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# Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

## *June 2014* Community Newsletter

### HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

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

Free gardening advice. Call, email or visit the MGs at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123

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

### JUNE HORTICULTURE EVENTS

*The following activities are offered in conjunction with UNCE Horticulture. Some require reservations and/or fees; some are free and open to the public. Updates are posted on Facebook page.*

- **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon** – Seasonal produce, mulch and compost available (**fees**) plus free 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
- **June 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** – “Ask a MG” info table at *Mt. Charleston Pine Needle Pick Up*, a community event to reduce fire hazards. Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Station 81 on Route 157. For more information contact Liz Claggett at 775-378-3111.
- **June 13, 8 –11 a.m.** – **Junior Master Gardener Program** meets on Fridays through August 8 at Research Center and Demonstration Orchard, 4600 Horse Drive, NLV 89131. **\$50 per student**, ages 6 and older. **Pre-registration** is required. Contact Karyn Johnson, 702-257-5523 or [johnsonk@unce.unr.edu](mailto:johnsonk@unce.unr.edu).
- **June 16, 10 a.m.** – “**Growing herbs Inside and Out!**” by Master Gardener Helen Brown. Offered at UMC Family Resource Center, 1120 Shadow Lane, LV. **Free class**, but you must **reserve a space** by calling Amy Runge at 702-383-2229.
- **June 21, 9:30 a.m. – noon** – “Panel Discussion” with Master Gardener Carolyn Ellsworth as part of *Inequalities in Healthcare -- Solutions*, a workshop presented by national Coalition of 100 Black Women at Sunrise Children’s Foundation, 2795 E. Desert Inn Rd, #100, LV 89121. **Free**, but you must **reserve a space** by contacting Charlotte Watkins at [cw6830@msn.com](mailto:cw6830@msn.com).
- **June 28, 8 a.m. to noon** -- “**Gardening in Small Places: Organic Gardening**” by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123. **Pre-registration** is required; **\$25 fee**. Contact Elaine Fagin at 702-257-5573 or [fagine@unce.unr.edu](mailto:fagine@unce.unr.edu)

## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

The following article is excerpted from <http://www.unce.unr.edu/news/article.asp?ID=1943>

If you've ever participated in 4-H or been given information by a Master Gardener, you're one of hundreds of thousands of Nevadans for reason to celebrate this month. The organization that conducts these educational programs, and more than 130 others in communities across Nevada, is celebrating its centennial: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

May 8, 1914 is the day the Smith-Lever Act established the nationwide Cooperative Extension system to provide educational programs "to diffuse useful and practical information." In Nevada, the University of Nevada, Reno is the state's land-grant institution, and as such, it accepted the duty of supporting Cooperative Extension's programs to provide practical information to people, business and communities in all 17 Nevada counties.

The organization presents programs to address critical needs in agriculture; horticulture; community and economic development; natural resources; children, youth and families; and health and nutrition. Although it is a College of the University of Nevada, Reno, it is a county-state-federal partnership, with employees living and working throughout the state, assessing local community needs and bringing University research and knowledge, as well as resources from other partners, to address those needs.

"A big part of our success is being adaptable and being able to reach and serve diverse populations," Mark Walker, Dean of the College, explained. "We have a proud tradition of being the 'go-to guys' in the small, rural communities like Elko and Caliente, but today, we are also very active in our large, urban centers — Las Vegas and Reno. Nevada's more than 615 active Master Gardeners, who receive intense training in plant-science skills, provide information to about 87,000 gardeners annually, and volunteer in more than 30 community gardens, teach workshops, and educate at farmers markets and schools.



The Clark County office of Cooperative Extension is located at the Lifelong Learning Center, 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89123. Community programs, including the Master Gardeners, are offered through the following Departments:

- Water, Horticulture, Environment and Economics
- Health and Nutrition
- Families, Youth and Children

The office is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with special classes offered on evenings and weekends.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION LAS VEGAS OFFICE**  
**8050 Paradise Road (Windmill exit off the 215)**  
**702-222-3100** (connects to all Departments)

### DEMONSTRATION & TEST GARDENS

The Demonstration Gardens contain over 500 species of desert appropriate landscape plants, including trees, shrubs, perennials, palms, cacti and agaves. Plants are identified by botanical and common names. The grounds are open for self-guided walks on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Master Gardeners are available at the Help Desk to answer any questions.

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