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## Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada *November 2013* Community Newsletter

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### HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

**702-257-5555**; Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm or [LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu](mailto:LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu)

Call, email or visit the MGs at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123

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### NOVEMBER EVENTS

Master Gardeners will participate in the following classes/ events. Most are free and open to the public, but some require registration and/or fees. **NOTE: UNCE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 11, 28 & 29.**

- **Fridays, 10am-noon** – *Garden Tips and Tour* of UNCE Demonstration and Test Gardens – MG Garden Guides -- meet at Master Gardener Office at UNCE (8050 Paradise Road, LV); 702-257-5555
- **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8am-noon** – Seasonal produce available for purchase at Clark County Center for Sustainable Urban Food Production ( MG Orchard) – 4600 Horse Dr., NLV 89131 (702-257-5555)
- **November 1 & 2** -- Logandale MGs will provide Fact Sheets on *Growing and Using Pomegranates* at the Pomegranate Festival; Clark County Fairgrounds, <http://moapavalleyartguild.net/festival/festival.htm>
- **November 8 & 9** – *Master Food Preserver Class* covering canning, drying, freezing, pressure canning, pickles & relishes and jams & jellies; Logandale Cooperative Extension, 1897 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Logandale, NV 89021. Registration and fee required. Contact Lori Leas at [leasl@unce.unr.edu](mailto:leasl@unce.unr.edu) or 702-397-2604.
- **November 9, 9am-11am** – MG presentation on *Gardening with Physical Limitations* – Acacia Park Demonstration Gardens (50 Casa del Fuego, Henderson); MG Help Desk, 702-257-5555
- **November 9, 8am-4pm** – MG presentations on *Holiday Plants, Grapevine Wreaths, Fall Gardening and Kitchen Composting* at Harvest Fest -- Tivoli Village Farmers Market; <http://www.fresh52.com/events.html>
- **November 14 & 15** – *Desert Green XVII – Sustainability in the Landscape*; seminars and CE for Green Industry professionals – Springs Preserve; Registration and fee required [www.desert-green.org](http://www.desert-green.org) or call 702-454-3057 or 435-877-1305.
- **November 21, 7pm** – *New Rose Varieties for 2014* by Mary deCesare, Consulting Rosarian and Master Gardener; South Valley Rose Society – UNCE (8050 Paradise Road, LV; 702-257-5555)
- **November 23, 9am-11am** – MG presentation on *Growing and Using Herbs* – Acacia Park Demonstration Gardens (50 Casa del Fuego, Henderson); MG Help Desk, 702-257-5555

*The Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada offer free, research-based horticulture information to the public through community events and the Home Gardening Help Line (257-5555). MG Volunteers have completed 80 hours of horticulture training in sustainable desert gardening.*

## FALL ROSE CARE TIPS

by Judith Kafantaris, Master Gardener and Master Rosarian

We live in an arid environment, and so we do not have some of the fungal problems that are associated with dampness and high humidity. But we do have powdery mildew! This can be worsened by desert dryness and heat. Overhead sprinkling actually may reduce the spread of powdery mildew, because it washes spores off the plant. Also, provide good air circulation, and avoid excess fertilizing or use a slow-release fertilizer.

Other problems are aphids in the spring and fall and rose thrips. Spraying with soapy water will usually take care of them. There is a movement away from pesticides, insecticides etc. as they are harmful to the environment. Treat organically and make your planting beds and roses healthy (compost and mulch!) so they can ward off anything that comes their way.

We add soil amendments to our planting areas because our alkaline soil. Roses like an acidic soil and so we use soil sulfur and superphosphate this time of year to lower the soil's pH.

Now is a good time to fertilize roses using a general rose fertilizer. Fertilizers have three numbers: N,P,K -- Nitrogen (for green foliage), Phosphorus (flower bloom, root development) and Potassium (overall good health). This will allow for a second flush of blooms that will continue through the fall and into winter.

Now is also the time to plant new roses and transplant roses from pots to beds. In the desert we can plant from October to February because the roots keep growing and the plants can better withstand the summer heat.

For more information on The Rose in the Desert Southwest, including pruning and fertilizing:

<http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2003/sp0315.pdf>

## Master Gardeners at Work in Our Community!



**Left:** MG Anne Marie Lardeau collects seeds of Desert Marigold for Cornerstone Park wildflower seeding event.

**Right:** MG Theo DeAngelis provides gardening information at Tivoli Farmers Market.

**Left:** MG Don Fabbi (and friends!) at Doolittle Senior Center Community Garden.

**Right:** MG Louise Watson at REM NV Portals Community Garden for the developmentally challenged.



## MASTER GARDENER SPRING 2014 TRAINING CLASS

A public Information session and Registration for our Spring 2014 training classes will take place in January 2014. The session will be one hour long, covering training class topics, cost, volunteer commitment, volunteer projects, and membership benefits.

MG Training classes are offered on a MWF schedule from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. There are 20 classes from March 10 - April 30.

To receive notice of the Registration date, please contact Mary Bertsch at [bertschm@unce.unr.edu](mailto:bertschm@unce.unr.edu) or 257-5501.