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Garden Notes

Summer 2022



Have a Gardening Question? Ask Us!



Congratulations to the graduating Master Gardener Training class of 2022! This was our first training class since 2019 and while this training looked a little different thanks to Covid, we

ended up with an eager and amazing group of new Master Gardener volunteers that are excited to get involved in various program projects. Our newsletter team has put together a great issue this quarter filled with garden chore reminders, pests you may be dealing with, inspiration for new and veteran gardeners, plants to check out and lots more. I am happy to announce that our helpline office is back open in-person for sample drop offs and office calls. We hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter and want to say thank you for your continued support!

~ Happy Gardening ~
Marcy Sousa, Program Coordinator



Summer Care for CA Native Plants

Aren't native plants supposed to survive on rainfall? Should I water them during the summer? If so, how much? The answer depends on which plants are living in a particular site. Is the soil loamy, sandy, or heavy clay? What is the sun exposure? The high and low temperatures? How well-established are the plants?

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Best Practices to Repel Mosquitoes

More than any other insect, mosquitoes are effective vectors (agents that spread diseases) of multiple pathogens (Malaria, Yellow Fever, Zika, among others). Further, the small itching red bump left by a mosquito bite can cause severe skin irritation in humans through an allergy reaction to the mosquito saliva.

Additionally, they transmit several diseases and parasites that dogs and horses are very susceptible to which have been on the rise over the past few years.

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Getting Children Interested in Gardening

I was recently reminiscing with one of my grandsons about the fun times we had when he was little, and we played in my garden together. In all honesty, grandma had different warm memories than that little guy, who is now in his second year of college. I, of course, was hoping for affirmation of the strongly held belief that involving children at an early age in age-appropriate gardening activities will ensure a lifetime of love of gardening.

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Measuring water level in tuna can

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Pests of the Season

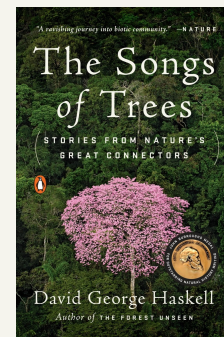
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Preserving Summer Flowers

Preserving summer flowers, foliage, seed heads, and bracts is a delightfully simple way to accumulate a collection of colorful plant materials from your garden to enjoy throughout the year. Many flowers, seed heads, and some leaves can be preserved by air-drying, often just hung in bunches in a warm, airy room.

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Growing Knowledge The Songs of Trees

The Songs of Trees was written by David Haskell, professor of biology and environmental studies at University of the South. Professor Haskell is a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Pulitzer Prize Finalist. The book is broken into three sections or parts: wilderness trees, fossilized trees, and metro trees.

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Help Desk
How to establish
strawberries and
keep the productive.

There are three kinds of strawberries: 1) June-bearing that produce crops in the spring in our area, 2) Everbearing types that can produce berries throughout summer, or year-round in mild climates, and 3) Day-neutral varieties...

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**Summer Herb
Study**
Calendula &
Catmint

Known as the "pot marigold," Calendula officinalis has little in common with the more familiar French marigold. In Mediterranean climates, it grows year-round.

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Fruit Butters
More than just
apple

Fruit butters, as their name implies, are smooth, creamy spreads. They are made by slowly cooking fruit pulp and sugar to a thick but spreadable consistency.

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