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Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

October 2014 Community Newsletter

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Master Gardeners and Cooperative Extension Horticulture are participating in the following events. Some require reservations and/or fees; some are free and open to the public. Updates are posted on Facebook page.

- **October 4 & 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Visit the “Ask a Master Gardener” information booth at **Tivoli Village Farmers Market** (440 S. Rampart Blvd, LV 89145) on the First and Third Saturday of the month. Free gardening advice, horticulture publications, and seasonal displays.
- **October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9 a.m.** – Free **Gardening Classes** at Acacia Park. See pg. 2 for complete details.
- **Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.** – **Garden Tour -- “Time to Plan(t)”** by Master Gardeners. Take a guided tour of our Cooperative Extension **Demonstration and Test Gardens** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). Fall is the time to plan AND plant your garden! Learn about the plants that can spruce up your desert landscape. Meet in center courtyard; wear walking shoes, bring water. Call Master Gardener Help Line at: 702-257-5555.
- **October 4, 8 a.m. to noon** -- “Gardening in Small Places: **Tree Selection and Care**” by Laura Eisenberg, Certified Arborist, at **Cooperative Extension** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). Trees are a long-term investment in your landscape. Learn how to site, plant and care for them **Pre-registration** is required; **\$25 fee**. Contact Elaine Fagin (702-257-5573; fagine@unce.unr.edu) or register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gisp-tree-care-and-selection-tickets-12033732217>
- **October 4, LV Wash Green Up** – Look for our “Ask a MG” booth! Event details at: http://www.lvwash.org/html/help_volunteer_greenup.html
- **October 11, Solarbration** – MGs will offer tours of the Demonstration Gardens from noon-4. Event details at: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/news/article.asp?ID=1975>
- **October 11 & 12 – Cactus Show and Art Fest** – “Ask a MG” from 10-2 each day. Event details at: http://www.moon-sunlandscapes.com/Cactus_Show_Art_Fair.html
- **October 23, 7 p.m.** – South Valley Rose Society Meeting: “**Which is Better, Compost or Miracle Grow**” by Bob Morris at **Cooperative Extension** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). There is confusion about what compost and fertilizers do. Find out the differences and their role in growing roses. Free and open to the public. Call Master Gardener Help Line for information or directions: 702-257-5555.
- **October 25, Make a Difference Day** – MGs will be at Pittman Wash in Henderson. Event details at: http://www.cityofhenderson.com/news/2014/2014_Community_Tree_Planting_Set_for_Make_A_Difference_Day_8aebab1f-d908-47e8-a7fd-ccd5f89c0eb1.php
- **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon** – Seasonal produce, mulch and compost available (**fees**) plus free 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

MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

702-257-5555 or LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu.

MGs are available Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm to answer your gardening questions! Call, email or visit.

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ORDERS FOR BARE ROOT FRUIT TREES DUE NOVEMBER 1

Back by popular demand! Fruit trees that have proven reliable at the Cooperative Extension Research Center and Demonstration Orchard will again be made available to the public. The Master Gardeners will accept orders for bare-root fruit trees until November 1, 2014. Order forms listing the varieties and prices are available by emailing MGOrchardSale@gmail.com.

A bare root fruit tree comes without soil or leaves. It is light and easy to plant, but since there is no soil, the roots must be kept moist. Planting directions will be provided. The trees will be available for pick-up at the Orchard in late January/early February 2015. Payment is due then.

The Research Center and Orchard (4600 Horse Drive, NLV 89131) is devoted to cultivating fruits and vegetables that can be sustainably produced in the Mojave Desert. Produce, compost, and mulch are available seasonally. Master Gardeners offer instruction in planting, pruning and maintaining fruit trees. The Orchard is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 – noon.



FREE GARDENING CLASSES AT ACACIA PARK

The Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada will offer a series of free classes at Acacia Park in October and November. Classes are offered in partnership with the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department and are published in “Henderson Happenings.” Classes begin at 9 a.m. (please note that the starting time listed in “Henderson Happenings” is incorrect.) Pre-registration is requested by visiting www.cityofhenderson.com/parks and clicking Online Registration. For assistance call: 702-267-4000.

Acacia Park is located at 50 Casa Del Fuego (Intersection of 215 and 515).

- **October 4, 9 a.m. - Native and Adaptive Plants by MG Denise McConnell**

Using plants in your landscape that are likely to survive will make your landscape less costly and still be beautiful. This class will include a tour of the Demonstration Garden at Acacia Park. After the heat and wind of the summer, you will be able to see how plants survive and how they can add beauty to your landscape.

- **October 11, 9 a.m. – Crops to Grow by MG Jeanne Toscano**

What edible crops will grow in Henderson? Are there varieties that will grow better than others? Will using seedlings make it easier? Can you still plant tomatoes? Come, and bring all your questions.

- **October 18, 9 a.m. - Palms, Cactus and Succulents by MG Novella Holland**

You can see a variety of palms in the Las Vegas valley and wonder how they would look in your yard. But even more important is how much work will they require, how long are they expected to live, and what kind of maintenance is required.

- **October 25, 9 a.m. - Trick or Treats by MG Loretta Oakes**

Master Gardeners have a few tricks up their sleeves as they introduce kids to festive plant projects as Halloween approaches. All children – young and young at heart – are invited to attend. Early registration is recommended as space fills quickly.