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# Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

## July 2016 Community Newsletter

### JULY 2016 CALENDAR

**Monday, July 11 at 9 a.m. – Final registration for Fall MG Training. See details on page 2.**

**Monday, July 18, 7 a.m. – Rose Care Workshop by Master Gardeners.** Because the heat makes roses grow too fast to fully develop, flowers produced from June –Sept. are half the size of those in April. The heat also brings out the #1 rose pest, spider mites. Learn more with hands on demos and tips. Meet in the MG Rose Garden at 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. Free and open to the public. 702-257-5555.

**Wednesday, July 20, 1 p.m. – "Your indoor garden, houseplants and more" gardening talk by MG Lori Evans** at Winchester Cultural Center (3130 S. McLeod Drive, LV 89121). Free and open to the public. Call Maria at (702) 455-7340 to reserve a space or with questions.

**Weekdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – "Ask a Master Gardener" Help Desk.** Summer can be a stressful time for area landscapes and vegetable gardens due to the heat, drying winds and lack of rain. MG volunteers can advise you on summertime "best management practices" for proper watering, mulching, fertilizing. Call, email or come in: 702-257-5556; [LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu](mailto:LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu); 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 7 a.m. to noon – Seasonal produce** and compost available (fees) plus free mulch, guided tours and gardening advice at Cooperative Extension Research Center and Orchard, 4600 Horse Dr., NLV 89131. Call Master Gardener Help Line for information or directions: 702-257-5555.

**By Request – Walking Tours of the Demonstration Gardens by Master Gardeners.** View the Rose, Herb, Palm, Cacti, Milkweed, Native Plant, Vegetable, Children's gardens. Contact Ann at [edmundsa@unce.unr.edu](mailto:edmundsa@unce.unr.edu) or 702-257-5587 to schedule.

### **DOES ANYTHING GROW WELL HERE IN THE SUMMER ☺???**

Two articles by Dr. Angela O'Callaghan discuss flowers and vegetables that flourish in the Mojave heat:

- **HOT WEATHER FLOWERS**

Not only Texas rangers bloom in summer. Even as the season closes, we in the desert southwest still appreciate the heat, and the plants that survive so well. There are surprisingly many! Oleanders flower like mad in all their colors: white, pink, magenta.

Read complete article at:

<https://www.unce.unr.edu/areas/southern/files/pdf/columns/HotWeatherFlowers.pdf>

- **HIGH TEMPERATURE VEGGIES**

When high temperatures hit the Mojave, most people think about spending an afternoon anywhere but standing outside, even if it is in a garden. We experience such high heat and low humidity, that it is difficult to think of what would possibly grow in July or August.

Read complete article at:

<https://www.unce.unr.edu/areas/southern/files/pdf/columns/HighTemperatureVeggies.pdf>

## CONGRATULATIONS, MASTER GARDENERS!



*Ralph Sgamma*



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*Dr. Angela O'Callaghan and Carol Wong*

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION HELD ON JUNE 1

Thank you to our 245 Master Gardener volunteers for contributing 30,183 hours (valued at \$696,333) working on 35 community projects in Clark County. Among those honored at the yearly Volunteer Appreciation awards luncheon were:

- **RALPH SGAMMA**, Master Gardener since 2013, received the Volunteer of the Year / Silver Trowel award for 457 hours volunteer service on 6 community projects.
- **BABA ANAL**, MG '14, received the Silver Phone award for 238 hours staffing the MG Help Line.
- Master Gardener **CAROL WONG** was recognized for 20 years of service and 3282 volunteer hours.
- Ten-year service pins were presented to: **Nita Burrows, Barbara Hughes, Debra Jacobson, Larry Nelson, Bill Underwood and Jeneane Young**

### LAST CALL FOR FALL 2016 MASTER GARDENER TRAINING!

We're looking for a few more students for our Fall class! Find out more at Orientation/Registration on **MONDAY, JULY 11**. The session begins promptly at 9 in Classroom E, Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, 89123 (Windmill exit off 215).

To become a Master Gardener you must attend twenty training classes (held MWF, 8:30-12:30 from Sept. 9-Oct. 31), and agree to volunteer at least 50 hours per year on community gardening projects. There is a \$75 fee for the Fall 2016 training.

For information contact Ann Edmunds, Program Coordinator at 702-257-5587 or [edmundsa@unce.unr.edu](mailto:edmundsa@unce.unr.edu)

### MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

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