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Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

September 2015 Community Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 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. Walk-ins welcome.

Fridays, 10 a.m. (Sept. – May, except holidays) – Walking Tours of the Demonstration Gardens by Master Gardeners. Introduction to the gardens with over 500 species of desert appropriate landscape plants. Meet at MG Desk at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. For info call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

September 8, noon – 2 p.m. -- Butterflies In Your Garden by Master Gardener Ralph Sgamma at Sunset Garden Club, Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Pkwy, Henderson 89012. Free and open to the public.
<http://sunsetgardenclubofnv.org>

September 19, 10 a.m. – What Survived the Summer by Garden Guides. Walking tour of hardy desert plants which still look great despite our searing summer heat! Learn how to care for them in your landscape. 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

September 12, 9 a.m. – Getting started as a Desert Gardener by Master Gardener Debra Jacobson. Learn the basics of irrigation, watering, soil preparation of the caliche, soil and salts. Acacia Park, 50 Casa del Fuego, Henderson, 89012. Reserve a seat by going online www.cityofhenderson.com/parks and clicking Online Registration.

September 13, 2 p.m. – Growing Winter Vegetable by Master Gardener Don Fabbi. Learn which vegetables to plant for the fall and winter months. West Charleston Library, 6301 West Charleston Blvd, LV. Information: 702-507-3964.

September 19, Gardening in Small Places: Using Native and Desert Adapted Plants by Prof. ML Robinson. Not just cacti! You can have a lush landscape using colorful and interesting plants desert plants. Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd., LV89123. Call Elaine Fagin for info: 702-257-5573. Registration and payment required, \$25 fee:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-in-small-places-landscape-design-tickets-13737223405>

September 19, 9 a.m. – Growing Cool Season Vegetables in Las Vegas by Master Gardener Don Fabbi. Learn how to grow garlic, asparagus, broccoli and other cool-season root vegetables. Acacia Park, 50 Casa del Fuego, Henderson, 89012. Reserve a seat by going online www.cityofhenderson.com/parks and clicking Online Registration.

September 24, 5-7 p.m. – Rose Festival by South Valley Rose Society. The Community is invited to tour the Master Gardener Rose Garden and participate in the Rose Festival by bringing cut roses from your gardens. Display containers will be provided. Use west side gate to meet in Classroom C at Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, LV 89123. For info call MG Help Line at 702-257-5555.

September 26, 9 a.m. – Roses--a second blush of bloom by Master Gardener Judith Kafantaris. There are countless varieties of roses in a bewildering array of styles and forms. Learn the hints to make roses a better part of your landscape. Acacia Park, 50 Casa del Fuego, Henderson, 89012. Reserve a seat by going online www.cityofhenderson.com/parks and clicking Online Registration.

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.

CACTUS GARDEN "FACELIFT!"

Thanks to the Master Gardeners and the Facilities Department for the visual improvements to the Cactus Garden. New red rock serves as mulch around the plants and the paths are designated by the tan gravel. Prof. Robinson continues to add new species, but at last count there were **173 different kinds of cacti** in the Demonstration Gardens. The Cactus Garden is located in the back of the Cooperative Extension building on the East side. The gardens are open to the public on weekdays from 8-5. As with exploring any outdoor area, recommended practices include: closed toe shoes, water, sunglasses and sunscreen.



MAKE CACTUSES A PART OF YOUR GARDENING LIFE

Angela O'Callaghan, Social Horticulture Specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Residents of locales outside of this beautiful desert are often astounded when they hear details about our wonderful cactuses. Tell them that a spiny, intimidating cactus can produce a delicate flower and watch their eyes open wide in amazement. When they hear that cactuses, like any other flowers, can become pollinated and produce a fruit, people are stunned. Suggesting that they could eat certain prickly pear (*Opuntia* spp.) cactus pads could be mind-boggling to someone who has never given much thought to cactuses. You can only imagine how they react to the term "edible cactus fruits."

After the local cactuses have finished their astounding display of floral colors (mostly yellow, but some species have deep pink), they may produce a plant part that does not look like a prickly pear pad or any cactus where the flower had been. Cactuses need to reproduce, and like most other plants, they create seeds within fruits. Yes, cactuses can create fruits, or "tunas."

Complete article available at:

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/life/home-and-garden/make-cactuses-part-your-gardening-life>

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