April 2012

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CELEBRATING
THE
MASTER GARDENERS
of SOUTHERN NEVADA

- Garden Tours
- Plant Talks
- Demonstrations
- Plant Sale

For more information
Call 257-5555
Master Gardener Helpline

8050 Paradise Road
Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV 89123
(Windmill exit off the 215)

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Chefs for Kids Dinner & Auction Set for April 28

The Chefs for Kids (CFK) Dinner and Auction is Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Paris Las Vegas. The evening honors Dave Courvoisier for his ongoing support of the program.

The gala evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception and silent auction. Paula Francis, KLAS-TV anchor, will be Mistress of Ceremonies. A gourmet dinner, prepared under the supervision of Chef Eric Piston, will be served at 7:30 p.m. with Christian Kolberg conducting the live auction. The evening continues with dancing to the music of Harbor Lights.

The Chefs for Kids program is a joint venture of the American Culinary Federation Chefs of Las Vegas and University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. This program works to eliminate malnutrition and hunger through education and awareness. The nutrition education program is taught to high needs first and second grade students in Clark County. In addition to the educational program, the chefs provide monthly breakfasts and a healthy snack program to participating schools and Thanksgiving food boxes and holiday food gift cards to especially needy families in participating schools.

Tickets for the evening’s event are $175 per person. Tables of ten are $1,600. To purchase tickets or for more information about this black tie optional event, please contact 702-257-5548 (lednickys@unce.unr.edu) or visit http://www.chefsforkids.org/.

Master Gardeners Celebrate 20th Anniversary

The gardening public is invited to help Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada celebrate 20 years of volunteer service to the residents of Clark County. On Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. the Master Gardeners will host a Garden Gala 20th Anniversary open house at the Lifelong Learning Center and Outdoor Education Center located at 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89123. Garden tours, talks and demonstrations will be offered every half hour. On-going will be a native plant sale, “Ask a Master Gardener” information booths and community project displays. Horticulture expert Linn Mills, who started the local Master Gardener program, will be honored, as will Master Gardener Mary Rider, from the first graduating class. Cutting of the anniversary cake and a reunion photograph of all current and former Master Gardeners will commemorate the day. This free event is open to the gardening public.

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Two prominent community members have joined University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s (UNCE) Advisory Committee. Louise Helton, founder and vice president of governmental affairs for 1 Sun Solar Companies, and former State Senator Dennis Nolan have volunteered their time and expertise to support Cooperative Extension’s mission of extending unbiased, research-based knowledge from the University to local communities.

The advisory committee is comprised of well-known state residents interested in bringing educational resources, programs and applied research to Nevadans in all parts of the state. The board meets periodically with UNCE faculty and administration to review programs and provide assistance in meeting the needs of state residents. Advisory committee members come from communities throughout the state, from rural areas to urban centers.

Cooperative Extension is an outreach arm of the University. Educational programs are developed based on local needs, sometimes in partnership with other agencies and volunteers. For more information about University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, please visit the website at http://www.unce.unr.edu/.
Upcoming Events/Classes

Nevada Naturalist, April 2. Spring semester begins. 702-948-5906

Composting in Small Spaces, April 14. 702-257-5573

Desert Landscape Tour, April 14. Desert plants come alive. 702-257-5587

20th Anniversary Garden Gala, April 21. 702-257-5587

Rose Society Meeting, April 26. Companion Planting. 702-257-5555

Chefs for Kids Dinner & Auction, April 28. 702-257-5548

Also, visit www.unce.unr.edu/areas/southern for the extended class schedule of events or www.unce.unr.edu/blogs/southernarea for event details.

4-H Camp at Lake Tahoe ~ July 29-August 4, 2012
Registration is underway!
$325 includes $75 non-refundable deposit for campers registered before April 25, 2012
$350 includes $75 non-refundable deposit for campers registered before June 25, 2012
Registration fee includes lodging, transportation, meals and activities.
4-H Camp is open to all youth ages 9-15 from any area of Nevada.
4-H membership is not required.
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P.O. Box 126, 89021

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Laughlin 702-299-1333/1334
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