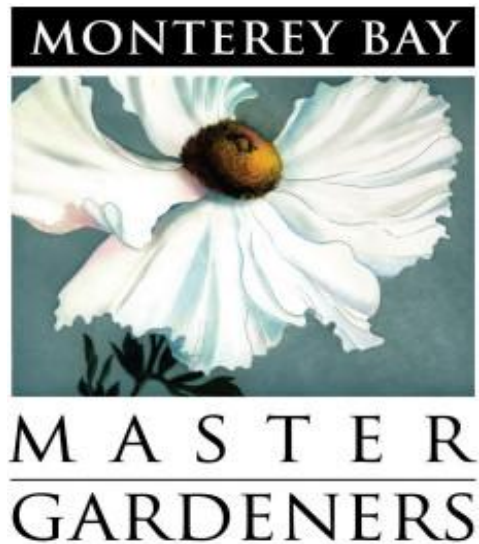


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Advanced Training Opportunities

Urban Agriculture, April 11, UCCE, 10:00

–Barbara Gordon, MG

Barbara will present an exciting program on the Student Garden Project she ran at San Jose State last year. After the presentation a panel of four people involved in local community gardens will tell you about their experiences and what brought them to join a community garden.

Advanced Training Table

Many thanks to JoAnn Schaper, MG08, and Karen Rieger, MG08, who research everything everywhere every month and assemble all the advanced training information into the table on the website (and in this publication). They continue to find so many wonderful workshops, classes and events for MGs – 35 in the month of April!

We hope you make good use of it. Great work, Ladies, and thank you!

http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org/classes%20and%20events/classes_events_org.htm

Computer Skills Advanced Training

April 25th, UCCE, 10:00

Denise Weatherwax and Christina Kriedt will teach you to use the new email, create folders for archiving emails you want to keep, access the website, download pdfs and whatever else we can help you figure out—about 2 hours of advanced training toward your requirement.

Volunteer Announcements

Smart Gardening Faire Volunteers Needed

–Denise Weatherwax, MG08

It's not too early to volunteer for this year's Smart Garden Faire, to be held Saturday, June 27 at Skypark in Scotts Valley. Several additional volunteers are needed for the positions such as: staffing the MBMG Welcome and Sales booths, Speaker and Visitor Hospitality, and more to be announced. We are also

looking for volunteers to craft paper pots and start seedlings for the Faire (details to be announced). To sign up, send an e-mail to Denise Weatherwax '08, Volunteer Coordinator -- dweatherwax@gmail.com – or call her at 359-1758.

Many thanks to those MGs who have already signed up!

2009 Garden Tour Kick-off and Quarterly Meeting

–Barbara Schilling, MG04

& Maryann McCormick, MG04

A lively crowd had assembled for the Quarterly Meeting and Tour kick-off at the Spear Warehouse at the Cooper-Molera Garden in Monterey on a chilly but beautifully sunny Saturday morning. Maryann McCormick and Barbara Schilling presented the exciting plans for "Garden Sanctuaries of the Monterey Peninsula" - better known as MBMG's 12th annual tour of gardens. They introduced many of the active and eager volunteers that are already busy working to make the tour a stunning and educational experience. Following this meeting, our local rose specialist Francis Grate and Marcia Smullen lead a tour of the historic gardens and talked about heirloom roses, their origins, care, propagation and place in the Cooper Adobe.

The tour, September 12th on the Monterey Peninsula this year, will feature nine beautiful private gardens, two historic gardens that are the site of MBMG community projects and one edible school garden with a wildlife habitat. There will be a large plant sale, raffle, arts and crafts sale, and a book sale. As a new addition there will also be a series of thumbnail talks; each garden will host a speaker on an exciting gardening topic. These mini-lectures each will be repeated on a schedule two to three times during the day. Topics will include Fire Safe Gardening (with Coastal Gardner Dave Elbert), Organic Vegetable Gardening (Marcia Smullen), Wildlife Gardening, Native Gardening, Succulents (Stuart Walzer), Creating Sacred Spaces (Elizabeth Murray), Pruning (Peter Quintanilla) and more.

There is already much volunteer activity for the tour. The PR team, led by Betsy Shea, has created an informational bookmark that can be distributed over the next months. Design of a beautiful tour ticket has been taken on by Joann Godoy, and

a large and busy propagation team is being led by Tammy Tahara. Finally, Christina Kriedt is working to create fun tour web pages which will furnish tour information and enable us to sell tickets on-line.

Cynthia Jordan has accepted the difficult task of coordinating the volunteers, you will hear from her soon and throughout the spring and summer so you can get a chance to sign up and be part of this fun event as well.

Talks and Demos at the Faire

–Tom Karwin, MG99

This year, we are planning to have one series of speakers in the main tent and a series of cooking demonstrations and food & wine tasting sessions in the picnic area. We're still talking with some prospective speakers & demonstrators, but here's an early list:

Speakers/Demonstrators

Manfred Warmuth
Professor of Computer Science, UCSC
Using Our Land to the Fullest

Cynthia Sandberg
Love Apple Farm
Backyard Chicken Keeping

Dave Egbert
The Coastal Gardener
Vegetables for Fire Safety

Tom Wittman
Gophers Limited
When Animals Attack Your Veggies

Elray Middlebrook,
California Native Garden Foundation
Edible Native Plants

John Farais
The Zen Cowboy Chef
Cooking with Native Plants

Illona Wood
Agape Feast
Cooking Demonstrations

There are additional exciting speakers to come! Watch smartgardening.org for late-breaking news about talks & demos.

Annual MG Certification ONLINE!

–Steve Tjosvold,

Environmental Horticulture Farm Advisor

Spring is in the air.....and so is the annual MG certification. But before you shrug, please be aware that this year the process is online and many MGs in other counties say it is fairly simple and positive. For many, it can take just a few minutes to complete. Please be aware that the hours you use for the 2009 certification are determined from your 2008 hours.

You have 30 days, till April 26, to complete certification. You can go to the Volunteer Management System right now and get it done; it's the same site where you record hours. Follow the

directions once you get there: <https://ucanr.org/mg/users/index.cfm>

For anyone that needs to certify by mail, please let me know and I can mail or email the information to you. Printed documents will need to be signed and returned to me. We will try to pro-actively get certification documents to those that we think may need that.

Soon after April 26, you will be officially certified online (by the UC County Director of Santa Cruz County) and you will then be able to print out a "Certificate" online under "Edit Profile". It is not a handy wallet card unfortunately. If you want that then let me know.

If you have any questions about the certification process please contact me: satjosvold@ucdavis.edu.

Thank you for all your efforts and support of the Monterey Bay Master Gardener program, the best in the state!

Email

–Christina Kriedt, MG06

The new group email is up and running! There have been some bounces, namely: Michele Swanson, Marilyn Slingerland, Mercy Rosario, Jack and Ruth MacKenzie, Mary Aune, Crystal Bertheau, Claudia Boulton, Margaret Coonce, Jan Hall, Tina Grubbe, Bobbie Jungnick, Elizabeth Farkas, Claudia Cornish and Peter Quintanilla. If I have listed your name, or if you have information about one of these MGs regarding email status, please let me know –christinakriedt@hotmail.com. Messages to the group should all be sent to mbmg@mbmgs.org henceforth.

There is also a new group email for off-topic conversations, political comments, jokes, referrals to sites not related to the MGs and our Master Gardener business, information about your own business (especially if not garden-related), invitations to join non-MG groups, non-MG events, you're selling something - - you get the idea: offtopic@mbmgs.org

If you would like to be a member of OffTopic, please contact Christina at christinakriedt@hotmail.com . I will add your name to the group. An archive will not be maintained.

For those of you who like to save emails for future reference, I'm writing instructional documents for four of the popular email services that will help you create folders for archiving. I have completed one for Gmail, so if you have a Gmail account and need help setting up a folder, go to www.montereybaymastergardeners.org and click on MBMG login, enter the login and password, find **Email** in the left column and click on **gmail folder document** (pdf). I'll also write instructions for Hotmail, Yahoo and Cruzio .

What's Happening and GOTE

–Christina Kriedt, MG06

We're working hard to make sure you have access to all the information you need to be an effective Master Gardener, a good home gardener, to learn all you can about topics you enjoy, and to entertain you. If you could take a moment to share your thoughts about WH and GOTE, it would help us shape them into publications that really fit those criteria.

Starting with this issue, you'll find a link to a special email account to which you can send your comments. All your suggestions will be discussed by the Communication Team and will help us make these publications the best in the whole wide world. editor@mbmgs.org

April Hotline Schedule (current Mar 27th)

To sign up for a shift, contact Martye 831-633-6435 or martye@prodigy.net
See www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=martye@prodigy.net for the most up-to-date calendar.

30 Geri Farasopoulos	31	1 April Dianne Yost	2	3 Jean Schaaf
6 Peter Quintanilla	7	8 Paul McCollum	9	10 Melita Israel
13 Jean Schaaf	14	15 Geri Farasopoulos	16	17 need volunteer
20 Joy Hickey	21	25 Paul McCollum	23	27 Melita Israel
27 Geri Farasopoulos	28	29 Phyllis Hilton	30	1 May need volunteer

Links to following activities:

http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org/classes%20and%20events/classes_events_org.htm

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – JoAnn Schaper, MG08 and Karen Rieger, MG08

	date	day	time	class	contact
APR	2	Thur	7:00p	Sex in the Garden-Michael Koslosky (potluck at 6pm)	UC Arboretum, 1156 High Street, SC, 831-427-2998
APR	3	Fri	7:00p-8:00p	Master Gardeners at the Library: Spring Flower Centerpiece, monthly meeting	Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Abom Rd, San Jose, 408-808-3060
APR	4	Sat	11:00	1st Saturday Tour of the UCSC Arboretum	UC Arboretum, 1156 High Street, SC, 831-427-2998
APR	4	Sat	10:30-12:00	Family Fun with Flowers(\$55/65) Parent and child flower arranging	Filoli Center, Woodside 650-364-8300 ex508 www.filoli.org
APR	4	Sat	9:00-4:00	Summer Vegetable Gardening (\$95)	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
APR	4	Sat	10:30-12:30	How to Start Your Vegetable Garden-Jodi Main (\$28)	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
APR	5	Sun	1:00p	Raising Chickens in Your Backyard-MGMB Candice McLaren (\$5)	Hidden Gardens Nursery, 7765 Soquel Drive Ste A, Aptos 831-688-7011
APR	5	Sun	2:30p	Starting Your Summer Vegetable Garden-Will Meyers (Free)	Hidden Gardens Nursery, 7765 Soquel Drive Ste A, Aptos 831-688-7011
APR	7	Tues	10:00-2:00	Compost and Vermiculture(Worms!) (\$50)	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor www.growbetterveggies.com
APR	11	Sat	10:30-12:30	Introduction to Practical Beekeeping-Oliver Frank (\$29)	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
APR	11	Sat	9:00a	Planting a Summer Vegetable Garden with Water Wise Drip Irrigation Techniques	UCD Extension, Central Park Garden, 3rd & B St, Davis
APR	11	Sat	10:30a	Transforming Lawn into Meadow Planting: Attractive Drought Tolerant Ideas	UCD Extension, Central Park Garden, 3rd & B St, Davis
APR	11	Sat	10:00-2:30	Urban Agriculture-Barbara Gordon MBMG'98	Freedom Master Gardener Auditorium, 1432 Crestview Dr. 831-458-2208
APR	12	Sun	9:00-4:00	Summer Vegetable Gardening (\$95)	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor www.growbetterveggies.com
APR	14	Tues	10:00-2:00	Container Vegetable Gardening (\$50)	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor www.growbetterveggies.com

APR	18	Sat	2:00-4:00	Double-digging & Garden Bed Preparation-John Jeavons (\$29)	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
APR	18	Sat	10:30-12:30	Introduction to Grow Biointensive-John Jeavons (\$29)	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
APR	19	Sun	1:00p	Perennial Food Crops for the Home Garden-Ernie Wasson (\$5)	Hidden Gardens Nursery, 7765 Soquel Drive Ste A, Aptos 831-688-7011
APR	19	Sun	2:30p	Backyard Beekeeping-MGMB Melita Israel (Free)	Hidden Gardens Nursery, 7765 Soquel Drive Ste A, Aptos 831-688-7011
APR	19	Sun	10:00-2:00	Backyard Chicken Keeping (\$110)	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor www.growbetterveggies.com
APR	22	Weds	TBA	IHRMP Oak Regeneration Field Day (\$35) Held at Sierra Foothill Research & Ext Center, Yuba Co	Sherry Cooper 530-224-4902 Doug McCreary 530-639-8807
APR	24 & 25	Fri & Sat	10:00-4:00	Gamble Gardens Spring Tour 2009 - Harmony in Design with Music in the Gardens (\$30 or \$35)	Gamble Gardens 1431 Waverley St, Palo Alto, 650-329-1356
APR	25	Sat	TBA	The Proper Cook's Herb Garden	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor www.growbetterveggies.com
APR	25	Sat	10:30-12:30	Herbs in the Garden, Herbs in the Kitchen-Jodi Main (\$30)	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
APR	25	Sat	2:00-4:00	Best Citrus for the San Francisco Bay Area-Nancy Garrison (\$29)	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
APR	25	Sat	10:00-1:00	Planning & Planting the Spring Garden (\$15 or \$20)	UCSC Farm 831-459-3240 jonitann@ucsc.edu
APR	25	Sat	10:00-3:00	Spring in Guadalupe Gardens How to Grow Better Tomatoes talk	Guadalupe River Park and Gardens 408-298-7657
APR	26	Sun	1:00p-3:00p	Gardening with Children-Trish Hildinger (\$20) Parent and child	Life Science Lab Program 831-459-2001
APR	26	Sun	1:00p	Lawn Replacement Techniques-MGMB Claudia Boulton (\$5)	Hidden Gardens Nursery, 7765 Soquel Drive Ste A, Aptos 831-688-7011
APR	26	Sun	2:30p	Vermi-composting-Ecology Action (Free)	Hidden Gardens Nursery, 7765 Soquel Drive Ste A, Aptos 831-688-7011

UPCOMING COURSES AND EVENTS

	date	day	time	class	contact
Mar	29	Sun	10:00-1:00	Marina Cutting Exchange Day (Free) Rootable Cuttings and succulents	Marina Farmers' Market, corner Reservation & Vista Del Camino
Apr	17-19	Fri-Sun	10:00-5:00	47th Annual Wilflower Show	Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 831-648-5716 www.pgmuseum.org
Apr	18	Sat	12:00-4:00	UCSC Arboretum Spring Plant Sale (members-10am) Eucalyptus Grove-High St & Western Dr	UCSC Arboretum, Eucalyptus Grove, 831-427-2998
Apr	18	Sat	11:00-4:00	Earth Day Santa Cruz 2009 San Lorenzo Park Beachlands, 137 Dakota St,	831-420-544, kvankley@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us or 831-477-3988
Apr	22	Wed	4:00p-7:00	Earth Day Celebration (Free) Monterey Farmers Market	Alvarado Street, Downtown Monterey, 831-375-4336

COMMUNITY GARDENS			
	location	days & hours	contact
Quail Hollow Ranch	800 Quail Hollow Rd., Felton	As arranged	Simon Stapleton sistapleto@comcast.net
Homeless Garden Project	Natural Bridges Farm Shaffer & Delaware, S. Cruz	10:00-2:00 Thurs & Fri; Saturdays upon request	Paul (831) 423-1020 paulq@homelessgardenproject.org
Beach Garden	Monterey Bay Dunes		Mary Wilson (831) 393 0193 bluespud@pacbell.net
La Mirada	720 Via Mirada, Monterey	Every Thurs 9:00 to 3:00	Carl Voss (831) 442 0964 CarlFVoss@aol.com
Cooper-Molera Adobe Garden	525 Polk St Monterey	9:00-12:00 Tues	Bonnie Gillooly (831) 624-4678 gillooly@mbay.net
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HOURS PER YEAR

V = volunteer hours AT = advanced training hours

To become certified, Class of 2008 (Trainees): Any combination of V and AT hours to include no fewer than 30 V with a combined total of 50 hours.

Future classes (next class 2010): 50 V for certification.

Certified Master Gardeners: 30 V and 20 AT;

MG Gold Badge: 25 V and 12 AT

BADGES

To order a replacement badge contact Martye Lumpkin: martyel@prodigy.net or (831) 633-6435. All other badges will be ordered automatically each quarter as they are earned.

Link to 2008 Volunteer Brochure

<http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org/mbmg/projects/Volunteer%20Opportunities%202008.pdf>

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