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HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

702-257-5555; Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm or LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu

Free gardening advice! Call, email or visit the MGs at UNCE, 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123

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

MAY 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.

- **May 3, 2014, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.** – “Thinning Grapes” -- two free classes/ demos by Master Gardener Yutaka Nomura at the Research Center/MG Orchard, 4600 Horse Dr., NLV 89131. Call the MG Help Line for directions; 702-257-5555. No pre-registration; classes are held outdoors.
- **May 3, 9 a.m.** – “Safe and Sound Insect Control” by Master Gardener Dave Gaffney. You do not need harmful chemicals to control garden and yard pests. Free outdoor class offered at Acacia Park, 50 Casa del Fuego in Henderson. Pre-registration requested. Contact City of Henderson Parks Dept. at 702-267-4000.
- **May 10, 8 a.m. to noon** -- “Gardening in Small Places: What’s Bugging Your Garden” by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan at UNCE. Problems such as nutrient deficiencies, pests and diseases will be covered. Pre-registration is required; \$25 fee. Contact Elaine Fagin at 702-257-5573 or fagine@unce.unr.edu
- **May 10, 9 a.m.** -- “Container Gardening & Raised Beds” by Master Gardener Diane Harrison. Learn how to create a container garden that allows you to have a garden year round and provides the flexibility to change your garden to fit the season. Free outdoor class offered at Acacia Park, 50 Casa del Fuego in Henderson. Pre-registration requested. Contact City of Henderson Parks Dept. at 702-267-4000.
- **May 10, 10am-noon** – “Garden Tour” by MG Garden Guides. Learn about hardy desert-adapted plants that can be used to enhance residential landscapes. Meet in Courtyard at UNCE for tour of Demonstration Gardens, 8050 Paradise Road, LV, 89123. Walking shoes, sunscreen and water are advised! For info: 702-257-5555
- **May 22, 7 pm** -- “Roses in the Desert Summer Heat and Wind” by Master Gardener Judith Kafantaris, Consulting Rosarian. What can be done to help the roses get through this summer weather and get ready for fall blooms? South Valley Rose Society meetings at UNCE are free and open to the public. 702-257-5555.
- **Every Friday, 10am-noon** – Informal Tours of UNCE Demonstration Gardens by MG Garden Guides. Meet at Master Gardener Office at UNCE, 8050 Paradise Road, LV, 89123; 702-257-5555
- **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8am-noon** – Seasonal produce (when available) and free gardening advice at UNCE Research Center & Orchard, 4600 Horse Dr., NLV 89131; 702-257-5555
- **First and Third Saturdays, 8am-1pm** – “Ask a Master Gardener” Information Table at Tivoli Village Farmers Market, 702-257-5555

ANNUAL "VISITORS"... BE ON THE ALERT FOR THESE COMMON PESTS.

GRAPE LEAF SKELETONIZER

http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/fruit/grapeleaf_skeletonizer.htm



APHIDS (ON NEW GROWTH)

<http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2002/fs0210.pdf>



LEAFFOOTED BUG (ON POMEGRANATES)

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/r621300811.html>



SOPHORA WORM (ON TEXAS MOUNTAIN LAUREL)

<http://cals.arizona.edu/maricopa/garden/html/t-tips/bugs/sophoraworm.htm>



Landscape pests tend to reoccur at the same time each year (depending on the temperatures). Some insects have more than one generation each year.

Scout your yard frequently (at least once a week) to spot pests while the infestation is still small and easier to control.

Sometimes a spray of water or picking them off is all you need to do! Use chemical pesticides as a last resort.

See photos (*at left*) of some of the pests we are seeing at this time of year. Visit the websites for more information on identification and control.

If you have questions, call the Home Gardening Help Line at 702-257-5555. Master Gardeners are ready to help you M-F from 8-5. Email: LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu