



University of Nevada
Cooperative Extension



Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

MARCH 2016 Community Newsletter

MARCH 2016 CALENDAR

March 3 – Know Nevada Insects by Joy Paterson. Free workshops, see article on page 2 for times and details.

March 7, 10 a.m. – Fertilizing and Mulching Roses by Master Gardeners. Hands on demos and tips in the Master Gardener Rose Garden. The Rose Garden in back of Cooperative Extension office, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. For info call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

March 19, 8 a.m. – noon -- Gardening in Small Places: Compost by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan. If you eat fruits vegetables and throw any parts of them away, you have the beginning makings of compost. You can make compost in the smallest of areas...just maybe not conventionally. If you are considering purchasing a composter, the tour of the compost demonstration area is for you. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Fagin 702-257-5573 or fagine@unce.unr.edu Class Fee \$25. Register on line at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-in-small-places-compost-tickets-20036195801>

March 19, 10 a.m. – Spring has Sprung Garden Tour by Master Gardeners. Free walking tour highlighting Spring blooming plants to add color to your desert landscape. Plant lists will be provided. Enter west side gate at Cooperative Extension Demonstration and Test Gardens, 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123. 702-257-5555.

March 21, 10 a.m. -- Fertilizing and Mulching Roses by Master Gardeners. See listing on March 7.

March 24, 7 – 9 p.m. -- Preparing for the April Rose Show by ARS Certified Judges, South Valley Rose Society. Bring some of your favorite roses and hear what ARS Certified Horticultural Judges and Apprentice Judges look for during a rose show. Learn the latest preparation tips and tricks for a winning entry! Use west side gate to meet in Classroom C at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. Call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

Fridays, 10 a.m. – Walking Tours of the Demonstration Gardens by Master Gardeners. Based on your interests, view the Rose, Herb, Palm, Cacti, Milkweed, Native Plant etc. Walking shoes, water, sunscreen are recommended. Meet at MG Desk at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. For info call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

“SPRING HAS SPRUNG” GARDEN TOUR

Special themed tours of the Cooperative Extension Demonstration and Test Gardens are offered on three **Saturdays** this Spring.

- **03/19/16 Spring has Sprung**
- **04/09/16 April Flowers**
- **05/07/16 Hot Summer Colors/Preparing for Summer**

Tours start at 10 a.m. and are free and open to the public. Use the west side gate to meet in the Courtyard of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123. Come dressed for being outdoors (walking shoes, sunscreen, water, etc.) Plant lists will be provided. Call the Master Gardener Home Gardening Help Line at 702-257-5555 with questions.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS OFFERED ON LANDSCAPE INSECTS

Two sessions of “Know Nevada Insects: Common Garden Pests and Beneficial Arthropods” will be offered to the public free of charge on **Thursday, March 3**. The workshops will take place at Cooperative Extension’s Demonstration and Test Gardens located at 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, 89123.

Join Joy Paterson, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s Lyon County extension educator, as she answers questions about insects and discusses ways to reduce pests using the most effective and least toxic methods. Participants will roam the Demonstration Gardens and collect insects, then bring them into the classroom and learn more about them.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by calling the Master Gardener Help Desk at 702-257-5555.

- The first workshop runs **8-noon** and is **open to adults ONLY**
- The second workshop is **1-5 p.m.** and is **open to BOTH children and adults**. **Children ages 10** and over may attend the afternoon session **ONLY IF** accompanied by an adult.



Sophora worms on Texas Mountain Laurel



Insect Trap



Leaf-footed bug on pomegranate

New: Fact Sheet-15-08

Hydroponics: A Brief Guide to Growing Food Without Soil

Chenin Treftz, Graduate Assistant; Heidi Kratsch, Northern Area Horticulture Specialist; Stanley Omaye, Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Veterinary Science

Available online at: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2015/fs1508.pdf>

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. Plants are labeled with botanical and common names. The Gardens are open to the public **Monday-Friday from 8-5**. Free **tours on Friday at 10 a.m.**

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

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