

How Does Your Garden Grow?



News from UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras County

June 2017

From The Editor

Summer has arrived with a vengeance. It's time to get your garden in shape to cope with the heat. This edition of the newsletter features a handy to do list for summer gardeners.

It also contains news about the demonstration garden and information about coming events.

Happy Gardening,
Odile Morrison
Newsletter Editor

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June To Do List

By Teresa Spence, University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Of Calaveras County

- Add more mulch around trees and in beds; it will help keep the soil cooler and moister.
- Cut back on watering to established drought tolerant plants such as manzanita and ceanothus.
- Newly planted drought tolerant plants will need regular watering for their first year.
- Water tomato plants consistently and evenly, this will help prevent blossom end rot.
- Check your sprinklers regularly to make sure they are not blocked or broken.
- Because of the long wet winter and spring there are a lot more mosquitoes this year. It is very important to eliminate these pests as much as possible from around your property. Mosquitoes are not only an irritant because of their bite; they are potential carriers of a variety of dangerous diseases such as West Nile, canine heartworm and varieties of encephalitis.



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CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Market

Thursday July 13
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Open Garden June 24

10am to 1pm
Topic: Landscape & Garden Problem Solving Clinic

Plant Sale 10am to noon
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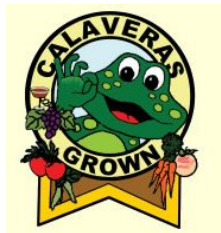
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Home gardening assistance is offered by Master Gardeners through the help line at:

209-754-2880

CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Market July 13

UCCE Master Gardeners of Calaveras County is hosting a third season of the CalaverasGROWN Certified Farmers Markets at the demonstration garden in San Andreas. The market is the third Thursday of the month from May to September: July 13, August 10, September 14



Vendors

- Kriletich Family Farms
- Cave City Vineyards
- Murphys Mustards
- Wild Geese Garden Herbs
- Mangini Olive Oil
- Calaveras High School Farm
- Gold Country Roasters
- Mountain Ranch Natural Products

This free, fun evening event features members of the Calaveras band 'Vintage Vibrations' played jazz, swing and Dixieland.

Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program will host free face painting in the Children's Garden.

The market offers a wide variety of products from local farms right here in Calaveras County. Food that has traveled fewer miles is fresher, more nutritious and has greater flavor. Come to our market for the best produce in town and show your support for local farmers.

If you would like to volunteer for this event or for more information, please contact the Market Manager, Odile Morrison (209) 256-6506 odmo@comcast.net.

Combating Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes must have water to complete their lifecycle and it is amazing how little water is needed. The female lays her eggs in the water one at a time; the eggs float on the surface until they hatch into larva usually within about 48 hours after being laid. Then they shed their skin several times, and within 2 days the larva becomes pupa. In approximately 48 more hours they change into adult mosquitoes, so within less than one week a new generation of mosquitoes is produced.



The mosquito will lay her eggs in a thimble if it holds water for more than a week; therefore it is critical to eliminate all sources of standing water such as in old tires, pots, buckets, bird baths, water troughs, neglected swimming pools and ponds:

- Empty all buckets and pots and get rid of old tires or drill holes in them to drain the water.
- Maintain bird baths by changing the water at least once a week
- Chlorinate swimming pools, or if that is not possible, install several mosquito fish in the pool and in any water troughs and ponds. Do not allow the mosquito fish to escape into any streams or rivers as they are not a native species.

Mosquitoes usually spend their lives within a mile or two of their breeding ground, so if you eliminate their water source for breeding, there will be a lot fewer mosquitoes near your home.

Open Garden June 24

The Demonstration Garden will open on Saturday June 24 from 10AM – 1PM.

Plant sale this month from 10am -12pm.

Offering a diverse selection of hardy and heirloom vegetables.



We will conduct a



Landscape and Garden Problem Solving Clinic. Bring your site specific

conundrums to the Learning Center, in the Demo Garden and in the shade. Together we can find creative adaptations to improve your outdoor spaces.

Next Open Garden: July 29th, 10am to 1pm.

Demonstration Garden News

The Good...

We have installed a new shade area, complete with sink next to the Vegetable Garden shed. Take a moment to relax there and take in the new container garden, a demo that anyone can grow food, even in a small space...



Thanks to Tom and Nancy for harvesting the survivors (onions, not gophers!). Please help yourselves, they are hanging with the white garlic next to the Vegetable Garden shed.

The Ugly...



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Dolores and Taylor recently created a labyrinth in the area behind the Learning Center. Take some time to walk the circular path in

bare feet, then relax on the stone bench under the roses. The newly-planted Chinese Pistache (left) will grow quickly and provide some more shade in this area.

The vegetable garden delivered the first tomatoes early this year. Emily Metzger enjoyed the first Sungold tomato of the season.....



The Bad...

Gophers have feasted on the artichokes that we planted in 2012, so we will be replanting in late Fall. It's likely the hardware cloth installed when the beds were built around 10 years ago has deteriorated.



They also had a go at the red onions, pulling some of them right down into the bed and eating the mature bulbs.

"Nothing worse than a gopher with onion breath."
Tom Furnanz.....