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## Your monthly news & event announcements

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### Welcome Springtime,

We have weathered the winter and all that rain and snow, and hope that you are all safe and well. As we say goodbye to one of the wettest winters in years, we look forward to Spring and the wonderful things that come with it. Our programs are busy working and scheduling numerous educational workshops so be sure to check out our monthly e-newsletter and follow us on Facebook for up to date information.

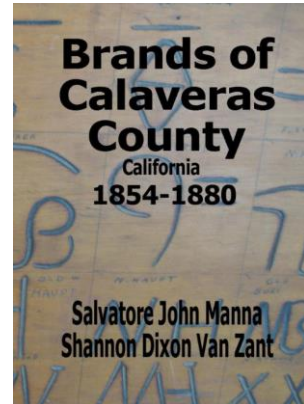
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## New Book Celebrates California Ranch Life by Documenting the Livestock Brands of Calaveras County

BURSON, CA – February 6, 2017 – For those fascinated by the history of early California, brands of the Old West, and/or ranching in America, the newly published Brands of Calaveras County, California 1854-1880 offers a rare glimpse into the past through the brands associated with one county's ranchers. Believed to be the only book of its kind ever published, Brands of Calaveras County, California 1854-1880 explores the earliest brands recorded in one of California's original counties, beginning just after the Gold Rush. Yet what emerges from its 245 brand filings and 376 pages is not just a story of livestock brands but also a story of families--of heritage and emigration, births and deaths, marriages and children, success and failure.



The premiere release from Calaveras History Publishing, a division of the Society for the Preservation of West Calaveras History, Inc., a nonprofit charitable trust, Brands of Calaveras County, California 1854-1880 was authored by historian and journalist Salvatore John Manna and Calaveras County Archivist Shannon Dixon Van Zant.

A book signing will take place from noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11th, at Common Grounds, 1900 Vista del Lago in Valley Springs. In addition, copies are available for purchase through [westcalaverashistory.org](http://westcalaverashistory.org), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), and select retailers. For more information, please contact the SPWCH at [westcalaverashistory@gmail.com](mailto:westcalaverashistory@gmail.com).

### Tuolumne County Tree Mortality Community Workshop

Special event for Tuolumne area residents and property owners.

**Date:** Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Manzanita Building, Sonora, CA

[Workshop Flyer](#)

### Save the Date! Reforestation Workshop - April 7, 2017

CAL FIRE, NRCS and UC Extension will be hosting a Reforestation Workshop for forest land owners and foresters.

**Date:** April 7, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** 18440 Striker Ct., Tuolumne Rd, Sonora

For more information, please check the following webpage: <http://ucanr.edu/barkbeetle/>.  
Registration information will be posted there soon.



**AMS Specialty Crops Program Presents:  
Specialty Crops Market News — National Retail Reporting Webinar  
Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (est)**

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) [Specialty Crops Program](#) (SCP) invites you to a live, interactive webinar on the [Specialty Crops Market News](#) (SCMN). Of special focus is the National Retail Report, how it is produced, and how it may be utilized by all sectors of the produce industry. Our presentation will be led by Melissa Reeves, National Retail Manager (SCMN) and Kim Mercer, Assistant to the Director, SC Market News.

Melissa & Kim will detail the features of the report, including how to customize a search for retail market information. Other areas covered include:

- Tracking trends over time
- Illuminating retail patterns
- Looking through the window at competition
- Dairy and Livestock retail reporting
- Question and Answer Session

[Register Today!](#)

**Applications are being accepted to the Forest Institute for Teachers now! Please pass the word! Forward to a Colleague!**

Professional Development Workshop - Hands on training in:

- Next Generation Science
- Common Core
- Project Learning Tree
- Project WILD

The [Forestry Institute for Teachers \(FIT\)](#) is a free\*, multi-day residence workshop held at 4 northern California locations. The goal of FIT is to provide K-12 teachers with knowledge, skills and curriculum to effectively teach their students about the science of forest ecology and forest resource management across subject areas.



Don't miss out!!

\* \$25 application fee and personal travel

[Apply today!](#)



## 4th Annual Rustici Rangeland Science Symposium

March 23-24, 2017 — UC Davis Conference Center

The goal of this event is to engage ranchers, land managers, researchers, and policymakers in co-developing actionable science for sustainable rangelands. The symposium will focus on partnerships surrounding a variety of topics including: sustaining water resources, coping with drought, habitat conservation, and enhancing profitability.

### [Information and Registration.](#)

#### **Free Workshop for Placer and El Dorado Counties: Get your farm or food business financed!**

You're invited to attend a free workshop that will connect food and ag business with business resources and financing opportunities. Participants will be able to speak one-on-one with a variety of funders and resource providers.

- **Date:** Friday, March 31, 2017
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Community Room at Folsom Lake College - El Dorado Center, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville

This workshop is for food businesses in Placer, El Dorado, and surrounding counties, including farmers, restaurateurs, ranchers, processors, distributors, and others. Community partners are also welcome to attend. Follow-up assistance and additional resources will be available for attendees.

Please [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

[Download complete workshop flyer.](#)

## Project Learning Tree Educator and Facilitator Training

### **Integrating Fire Ecology into Standards Based PLT Activities and Training**

- **Who:** CA Educators (formal and informal) and Natural Resource Professionals
- **Date:** Friday, May 5, 2017 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Blodgett Forest Research Station, 4501 Blodgett Forest Road, Georgetown, CA 95634
- **Cost:** \$35 Friday ONLY / \$80 Friday and Saturday



Download [Training Flyer](#) for information and registration.

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## UC California Naturalist Certification Course - June 2017

The Mission of the CA Naturalist Program is to foster a diverse community of naturalists and promote stewardship of California's natural resources through education and service.



### Do you enjoy:

- Exploring and learning about our local ecology?
- Engaging in citizen science?
- Sharing your knowledge with others?

**Dates:** June 1, 8, 15, 22 of 2017

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Calaveras Big Trees State Park

[Course Flyer and Registration Information.](#)

[UC California Naturalist website](#)

## UCCE 4-H Youth Development

Enrollment open all year

Open to all Central Sierra 4-H

- 3-11: [Equine Field Day](#)
- 3-25: [Central Sierra Sub-Area Presentation Day](#)
- 5-27: [California State 4-H Field Day](#)  
[State 4-H 2017 Interview Contest](#)

### Amador

### Calaveras

### EI Dorado

- 3-11: [Grow Your STEM](#)
- 3-13: [New Adult Volunteer Leader Orientation](#)

### Tuolumne

- 3-11: [Tuolumne County Presentation Day](#)



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**Master  
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## Classes & Events Offered by UCCE Master Food Preservers

### Amador/Calaveras

- 3-11: [Charcuterie Basics](#)

### EI Dorado

- 3-18: [What's in Your Pantry?](#)
- 3-23: [Canning Basics](#)

## Classes & Workshops Offered by UCCE Master Gardeners



### Monthly Gardening Tips

#### Amador

- 3-4: [Construction & Irrigation of Raised Beds](#)
- 3-18: [Welcoming Pollinators to Your Garden](#)

#### Calaveras

Visit their [Classes & Events webpage](#) for upcoming classes.

#### El Dorado

- 3-4: [Backyard Chickens](#)
- 3-8: [Seasonal Color with California Bulbs](#)
- 3-11: [Saturdays with Barry](#)
- 3-18: **[KIDS' CLASS: Show what you Grow 2017](#)**
- 3-18: [Native Garden Tour](#)
- 3-25: [Sustainable Gardening](#)
- 4-29: **[Save the Date! Spring Plant Sale](#)**

#### Lake Tahoe

- 3-4: [Fat Fish Grow Tasty Lettuce](#)
- Events run spring and summer. Check back on their [Classes Workshops & Events webpage](#).

#### Tuolumne

- 3-4: [Seed Starting, Spring Vegetable Planting and Hands-on Grape Pruning](#)
- 4-1: [All About Composting, Berry Care & Maintenance and Erosion Control for Small Properties](#)

## UC IPM and more...



### [Dormant or delayed-dormant season controls](#)

Dormant controls are applied during the fall, winter, and early spring to control over-wintering insects or to prevent disease after deciduous trees have lost their leaves and before new growth develops. Delayed-dormant controls are applied as buds begin to swell.

### [Seasonal IPM](#)

### [Recent Updates at IPM](#)

### [UCIPM Weather Models & Degree Days webpage](#)

Thank you for your continued interest in the UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra's news, workshops, and events.

Sincerely,

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