



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

UCCE Master Gardener Program

San Mateo & San Francisco Counties

EVENTS

GIVING TUESDAY THANK YOU!



Thanks to the passionate UC Master Gardener volunteers, partners and friends, we raised \$10,010 during #GivingTuesday!

#GivingTuesday provided an opportunity to raise awareness and talk about the UC Master Gardener Program and the incredible volunteers that make a

difference across California's landscape. Funds raised will be used for both local county initiatives, school, community, demonstrations gardens, and to support advanced training opportunities across the state in 2018. We couldn't have done it without you, because of supporters like you we reached our goal!

GARDENING TIPS

December

Keep indoor holiday greens well watered or mist daily. Keep trees and greens away from hot sunny windows and heat sources. Poinsettias should be kept away from heat sources. If you're using poinsettias to decorate outdoors, bring them in out of the cold at night. Take advantage of the rain we get this month. December is still a great time to plant perennials, shrubs and trees to get roots established which will promote lush spring growth. Plant some cool-season annuals like violas, primroses, and pansies. Keep an eye out for frost warnings. Be prepared to cover with a frost blanket for protection. Note: remove frost blankets during the daytime hours. Keep plants watered during this time. Feed the birds - keep those feeders full. Select bare-root roses for a summer rose garden. You can plant vegetables in winter! See our [Year-round Vegetable Planting Schedules for San Mateo and San Francisco Counties](#) for what can be grown in your area. Now is a good time to plant chilled tulip bulbs. Chilled bulbs may grow taller with larger flowers than non-chilled bulbs. Sow wildflowers seeds now for instant spring color. Start planning your spring garden now!

YOUTUBE VIDEOS



Winter Gardening Tips

Discover tips on prepping your garden for winter, from winterizing your tools, to preventing plant diseases from carrying over to the next season, you'll learn how to keep your garden protected for the cold winter ahead! [View Video](#)

FREE CLASSES & CLINICS



Wonderful World of Succulents

San Francisco Public Library, Richmond Branch
351 9th Avenue, Richmond Meeting Room
San Francisco, CA
December 2, 2017, 1:00pm-2:30pm

After a brief overview of the natural history of succulents, there will be a discussion about succulent care and culture, including soils, pots, watering, and light. Small succulent gardens in pots will be on display to show how arrangements can be made.

Some small pots of succulents will be available as handouts after the the presentation. [Read More](#)

Hillsborough Harvest Garden

Contact Lennie Gotcher at lenniego@gmail.com
Hillsborough, CA

Join the UC Master Gardeners and community volunteers as they work in the Hillsborough Harvest Garden, a community garden.



Growing Orchids - Tips for the San Francisco and Bay Area Climates

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
December 9, 2017, 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn about cool, temperate, and tropical zone orchids. Which type is good for you? Get to know cool growing orchids for San Francisco and the Coast such as masdevallia and cymbidiums as well as everyone's favorite indoor orchid, the Phaelaenopsis. Discover how to successfully re-pot your orchid, water, feed and get them to re-bloom, and ways to deal with common pests and diseases. [Read More & Register](#)

Greenhouse Gardening of Tropical Fruits, Plants, and Flowers

Lyngso Garden Materials, Inc.
345 Shoreway Road
San Carlos, CA
December 9, 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm

This class will touch on types of greenhouses, construction materials, irrigation, and heating options. Plant selection will focus on tropical flowers, including orchids, fruit trees, and other tropical plants. [Read More & Register](#)

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IMPACT ON COMMUNITY?

If you attended a past UC Master Gardener presentation and/or event, we would like to hear how you or your community benefited. Please send an email to UC Master Gardener Stu Dalton using the subject line "MG Impact on Community." Thank you!

HELPLINE

Ask a UC Master Gardener! Our Helpline assists home gardeners with questions about gardening and pest management. Visit us in two locations from 9:00am-4:00pm on Mondays at Elkus Ranch, 1500 Purisima Creek Road, Half Moon Bay, or on Thursdays at Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Avenue, Redwood City. You can also contact us at (650) 276-7403 or by [email](#). For more information view our [website](#). Read more about the [Helpline](#)



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