



University of Nevada
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Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

September 2014 Community Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 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.

- **September 6 & 20, 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. Gardening advice, horticulture publications, and seasonal displays...all for free!
- **September 20, 8 a.m. to noon** -- “Gardening in Small Places: **Using Native and Desert Adapted Plants**” by Prof. ML Robinson at **Cooperative Extension** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). There is beauty in the desert and not all of it is spiny! Learn how to have a beautiful and colorful desert garden all while saving money, energy and water. **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/gardening-in-small-places-using-native-and-desert-adapted-plants-tickets-12033435329>
- **September 20, 10 a.m.** – Garden Tour: **What Survived the Summer** by Master Gardener Guides – Take a guided tour of our Cooperative Extension **Demonstration and Test Gardens** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). See the plants that give color and interest to our desert landscapes even through the heat of the summer! Meet in center courtyard; wear walking shoes, bring water. Call Master Gardener Help Line for information or directions: 702-257-5555.
- **September 25, 7 p.m.** – South Valley Rose Society Meeting: **Creating an Organic Garden** by Dr. Angela O’Callaghan at **Cooperative Extension** (8050 Paradise Road, LV 89123). What is an organic garden and what are the pluses and minuses. Will my roses and other plants look and act differently? Free and open to the public. Call Master Gardener Help Line for information or directions: 702-257-5555.
- **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.

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

BOUNTIFUL BASIL

Basil grew VERY well in Las Vegas during the heat of the summer! The Master Gardener Herb Committee celebrated our abundant basil harvest with a tasting, comparing 10 different basil varieties from our gardens, all planted from seeds. The room smelled wonderful, and we were surprised at the differences in leaf shapes, flowers, colors, texture, smell and taste.

The Master Gardeners cultivate an Herb Garden and a seasonal Herb Farm on the Cooperative Extension campus in Las Vegas. Our Demonstration Gardens are open to visitors Monday – Friday from 8-5 p.m. Master Gardeners at the Help Desk are available to answer any questions. Sorry, we do not sell any herbs or other plants.



Ararat - licorice, strong, green leaves + purple veins, delicate, purple flowers
Thai Holy Basil - has a bite, lemony, color - grass green, white flowers
Thai Holy Basil Kaprao - anise, green leaves, stems green/purple, flowers purple/pink
Purple Ruffle Basil - bitter, dark purple leaves/stems/flowers - pretty
Lemon Basil - lemon taste, light green, white flowers, smells citrusy
Genovese (Common) - big leaves, med. green leaves/stems, white flowers
Lettuce Leaf - floppy, soft, mild at first/gets stronger, scalloped edge
Siam Queen - mild, pleasant taste, licorice, beautiful clumps of purple flowers
Spicy Globe - bite, smooth finish, tiny leaves, white flowers
Lime Basil - limey, light green, small leaves.

NEVADA NATURALIST CONFERENCE

The Nevada Naturalist Statewide Conference highlighting Nevada's 150 year cultural and environmental history is set for September 18-20 the Clark County Wetlands Park. Mark Hall-Patton, "Rock-Star Museum Curator" of "Pawm Stars," will discuss "Nevada's Sesquicentennial: But Not Ours!" Dr. Scott Abella, Ecologist, will present a 30-year assessment of climate change and vegetation shifts associated with the continued recession of Lake Mead. In addition, there will be morning yoga, a silent auction, a night hike and a chance to chat with volunteer coordinators from various local agencies.

The local contact is Cooperative Extension's Denise Parsons (702-948-5906 or parsonsd@unce.unr.edu). For more information and the agenda: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/programs/sites/nevadanaturalist>. For conference registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nevada-naturalist-state-conference-tickets-12416493065>.

TREES ARE GOOD!

International Society of Arboriculture will hold a Structural Pruning Workshop at Cooperative Extension on Thursday, September 25th, 7:30-4. This is a hands-on workshop for the green industry to teach pruning strategies which can improve the architecture of young, medium-aged, and older trees. Early bird rates are available until 9/15. For more information call 866-785-8960. Register online at:

<http://www.wcisa.net/meetings/meetingdisplay.aspx?MeetingID=5517>

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