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Greetings!

July is a busy month. If you aren't scrambling to stay cool, you are running around taking care of business. Besides visiting one of our UCCE Master Gardener or Master Food Preserver booths, or checking out all of the 4-H Youth projects at a county fair, we have several classes, open garden days and a Farm Advisor's Tailgate meeting on Biological Control for Mites and Using Permanent Groundcover. So check out our program calendars and stay cool.

JoLynn Miller

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Local Position Vacancy

Area CE Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor Serving Calaveras, Tuolumne, Amador and El Dorado counties

This position is headquartered in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California.

POSITION PURPOSE: The Area Cooperative Extension (CE) advisor for livestock and natural resources will conduct a multi-county based extension, education and applied research program that will focus on livestock production systems including grazing management, pasture management, nutrition, herd health, animal husbandry, genetic selection, reproduction, and marketing. This position will have a strong animal husbandry focus and will contribute to a more complete and balanced team throughout the region. The natural resource component of this position will focus on developing effective solutions to issues relating to commercial livestock production systems and natural resource issues such as water quality, rangeland health, wildlife habitat, and public lands management.

For more information and application process see the [Area CE Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor details](#).

Welcome our newly hired Administrative Assistant in Tuolumne County: Willow Thorpe

Willow was born and raised in Tuolumne County, left for college, and later moved back after living overseas in both Europe and Japan. She earned her Master's Degree in Psychology at CSU Stanislaus while raising her two children, both of whom are now finishing college themselves. In her free time, she enjoys photography, gardening, skiing, hiking, travelling, and spending time with friends, family and her many dogs and cats.

So let's welcome Willow to our UCCE Central Sierra staff as she brings a wealth of expertise and professionalism to our offices. Stop by the Tuolumne County UCCE Office and say hi to Willow.



Farm Advisor's Tailgate Meeting Biological Control for Mites and Using Permanent Groundcover

When: Tuesday, July 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Shake Ridge Ranch, 14885 Shake Ridge Rd., Sutter Creek. Take Gopher Flat Rd. to Shake Ridge.

With: Ann Kraemer, Shake Ridge vineyard manager and Central Sierra CE Farm Advisor Lynn Wunderlich

Who should attend? Vineyard owners and managers, consultants and PCAs

Why is this workshop important?

Biological control uses natural enemies, either augmented (released) or conserved, to help manage pests. Shake Ridge has been releasing 6-spotted thrips to manage spider mites and leafhoppers for several years—we will see the natural enemies and the release and talk about biological control in the vineyard, the pests targeted, and how to make sure your releases work.

Permanent groundcover is perennial and includes cover under the vine. Shake Ridge has moved from an every-other row discing program to permanent cover. We'll discuss how this can be beneficial for conserving soil, and some of the challenges when using permanent covers.

Presentation topics

- Biological control-how to use it in your vineyard
- Natural enemies and key pests targeted-2 spotted spider mites and Virginia Creeper leafhoppers-biology, ID, life cycle
- Permanent groundcover-benefits and challenges

No charge, but RSVP required.

RSVP at <http://ucanr.edu/rsvp-tailgate-mtg-july16> or by calling Robin Cleveland at 530-621-5528.

Please RSVP by July 12. If we don't have enough RSVP's the meeting will be cancelled.



Establishing & Managing a Small Vineyard Short Course

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Brinley at jbrinley@ucdavis.edu or see her signature, below.

Learn to establish and manage profitable small vineyards with in-depth instruction and hands-on learning in this workshop designed for the grape grower, winemaker, viticulturist and apprentice viticulturist in the heart of Napa Valley at our Oakville Experiment Station.

Day one topics include:

- Site selection to avoid frost and freeze events
- Site preparation and amendment
- Trellis selection to manage vineyard vigor
- Soil preparation and amendments to ensure profitability
- Cultural practices focusing on practical aspects of management
- Irrigation system design and simplified irrigation scheduling for productivity
- Quality and harvesting decisions

Day two will be spent in the vineyard, examining vineyard instruction on trellis types, pruning, irrigation system design and sprayer calibration.

Please dress appropriately for the vineyard sessions with closed-toe shoes, long sleeve shirts and pants. Space is limited.

Early enrollment is encouraged, because this is always a very popular class.

Schedule: July 11 – 12, 2019

Location: Day 1: Springhill Marriott * Napa, CA

Location: Day 2: UCD Oakville Field Station * Oakville, CA

Fee: \$585.00

Instructor: Sahap (Kaan) Kurtural

Enroll in Section 191VIT210 <https://cpe.ucdavis.edu/section/establishing-and-managing-small-vineyard>

Engaging Volunteers in Professional Development

Everyone knows that 4-H helps youth develop a practice of lifelong learning and that 4-H volunteers are role models for this important life skill. We wondered how 4-H volunteers prepare for their roles, and where and how they find information to continue their own learning.



The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, Developing Volunteer Capacities Workgroup (DVC WG) embarked on a project to conduct a needs assessment that asked volunteers to report on their history and needs of professional development using online platforms, and asked where volunteers receive pertinent information. Our team sent out survey invitations through 4-H online to all the currently registered volunteers and over 30% responded. [Continue reading...](#)

California Naturalists' efforts benefit pollinators

Author: Brook Gamble

'Attention is the beginning of devotion' --Mary Oliver

This quote resonates this month, amidst a variety of environmental holidays and celebrations including World Environment Day, World Ocean Day, California Invasive Species Action Week, and finally National Pollinator Week (this week) and Month. It seems in this increasingly digitally connected world, one day, week, or month doesn't pass us by in the calendar year without an official opportunity to observe, act, or celebrate nature.

As these official observances pop up, we can also contemplate all the unofficial ways people celebrate, protect, and educate about nature in their daily lives. There are both small and incremental and heroic acts taken every day to make this a more livable world for all creatures. There is momentum behind a movement that says "we're paying attention and the environment is worth our time and energy and devotion despite all the other worthy competing causes." [Continue reading...](#)



Old Roses for a New Garden

Susan Price, UCCE Master Gardener of Amador County

They come from cemeteries and old homesteads and remind us not just of the excitement of settling a “new” land and prospecting for gold, but also of the wrenching pain of leaving home for good.

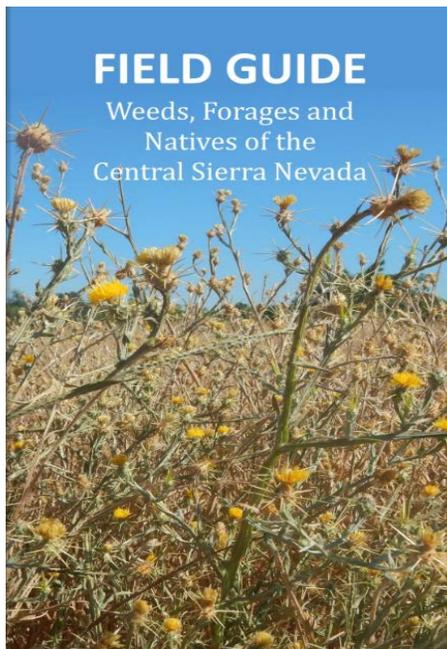
When many of California's settlers came West, they often brought with them portable, fragrant mementoes of home: their favorite roses. The roses were planted at their new homes and later at their gravesites, to comfort survivors.

Many of those century-old roses have been “rescued” from their foothill sites by Judy and Bob Dean, who live in Mountain Ranch. Over the past 30 years they have planted 700 roses on their 12 acres. Many if not most of the rescued roses had survived on their own for 50 or 100 years without care or water, proving their drought tolerance and hardiness. Judy Dean took starts from the roses wherever she found them, with permission when an owner could be found, and now they are mature bushes and climbing plants.

Then, in 2015, the Butte fire came fearfully close to wiping out their labor of love, burning nearly a third of the Deans' property. All but a handful of the scorched roses grew back, but the Deans realized they needed a “backup” garden to ensure the survival of these heritage roses.



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New Field Guide

Weeds, Forages, and Natives of the Central Sierra Nevada

Free copies are available now, at our UCCE County offices. Or Click image for eBook.

Amador Office: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 1pm:
209-223-6482

Calaveras Office: Monday - Friday, 8am - 4:30pm:
209-754-6477

El Dorado Office: Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm:
530-621-5502

Tuolumne Office: Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm:
209-533-5695

Classes & Event Dates

UCCE 4-H Youth Development

Enrollment opens July 1st for the 201-20 program year. [Join Now](#)

Volunteer Training: [New Adult Volunteer Orientation](#) - select a date that works for you.

Amador

July 25 - 28: [Visit the 4-H Youth at the County Fair](#)
Check their [Calendar & Events webpage](#).

Calaveras

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



El Dorado

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

Tuolumne

July 4 - 7: [Visit the 4-H Youth at the County Fair](#)

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

UCCE Master Food Preservers At the Mother Lode Fair - stop by and see us! July 4th - 7th



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Classes & Events Offered by UCCE Master Food Preservers

Amador/Calaveras

7-13: [Pickling - Calaveras](#)

7-17: [Boiling Water & Steam Canning Basics - Calaveras](#)

7-25 - 28: [Visit us at the County Fair - Amador](#)

El Dorado

7-10: [All About Berries](#)

7-11: [Summer Fruit](#)

7-25: [Fermenting - What Was Old Is New Again](#)

Placer County

7-13: [Jr. Jams & Jellies Youth Workshop](#)

Placer County

Jr. Jams & Jellies Free Youth Workshop - Saturday, July 13, 2019

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Jr. Jams & Jellies

A FREE EVENT FOR YOUTH AGES 5 TO 18

- Kids learn to make low-sugar jelly and enter it in the fair that day!
- Pick the type of low-sugar jelly you want to make (apple, grape or orange); everything is provided.
- Pre-registration required, see link below.
- Sign up for one 45-minute session between 10am - 3pm; limit 5 kids per session, one session per child.

Classes & Workshops Offered by UCCE Master Gardeners

Monthly Gardening Tips

Amador

7-20: [The Good, The Bad and the Bugly](#)

7-25 - 28: [Visit Us at the County Fair](#)

Calaveras

7-27: [Open Day in the Garden - Plant Sale](#)

El Dorado

7-6: [Saturday Public Tour at the Sherwood Demonstration Garden](#)

7-10: [All About Berries](#)



7-13: [2nd Saturdays Open Garden Day](#)
7-20: [Control of Noxious and Invasive Weeds](#)

[Lake Tahoe](#)

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

[Tuolumne](#)

7-6: [Open Garden Day](#)

Sherwood Demonstration Garden Tour & Sun Observing



Sherwood Demonstration Garden Tour and Sun Observing co-hosted by the UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County and the Community Observatory on July 6, 2019.

At 9:15 am there will be group tours for individuals, families and friends around the 16 themed gardens within the Sherwood Demonstration Garden. Tours will start promptly at 9:15 and last 1 hour. Please arrive 10 minutes early. More info and directions here: http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu/Demonstration_Garden/.

At 10am-12noon observe the Sun safely through two types of solar telescopes. The Community Observatory's Hydrogen-Alpha telescopes allow us to safely view sunspots, solar flares, filaments, and solar prominences. More info about the Community Observatory here: <https://www.communityobservatory.com/>.

The event is free but Folsom Lake College charges \$2 to park. Please bring exact \$ amount to pay at the kiosks in the parking lot.

Master Gardeners of Tuolumne County Guest Speaker: Eleftherios Dariotis

Greek Geophytes - Public welcome

Monday, July 15 at 6:00pm at the Senior Center, 540 Greenley Road in Sonora

Geophytes are those vascular plants that survive unfavorable periods for growth by dying back to underground storage organs such as rhizomes, tubers, corms or bulbs.

Eleftherios Dariotis (aka Liberto Dario of Facebook) is a horticulturist and botanist from Athens, Greece. He has studied plant production in Greece and completed a M.Sc. in Plant Biology from the University of California, Davis and another in Horticulture from the University of Reading in England. He has created two private gardens in Paiania, Greece which hold a large variety of Lamiaceae (mint family) and other plants, traveled extensively around the world and especially in Greece's diverse habitats to see and photograph the native plants and has worked in the agricultural and environmental public sectors in Greece. He is currently leading plant tours in Greece and maintains a small bulb and seed nursery business. His plant interests include everything in the family Lamiaceae, with a special attraction to Salvias, along with a love for South African Bulbs and Mediterranean climate shrubs and perennials that he is continuously introducing and promoting in Athens' tough local gardening conditions.

The public is welcome to attend this free presentation. Seating with refreshments will begin at 6:00pm with the presentation beginning at 7:00pm.

For more information please contact UCCE Master Gardeners of Tuolumne County at (209) 533-5695 or email us at tuolmastergarden@gmail.com or contact the Sierra Rock Garden Society by email at NanPiekarczyk@gmail.com or vkmyrick@pacbell.net.

Harvest of the Month

Peaches are one of summer's most popular fruits, and for good reason. Not only are they delicious, they are good sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, and fiber. Many different types of peaches can be found at local markets throughout the summer months, but some of the most popular varieties are at their peak during July. Other than simply eating them fresh, try [grilled](#) peaches this summer. Peaches are also great additions to [oatmeal](#), [crisps](#), or even peanut butter [sandwiches](#). Learn more about peaches and view their nutrition facts at [Harvest of the Month](#).



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Please check back for events.
- Lake Tahoe**
Please check back for events.
- Tuolumne**
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- [Seasonal IPM](#)
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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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