



Garden Notes

Summer 2021



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A silhouette of a longhorned bee, *Melissodes agilis*, is visible as it approaches a monarch butterfly on a Mexican sunflower in Vacaville, Calif. (Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey)

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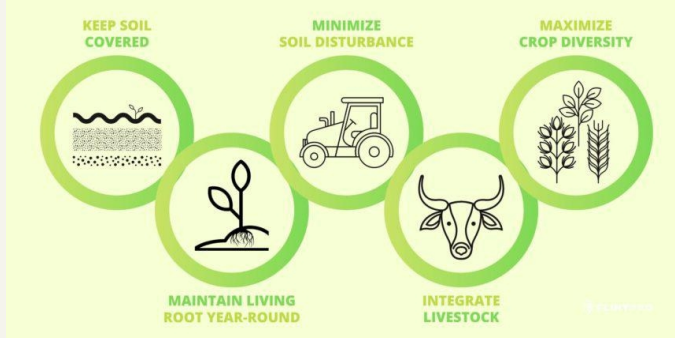
Welcome to our Summer Edition of Garden Notes.

Happy Summer! Many of you are enjoying the bounty of your summer vegetable garden or perhaps figuring out what you are going to do with all the zucchini you are harvesting! The University of CA has begun the re-opening process and we are just waiting for guidelines for our volunteer programs. We are starting to plan our in-person classes, the 2022 Master Gardener Volunteer training, a fall plant sale and other events. We are anxiously waiting for the time when we can see you in person again.

We hope you enjoy our summer edition of Garden Notes.

~ Happy Gardening ~

Marcy Sousa, Program Coordinator



Regenerative Agriculture: What It Means and How to Apply It to Our Home Gardens

"Regenerate" comes from the Latin word *Regeneratus*, which means "create again" and signifies harm has been done, and healing must begin.

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The Plight of the Honey Bee

Home gardeners understand all too well the importance of bees to a plentiful, nutritious bounty of fruits and veggies. Most likely, those gardeners also know there is a national decline in the health of honeybees which creates grave concerns about our national food supply. But there is much discussion about what is actually causing the decline and, as life often goes, the answer is complicated.

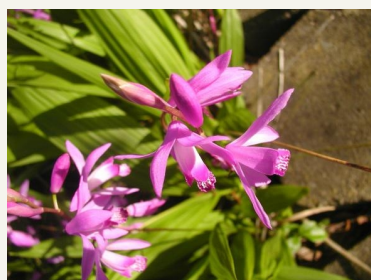
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Growing Healthy Roses

I once thought that roses were too demanding and prone to problems, but my husband loved them and convinced me they were not. We now have more than 30 healthy roses. Many rose difficulties can be controlled with careful selection of plant varieties and management of growing conditions. When adding new roses to the garden, it helps to research rose ratings. The All-American Rose Society (AARS) tested rose cultivars beginning in 1939 and gave awards from 1940-2013.

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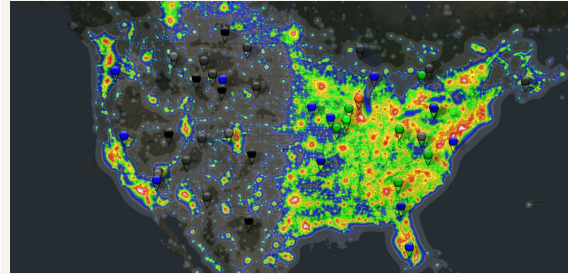
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Herb Study - Why Grow Herbs?

My wife and I have been together since late 1979. Over these many years, we have come to enjoy every venue of gardening – and take advantage of all the space we have had in each of the sites we called home. It hasn't always been easy, but we have always been up to the challenges. Early on, we found common grounds in which to bond – our love to garden and to prepare and enhance foods!

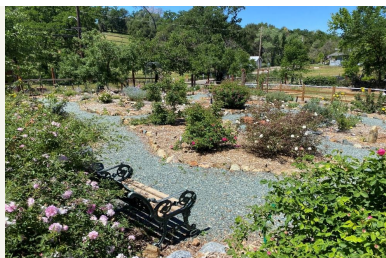
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Why the Milky Way Disappeared from View

Concurrent with the rising tide of acceptance and study involving the moth as a premier, albeit nocturnal, pollinator for native plants, scientists across multiple disciplines agree that light pollution is easily as significant a threat to these nocturnal pollinators as are loss of habitat, climate change, pesticide exposure, invasive species, and disease. Various studies spanning the past six years from various parts of the globe have established that light pollution not only adversely affects nocturnal pollinators, but also negatively impacts diurnal pollinator-plant interactions.

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A surprising number of serious gardeners confess to at least one occasion of being stumped by a gardening problem with no obvious answer. There are a number of ways to find an answer...

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From the Garden Freezing Vegetables

If your friends and neighbors are starting to avoid you when they see you have yet another bag of garden vegetables to share, maybe it's time to freeze some of them to enjoy next winter. Freezing is a good way to preserve the texture and flavor of many vegetables.

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