



# Master Gardeners of Southern Nevada

## September 2016 Community Newsletter

### SEPTEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

The Master Gardeners are back in the gardens as the **Fall planting season** begins. Newcomers and longtime residents are invited to learn about desert gardening at these **SEPTEMBER** events:

**Cooperative Extension Demonstration and Test Gardens.** Three acre botanical garden with specialty plantings: Roses, Milkweeds, Herbs, Vegetables, Fruit Orchard, Native Wash, Cacti

- o **Free guided tours** of the gardens on **Fridays at 10 a.m.** by the MG Garden Guides. Meet in lobby.
- o Monthly hands-on demonstrations of **seasonal rose care** in the **Rose Garden** on the **Sept. 12 & 26** (second and fourth Mondays) from 9-11.
- o Monthly hands-on **demonstrations** in the **Herb Gardens** on **Sept. 28** (fourth Wednesday) from 9-10.

**Cooperative Extension Research Center and MG Orchard.** Freshly picked **seasonal produce** (fees) plus free mulch. Master Gardeners offer guided tours and gardening advice.

- o Open to the public on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. – noon.**

**Acacia Park in Henderson.** Free **Classes from 9-11 a.m.** on Saturdays. Register on-line:

<http://www.cityofhenderson.com/henderson-happenings>.

- o **September 10, 2016 -- Getting Started as a Desert Gardener** – MG Jeanne Toscano  
Learn the basics of irrigation, watering, soil preparation of the caliche, soil and salts.
- o **September 17, 2016 -- Growing Cool Season Vegetables in Las Vegas** – MG Don Fabbi  
Grow garlic, asparagus, broccoli, and root vegetables during the cool fall and winter months.
- o **September 24, 2016 -- Native and Desert-Adapted Plants** – MG Libby Powell  
Using native plants in your landscape – they are more likely to survive, keep costs down, and can be beautiful.

**West Charleston Library.** Sunday, **September 11 at 2 p.m.** in the Lecture Hall.

- o **Growing Fall Vegetables and Herbs** – MG Don Fabbi  
Learn which vegetables and herbs you can grow to grace your holiday dinners

**Inspirada Community Center.** Wednesday, **September 21 at 6:15 p.m.** Reserve a space by emailing [mwojciechowicz@ccmcnet.com](mailto:mwojciechowicz@ccmcnet.com)

- o **Trees: Selection, Planting and Care** by MG Mary Duensing  
Fall is the time to renew your landscape. How to select and plant a tree.

### MASTER GARDENER HOME GARDENING HELP LINE

702-257-5555 or [LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu](mailto:LVMasterGardeners@unce.unr.edu)

Updates posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/MasterGardenersOfSouthernNevada>

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## LANDSCAPING WITH DESERT-ADAPTED PLANTS

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. – noon, Prof. ML Robinson will teach “Gardening in Small Places: using native and desert adapted plants in the landscape.” To register for the workshop email Elaine Fagin at [fagine@unce.unr.edu](mailto:fagine@unce.unr.edu)



## EXTENSION GARDENS WIN GREEN INNOVATION AWARD

*... for genuine innovation in the pursuit of improved environmental performance.*

The Demonstration and Test Gardens span 3 acres surrounding the Lifelong Learning Center and are home to over 1,000 species of native and desert-appropriate plants. Visitors learn about what works and what doesn't work in our Mojave Desert climate. In the Gardens visitors will find:

- Orchard—Houses several varieties of drought and heat tolerant stone fruit and apple and pear trees
- Compost—Showcases the many types of compost containers that are in use for recycling of plant waste
- Mulch—Visitors can learn about the different uses for ground covers such as stone, bark and rocks
- Native Wash—Perhaps one of the most innovative areas in the gardens is a natural water catchment. Plant materials can thrive in the wash even without supplemental irrigation
- Children's garden—Elementary school children learn about the sources for their food, flowers and clothing
- Roses—Home to a variety of beautiful roses that are able to survive the challenging desert climate
- Cactus garden —Visitors can stroll through the cactus garden to view several varieties of cacti
- Milkweeds—Plantings of 26 species of milkweed to support the Monarch butterfly
- Herbs—View the “farm” or the formal herb gardens

The Gardens are located at 8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, 89123 and are open to the public for self-guided tours Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. Master Gardeners also lead weekly tours and offer hands on demonstrations in the Rose and Herb Gardens. Call the Help Desk (702) 257-5555 for schedule.

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