



Garden Notes

Spring 2020



Have a Gardening Question? Ask Us!

Welcome to our Spring edition of Garden Notes. We have a new look that is still filled with timely gardening information that we hope you enjoy!

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Spring is Here

Though so many things have come to a screeching halt, it's important for us to remember that spring is here and gardening has not been canceled. Gardening has always been touted as a relaxing and therapeutic activity that can provide great personal rewards.

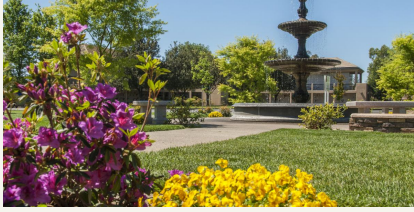
During this time, when many people are working at home and students are learning at home, gardening can be a positive family-inclusive activity to adopt. If you have questions about getting a garden started or just general gardening questions, **we are here to help!**

~ Happy Gardening ~

Marcy Sousa, Program Coordinator

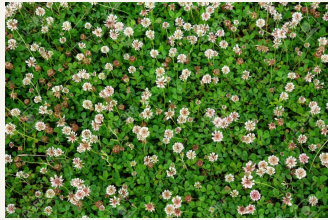
Contemplating Gardens

Observing what local gardens have to offer is a great way



to mark the beginning of spring. Early spring shows a garden's promise, while in late spring, fruit, flowers and foliage become more defined. San Joaquin County offers some possibilities to get you started.

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The Clover Option

It is no secret that white clover (*Trifolium repens*) varieties are already a regular addition to ornamental turf seed currently available at retail locations across the nation.

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Prep for Spring

Spring is indeed a wonderful time of year. Perennials that have been in a rest-and-relaxation mode suddenly burst into glorious color with no effort from the custodians of the landscape: the home gardener.

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Pests of the Season

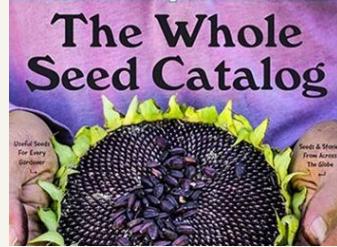
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Herbs are our Friends - Lovage

Lovage is a tall perennial plant and is the only species in genus *Levisticum* (making it *Levisticum officinale*). European gardeners have long been familiar with this plant, using the leaves as an herb, the roots as a vegetable, and the seeds as a spice.

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Growing Knowledge A “Whole” New Way of Gardening

When I first started vegetable gardening as a young mom, I never gave much thought to seed catalogs. The first time I accidentally came across The Whole Seed Catalog, a new world of gardening, plants, and flowers was opened to me.

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Help Desk Do Fruit Trees Need to be



From the Garden Preserving Flowers

Thinned?

Fruit trees produce more fruit than they can handle or support adequately, mainly if the trees were not correctly pruned in the recent season. To get a healthy crop from fruit trees, thinning will help produce a bountiful and healthy harvest.

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Preserving flowers is an easy and enjoyable way to extend their life.

There are a number of ways to accomplish this; here are a few:

Hanging to dry

Pressing flowers

Drying flowers with silica gel

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Happy 40th Anniversary

The UC Master Gardener Program is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The first programs began in Sacramento and Riverside counties in 1980. There are now programs in more than 50 counties across California. [Read more about the 40th Anniversary here.](#)

Calendar of Events

Spring is a time when our calendar is normally full of local festivals, events, and Master Gardener classes. This spring looks a little different. We decided not to post any events for the months of April, May, or June since we do not know what the shelter-in-place status will be. We are limited on what we can do, but gardening hasn't stopped. We are working on getting some webinars recorded that we can share in place of our public classes. Stay tuned for those registration announcements. In the meantime, enjoy this slower pace of life we are all in which hopefully includes some time in your garden, however big or small it may be.

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Volunteers are available Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 am - Noon.

We are currently checking e-mails and phone messages remotely during the shelter in place. We ask for your patience as there may be a delay in response time from our volunteers.

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