



October 14, 2023
San Diego County Operations Center
5500 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Master Gardener Association of San Diego County
&
UCCE Master Gardener Program of
San Diego County

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Paid classes, pre-registration required. Create a garden item (or two) with our experienced Master Gardeners coaching you every step of the way in our paid make & take workshops.

FREE ADMISSION

Courtyard Happenings

Ask a Master Gardener about the gardening issue that's been bugging you, or learn about something new from one of our information booths staffed by Master Gardeners. Lightning talks--fast and free--will be given all day long on a variety of topics. If the lightning talk sparks your interest, go to a booth to learn more or see if there's a paid seminar available later in the day.

Information booths include:

- Ask a Master Gardener
- Beginning Vegetable Gardening
- Composting & Waste Reduction Demonstration
- County Demonstration Garden Tour
- Earth-Friendly Gardening
- Global Culinary Gardening
- Growing Microgreens
- Irrigation Demonstration
- School Gardens
- Tool Care
- and many more

Shop the Master Gardener marketplace, which offers a convenient one-stop shop to purchase fall gifts or garden supplies, including:

- Succulent pumpkins
- Garden art
- Wooden birdhouses
- Gourd birdhouses
- Green Elephant items
- Potted plants
- Succulent arrangements

Photo credit Judy MacKenzie

Free Lightning Talks



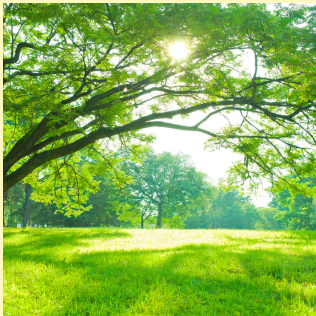
NATIVE BEES

8:30 a.m. at the Demonstration Garden. Leah Taylor will talk on San Diego County's native bee populations.



KIDS IN THE GARDEN

9:30 a.m. at the Demonstration Garden, members of the School Gardens team will touch on fun garden-related activities you can do with children of all ages.



WHAT'S THAT TREE?

10:30 a.m. at the Demonstration Garden, Dawn Standke teaches you to identify California trees.



WHAT IS SOIL AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

11:30 a.m. at the Demonstration Garden, Niki Vollrath will discuss the differences and importance of different particle sizes in soil for the home gardener.

Free Lightning Talks



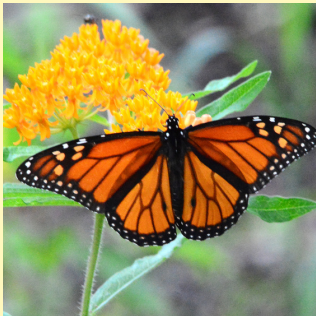
GARDEN CABARET PERFORMANCE

12:30 p.m. at the Demonstration Garden, enjoy a musical performance from the Kids on Stage Garden Cabaret.



SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS

1:30 p.m. at the Demonstration Garden, Kobi Bardugo will talk on best practices for implementing smart irrigation controllers.



THE MONARCH GARDEN

2:30 p.m. at the Demonstration Garden, Judith Wolinsky discusses monarch butterflies and their only host plant, milkweed, native and non-native.



DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Sandy Main will give a tour of the San Diego County Operations Center Demonstration Garden, talk about its origins and the plants that grow there. Time TBD.

Information Booths



ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Get your questions about home horticulture and pest management answered.



BEGINNING VEGETABLE GARDENING

Unravel the mystery of vegetable gardening and learn tested methods for growing a vegetable garden.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

Learn about existing gardens in San Diego County and explore how to start and maintain community gardens.



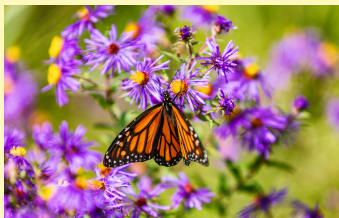
COMPOSTING, COMMUNITY EDUCATION & WASTE REDUCTION

Reduce waste and turn scraps into a valuable soil amendment.



DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Tour our compact Demo Garden; see its vegetables and herbs, succulents, and native and pollinator plants.



EARTH-FRIENDLY GARDENING

Evaluate your current gardening practices and learn new practices to make your garden more sustainable.



FRIENDLY INCLUSIVE GARDENING

Learn about making gardening accessible to all ages and abilities through gardening designs and tools.

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Information Booths



GLOBAL CULINARY GARDENING

Explore recipes and cultures from around the world using herbs and spices you can grow here in San Diego County.



GROWING MICROGREENS

See how to grow tasty microgreens in a matter of days with items from your kitchen, some potting soil and seeds.



IRRIGATION DEMONSTRATION

Come see how to troubleshoot an existing irrigation system or learn how to wisely use it to conserve water (and money).



REMINISCENCE GARDENING

Learn more about how this program provides tabletop gardening activities in memory care communities.



SCHOOL GARDENS

Learn how others have started and maintained school gardens throughout San Diego County.



TOOL CARE & SHARPENING

Gain insight to keep your garden hand tools in good working condition. Free cleaning and sharpening for the first 50 pair of pruners. One per attendee; restrictions apply.

Courtyard Marketplace



POTTED PLANTS

Buy healthy potted plants for your garden grown by Master Gardeners here in San Diego County.



GARDEN MOSAICS

A garden is not complete without some adornment. Purchase beautiful mosaic art for your garden.



GREEN ELEPHANT SALE

Come buy already-loved garden tools and supplies at bargain prices. Check out the selection of recently-sharpened tools from our Tool Care committee.



SUCCULENT ARRANGEMENTS

Watch as succulent arrangements are created right before your eyes. Learn tips to make your own from our Green Elephant items and potted plants.

Courtyard Marketplace



SUCCULENT PUMPKINS

Purchase some of our seasonal succulent pumpkins to decorate your home, freshly created by Master Gardeners.



GOURD BIRDHOUSES

Buy Master Gardener-created gourd birdhouses as great accents for your own garden or seasonal gifts.



WOODEN BIRDHOUSES

Buy Master Gardener-created wooden birdhouses as seasonal gifts or beautiful accents for your home.



DRAGONFLY GARDEN STAKES

Purchase Master Gardener-created metal and stained glass dragonfly stakes for your garden.

MASTER GARDENER Seminars

Our popular seminar classes return in person. Learn something new, get your questions answered, and walk away with added skills, taught by Master Gardeners and affiliates, specifically appropriate for San Diego County.

All seminars are 60 minutes unless otherwise stated. Pre-registration for seminars is highly recommended; no guarantee is made for same-day registration.

\$20.00 each

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Seminars



WHAT'S THAT TREE?

Hundreds of different species of trees thrive in our area, but how many can you identify? Dawn Standke teaches you to identify California trees.
1 p.m., 90 min.



PLANNING AHEAD FOR YOUR FIRST BEEHIVES

Leah Taylor explains what you need to start and keep a healthy bee colony.
1 p.m., 90 min.



CONVENTIONAL HORTICULTURE KILLS NATIVE PLANTS

Greg Rubin leads you through techniques to keep a native landscape healthy and beautiful all year. 9 a.m., 90 min.



POLLINATORS IN THE GARDEN

Sharon Reeve explains some of the best plants and practices for a thriving garden ecosystem. 11 a.m.

Seminars



GARDENING WITH FOWL

Celeste Pack explores the pros and cons of poultry in the garden, including enjoying fresh eggs and the cutest pest control ever. 11 a.m.



HAPPY HOUSEPLANTS, HEALTHY HOME

Linda Stewart helps you select and create the best environment for houseplants. 1 p.m.



ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO GARDEN TOOL CARE

Jodi Bay discusses different types of garden hand tools, their uses, plus how to maintain tools for safety and longevity. 9 a.m.



PRESERVING THE HARVEST

A team of Master Food Preservers teaches methods of cold storage, dehydration, pickling, and canning. 1 p.m.

Seminars



FALL ROSE PERK-UP AND REVIEW

Rita Perwich reviews common fall rose problems and how to use Integrated Pest Management to get your best roses ever. 1 p.m.



COMPOSTING AND VERMICULTURE

Heidi Bentz and James Huizenga detail how to build and use a compost system and a worm bin. 9 a.m.



FROM YOUR ORCHARD TO YOUR KITCHEN

Mary Clemons helps you make fruit tree selections for your yard, then shares creative ideas for tasty dishes and desserts from your own orchard. 11 a.m., 90 min.



BEGINNING VEGETABLE GARDENING

Learn the basic principles of successful vegetable gardening, from site selection to harvesting, taught by Jay Davis or David Boucher. 9 or 11 a.m. 90 min.

Seminars



NATURAL ENEMIES AND BENEFICIAL BUGS

Eric Middleton shows you beneficial bugs, how to identify them, and how they can help you out in your home and garden. 9 a.m., 90 minutes.



GARDENING AT HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY

Jon Lewis shares a range of fun garden-related activities you can do with your children or grandchildren of all ages, whether they are four, ten or seventeen years old. 11 a.m.



Make & Take Workshops

Can't wait to get your hands dirty? Come create a garden item with our experienced Master Gardeners coaching you every step of the way. Whether you want to learn something new or refine your existing skills, after our paid workshops, you'll go home with something amazing: a succulent composition, a piece of unique garden art, two kokedamas, a mounted staghorn fern, or an arrangement for a Day of the Dead altar.

Photo credit welcomia, Debbie Handal

Make & Take Workshops



DRAGONFLY MOSAIC GARDEN ART

Master Gardener Judy MacKenzie teaches the art of mosaic-making to create a stunning garden dragonfly art mosaic for your outdoor space. 9 a.m., two hours.

Each registration includes:

- One dragonfly stone substrate
- Access to an array of vibrant glass and tile tesserae
- All required supplies
- Information on display & care

\$50.00



RELAX AND HAVE FUN CREATING KOKEDAMA

Master Gardener Debbie Handal helps you create Kokedama, a moss-wrapped ball of soil in which an ornamental plant grows. 11 a.m., 90 minutes.

Each registration includes:

- Materials to make two Kokedamas
- All required supplies
- Information on plant display
- Information on plant care

\$40.00

Make & Take Workshops



THE ART OF SUCCULENT COMPOSITIONS: STAGING, COMPOSING TWO OR MORE, AND BONSAI

Participants will create their own living art from succulents under the guidance of Master Gardener Muriel King. 11:30 a.m., 90 minutes.

Each registration includes:

- One wine bottle planter
- Variety of beautiful succulents
- All supplies needed for arranging
- Care instructions

\$65.00



STAGHORN FERN DIVIDING AND MOUNTING

Master Gardener Michael Harrelson demonstrates how to separate a “pup” from its mother-plant. Then join in the fun and learn to mount the new pups onto backboards. 1 p.m., 90 minutes.

Each registration includes:

- One staghorn fern pup
- All supplies and materials for mounting
- Ready-to-hang backboard
- Care Instructions

\$45.00

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Talleres Prácticos



ARREGLO PARA UN ALTAR DE DÍA DEL MUERTO

Acompáñenos a crear una ofrenda alusiva al día de muerto. Nick Roach y Julio Estrada, maestros jardineros impartirán este taller completamente en español. Con su participación en este taller practico, crearemos su propio arreglo para un altar de día de muertos con flores de cempazuchitl en una vasija alusiva al día de los muertos. 9 a.m., 90 minutos.

La inscripción a este taller incluye:

- Flores de cempazuchitl
- Una vasija alusiva al día de los muertos
- Todos los materiales necesarios
- Instrucciones de cuidado

\$35.00

Event Parking

Free parking for this event is available at the County Operations Center, Hazard Way, San Diego, CA 92123.

- From the North or South (Airport): From 163, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Turn left (north) on Ruffin Road, then turn right (West) onto Hazard Way. Proceed through the gate, following the signs to the parking structure to the South.
- Eastbound: From I-15, exit onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd, turning left (West). Turn right (north) on Ruffin Road, then turn right (West) onto Hazard Way. Proceed through the gate, following the signs to the parking structure to the South.
- Westbound: From the East or West From 52, exit onto Ruffin Road Southbound Turn Right (west) onto Hazard Way, proceed through the gate, following signs to the parking structure.

All: To access the closest parking structure to this event, turn right onto Farnham Street, and you'll see the Farnham Parking Structure on the left. Park in any non-reserved space.

40 Years of Growing Together

One of the least-known treasure troves of information in San Diego County is that over 300 Master Gardeners (MGs) provide home gardening and pest control information throughout the county, FREE to the public.

Master Gardeners are volunteers trained and supervised by the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), part of UC's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The mission of the UCCE is to conduct research on new pests and issues affecting the county, and to provide research-based information to the public. The County of San Diego provides funding to support the local UCCE office.

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All availability, including schedule, sale items, instructors, seminars, workshops, talks, and information booths, subject to change without notice. All sales are in-person day of the event only; no online sales available. Apple Pay, Google Pay, credit card, and cash payments accepted. Store your purchases in our Merchandise-hold area while you enjoy the festival. All sales benefit MGASDC.

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