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Happy May Day,

We are hosting and co-hosting many workshops in May and June, Foothill Grape Day, Replanting after the Trees Die, as well as the 10 Year Angora Fire Anniversary. 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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A "BIG" Thank You to ALL of Our Volunteers. You Rock!

National Volunteer Appreciation Week was April 23rd to 29th.

We rely on the expertise and dedication of our many volunteers who help us with our mission: *To sustain a vital agriculture, environment and community in the Central Sierra region (serving Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado & Tuolumne counties) by providing University of California research based information in agriculture, horticulture, natural resource management, youth development, and nutrition, family & consumer science.*

The UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra MCP staff appreciate and want to send a huge **THANK YOU** to our **882 VOLUNTEERS** who represent three of our programs: 4-H Youth Development, UCCE Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers. You are making a powerful and significant difference to the youth and citizens in our communities.



Volunteers do make a difference! If you would like to learn more about our volunteer opportunities locally, look at our volunteer programs found at <http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/> or call our central office at 530-621-5502.

Three Agriculture Scholarships Offered by UC ANR

Three scholarships are being offered to college students majoring in agriculture by the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The scholarships will be awarded for the fall 2017 semester or quarter. The deadline to apply or nominate for the scholarships is May 19, 2017.

See the [Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources website](#) for details.

Foothill Grape Day 2017: Highlighting Local Research and Improving Your Vineyard "Culture."



Foothill Grape Day, sponsored and organized by the University of California Cooperative Extension Central Sierra Farm Advisor, Lynn Wunderlich, will be held Thursday, May 18 at the Amador County Fairgrounds. This year's annual grower meeting will focus on current UC research, including what to watch for when planting a new vineyard, the latest on two new grape pests: the three-cornered alfalfa treehopper and the Virginia creeper leafhopper, and the effect of high temperatures on fruit composition and tannin development in vineyards.

Larry Bettiga, Viticulture Farm Advisor in UCCE Monterey County, has conducted studies comparing the extra tall rootstock "ubervine" to typically grafted vines. He will present these results and more on what pitfalls to avoid when planting a new vineyard or replanting a vineyard.

Cindy Preto, PhD candidate for the UC Davis Entomology Department will discuss her studies of the three-cornered alfalfa treehopper, which has been shown to be a vector of grapevine red blotch virus in laboratory studies. "Red blotch" is a major concern for many growers, and Cindy is one of the few who have studied the three-cornered alfalfa treehopper in the field.

Houston Wilson, Post-doctoral student with the UC Berkeley Entomology Department will give a presentation on an area-wide IPM Program developed to manage another relatively new grape pest, the Virginia creeper leafhopper.

To round out the morning, Dr. Kaan Kurtural, Cooperative Extension Viticulture Specialist, will discuss the effects of high temperatures on fruit composition; and James Campbell, PhD candidate in the UC Davis Viticulture and Enology Department, will talk about his research on tannin development in vineyards.

To register for Foothill Grape Day, visit our [Foothill Grape Day webpage](#). Contact Robin Cleveland 530-621-5528 for more information.

Free forestry workshops to help teachers meet new science standards.

California's K-12 teachers are being challenged by the [Next Generation Science Standards](#) to find new and more engaging ways to teach science. Adopted by California in 2013, the science-education standards guide how science, technology, engineering and math education are delivered to students in the classroom. The Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT) offers free environmental education training for teachers in a northern California forest.

"Teachers who participate in the Forestry Institute for Teachers learn to apply Next Generation Science Standards concepts as they develop or refine class lessons using the forest as a lens through which all classroom subject matter can be taught," said [Mike De Lasaux](#), UC Cooperative Extension natural resources advisor for Plumas and Sierra counties and a FIT instructor.

[Details and information.](#)

Reforestation Workshop

The California Society of American Foresters, CAL FIRE, NRCS, and UC Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Reforestation Workshop for forest land owners and foresters.

- **Date:** May 31, 2017
- **Time:** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Location:** American Legion Hall, 12134 Airport Road, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

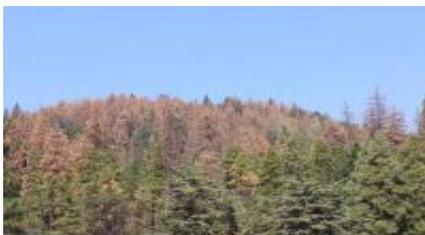
Topics to include:

1. ecological changes caused by tree mortality and/or wildfire that occur in the absence of intervention;
2. restoring forest cover at different scales (residential property versus parcel versus landscape);
3. case studies of restoration;
4. alternative site preparation and planting practices;
5. plant selection and propagation including sources of planting stock;
6. follow up treatments to assure survival and maximize growth; and,
7. cost share programs.

See the [Workshop Flyer](#) for more information.

[Registration information.](#)

Train the Trainer - Replanting after the Trees Die Workshop for Master Gardeners



University of California Cooperative Extension Central Sierra will be hosting reforestation workshops in June to provide information and resources to help UCCE Master Gardeners answer questions from the public about replanting after tree mortality.

Topics will include: forest ecology following heavy tree mortality, reforestation basics, preparing the ground for planting, selection of nursery stock, treating competing vegetation and land owner assistance programs currently

available.

For replanting information, please check the [Forest Research and Outreach website](#).

The Angora Fire 10 Years Later: What have we learned?

Symposium and Field Trip: June 22-23, 2017

Thursday, June 22nd, 2017

9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Field trip in burned areas of the Angora Fire

5:00 – 7:30 pm: Poster Session/Reception at [Sidellis Brewery](#), 3350 Sandy Way, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Friday, June 23rd, 2017

9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Symposium at Lake Tahoe Community College Aspen and Board Room, One College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Presented by: California Fire Science Consortium, University of California Cooperative Extension, US Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and Lake Tahoe Community College.

Symposium Goal: To bring together managers, scientists, and public representatives to increase understanding about the Angora fire, the research and management done there afterwards, and the lessons learned there that can—and are—being applied in the basin and throughout the Sierra.

Audience: Lake Tahoe basin land managers, researchers, regulators, planners and decisions makers.

For more information: contact Christina Restaino at cmrestaino@ucdavis.edu or Susie Kocher at 530-542-2571 or sdkocher@ucanr.edu. Watch for registration at <http://ucanr.edu/angora10/>.



2017 California Small Farm Conference Call for Workshop Proposals

The California Small Farm Conference will be held on October 29 – October 30, 2017.

Our Mission is to provide relevant educational and networking opportunities and resources to address issues facing farmers, ranchers and farmers' market managers.

The California Small Farm Conference is for farmers' market managers, beginning to advanced producers, honoring a small-scale approach to growing, processing, selling and marketing food. Pulling together innovators, family farmers and experts in environmentally and economically transformative practices, this event is an opportunity to interact with leaders in your field, to network and to learn about new trends and practices. You will be inspired – and will inspire others – to make California's small farms, their products and the farmers' markets and sellers who promote them, shine.

We want to bring in the best farmers, ranchers, producers, farmers' market managers and marketers to share how they make their crops, animals, markets and businesses grow. Our guess? This means you!

See the [2017 Small Farms Conference website](#) for details.

UCCE 4-H Youth Development

Enrollment open all year

Open to all Central Sierra 4-H

5-12: [State 4-H Interview Contest Registration Deadline](#)

5-12: [State 4-H Presentation Day Registration Deadline](#)

5-14: [State 4-H Fashion Review Registration Deadline](#)

5-27: [California State 4-H Field Day](#)



[State 4-H 2017 Interview Contest](#)

[Amador](#)

4-26 - 5-7: [4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign](#)

5-27: [Amador County Fair Pre-Weigh-In](#)

[Calaveras](#)

5-18 - 5-21: [Visit US at the Calaveras County Fair](#)

[El Dorado](#)

4-26 - 5-7: [4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign](#)

5-5: [Color Me Green Glow Run 5K](#)

[Tuolumne](#)

5-6: [Tractor Supply Co County Wide Field Day with Paper Clover Campaign](#)

4-H Summer Camp Needs You! We couldn't do it without our Awesome Volunteers!

Our 4-H Programs are in search of a few more adult volunteer chaperones. Your role is to assist your cabin's Junior Counselor in the sessions that they plan and help supervise the campers in your cabin. Summer camp is a lot of fun and you get to reunite with your inner child as you go back in time and experience summer camp all over again. No cost to attend but if you are not already a 4-H adult volunteer you will need to get fingerprinted and go through a short orientation.

El Dorado County 4-H Camp will be held on July 17th – 21st at Camp Concord facility. It's located just off Hwy 89 between Lake Tahoe and Fallen Leaf Lake about an hour from Placerville. See the [El Dorado County 4-H Camp webpage](#) and contact Denise Veffredo at 530-621-5568 or dveffredo@ucanr.edu for more information.

Tuolumne County 4-H Summer Camp is held at Camp Silver Spur in Tuolumne on August 2-6th. See the [Tuolumne County 4-H Camp webpage](#) and contact the 4-H Office at 209-533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu if you would like to help 4-H in any way!

New Partnership in Tuolumne County Brings 4-H Programming to Juvenile Detention Facility

Tuolumne County 4-H is exploring a new partnership with the new Mother Lode Juvenile Detention Facility to offer programming to youth at the facility. Staff at the facility are impressed with the variety of activities 4-H offers, along with the leadership and life skills that youth develop by participating in 4-H programs. The new facility which is located off Old Ward's Ferry Road in Sonora has an AMAZING outdoor gardening area ready to go with two raised beds and a huge in-ground bed set up with sprinklers. The plan is to help them set up a PIZZA and SALSA garden, along with some fall harvest items like pumpkins, sunflowers, and maybe even corn. We would love to have a volunteer or two help with this. Volunteers need to be fingerprinted but that is free and takes only a few minutes, and go through their orientation. They have funds for all our supplies and we have the curriculum. Soooo, if you're interested in making an impact with vulnerable youth, please contact us asap at the 4-H Office at 209-533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu. They're looking to get started soon.



Classes & Events Offered by UCCE Master Food Preservers

[Amador/Calaveras](#)

5-13: [Spring Fruits](#) - Jackson

5-17: [Pressure Canning Basics](#) - San Andreas

5-18 - 5-21: [Visit Us at the Calaveras County Fair](#)

[El Dorado](#)

5-20: [Berries in May](#)

Classes & Workshops Offered by UCCE Master Gardeners



Monthly Gardening Tips

Amador

- 5-6: [Building and Using Hoop Houses](#)
- 5-20: [Composting and Vermiculture for Home Gardening](#)
- 6-3: [Solving Garden Problems with Integrated Pest Management](#)

Calaveras

- 5-11: [Visit Master Gardeners at the CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Market](#)
- 5-13: [Kids' Day in the Garden](#)
- 5-18 - 5-21: [Visit Us at the Calaveras County Fair](#)

El Dorado

- 5-6: [Deer Resistant Gardening](#)
- 5-10: [Soils: Turning Dirt into gold](#)
- 5-13: [Saturdays with Barry](#)
- 5-13: [Water Efficient Gardening](#)
- 5-20: [Designing with Perennials](#)
- 6-3: [Summer Pruning Demonstration](#)

Lake Tahoe

May events: Run weekly in Tahoe City, Truckee and Incline Village. Check on their [Classes Workshops & Events webpage](#).

Tuolumne

- 5-6: [Watering Options for Summer, Planning & Planting a Summer Vegetable Garden, Benefits of Garden Mulches](#)
- 6-3: [Kids' Day in the Garden](#)

UC IPM and more...



Peach leaf curl.... What is it and how to control it. #whatisthat

For more information on peach leaf curl, see [Peach Leaf Curl](#), UCANR Publication 7426

[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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