

Recorded Virtual Gardening Workshops Presented by Placer County Master Gardeners

Gardening with Native Plants

Presented on Zoom October 10, 2020

Learn how to incorporate California natives into your garden.

<https://youtu.be/ywgMfc2B8EM>

Handout: [Gardening with Native Plants Resources](#)

Raised Beds Workshop

Presented on Zoom October 17, 2020

Find out how to get started and what you need to know about raised beds.

https://youtu.be/zl1wQE7_KQI

Handouts: [cover crops](#)

PowerPoint: [Zoom Raised Beds Presentation Rev3 06oct20 \(2\)](#)

Composting and Mulch Workshop

Presented on Zoom November 20, 2020

Learn the basics of backyard composting and how it can improve your soil. You will learn how to get started and keep your compost pile healthy. We will also discuss the benefits of using mulch to help keep your soil healthy and happy.

<https://youtu.be/0uDneOGX3DE>

PowerPoint: [Composting Basics Zoom 112020, Short Mulching 112020PPT final](#)

Handouts: [Composting Tips](#), [Trouble shooting compost](#)

In response to a question raised during our Composting and Mulching Zoom presentation, Master Gardeners of Placer County provide the following information received from Recology Auburn Placer:

Provision of green waste bins varies throughout Recology Auburn Placer's service area, depending on contracts with our franchise partners. Recology is currently preparing to move to providing green waste bins to all of its customers in the future, in response to changing State mandates. This statute is explained here: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/blogs/in-the-loop/in-the-loop/2019/02/11/california-ramps-up-green-waste-recycling>

In the interim, residents can take green waste to a transfer station. Green waste passes for a free 2 yard delivery are mailed in April and in November. More at: <https://onebigbin.com/battery/>

For more information about Recology Auburn Placer, visit their website at <https://www.recology.com/recology-auburn-placer/> or call (530) 885-3735.

Container Gardening Workshop

Presented on Zoom January 9, 2021

Container gardening is a great solution if you don't have a suitable garden space. This workshop will cover choosing the right container, plant selection tips, transplanting and more. Learn how to be successful growing ornamental plants, as well as fruit and vegetables.

<https://youtu.be/lbMvlvbojz0>

PowerPoint: [Container Gardening PPT v5](#)

Handout: [Troubleshooting table](#)

Japanese Maples Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom January 23, 2021

Learn about the care, maintenance, and variety of Japanese Maples.

<https://youtu.be/nUDjtF9KOGc>

PowerPoint: [Japanese Maples](#)

Handouts:

[Pruning Japanese Maples](#)

[Japanese Maple Placement and Care](#)

[Preventing Japanese Maple Sunburn](#)

Totally Tomatoes Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom February 13, 2021

Everything about tomatoes in the garden from seed to harvest.

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/YWAbncCLURo>

PowerPoint: [Totally Tomatoes](#)

Handouts:

[Tomatoes in the Garden](#)

[Tomatoes in the Home Garden](#)

[Saving Seed Placer](#)

Planning Your Summer Vegetable Garden Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom February 27, 2021

Now is the time to start thinking about your summer vegetable garden. Join us for an informative workshop on growing summer vegetables. Some of the topics that will be covered will be preparing your soil, starting seeds, and choosing plants at the nursery.

<https://youtu.be/uRXKLnQnLKO>

PowerPoint: [Planning Your Summer Vegetable Garden](#)

Handouts:

[Soil Temperature Conditions for Vegetable Seed Germination](#)

[Cover Crops for the Sierra Nevada Foothills](#)

From Bambi to Thumper Zoom Workshop: An Integrated Strategy for the Management of Vertebrate Pests

Presented on Zoom March 13, 2021

Learn how to use Integrated Pest Management to identify and control garden damage from squirrels, gophers, deer, and other pests.

<https://youtu.be/sIDyVUKP9-c>

PowerPoint: [Vertebrate Pests PowerPoint PCMG](#)

Handout:

[From Bambi to Thumper: An Integrated Strategy for the Management of Vertebrate Pests](#)

Growing Citrus in the Foothills Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom March 27, 2021

Placer County is the perfect place to grow your own citrus. If the idea of picking a juicy orange off a tree in your own backyard appeals to you, you'll want to attend "Growing Citrus in Placer County." This workshop will describe the basics of selecting a tree, planting, irrigating, fertilizing, and pruning.

<https://youtu.be/O62hhVOOtes>

PowerPoint: [Growing Citrus in Placer County](#)

Handout: [Citrus Resources](#)

Gardening in a Changing Climate

Presented on Zoom April 10, 2021

As our climate continues to change, gardeners must adapt to these changes. Find out how our gardening climate is changing and what we can do to respond to those changes.

https://youtu.be/xoa_q_jNFDm

PowerPoint: [Gardening in a Changing Climate](#)

Handout: [Climate Gardening Resources](#)

Principles of Propagation Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom May 8, 2021

Propagation is the term for the multiplication of plants, either by natural means or by the actions of the nurseryman or gardener. This introductory workshop will show you some of the many ways you can propagate plants.

<https://youtu.be/g5hCa1OIkf0>

PowerPoint: [Principles of Propagation](#)

Handouts:

[Propagation Resources Handout](#)

[Seed Starting Supplies](#)

[Dividing Perennials in the Fall](#)

Plant It and They Will Come: Planning for Pollinators Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom May 22, 2021

Learn how to attract and support bees, butterflies and other pollinators by choosing a palette of plants that provide a living landscape which offers nourishment and nesting places for these creatures that enliven our gardens, as well as provide pollination services. It's a win-win for humans and pollinators!

<https://youtu.be/mkjMpXOFpuU>

Handout: [Plant It Resources](#)

Succulents Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom June 12, 2021

Part 1: Welcome to the Splendid World of Succulents

https://youtu.be/d0bLCHy3_zY

[PPT-The Splendid World of Succulents](#)

[Hndt-Pest-Prob-Solut](#)

[Hndt-Selecting-Growing Succulents](#)

[Hndt-Succulent Varieties Placer Co](#)

[Resources-The Splendid World of Succulents](#)

Part 2: How to Propagate Succulents

<https://youtu.be/9o9cH1ZF5S4>

[PPT-How to Prop Succulents-Zoom](#)

[Hndt-Pest-Prob-Solut](#)

[Hndt-Succulent Easy Prop](#)

[Hndt-Succulent Varieties Placer Co](#)

[Resources-How to Propagate Succulents](#)

California Native Plants for Habitat Gardening Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom June 26, 2021

In this workshop, you will view a colorful selection of native plants and learn how they can be utilized in your yard to provide beauty and create habitat places for birds, butterflies, bees and other wild creatures to live, find food and reproduce.

<https://youtu.be/eC5SZ-PGYDs>

Handout: [Natives for Habitat Gardening](#)

Gardening with Native Plants Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom August 21, 2021

Learn to incorporate California natives into your garden.

https://youtu.be/vMap_oVqtVl

Handout: [Gardening with Native Plants Resources](#)

Wild Wanderers Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom September 11, 2021

Watch out for plants that have a mind of their own about where they want to be – Thugs, Multipliers and Invasives.

Warning: Don't plant a pest!

https://youtu.be/K_EQ1U6M1aE

PowerPoint: [Wild Wanderers](#)

Handout: [Wild Wanderers](#)

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Roses Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom September 25, 2021

Hardy beautiful roses grow well in many places throughout the country. In this workshop you will learn about some of the origins of roses in America. You'll become acquainted with the categories of roses for your landscape and learn that roses don't have to be labor-intensive plants. You'll learn to recognize some common pests and diseases associated with roses, and how you can safely manage them during different seasons of the year.

<https://youtu.be/w6JKKRqDWJU>

Lawn Replacement Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom October 9, 2021

Are you tired of the work and costs that go into maintaining your yard? Or are you in a new development and have a yard full of dirt and weeds? In either case, this is the workshop for you to learn the easy steps to replace your lawn and enrich your soil.

<https://youtu.be/ijAwlovmk4s>

Handouts:

[OSU Sheet Mulching page 1](#)

[OSU sheet mulch page 2](#)

Spring Bulbs Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom October 23, 2021

THE MAGIC OF BULBS. Plant in the fall for a colorful spring garden. This workshop will discuss the basics of growing bulbs of all kinds, including buying, planting, caring, and naturalizing.

<https://youtu.be/RgdAFqJD0s>

PowerPoint: [Bulb Planting for Spring Color 10.2021 FINAL](#)

Handout: [Bulb Planting for Spring Color Resources](#)

Straw Bale Gardening Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom January 22, 2022

"Turn Straw Into Gold"--Growing your veggies and flowers in easily "conditioned" straw bales means NO SOIL, NO DIGGING, NO BENDING, ONLY A TROWEL NEEDED.

<https://youtu.be/vxbXr4BLMas>

PowerPoint: [Straw into Gold: Gardening with Straw Bales](#)

Lettuce Unite Zoom Workshop

Presented on Zoom February 5, 2022

What is a seed library? How do I "borrow" seeds? How do I "return" seeds? What do I do with those seeds? Learn all about what a seed library is, how to grow a summer garden, and a little about how to save seeds successfully.

https://youtu.be/4CcUcQ_XN4w

Powerpoint: [Lettuce Unite](#)

Handouts:

[FinalLettuce.Unite.Resources1.23.22](#)

[Seed Sav hO 1 ROTATION.Veg.Families](#)

[Seed Sav.EasyPeasy](#)

[Seed Sav.Six Tips](#)

[SeedSav.Distance.Chart](#)

Dealing with Deer: Deer Deterrents and Deer Resistant Plants Workshop at the Loomis Library

Presented on Zoom March 12, 2022

Gardening in the foothills can include the challenge of dealing with the deer population. This workshop covers tips for deterring deer as well as showcasing beautiful plants that are considered deer resistant.

<https://youtu.be/fA5wQmo4B5o>

Handout: [Deer in Garden Resources](#)

Ants-Nobody Likes Them

Presented on June 25, 2022

These little insects can make us crazy! This workshop will cover four simple techniques for managing their impact on your life. Using integrated pest management strategies, we will cover identification of the species bugging you, mechanical, cultural, sanitation and chemical practices to reduce their presence in your home and garden.

<https://youtu.be/IESTERfsCPQ>

PowerPoint: [Ants v3](#)

[Ants Script v3](#)

[Ants-Nobody Likes Them Handout](#)

Arboretum All Stars Zoom Workshop

Presented on August 4, 2022

Arboretum All-Stars are the top 100 plants recommended by the horticulture staff of the UC Davis Arboretum. These plants thrive in California's Mediterranean climate and have qualities that make them great choices for sustainable home gardens. They require little water, and rarely are bothered by pests or diseases.

Get acquainted with the All Stars and get ideas for your own landscape.

<https://youtu.be/C22qLomNagI>

Lawn Replacement Zoom Workshop

Presented on September 14, 2022

From blah to beautiful...Learn the best way to get rid of your high maintenance your lawn and create a pollinator paradise!

Save water too!

<https://youtu.be/5vhvJfzNeE>

PowerPoint: [Lawn Removal](#)

Handout: [How to Sheet Mulch](#)

Irrigation: Basics—Tips and Tricks for the Home Gardener Zoom Workshop

Presented on September 22, 2022

In this introduction to irrigation workshop, you will learn the basics of garden and yard irrigation, and some tips and tricks for healthy plants and water conservation. We will cover 3 main topic areas - irrigation components, planning and assembly.

<https://youtu.be/NCuS2-1nI0>

PowerPoint: [Irrigation](#)

Handout: [Irrigation Resources](#)

Bulbs for Spring Color Zoom Workshop

Presented October 20, 2022

Fall is bulb-planting season, a time for gardeners to project themselves into the future—specifically next spring. Anyone who wants clutches of tulips, clumps of hyacinths or dozens of daffodils in their spring garden must plan and plant in Fall.

<https://youtu.be/f4CzQvbc16A>

PowerPoint: [Bulb Planting for Spring Color 10.2021 FINAL](#)

Handout: [Bulb Planting for Spring Color Resources](#)

Soil Amendments: Friend or Foe?

Presented November 12, 2022

Are you confused about what to add and when to add it to your soil? This presentation will review organic fertilizers and the actions micro and macro nutrients have on your soil.? Learn about soil testing and what it takes to have healthy soil.

<https://youtu.be/ZgJ9inRVuQA>

PowerPoint: [Gardening in Placer Soils](#)

Handouts: [Grd PC Soil Resources Handout](#)

[Grd PC Soil Glossary Handout](#)

[Grd PC Soil Amendments Handout](#)

Orchid Mania—How to Buy and Care for Orchids Workshop

Presented on December 10, 2022

This presentation is for you if you are ready to move beyond tossing orchids in the trash when they are done blooming. You will learn how to keep and care for orchids and how to help them rebloom, maybe for many years. Warning: you may become addicted to these beautiful babies!

<https://youtu.be/O-Twgjmp4qY>

PowerPoint: Orchid Mania: [Orchid-mania](#)

Handouts: [How to Buy and Care for Orchids](#)

[CG Orchid Mania](#)

Top 10 Tips for Backyard Orchards

Presented on January 14, 2023 (not recorded)

Learn 10 tips for caring for your fruit trees. Master Gardner, Kevin Marini, will delight you in learning how to select the right fruit tree, the correct way to plant it and provide some pruning tips and care advice to encourage you to have a fruitful crop.

PowerPoint: [Backyard Orchard Top 10 Tips](#)

Handout: [Backyard Orchard Top 10 Tips Resources](#)

Roses for a Changing Climate

Presented on January 21, 2023 (not recorded)

Did you know that roses don't require a lot of water and labor to flourish?

Learn about the origin of some of the roses in America, and become acquainted with specific categories of roses well suited for your landscape. You will also learn about the cultural care of roses, and how to manage common rose pests.

PowerPoint: [Roses 2022](#)

Handout: [Rose Resource Handout](#)

Improving Water Efficiency in Your Garden

Presented on February 11, 2023 (live and Zoom)

This workshop is for hands-on gardeners eager to learn tips and resources for maximizing their water efficiency. Participants will come away with water-wise ideas and visuals for transforming their landscape.

<https://youtu.be/OMUpqceqiy>

PowerPoint: [Improving Water Efficiency in Your Garden PPT](#)

Handout: [Improving Water Efficiency in Your Garden Handout](#)

Spice It Up! Growing Culinary Herbs

Presented on May 13, 2023

Consider spicing up your garden with fresh herbs! Culinary herbs make food taste fantastic, and there is no better way to spice up your garden, than to add a few herbs to your planting list. In this class, learn growing techniques for traditional favorites and a few unusual herbs that are fun, fascinating plants to try on your herb gardening adventures!

<https://youtu.be/VsWURZMwgPI>

PowerPoint: [Spice It Up! Growing Culinary Herbs](#)

Handout: [Herbs Resources Sheet](#)

Designing Water-wise Gardens

Presented on June 10, 2023

Have you wondered how to create a water-wise garden? Hands-on gardeners will learn six steps for transforming their landscape plus plants to consider, inspiring visuals, and online resources.

<https://youtu.be/w49wGpfeWAg>

PowerPoint: [Designing Water-wise Gardens](#)

Handout: [Designing Water-wise Gardens](#)

Sweet, Nutritious and Wildly Popular – Grow Your Own Blueberries

Presented on February 10, 2024

Imagine waking up during spring and summer and walking out to your garden to pick fresh blueberries. Learn the basics for planting and caring for delicious blueberries in your home garden.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyFFsBPT-Qs>

Powerpoint: [Blueberries](#)

Handouts:

[Blueberries Presentation Resources](#)

[Blueberry Questions](#)

National Seed Swap Day

January 25, 2025

[Seed Saving Resources](#)

Selecting and Planting Fruit Trees for Placer County

Presented in person on February 8, 2025 and recorded on February 14, 2025

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/DHkPqp561Nk>

PowerPoint: [Selecting and Planting Fruit Trees for Placer County](#)