



University of Nevada
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Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

March 2015 Community Newsletter

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following events are offered in conjunction with the Master Gardeners and Cooperative Extension Horticulture. Some require reservations and/or fees; some are free and open to the public.

- **Fridays at 10 a.m. – Walking Tours of Demonstration Gardens** on Fridays from September through May. **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 891323. Meet at the MG Help Desk; 702-257-5555
- **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon – Seasonal produce, mulch and compost** available (fees) plus 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
- **March 7 & 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Visit the “Ask a Master Gardener”** information booth at **Tivoli Village Farmers Market** (440 S. Rampart Blvd, LV 89145) on the First and Third Saturday of the month. Gardening advice, horticulture publications, and seasonal displays.
- **March 14, 8 a.m. to noon – Gardening in Small Places: Compost** by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan. **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 891323. Learn how to compost outdoors in our desert climate or indoors if you don’t have a yard. Pre-registration and \$25 fee required. To register contact Elaine Fagin, fagine@unce.unr.edu or 702-257-5573.
- **March 14, 10 a.m. – Garden Tour – “March Madness”** by Master Gardeners. Springtime brings an abundance of plants at the garden shops, and sometimes we go a bit crazy trying to choose! Learn what plants do well in the desert and how to care for them to get blooms again next year. Free and open to the public. Cooperative Extension **Demonstration and Test Gardens** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). Meet in center courtyard for this walking tour. Call MG Help Line at: 702-257-5555
- **March 21, 9 am. – “Getting Started as a Desert Gardener,”** outdoor class by Master Gardeners at **Acacia Park** (50 Casa Del Fuego St, Henderson, NV 89012; 702-267-4230.) A Master Gardener will discuss the basics of irrigation, watering maintenance tips, soil preparation, caliche, pH and soil salts. Register online at: <http://www.cityofhenderson.com/henderson-happenings/facilities/recreation-centers/online-registration>
- **March 26, 7 p.m. – South Valley Rose Society Meeting – Tips from the Judges.** Bring your roses to meeting and learn how to prepare them for the rose show: from understanding the rose show schedule, filling out the tags, preparing your roses and learning the tips and tricks of exhibiting. **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 891323. Free and open to the public. Call Master Gardener Help Line at 702-257-5555
- **March 28, 2015, 9 a.m. – “Fruits and Veggies for Your Spring Garden,”** outdoor class by Master Gardeners at **Acacia Park** (50 Casa Del Fuego St, Henderson, NV 89012; 702-267-4230.) Do you wonder why some gardens flourish and others just get by? Learn which cool season veggies to plant now and get tips on how to care for them from a Master Gardener. Register online at: <http://www.cityofhenderson.com/henderson-happenings/facilities/recreation-centers/online-registration>

Gardening Smarter As We Mature

March 11, April 8 and May 14; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us for three free classes that teach you how to garden more easily as your body ages. Classes focus on the biomechanics of the body — covering gross and fine motor skills. Learn about core strengthening and how to adapt your garden techniques to the changes the body goes through. Classes will cover cardiovascular health, strength and endurance needs and techniques. Learn practical gardening applications such as simplifying your gardening life, prioritizing tasks, using lower maintenance plants and gardening in raised beds.

- **March 11:** Body Changes; Biomechanics; Improving Cardiovascular Health; Improving Strength and Endurance
- **April 8:** Using the Body Properly
- **May 14:** Simplify Your Gardening Life

Offered in Las Vegas at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89123

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: 702-222-3130

Nevada Naturalist Open House

Saturday, March 7, 8:30 am—3:00 pm.

UNCE Lifelong Learning Center, 8050 Paradise Rd, 89123

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Learning about nature? Are you interested in making a difference in the community? If so, the Nevada Naturalist Program may be for you!

- Learn what it takes to be a Nevada Naturalist
- Chat with some of the instructors
- View interesting and educational presentations
- Meet current Nevada Naturalists
- Tour our Outdoor Education Center
- Register for the upcoming spring session

For additional information, contact Denise Parsons at parsonsd@unce.unr.edu

MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

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

MONTHLY CALENDAR UPDATES ARE POSTED ON FACEBOOK:

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

DEMO GARDEN TOURS: The Cooperative Extension Demonstration and Test Gardens (including the MG Herb and Rose Gardens) are open to the public Monday - Friday from 8-5. Garden tours are offered every Friday at 10 a.m. Saturday tours are offered once a month in the Spring and Fall.

ORCHARD HOURS: The MG Orchard at the Cooperative Extension Research Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8-noon. Master Gardeners offer pruning and planting demonstrations, fruit tree recommendations and information on common pests and diseases.

Contact Ann Edmunds, Program Coordinator, edmundsa@unce.unr.edu or 702-257-5587 to UNSUBSCRIBE to this newsletter.
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