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Greetings,

UCCE Central Sierra wants to keep you informed about what's happening! Farm Advisor Lynn Wunderlich has scheduled the annual Foothill Grape Day Event, for March 29th at the Amador County Fairgrounds. For those that have lost pine trees on their property, we have scheduled several workshops on tree mortality. Our Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver programs also have numerous classes and events scheduled throughout the month. We also have some exciting 4-H events planned for the month. If you live in Tuolumne County, be sure to come out to the 4-H Pancake Breakfast on March 4th and help support our local youth. Please read on for more information!

Visit our Website



More History of UCCE in El Dorado County: Betty Hewitt: A founding Mother of El Dorado County 4-H

In the Year of El Dorado County's UC Cooperative Extension's 100-year Anniversary we would like to honor the county's first woman Home Economist / Home Advisor who also served as the 4-H advisor for 37 years from 1949 to 1986. As the UCCE 4-H program advisor, Betty worked with county wide 4-H clubs representing over 10,000 4-H members during her 37 years. She was responsible for the early expansion and broadening of the El Dorado County 4-H Youth Program. In addition, she served as the Home Advisor / Economist serving women and families throughout El Dorado County teaching nutrition, cooking, sewing, homemaking, and personal finances. Numerous newspaper



Betty Hewitt - 2018

articles, chronologizing Betty's work and achievements, dated from as early as 1949 can be found in archive scrap books preserved at the county UCCE office.

Betty did not have children of her own, but always considered the 4-H youth as her children, to be nurtured through the 4-H program to help them become future leaders. At this time of Betty's life and in celebration of our 100-year anniversary we would like the community who have been touched by her work to let her know how important the UCCE and 4-H program, for which she devoted so many years of her life, is to the El Dorado County community. To show our appreciation for all that she has done for the community, we encourage our current and past youth and adults to write a note to Betty letting her know what 4-H means to them and thanking her for devoting her career to 4-H. If you are a parent or leader who knew Betty, please let her know you remember her and share any stories you may have. Betty has been recently enjoying reminiscing about her wonderful career years through reading the old scrapbook articles with her nieces, one of whom is part of our 4-H community.

Cards may be sent to Betty Hewitt at 3079 Ponte Morino Drive #216, Cameron Park, CA 95682 or dropped off at the Placerville UCCE office. Alternatively, stories and sentiments may be emailed to Lorraine at llarsenh@gmail.com. Please join in this effort to bring the joy of remembrance to Betty in her 95th year of life.



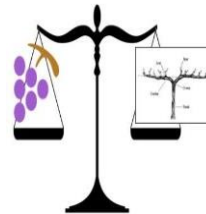
Betty Hewitt - 1949

Foothill Grape Day 2018 - March 29 will focus on "Vine Balance."

This year's annual Foothill Grape Day organized by UCCE Central Sierra Farm Advisor Lynn Wunderlich will discuss all aspects of achieving "vine balance." "Vine balance is another way of talking about crop load appropriate for the site, but it also includes aspects of crop quality, such as the proper amount of light interception to achieve color, sugar and tannin," Wunderlich said. "Foothill vineyard sites can have drastically different conditions that affect vine balance: different soils, spacing, available water, and so on, and getting it right can be a major challenge and the key to premium fruit. I'm very excited to bring this practical program to the foothill growers and industry." UCCE Viticulture Farm Advisors from around the state will share their expertise on the subject.

Date: March 29, 2018
Time: 7:30am to 3:00pm
Location: Amador County Fairgrounds Pokerville Hall
Cost: \$50 per person

To learn more about Foothill Grape Day and to register, please go to: [Foothill Grape Day 2018 webpage](#) or contact Robin Cleveland at 530-621-5528.



Food Waste Prevention Week: March 5th - 9th

March 5th-9th is **Food Waste Prevention Week** in California. According to recent estimates almost 12 billion pounds of food gets thrown away each year in the state, and individual consumers are responsible for more food waste than grocery stores and restaurants combined. Forty percent of all food waste happens in homes or by individuals, and nine out of ten Americans throw away food too soon because they misunderstand the confusing system of 'expiration date' labels that come on food packages. With the exception of infant formula, these dates typically refer to freshness or perceived quality, not to food safety.



Food waste has consequences for communities in the Central Sierra region. California Food Policy Advocates estimates that one in seven residents of Congressional District 4 in the foothills don't always have enough food to eat, but the Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that an average American family of four tosses out about 1,000 pounds of food each year, wasting roughly \$1,500 on food

that goes unused. When food is thrown away, valuable resources like water and energy are wasted as well. Food waste is also the single largest component of landfills, where it decomposes and releases the greenhouse gas methane.

To read more, visit our UCCE Central Sierra [Monthly Nutrition News](#) webpage. For more information on how to store, save and use food, visit [SaveTheFood.com](#).

Growing Opportunity: Farm Finance Expo

Date: March 28, 2018

Time: 11am - 5pm

Where: West Sacramento City Hall Galleria

RSVP today at <https://growingopportunity.eventbrite.com>

One Stop Shopping for Ag Loans and Resources for Financing Your Farm Business!

- Meet Local Ag Lenders and Explore Financing Options
- Learn How to Pitch a Farm Business for Financing
- Manage Your Farm's Finances (Instead of Your Finances Managing You)

Panels and workshops will include lenders, farmers and trainers who will discuss agricultural loans; alternative sources of capital; demystifying debt; preparing loan applications; and offer interactive farm financial management activities.

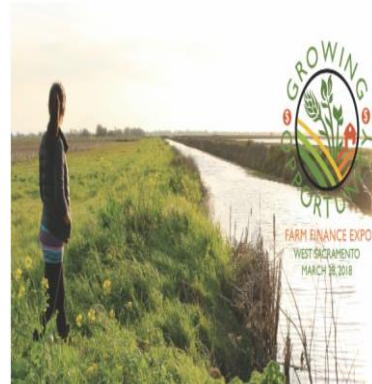
Be sure to take advantage of one of these unique opportunities offered by FarmLink at the Farm Finance Expo:

- Financial Check-Up: together we'll explore your financial goals and action plans.
- Loan Pre-Qualification: together we can determine if and how you might use additional capital in 2018. Just bring your past three years of business tax records, current financial statements, and production and marketing plan and we'll see what's possible, or come up with an action plan to make it possible.

In less than one hour we can assess your potential need for business financing!

Please contact ljya@cafarmlink.org to learn more or schedule your appointment in advance.

California FarmLink | 831.425.0303 | www.cafarmlink.org



Click flyer for more information.

WILDLAND FIRE ECOLOGY & PROJECT LEARNING TREE

Educator Workshop featuring NEW online

FireWorks K-12 Curriculum



WHEN: Friday - Saturday, April 13 & 14
Start 8:30am Friday (evening presentation) End 3:00pm Saturday

WHERE: Blodgett Forest Research Station
4501 Blodgett Forest Rd.
Georgetown, CA 95634

COST: \$150 includes lodging and meals

Register online at: <http://ucanr.edu/2018pltfireworks> before April 1, 2018

Information contact: Sandy Derby, stderby@ucanr.edu

Student Scholarships available.

Participants receive:

- FireWorksSierra Nevada Printed Curriculum
- Project Learning Tree K-8 Guide
 - Practice interactive hands activities to study wildland fire and California forest communities
 - Build knowledge of current issues facing the Sierra Nevada forest communities
 - Explore curricular materials targeted for elementary, middle, and high school

Download [FireWorks Workshop Flyer](#) or [register online](#).



Plant Sale - El Dorado County

UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County are hosting their annual Spring Plant Sale April 21, 2018 at the Sherwood Demonstration Garden.

Date: April 21, 2018

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Sherwood Demonstration Garden, 6699 Campus Drive in Placerville, Ca.

Questions? (530) 621-5512

Cash or Checks. No credit cards.



PLANT SALE

Master Gardener
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018 8:00AM-2:00PM

**Sherwood Demonstration Garden
6699 Campus Drive, Placerville**

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY. SORRY NO CREDIT CARDS!

See our Website at http://ucanr.org/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners
Or check us out on Facebook.

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PLANT SALE
& EXPO**

START YOUR SPRING GARDENING OFF RIGHT!
TOMATOES | HERBS | VEGETABLES | FLOWERING PLANTS
Educational activities for adults and kids!

SUNDAY
APRIL 29TH | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | CASH OR CHECKS ONLY

AMERICAN LEGION HALL
12134 AIRPORT BLVD., MARTELL (JACKSON)
QUESTIONS? (209) 223-6838

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Agriculture and Natural Resources | UCCE Master Gardener Program
Amador County

Proceeds Support Free Classes, Programs & Help Line in Amador County

Plant Sale - Amador County

UCCE Master Gardeners of Amador County are hosting their annual Plant Sale, Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the American Legion Hall in Jackson.

Date: April 29, 2018

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: American Legion Hall
12134 Airport Blvd, Martell (Jackson)

Questions? (209) 223-6838

Cash or Checks. No credit cards.



Hi 4-H
Pancake Breakfast

4-H for Teens

Sunday, March 4 from 8-11:00 am
Sonora Elks Lodge

Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee & all you can eat Pancakes!
 Adult ~ \$7, Child under 12 ~ \$4
 For information call 532-5896

 University of California
 Agriculture and Natural Resources  4-H Youth Development Program

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[UCCE 4-H Youth Development](#)

Enrollment begins for 2017-18

[Join Now](#)

Open to all Central Sierra 4-H

3-10 & 11: [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop-Rifle Discipline](#)

3-24: [Central Sierra Sub-Area Presentation Day](#)

[Amador](#)

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

[Calaveras](#)

3-10: [Lego Build Up](#)

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

[El Dorado](#)

3-10: [All Skills Day](#)

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

[Tuolumne](#)

3-4: [Hi 4-H Pancake Breakfast](#)

3-10: [Tuolumne County Presentation Day](#)

Check their [4-H Events webpage](#).





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Master Food Preserver

Classes & Events Offered by UCCE Master Food Preservers

Amador/Calaveras

3-10: [Planning Your Food Preservation Year](#)

El Dorado

3-17: [Basic Canning and Food Safety](#)

3-24: [Tomatoes from Seed to Table - MFP/MG Combo Class](#)

Classes & Workshops Offered by UCCE Master Gardeners



Monthly Gardening Tips

Amador

3-3: [Garden Design using Raised Beds & Terracing](#)

3-17: [Planning Your Spring & Summer Gardens](#)

Calaveras

3-24: [Open Garden, Tree Giveaway & Winter Plant Sale](#)

El Dorado

3-3: Class Cancelled due to inclement weather.

3-10: [2nd Saturday with Barry: Straw Bale Gardening, Part 2](#)

3-10: [Kids' Class - Grow n' Show Your Plants at the Fair](#)

3-14: [Citrus Mania](#)

3-17: [Spring Propagation](#)

3-24: [Tomatoes from Seed to Table - MG-MFP Combo Class](#)

Lake Tahoe

Their Growing Food in Tahoe workshop series begins in May.

Tahoe Friendly Garden workshop series begins in April.

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

Tuolumne

3-3: [Open Garden Day: Grapevine Pruning, Seed Starting for Summer Gardens, Spring Vegetable Planting & Rose Pruning](#)

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

Sincerely,

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