

# The Monterey Bay Master Gardeners

## What's Happening in the MBMG

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#### New 2010 Class Starts January 30th

The 2010 Master Gardener training session will begin on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet for 3 Saturdays each month, February thru May. Graduation will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be led by Simon Stapleton with much assistance from Joan Halperin and Carri Wagner.

We had an outstanding number of applications this year and closed the process in December. They're still coming in -- and we have a waiting list. We expect the class to be full after the interview process on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We contracted a firm to conduct live scan fingerprinting during the interviews, so fingerprinting lag time will not be an issue this year as it has in the past.

We are adding container gardening, rainwater harvesting, and a formal propagating requirement to the required curriculum. The students will also be required to propagate plants for the plant sale and submit a report on their process. As usual, the students will be required to spend 3 sessions on the Hotline. We are also requiring that 6 hours be spent in our on-site garden (formerly the Youth Garden) to help restore it to glory for future use.

The class schedule & proctor signup sheet will be posted on [www.montereybaymastergardeners.org](http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org) soon. We will need proctors each class day to assist in the classroom and help with setup and takedown; one must be a Board member. You may sign up for more than one day. The hours you spend as a proctor may be counted toward volunteer or advanced training hours if you attend for a "refresher."

If you have any specific questions, please email Simon at [sistapleto@comcast.net](mailto:sistapleto@comcast.net).

~Simon Stapleton, MG06, President

#### Volunteer for Upcoming Event

The first event of the year for which we will need booth staff is in March - the SC H&G Expo @ the Coconut Grove.

I have been talking to Gary Green of the annual SC Home & Garden Expo, which will be held this year on March 27-28 from 10:00-5:00. They are offering MBMG free booth space so we can have a presence and disseminate information to home gardeners.

Gary would like us to supply 2-4 speakers on topics of interest to home gardeners. His personal interest is sustainability, but we are free to cover whatever topics the speaker may wish. I would like to give him a few names and topics by the end of January, so they can be listed in brochures and other printed matter.

I know that we have many experienced presenters out there! If you have an interest in giving presentations, if you have a pet topic, or if you want to recycle a talk or presentation you may have given at other locations, such as garden centers, etc., please let me know ASAP: [dawax@yahoo.com](mailto:dawax@yahoo.com).

Possible topics could include irrigation or water use, native or other plants of interest, or landscaping design. Bees or chickens are other possibilities. This is a great opportunity to reach a wider or different audience with your message.

I will be also looking for volunteers to staff the booth, so if you are interested, please let me know.

~Denise Weatherwax, MG06, Vice President

## Use the Website

It doesn't change very often, but it's worth checking out the MBMG website regularly. You can even get the weather report there (bottom of the home page).

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To sign up for a shift, contact Martye 831-633-6435 or <a href="mailto:martyel@prodigy.net">martyel@prodigy.net</a>				
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