



Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada *May 2013* Community Newsletter

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HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

702-257-5555; Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu

MG Office is located at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89123

SEASONAL GARDENING INFORMATION AND PEST ALERTS

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

UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

<http://www.unce.unr.edu/blogs/southernarea/>

MAY EVENTS

Master Gardeners will assist at the following events. They are free and open to the public. Contact the Master Gardener Help Line at 257-5555 or visit the UNCE websites (above) for updates and details on registration, location, etc.

- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (every Thursday), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – MG Info. Table – Springs Preserve Farmers Market
- May 4 & 18 (1st and 3rd Saturdays), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – “Ask a Master Gardener” Info. Table – Tivoli Village
- May 4, 9:00 a.m. – “Thinning Asian Pears” by MG Yutaka Nomura – MG Orchard
- May 11, 10 a.m. – “Desert Plants Come Alive” -- MG Garden Tour -- UNCE Demo. Gardens
- May 11, 10:30 a.m. – “Table and Wine Grape Thinning” by MG Yutaka Nomura – MG Orchard
- May 23, 7 p.m. – Summer Rose Care – South Valley Rose Society Meeting -- UNCE

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER ENROLLMENT



Junior Master Gardeners is having open enrollment for Fall 2013 semester classes. These classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00 starting in September.

There are two locations to choose from:

- North (4600 Horse Rd, 89129 - at the Children’s Garden at the MG Orchard), and
- South (8050 Paradise Rd, 89123 - at the UNCE Lifelong Learning Center.

The cost is \$50 per semester for each student or \$75 for two students from the same family. Please contact Karyn Johnson, UNCE School Gardens Coordinator, at 702-257-5523 or email johnsonk@unce.unr.edu for more information or registration forms.

CACTUS DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Now is the time to enjoy a wide variety of colorful cactus flowers. But be quick... some flowers last only a day! Here are some of the varieties in bloom at the Desert Demonstration Gardens located at the Clark County/UNCE Lifelong Learning Center, 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89123. The campus is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for self-guided tours. Most plants in our landscape have signs nearby identifying them by scientific and common names.

Opuntia basilaris – Beavertail Cactus



Opuntia macrocentra – Prickly Pear



Cylindropuntia echinocarpa – Golden Cholla



Cylindropuntia imbricata – Walking Stick



“DESERT PLANTS COME ALIVE” GARDEN TOUR ON MAY 11

The Master Gardeners will offer “*Desert Plants Come Alive*,” a tour of the UNCE Demonstration Gardens, on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. The tour is free and open to the public. This will be the final tour in the Spring series. Guided tours will not be offered during the summer, but will resume in September.

Volunteer Master Gardeners will discuss desert adapted plants which can be successfully grown in the home landscape. The Demonstration Gardens contain over 500 species of desert appropriate landscape plants, including: trees, shrubs, perennials, palms, cacti and agaves.

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