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Greetings,

We hope everyone has been enjoying this mild Fall weather and the beginning of the holiday season. Be sure to check out the exciting workshops we have offered this month. If you have roads on your property that you maintain, you won't want to miss our rural roads workshop on Nov. 30th. This is a great opportunity to talk about road maintenance. We also have a variety of free Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver classes open to the public. You will also find up-to-date 4-H news. Don't forget day light savings ends this Sunday, November 5th. Please read on for more information!

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#GivingTuesday 2017 - Save the Date: November 28, 2017

The UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals to celebrate generosity worldwide. #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.), Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Please kick off the holiday season with us!

One of the best ways to get involved is in your own community.

This November 28th, join the movement and give - whether it's some of your time, a donation, gift or the power of your voice in your local community.

It's a simple idea. Whether you come together with your family, your community, your company or your organization, find a way to give back and then share your idea.

[#GivingTuesday2017](#)



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Grant Funding to Provide Additional Food Preservation Classes

We are excited to announce that UCCE Central Sierra is the recipient of a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant to teach Food Preservation classes in eight Sierra Nevada counties not currently served by a UC Master Food Preserver Program. This project will provide over 40 educational events for adults and youth to increase awareness of specialty crops, safe methods to preserve them, and how to use the preserved foods in meals. (Specialty crops are essentially fruits, vegetables and tree nuts.)

During 2018 and 2019, UCCE Master Food Preserver teams will teach classes in eight Sierra Nevada regions, including Sierra County, Plumas County, Nevada County, Placer County, the Lake Tahoe Basin, Tuolumne County, Mariposa County and Madera County.

Events will include 6-hour summer classes for adults, two-day workshops for UCCE 4-H Leaders interested in leading food preservation projects, one-hour youth workshops to make jams and jellies, three-hour winter classes focusing on preserving citrus, and interactive food preservation booths at county fairs. All events will include recipes to use highlighted specialty crops in meals.

Class materials will be provided to other UC Master Food Preserver Programs and multiple specialty crop associations to use after the project ends. Classes begin in the late spring of 2018 and will be advertised locally.

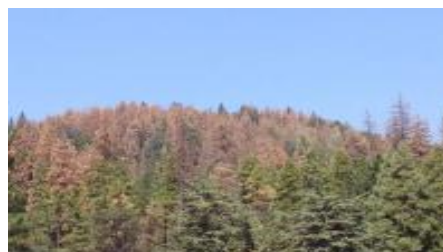
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Replanting the Sierra Nevada after an ecological catastrophe

Given California's changing climate, should Sierra Nevada residents replant pine trees after so many died during the 2010-2016 drought? The short answer is yes, says [Susie Kocher](#), UC Cooperative Extension forestry advisor.

"We have every reason to believe that pines will continue to be an important part of mixed conifer forests in the Sierras," Kocher said.

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Improving the Health of California's Headwater Forests



California's headwater forests are at risk. Years of fire suppression, emphasis on short-term management priorities, weather extremes, and climate change have set the stage for a steep decline in forest resilience. The result is lost timber production, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities, and threats to our water supply. A panel of experts explored management and regulatory reforms that could revitalize these forests and prepare them for a changing climate.

[Find out more about this program.](#)

Maintaining and Improving Rural Roads Workshop

Ranchers, forest landowners, rural residents, non-profit organizations and agencies responsible for maintaining and improving generally unpaved roads accommodating resource management, residential and recreational users are encouraged to attend this workshop.

Date: November 30, 2017

Location: Sly Park Recreation Area Events Center in Pollock Pines, CA.

[Details and registration information.](#)



UC Davis Viticulture and Enology On the Road in the Foothills



The UC Davis Department of Viticulture and Enology along with UCCE Central Sierra will be holding an educational seminar at the Shakespeare Club in Placerville to present current research and information, on a number of topics, to wine and winegrape industry professionals.

Date: November 28, 2017

Time: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Location: Placerville Shakespeare Club
2940 Bedford Avenue, Placerville, CA 95667

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Agenda

Using yeast as a tool to determine the variables impacting Pinot noir fermentations based on initial conditions, Ben Montpetit, Assistant Professor, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis.

Using winery wastewater for irrigation, Anita Oberholster, UC Cooperative Extension Specialist, Enology, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis.

Viticulture in Argentina and Chile, Lynn Wunderlich, Farm Advisor, Central Sierra Cooperative Extension.

Microbiology and Micro-Ox, Andrew Waterhouse, Professor, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis.

Vineyard factors negatively impacting fermentation, Linda Bisson, Professor and Geneticist, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis.

Wine flavor, flaws and taints, Lucy Joseph, Curator, Department of Viticulture and Enology Culture Collection, UC Davis.

[Details and registration information.](#)

Save the Date: 2-Day Wine Grape Short Course, Dec 12 and 13 on campus

This is the program you've been asking for! The Department of Viticulture and Enology at University of California Davis is pleased to present a two-day short course of wine grape production at the UC Davis Conference Center. The short-course is designed to address the production issues growers maybe facing in our diverse growing regions. Both new and experienced growers will benefit from this short-course.

WHAT: 17-18: Pete Christensen Wine Grape Short Course

WHEN: Tuesday, December 12 and Wednesday, Dec 13, 2017

WHERE: UC Davis Conference Center, 550 Alumni Lane, Davis, CA 95616

COST: \$350.00 for both days

Download [course flyer](#) for details and registration.

Become a UCCE Master Food Preserver Volunteer!

UCCE Master Food Preserver volunteers teach our community how to safely store and preserve food to be enjoyed all year. Our training programs provide core food preservation knowledge and skills in exchange for community involvement.

We are accepting applications for the 2018 UCCE Master Food Preserver Training Program in El Dorado County through November 5.

Apply for the Amador/Calaveras program by January 28. Check our website at http://ucanr.edu/be_acmfp for more information, including upcoming training information meetings for the Amador/Calaveras program.



[UCCE 4-H Youth Development](#)

Enrollment begins for 2017-18

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Open to all Central Sierra 4-H

11-2: [National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum](#)

11-3: [4-H Mindfulness Retreat](#)

11-5: [National 4-H Conference Application Deadline](#)

11-11: [Amador County Youth Poultry Show 2017](#)

11-18: [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle](#)

11-18: [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Shotgun](#)

12-1: [New Member Enrollment Deadline for Fair](#)

[Amador](#)

See their [Calendar of Events](#).

[Calaveras](#)

11-4: [Open Chess Tournament](#)

[El Dorado](#)

11-13: [New 4-H Adult Leader Orientation](#)



Tuolumne

11-11: [Teen Retreat](#)



Classes & Events Offered by UCCE Master Food Preservers

Amador/Calaveras

Check back on their [Classes, Workshops & Events webpage](#).

El Dorado

11-18: [Delightful, Delicious & Decidedly Unique Gifts](#)

Classes & Workshops Offered by UCCE Master Gardeners



Monthly Gardening Tips

Amador

Check their [Classes & Events webpage](#).

Calaveras

Check their [Classes & Events webpage](#).

El Dorado

11-2: [The New Backyard Orchard workshop](#) - \$40 - 10:30am to 4pm

11-4: [Making Worms Work for You](#)

11-8: [The Art of Growing Succulents](#)

11-11: [Saturdays with Barry](#)

11-18: [Gardening in the Foothills](#)

Lake Tahoe

Check on their [Classes Workshops & Events webpage](#).

Tuolumne

11-4: [Family Craft Day in the Garden](#)

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Aphid-eating Insects in Action!

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

Sincerely,

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