



University of Nevada  
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## Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

### May 2015 Community Newsletter

#### REGISTRATION DATES SET FOR MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASSES

In 2015 our Las Vegas training class will be offered in the Fall semester. Our mission is to train community volunteers in appropriate desert gardening practices. Eighty hours of class training and 50 hours of volunteer work on approved projects are required in order to become a Master Gardener. Classes are scheduled on most MWF from 8:30 – 12:30 from September 9 through October 28 (based on instructor availability). You must attend all 20 classes.

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

**We will hold registration on Monday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 24 from 9-11.** We will give you an overview of the training and program requirements, and offer you the opportunity to fill out an application and have an interview with a current Master Gardener. Students will be notified of their acceptance by June 30. Payment of class fees (\$200) will be due by July 6.

Contact Martha Barajas at 702-257-5522 or [barajasm@UNCE.unr.edu](mailto:barajasm@UNCE.unr.edu) to reserve a space; indicate the Registration date of your choice. Full details will be emailed to all who pre-register.

#### MAY 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.*

- **May 9, 8 a.m. - noon -- Gardening in Small Places: What's Bugging Your Garden** by Dr. Angela O'Callaghan at **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV 89123 The workshop will show you what to look for when your garden doesn't look quite right. Problems such as nutrient deficiencies, pests and diseases will be covered. For information contact Elaine Fagin, [fagine@unce.unr.edu](mailto:fagine@unce.unr.edu) or 702-257-5573. There is a \$25 class fee. To register online, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-in-small-places-whats-bugging-your-garden-tickets-13736451095>
- **May 14, 10 a.m. – noon -- "Gardening Smarter as We Mature"** by Dr. Angela O'Callaghan, Social Horticulture Specialist. This class will focus on specific tools available to aid in gardening and the importance of planting systems such as gardening in raised beds and using pots as patio gardens. In Las Vegas the class will be held at **Cooperative Extension**, 8050 Paradise Rd. 89123. It will be available via interactive video at other Cooperative Extension offices. The class is free, but RESERVE a space by calling 702-222-3130.

- **May 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** -- **Spring Plant Sale at Nevada Division of Forestry State Tree Nursery** at 9600 Tule Springs Rd. (inside Floyd Lamb Park). Master Gardeners helped grow some of the more than 30 species of native and desert-adapted trees and shrubs. Also available are a handful of plants appropriate for Mount Charleston and similar environs. Planting natives leads to cleaner air, decreased water usage and soil erosion, and it provides habitat for native wildlife. Cash and checks only. A listing of current inventory is available at <http://forestry.nv.gov/ndf-state-forest-nurseries/las-vegas-state-tree-nursery/>. For info call: 702-486-5411 or 702-524-8887.
- **May 19, 10 - 11 a.m.** -- **“Starting a Garden”** by MG Kathie Slaughter at **UMC’s Family Resource Center**, 901 Rancho Lane Suite #180 LV, NV 89106. Kathie will discuss the basics of how to establish a garden in Las Vegas. This class is for all skills levels. Free and open to the public, but RESERVE a space by calling Amy Runge at 702-383-2229.
- **May 28, 7 p.m.** – **“Fun Things to do with Roses”** by Lyn Vinson, South Valley Rose Society meeting at **Cooperative Extension**. Learn how to preserve and share your roses in potpourri, pictures and more. Free and open to the public.
- **Fridays at 10 a.m.** – Master Gardeners lead **Walking Tours of Cooperative Extension Demo Gardens**.
- **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 Demonstration Orchard**, 4600 Horse Dr., NLV 89131. Call Master Gardener Help Line for information or directions: 702-257-5555.
- **First and Third Saturday of the month** – Visit the **Ask a Master Gardener** information booth at **Tivoli Farmers Market** (440 S. Rampart Blvd, LV 89145). Free Gardening advice and horticulture publications.

### MG ROSE GARDEN IN BLOOM

Our new Rose Garden (planted last Fall) is ready for visitors! All plants are identified by cultivar name and type. During the summer Master Gardeners tend the roses (deadheading, watering, mulching) on the first and third Mondays from 8-8:30. Stop by with your rose questions or call the Help Line at 702-257-5555.



### MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

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

**DEMO GARDENS:** The Cooperative Extension Demonstration and Test Gardens are open to the public Monday - Friday from 8-5. Garden tours are offered every Friday at 10 a.m. September through May.

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