



University of Nevada  
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# Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

## *February 2016* Community Newsletter

### FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR

**Fridays, 10 a.m. – Walking Tours of the Demonstration Gardens by Master Gardeners.** Introduction to the gardens with over 1000 species of desert appropriate landscape plants. Walking shoes, water, sunscreen are recommended. Meet at MG Desk at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. For info call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

**February 7, 2 p.m. – Growing Spring Vegetables by Master Gardener Don Fabbi.** Free class at West Charleston Library, 6301 West Charleston Blvd., LV. For information call: 702-507-3964.

**February 8, 10 a.m. – Amending the Soil and Winter Rose Pruning by Master Gardeners.** Hands on demos and tips in the Master Gardener Rose Garden. See “**Get Roses Ready for Spring Bloom**” article, below. Clark County Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. For info call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

**February 20, 10:30 a.m. – Sustainable Gardening by Master Gardener Susan Price-Haas.** Free class at Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N. Buffalo, LV. For information call: 702-507-6107.

**February 20 at 8 a.m.-noon – Gardening in Small Places: Vegetable Gardening by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan.**

This workshop is geared to help all gardeners, beginning or experienced, learn how to be successful growing their own food in the Mojave Desert. Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 89123. Registration and pre-payment required, \$25 fee. Call Elaine Fagin at 702-257-5573 or register online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-in-small-places-vegetable-gardening-tickets-20035934018>

**February 22, 10 a.m. – Amending the Soil and Winter Rose Pruning by Master Gardeners.** See listing on February 8.

**February 22, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. – Master Gardener Mondays: Lecture #1- A Proactive Introduction to Desert Gardening by Master Gardener Howard Galin.** Learn tips to be garden successfully in the Mojave Desert. Inspirada Community Association, 2000 Via Firenze, Henderson 89044. The public is invited, but you must reserve a space by emailing Marianne Wojciechowicz ([mwojciechowicz@ccmcnet.com](mailto:mwojciechowicz@ccmcnet.com)).

**Thursday, February 25, 7 p.m. – Fertilizers and Soil Amendments by Master Gardener Judith Kafantaris.** Learn how to improve our nutrient-poor soil to grow healthy roses. This meeting of the South Valley Rose Society is free and open to the public. Use west side gate to meet in Classroom C at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. Call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

### "GET ROSES READY FOR SPRING BLOOM"

Learn all about seasonal rose care at the award-winning University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Rose Garden. Hands-on demonstration classes will provide tips for getting your rose garden ready for spring bloom. Join the Master Gardeners on the following Monday mornings:

- **February 8 and Feb. 22** -- amending the soil and winter pruning
- **March 7 and Mar 21** -- fertilizing for spring, the importance of mulching and watering

Sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon and are held in the MG Rose Garden, located in the back of Cooperative Extension’s Demonstration and Test Gardens at 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123.

## FREE NATIVE MILKWEED SEEDS

Over the past two years, Master Gardener Anne Marie Lardeau has been harvesting the Rush Milkweed, *Asclepias subulata*, seeds from the Demonstration and Test Gardens at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. This milkweed is a food source for the monarch butterfly caterpillar.

The plants are difficult to find in local nurseries, so Extension is making the seeds available to area residents as part of a Native Milkweed Seed Project. Study participants will receive a seed packet containing twenty seeds along with planting instructions. Participants will receive periodic email surveys to track seed germination, plant survival and visits by monarch butterflies. There is a limit of one seed packet per person.

Seed packets, planting instructions and data sheets are available (while supplies last) at:

- **Master Gardener Help Desk** (Clark County Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, 89123); 702-257-5555; **M-F, 9a-3p**
- **MG Orchard** (4600 Horse Dr, NLV 89131); 702-786-4361; **Tu,Th, Sa, 8a-noon**
- **Logandale Extension office** (1897 N. Moapa Valley Blvd, 89021); 702-397-2604; **M-F, 8a-4:30p**
- **Pahrump Extension office** (1651 E. Calvada Blvd, 89048); 775-727-5532; **M-F, 8a – noon**



## “JUST THE FACTS” -- 2015 Master Gardener stats

The **245** Las Vegas-based Master Gardeners:

- answered questions from **2,342** individuals in **103** Nevada zip codes via phone, email and office visits
- taught classes or spoke to over **34,325** people at community events
- recorded **30,183.5** volunteer hours working on 35 community projects.

Based on the **\$23.07/hr.** national average, the value of the Master Gardeners’ volunteer service to Clark County is **\$696,333.34**.

## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DEMONSTRATION GARDENS

The **Demonstration and Test Gardens** (8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123) feature over 1,000 species of desert-appropriate plants, from Mojave natives to fruit trees, vegetables, roses and herbs. Plants are labeled with botanical and common names. The Gardens are open to the public Monday-Friday from 8-5.

The **Research Center and Demonstration Orchard** (4600 Horse Dr., NLV 89131) offers seasonal produce plus free mulch, guided tours and gardening advice. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

## MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

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