding freshly dug mounds of soil in the garden, lawn, or landscape might be a sign of gophers or moles. Their mounds look similar and are frequently confused for each other.

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Q & A: Deadheading?

Question: Should all flowering plants be deadheaded?

Answer: Deadheading, which means removing the dead flowers from your perennials and annuals is often a way to promote continuing or returning bloom. Flowers should be pinched off at the stem as soon as they fade. Many annuals will be able to bloom over the entire summer months with constant deadheading. For perennials, the bloom time is usually shorter but there may be a chance of extending bloom by removing the dead blossoms.



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Sincerely,

Megan Suarez-Brand, Program Coordinator

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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