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## Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada *June 2016* Community Newsletter

### REGISTER **NOW** FOR MG FALL TRAINING CLASS

Registration for the next class in the Master Gardener program is set for **Wednesday, June 8 and 22** at 9 a.m. at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123.

MG Training is held once a year in the Fall semester. Classes are scheduled for MWF from September 9 – October 26. Potential students will learn about the volunteer program and interview with a current Master Gardener. Students will be notified of their acceptance by June 30.

Contact Lori Leas at [leasl@unce.unr.edu](mailto:leasl@unce.unr.edu) or 702-257-5501 and indicate the session you would like to attend. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

**Interested in becoming a Master Gardener? You do not need a gardening background!**  
**The most important qualifications are commitments to complete the Training and to share your knowledge through Volunteer service.**

### JUNE 2016 CALENDAR

**June 4 and 18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Ask a Master Gardener** information booth on the First and Third Saturdays. Visit the Master Gardeners INDOORS at Fresh 52 Farmers Market, Tivoli Village for displays, handouts and answers to your gardening questions. Free and open to the public.

**June 6 and 20, 9 a.m. – In the Rose Garden by Master Gardeners.** Hands on demos and tips on watering, mulching and caring for your roses in the heat and dry winds of summer. Meet in the MG Rose Garden at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. Free and open to the public. 702-257-5555.

**June 18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Ask a Master Gardener** at Tivoli Village Farmers Market. See June 4 listing.

**June 20, 9 a.m. -- In the Rose Garden by Master Gardeners.** See June 6 listing.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8 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.** Based on your interests, 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.

## MASTER GARDENERS BRING NEW LIFE TO NELLIS AFB GROVE



*Penstemon spp. In bloom*



*Master Gardeners and Nellis AFB personnel*

What once was nothing but an area of half-dead trees is now a growing oasis of wildflowers that are attracting wildlife to the environmental grove at Nellis Air Force Base (AFB). The grove is a community project that started roughly two years ago and is maintained by about eight Master Gardeners from Cooperative Extension according to Master Gardener Kimberly Williams, project chair.

“There’s not a lot of available water. So, we’ve been working with the civil engineering group and they’ve been slowly bringing water to the grove for us,” stated Williams. “When they started putting in the water system, that’s when all the wildflowers really started popping up.”

Since the system was put in place last summer, an array of wildflowers, that include Penstemon and Brittlebush, began growing from the seeds the Master Gardeners planted. However, flowers are not the only species making an appearance at the grove.

“We always had coyotes that live on the base but since the wildflowers started coming, we have two cubbies of quail and now a bunch of hummingbirds,” said Williams.

Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Anne Marie Lardeau expects the environmental grove to blossom even more. “What really gets me excited are the much more numerous seedlings that germinated all over this spring. There are seedlings of many varieties everywhere. The rains we enjoyed this spring should ensure their survival until this year's monsoon rains,” said Lardeau.

“When a native seed germinates and grows in place, it is much more drought resistant since its tap root has not been disturbed. It should survive easily without irrigation in our desert climate. The abundance of seedlings I observed last month leads me to believe we shall enjoy a spectacular abundance of wildflowers in future years,” she added.

To celebrate Arbor Day, the Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and Nellis AFB firemen participated in a joint clean-up day at the grove trimming trees, pulling weeds and raking the foot paths. To show appreciation for the Master Gardeners hard work, the base firemen threw a barbeque.

### MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

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Updates posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/MasterGardenersOfSouthernNevada>

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