



University of Nevada
Cooperative Extension



Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

November 2015 Community Newsletter

The Cooperative Extension office, demo gardens and research center are closed on the following dates:

- Friday, October 30 – Nevada Day
- Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day
- Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 27 – Thanksgiving Day

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Daily, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Master Gardener Home Gardening Help Line. Answers to your gardening questions by phone or email to LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu. Walkins welcome.

Fridays, 10 a.m. (Sept. – May, except holidays) – Walking Tours of the Demonstration Gardens by Master Gardeners. Introduction to the gardens with over 1000 species of desert appropriate landscape plants. 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.

November 2 – Last Day to submit online bare root **Fruit Tree orders**. See article on page 2.

November 7 – Workshop on extended season marketing for farm and food products. See article on page 2.

November 7, 9 a.m. -- Getting Your Yard Ready for Winter by Master Gardener Jodi Starkey. Here in the desert we sometimes experience colder winter winds and freezing temperatures that can harm our homes and landscapes. Now is the time to learn some simple techniques to protect your plants, trees, landscape, and pipes. Outdoor class at Acacia Park, 50 Casa del Fuego, Henderson, 89012. Reserve a seat by going online www.cityofhenderson.com/parks and clicking Online Registration.

November 19, 7 p.m. – General Care of Roses by Consulting Rosarians. Growing roses in the desert can be different and has challenges than growing roses in other parts of the country. Learn how to choose a rose, the best time to plant, soil preparation, water, fertilize, protect, and prune roses during the growing season. 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.

November 21, 10 a.m. – 50 Shades of Green by Garden Guides. Free and open to public. Walking tour of hardy desert plants which give interest to our landscapes through leaf variety: tiny leaves, blue or grey coloration, hairy leaves and/or glossy leaves. Plant list provided. Use west side gate to meet in Courtyard at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. For info call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555

November 21, 8 a.m. -- Gardening in Small Places: Growing Fruit at Home by Dr. Angela O'Callaghan. Figs, nectarines, peaches, apricots, pears, apples, strawberries, cantaloupe, grapes and blackberries are just a few of the fruits you can grow at home. Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV89123. Call Elaine Fagin for info: 702-257-5573. Registration and pre-payment required, \$25 fee: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-in-small-places-growing-fruit-at-home-tickets-13738015775>

BARE ROOT FRUIT TREE ORDERS

The Research Center and Orchard is pleased to offer bare root fruit trees again! This year the easy-to-use order form is online through Google forms: <http://goo.gl/forms/iOlVeVfhoM>

There are many tree types to choose from. Orders will arrive in February. The trees are bare root, so no soil comes with the roots, and the trees need to be planted really quickly after they arrive (the sooner the better, such as the same day as pickup).

Please fill out the online form and submit by November 2. You will be contacted when trees arrive —then come pick them up with cash or check at the Research Center and Orchard, 4600 Horse Dr. North Las Vegas, NV 89131.

Most of the trees are already being grown at the Orchard. If you have questions, contact Tamara Wynne, Orchard Manager at 702-786-4361.

WORKSHOP ON EXTENDED SEASON MARKETING FOR FARM AND FOOD PRODUCTS

Designed for growers and small food producers looking to expand or diversify

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension will host the “Extended Season Marketing Opportunities for Farm and Food Products” workshop on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop is designed for growers and small food producers looking to expand or diversify their direct marketing activities by taking advantage of the growing consumer demand for local foods and food-based experiences.

The workshop will focus on the aspects of marketing through farm shops, winter stands and farmers’ markets, and tourism outlets. Topics include: extended season market and product alternatives; marketing: target customers and promotional strategies; management: best practices and realities; assessing profitability: business and financial plans; value-added products: cottage foods, processing and labeling requirements; business ownership: issues, regulation and permits; and financing: federal/private loan and grant programs.



Photos by Kynda Curtis at various farm shops in England.

The workshop will be held at the Marriott Courtyard Las Vegas South located at 5845 Dean Martin Dr., Las Vegas, Nev. The cost of the workshop is \$30 and includes all materials as well as breaks and lunch.

Online registration is available at <https://extendedseasonfarmshops-lasvegas.eventbrite.com>.

For questions please contact Carol Bishop, Extension Educator in Northeast Clark County, at 702-397-2604 or email bishop@unce.unr.edu or Kynda Curtis, USU Extension Food Marketing Specialist, at 435-797-0444 or email kynda.curtis@usu.edu.

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. The Gardens are open to the public Monday-Friday from 8-5. Plants are labeled with botanical and common names.

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

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