



## Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada *December 2016* Community Newsletter

### DECEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

#### Holiday Schedule

The Cooperative Extension office and botanical gardens will be **CLOSED** on Monday, **December 26** and **January 2**. Happy holidays!

#### “In the Gardens”

Join the Master Gardeners “In the Gardens” as they do planting/harvesting and seasonal maintenance.

- **Rose Garden** – Mondays, **December 5 & 19** at 9 a.m.
- **Vegetable/Fruit Trials Garden** – Wednesday, **December 14** at 10 a.m.
- **Garden Tours** – Fridays, **December 2, 9, 16** at 10 a.m.

The Cooperative Extension gardens are located at 8050 Paradise Rd. (Windmill exit off 215.) Garden Tours meet at Master Gardener Help Desk; parking is available in front lot. Otherwise, park in the back lot and look for the Master Gardeners “in the gardens!”

*New Publication – free download*

#### **PRUNING CACTI AND OTHER DESERT SUCCULENTS**

M. L. Robinson, Specialist, Associate Professor, University of Nevada  
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Pruning is an important part of any landscape maintenance program, including Southwestern desert landscapes. Pruning plants such as cacti, yuccas, agaves and other succulents is simple, but requires some basic plant knowledge. As with other plants in the landscape, poor and incorrect pruning will often lead to more serious problems, including premature death of the plants.

<https://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2016/sp1601.pdf>



Examples of **BAD PRUNING** of opuntia and columnar cacti.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOTANICAL GARDENS** Three acre botanical garden at 8050 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89123 featuring 1300 species of desert-adapted plants that are identified by botanical and common names. Specialty plantings include: Roses, Herbs, Monarch Butterfly Habitat, Vegetables, Fruit Orchard, Native Wash, Cacti. Open to the public weekdays, 8-4:30. Master Gardeners are available from 9-3 at 702-257-5555.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION RESEARCH CENTER AND MG ORCHARD** Fruit and vegetable gardens at 4600 Horse Drive, North Las Vegas, 89131. Open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. – noon. Freshly picked seasonal produce (fees) plus free mulch. Master Gardeners offer guided tours and gardening advice.

### **MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE**

**702-257-5555** or [LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu](mailto:LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu)

Updates posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/MasterGardenersOfSouthernNevada>

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