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## Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada *July 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](mailto:bertschm@unce.unr.edu) or 257-5501.

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### HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

**702-257-5555**; Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or [LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu](mailto:LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu)

The MG Office is located at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, LV, NV 89123

### SEASONAL GARDENING INFORMATION AND PEST ALERTS

(You do NOT need to sign in or log in or be a Facebook member to view our site. Site is open to the public.)

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

### UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

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

### JULY EVENTS

Master Gardeners will assist at the following events and classes. They are free and open to the public UNLESS INDICATED, but some do require pre-registration. Contact the Master Gardener Help Line at 257-5555 or visit the UNCE websites (above) for updates and details on registration, location, etc.

- **Every Thursday**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – “Ask a MG” Information Table – Springs Preserve Farmers Market
- **July 6 & 20**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – “Ask a MG” Information Table – Tivoli Village Farmers Market
- **July 13**, noon – “An Introduction to Desert Gardening” by MG Howard Galin – Green Valley Library (2797 N. Green Valley Pkwy (at Sunset), Henderson. REGISTRATION is REQUIRED – call Library at 207-4261.
- **July 13**, 2 p.m. -- “Hummingbirds – Winged Jewels of the Desert” by MG Denise McConnell -- Gibson Library (100 W. Lake Mead Pkwy, Henderson). REGISTRATION is REQUIRED – call Library at 564-9261, option 5.



### CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We welcomed 31 new Master Gardener Interns at our June meeting. They have completed 80 hours of classroom and lab training, and must volunteer 50 hours on MG Community Projects in order to become a Certified Master Gardener.

It is a LOT of hard work, but they seem to be enjoying it!

Our next MG Training Class will be offered in Spring 2014. Call Mary at 257-5501 for information.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada honored our wonderful volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation event on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Master Gardeners share their knowledge of desert gardening at over 30 projects across the Vegas Valley. The only “reward” they receive for the many hours they spend volunteering is a certificate or milestone pin. Plus our heartfelt thanks, of course!



**The Silver Trowel Award** was presented to **MG Dave Gaffney '11F**.

Dave volunteered 1910 hours in 2012!

His MG “resume” is impressive: Home Gardening Help Line, Desert Landscaping, Springs Propagation & Watering, Hosting, Community Events, HoA, Speakers Bureau, Acacia Park, Acacia Clippers, Class Assistant, County Fair, Three Square and Herb Garden.



**MG Lonnie Baker '11F** received the **Silver Phone Award**.

Lonnie contributed 509 hours on the Home Gardening Help Line last year. She volunteers every Tuesday and fills in when needed. This year she's also assumed the co-chairmanship for the Help Desk scheduling.

Contact Lonnie or other MG volunteers at 257-5555 with your gardening questions.

Sincere thanks to **MG Jean Engelmann '93S** for **20 years of service** to the Master Gardener Program! Jean has contributed 4972 volunteer hours to date. She is a regular on the Home Gardening Help Line and serves as our Librarian, keeping our “Ask a MG” Info Kits filled with seasonal handouts and publications.



We welcomed our first **Honorary Master Gardener, Dennis Swartzell**. Dennis has been an integral part of the Master Gardener program since the beginning...1992. He is a Board Certified Master Arborist and teaches classes on Tree Selection and Pruning. Dennis taught the first class and was the liaison for one of our first Community Projects at the UNLV gardens. We know him as a valued Instructor for each Training Class, as a MG meeting Speaker, as an Organizer and Presenter at Desert Green, the Pruning Seminar and other UNCE Horticulture classes.

Dennis joins our **MG All Stars** in photo (above right). From left: **MG Richard Cutbirth '04F** (4972 volunteer hours); **MG Richard Leifried '94S** (19746 volunteer hours); **Dennis Swartzell**, **MG Don Fabbi '97S** (16494 volunteer hours); **MG Cliff Wood '02S** (8618 volunteer hours).

***In 2012 the Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada volunteered 39,697 hours on Community Projects. The value of this volunteer contribution is \$864,998. Thank you to our dedicated Master Gardeners!***