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Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada February 2013 Community Newsletter

Dear Gardener -- You are receiving this email newsletter because you gave your email address to the Master Gardener program. If you no longer wish to receive updates, please contact Mary Bertsch, Program Assistant, at bertschm@unce.unr.edu or 257-5501.

FEBRUARY HORTICULTURE CLASSES, LECTURES, EVENTS

The below events are free UNLESS NOTED and open to the public. Contact MG Help Line at 257-5555 for more information or visit the UNCE blog site at <http://www.unce.unr.edu/blogs/southernarea/> for complete details.

- Weekly on Thursday, 10 a.m. – Master Gardener Information Table – Springs Preserve Farmers Market
- Jan. 30, 9 a.m. – Registration & Interviews for Spring 2013 MG Training -- UNCE
- Feb. 1, 6 a.m. – FEE CHARGED – Urban Tree Care for Landscape Professionals in English – UNCE
- Feb. 5, 10 a.m. – MG Helen Brown – All About Tomatoes – UMC Family Resource Center
- Feb. 8, 6 a.m. – FEE CHARGED – Urban Tree Care for Landscape Professionals in Spanish – UNCE
- Feb. 10, 2 p.m. – MG Don Fabbi – Spring Gardening – W. Charleston Library
- Feb. 12, 9 a.m. – Registration & Interviews for Spring 2013 MG Training -- UNCE
- Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m. – MG Don Fabbi – Raised Gardens and Vegetable Growing – Sun City Anthem Garden Club
- Feb. 16, 10 a.m. – FEE CHARGED – Gardening in Small Places Workshop – UNCE
- Feb. 28, 7 p.m. -- Rose Society Meeting – Photographing Roses 101 – UNCE

FROST DAMAGE

The recent hard freezes in the Mojave have resulted in many phone calls to the MG Home Gardening Help Line (257-5555). Leaves of affected plants have turned brown (cannas, lantanas, tropical bird of paradise) or the leaves have turned pale and mushy (aloes, succulents, some agave and cacti.)

Ideally we should wait until after the danger of another hard frost is past before pruning damaged plant material since the old, crispy leaves can provide protection to the root system. (In Las Vegas, frosts have occurred as late as mid-March.) If you decide to prune now, keep an eye on the temperature and cover your plants if a freeze is predicted. Use sheets, blankets or burlap (not plastic which can freeze where it touches the plant.) For succulents, the mushy areas can serve as a breeding ground for bacterial rots, and these areas should be removed. Then, keep your fingers crossed and hope for new growth!

Frost Damage at UNCE Demonstration Gardens



Opuntia



Lantana



Dykia (succulent)



Tropical Bird

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Gardening Information and Pest Alerts:

<http://www.facebook.com/MasterGardenersOfSouthernNevada>

Upcoming Classes and Events:

<http://www.unce.unr.edu/blogs/southernarea/>

Master Gardener Home Gardening Help Line:

702-257-5555; M-F, 8 a.m. 5 p.m.