



Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

July 2015 Community Newsletter

JULY CALENDAR

July 11, 8-noon – “The Dirt on Soil” by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan at Cooperative Extension. There is a \$25 fee and preregistration is required. It all starts with the soil. But Mojave Desert soil is different; it’s infertile, salty and alkaline. This is a hands-on class; you will bring soil from your own garden. The fee for the class is \$25; use this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-in-small-places-the-dirt-on-soil-tickets-13736958613>. Contact Elaine Fagin at fagine@unce.unr.edu or 702-257-5573.

July 23, 10-11 -- “Gardening with Physical Limitations” by Master Gardener Diane Eisen at Cora Coleman Senior Center (2100 Bonnie Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89156). Must register at least 1 week prior by contacting: cvollaire@clarkcountyNV.gov or (702) 455-7627

July 25, 10-11:30 – “Adventures in Desert Gardening” by Master Gardener Howard Galin at Inspirada Solista Community Ctr. (2000 Via Firenze, Henderson, 89044). Reservations are required by contacting mwojciechowicz@ccmnet.com or 702-260-7939.

July 25, 8-noon -- “Organic Gardening” by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan at Cooperative Extension. There is a lot of buzz about organic gardening, yet many people don’t understand the principles involved – hint – it doesn’t mean no pesticides. The fee for the class is \$25; use this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-in-small-places-organic-gardening-tickets-13736780079>. For more information contact Elaine Fagin at fagine@unce.unr.edu or 702-257-5573.

AWARD WINNING MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS!



CONGRATULATIONS, MASTER GARDENERS!

- Anne Marie Lardeau, Volunteer of the Year, Silver Trowel, 785 hours in 2014
- Judith Kafantaris, Silver Phone, 129 hours
- Clara Hatz, 20-year pin

Our MG Volunteers were honored at the June 6 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. In 2014 230 Certified Master Gardeners volunteered 31,793 hours. Sincere thanks to all.

MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

702-257-5555 or LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu. Master Gardemers are available Monday – Friday, 9am -3pm to answer your gardening questions. Call, email or visit us!

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. The Gardens are open to the public Monday-Friday from 8-5. Plants are labeled with botanical and common names.

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

DOOLITTLE SENIOR CENTER COMMUNITY GARDEN HELPS FEED THE HUNGRY

The Doolittle Express is on the right track! For 10 years, Master Gardener Don Fabbi has been coordinating and educating the gardeners, volunteers and neighboring residents at the City of Las Vegas Doolittle Senior Center Community Garden. “This community garden has been assisting the hungry in our community,” explained Fabbi. Whatever the gardener cannot use at harvest is donated to the Senior Center and local community. “That’s how we came up with the name, Doolittle Express,” he laughed. Inspired by a national program, Plant a Row for the Hungry, the garden has donated over 6,500 pounds of surplus fruits and vegetables since 2003.

Fabbi became a trained, certified Master Gardener volunteer in 1997. He assists four other community gardens and has logged over 19,250 volunteer hours. Master Gardeners Dee Horton, Pearl Yarbrough and Peg Cornett are also regular volunteers in the garden. They answer questions, demonstrate planting techniques and lend helping hands wherever needed.

The Garden also serves as the Linn Mills Demonstration Garden for crops not normally considered to be easily grown in Las Vegas’ Zone 9 climate zone. Currently growing and thriving throughout the gardens are cotton, peanuts, sugar beets, rice, amaranth, quinoa, sorghum, sugarcane and five varieties of heat-tolerant potatoes. “Eight varieties of fruit trees, herbs and a "pizza" garden are grown here,” explained Fabbi, “with tomatoes, oregano, and basil and even the spring wheat for the pizza dough!” “Even the cacti surrounding the outer fence produce edible fruit for our gardeners and local residents,” stated Fabbi, “making the Garden 99 percent edible.”

For complete article go to: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/counties/clark/news/article.asp?ID=2091>



STARTING A COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESS

A growing number of Nevadans are interested in turning their well-loved recipes into quality food products to sell. The Nevada Cottage Food Law effective July 2013 allows for the start-up of these small businesses and the potential for future growth. There are a few easy steps required to start a cottage food enterprise. See more at:

- [Starting a Jams, Jellies and Preserves Business in Nevada](#)
- [Starting a Dried Fruit and Herb Business in Nevada](#)

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