



# Garden Notes

## Winter 2022



Have a Gardening Question? Ask Us!

“Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream.”

Josephine Nuese



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Happy New Year! January is a good time of year for planning. Take some time to assess what you have for seed starting supplies, make a list of winter pruning that needs to be done and think about what you want to add to your garden this spring. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Master Gardener Program in San Joaquin County. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of the San Joaquin County Public Works, Solid Waste Division which funds our program and all of our AMAZING volunteers. We also rely on all of you who read our newsletter, attend our workshops, call our helpline office, and tell your friends about our program. Thank you for your continued support!

~ Happy Gardening ~

Marcy Sousa, Program Coordinator



## Maintenance Yard

The needs of the garden can easily lead to feeling overwhelmed. At one point or another, every aging gardener will feel the angst of not knowing where to begin. With each new season, there is the realization that what was managed last year may not be possible this year. To be able to continue enjoying gardening in your retirement years, there are several points to consider in making your garden landscape truly low maintenance.

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### Tips for Confident Rose Pruning

Proper winter care is one key to healthy, beautiful roses. Not only do roses need to be pruned for health and good future bloom, but proper pruning is important to minimize diseases and insects during the growing season. The goal of pruning is to remove dead, diseased, weak, and ill-placed canes and select strong healthy canes that will support the new year's growth.

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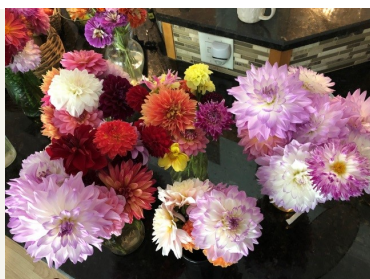
### Creating a Bird Friendly Garden

You've probably heard the alarming statistics on the decline of songbird populations. A study reported in *Science* magazine in 2019 gave the sobering news that nearly 3 billion birds (or 30% of the population) have been lost in the United States over the past 50 years. A number of factors are behind this loss—cat predation, window crashes, diseases, climate change, and habitat loss.

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### Winter Garden Chores



### Plants of the Season



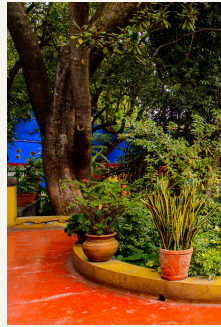
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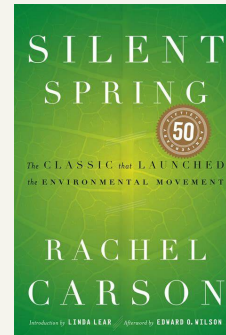
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## Frida Kahlo's Gardens - Haggin Museum Exhibit

The images and writings are beautiful, full of color and meaning, expressing her love for her native environment and culture, political views, and passion for Mexico. The exhibit is well worth taking a trip to Stockton and enjoying an afternoon immersed in art and culture.

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## Growing Knowledge Silent Spring

First published by Houghton Mifflin in 1962, Silent Spring alerted a large audience to the environmental and human dangers of indiscriminate use of pesticides, spurring revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water.

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## Help Desk



### What are some winter garden chores that we can do in the shop?

Fall is the time to think about planning for the coming bare-root season when fruit trees and other plants are available in the bare-root stage which makes them cheaper to purchase and handle.

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### Winter Herb Study Did you know...

The use of Pomanders date back thousands of years. Hippocrates, Thucydides, and Galen used a simple version to breathe easier and stay healthy.

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### From the Garden Give Dead Trees New Life in Your Yard and Garden

Dead trees and stumps can add beauty and even whimsy to a home garden. Use your imagination to create your own yard art from that dead tree in your yard or garden.

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