



University of Nevada  
Cooperative Extension



# Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

## February 2015 Community Newsletter

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*The following events are offered in conjunction with the Master Gardeners and Cooperative Extension Horticulture. Some require reservations and/or fees; some are free and open to the public.*

**Cooperative Extension is CLOSED on President's Day, February 16, 2015.**

- **Fridays at 10 a.m. – Walking Tours of Demonstration and Test Gardens** on Fridays from September through May. **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 891323. Meet at the MG Help Desk; 702-257-5555
- **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon – Seasonal produce, mulch and compost** available (fees) plus guided tours and gardening advice at Cooperative Extension **Research Center and Demonstration Orchard**, 4600 Horse Dr., NLV 89131. Call Master Gardener Help Line for information or directions: 702-257-5555
- **February 7 & 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Visit the “Ask a Master Gardener”** information booth at **Tivoli Village Farmers Market** (440 S. Rampart Blvd, LV 89145) on the First and Third Saturday of the month. Gardening advice, horticulture publications, and seasonal displays...all for free!
- **February 8, 2 p.m. – “Fruit Trees – Selection and Care”** by Master Gardener Don Fabbi at **West Charleston Library**. Free and open to public. For information: 702-507-3964.
- **February 14, 8 a.m. to noon – Gardening in Small Places: Vegetable Gardening** by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan. **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 891323. Pre-registration and \$25 fee required. To register contact Elaine Fagin, [fagine@unce.unr.edu](mailto:fagine@unce.unr.edu) or 702-257-5573.
- **February 14, 10 a.m. – Garden Tour – “Valentine Bouquet”** by Master Gardeners. Discover aptly named plants, including Valentine bush, Chocolate flower and Sugar bush, which can enhance your desert garden. Free and open to the public. Cooperative Extension **Demonstration and Test Gardens** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). Meet in center courtyard; wear walking shoes, bring water. Call Master Gardener Help Line at: 702-257-5555
- **February 26, 7 p.m. – South Valley Rose Society Meeting.** Master Gardener Don Fabbi will speak on “Roses Only Garden or Cottage Style Garden?” **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 891323. Free and open to the public. Call Master Gardener Help Line at 702-257-5555

### MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

702-257-5555 or [LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu](mailto:LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu). MGs are available Monday – Friday, 9am - 3pm to answer your gardening questions. Call, email or visit.

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK:** <http://www.facebook.com/MasterGardenersOfSouthernNevada>

## JUST THE FACTS...

In 2014 the Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada answered questions from 2878 individuals in 97 Nevada zip codes via phone, email and office visits to the Home Gardening Help Line. In addition they taught classes or spoke to 43,871 people at community events including Famers Markets and the Clark County Fair.

**Over 31,792.5 hours were logged** by the 230 active Master Gardeners working on 35 community projects. Based on the \$22.55 national average, the value of the Master Gardeners volunteer service to the Las Vegas area is \$716,920.87.

**Visit us at two locations.** The Cooperative Extension Demonstration and Test Gardens (including the MG Herb and Rose Gardens) are open to the public Monday - Friday from 8-5. Garden tours are offered every Friday at 10 a.m. Saturday tours are offered once a month in the Spring and Fall. The MG Orchard at the Cooperative Extension Research Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8-noon. Master Gardeners offer pruning and planting demonstrations, fruit tree recommendations and information on common pests and diseases.

## SPRINGTIME PRUNING

Do you sterilize your pruners to avoid the spread of disease? Do you know when to prune your Spring flowering plants so that they WILL bloom in the Spring? Do you correctly prune your ornamental grasses to remove the dead center? Do you know the difference between pruning and hedging?



When shrubs are incorrectly pruned into balls and squares, live growth is left on the outer edges, and a barren interior is created.



Constantly pruning tips of the branches removes most of the leaves and many of the flower buds

Here are several University Fact Sheets to help you (and your landscapers) do the job right:

- **The Rose in the Desert Southwest**  
<https://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2003/sp0315.pdf>
- **Introduction to Pruning**  
<https://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2013/sp1313.pdf>
- **Pruning Desert Shrubs in Southern Nevada-Type Climates**  
<https://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2014/sp1413.pdf>
- **Pruning Palm Trees**  
<https://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2004/sp0416.pdf>