UC Master Gardener Program of Lake County

Advice to Grow By...Ask Us

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University of California Master Gardeners of Lake County

Who We Are, What We Do, What's in the Future



Who We Are

- We are you neighbors and friends
- We are scientists, teachers, project managers, and more
- We love to garden
- We love meeting new People
- And do we love plants!



What We Do

- We love to share our love and knowledge of gardening with our communities
- Sharing knowledge is important to us: Invasive Species, The latest information on pest control; What to Grow & When to grow it
- We collaborate. With each other and with our clients ~ the citizens of Lake County. We collaborate with Lake County 4-H and their Junior Master Gardener Program and the school gardens around the lake
- We collaborate with the Tribal Health Clinics. Teaching gardening classes through the Summer and into the Fall.



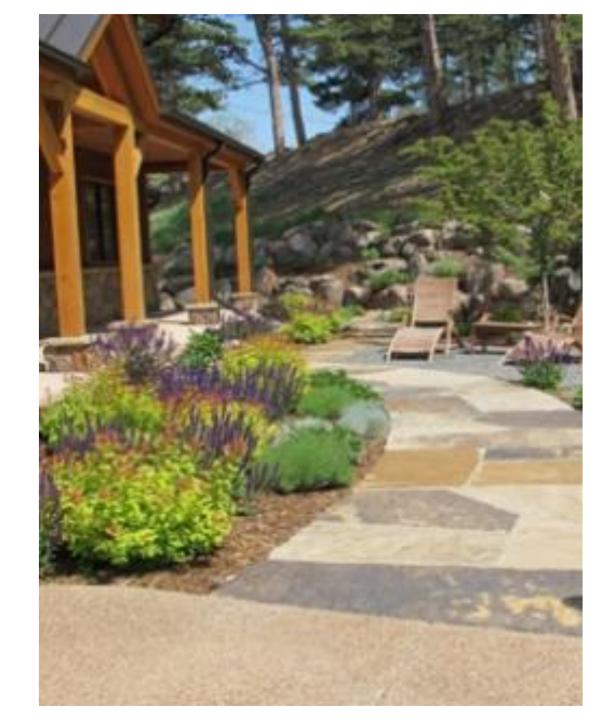
What We Do, con't

- We are in the initial stages of collaboration with Middletown Rancheria and the community garden there.
- We care for our demonstration gardens at the UCCE Lake Extension Offices.
- We have a radio show on KPFZ 88.1FM. Our show Right Plant Place will be celebrating its third anniversary just in time for Thanksgiving 2025.
- We attend festivals and events of all kinds in Lake County: Blackberry Cobbler Festival, Big Valley Small Farms Tours, vision of hope in October, health & wellness fair in lakeport; the Farmers finest farmer's market at the Mercantile to name a few.



Going Forward

- We are learning about Firesafe Landscaping and Home Hardening
- Climate Change is on our minds
- We are learning to be scouts for all kinds of pests and invasive species: The Tree of Heaven, The Spotted Lanternfly, Pink Mealy Bug, and the Mediterranean Oak Borer to name a few.
- All this knowledge will impact our gardens into the future, and we'll be ready.



Some Invasives we are learning to Identify Guess what this is?









- The Tree of Heaven is the host for the Spotted Lanternfly; it is considered a noxious weed.
- The fly is not harmful to humans. It doesn't' sting or bite, but it can destroy agricultural crops all through the state.
- The spotted lanternfly is already in 19 states in the US mostly on the East Coast.

But We Try to Maintain Our Senses of Humor

Gardening Cartoons Help



For Example...





Thank you for your time!

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

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