

# Adult Education Classes at the Garden of the Sun

## Registration Form

### September - December 2009



- Pre-registration for classes is by mail or walk-in only – **NO REFUNDS.**
- Prior to mailing check, please call 559-456-7285 to confirm space is available for limited classes.
- Walk-in registration is available on a first come, first served basis.

**PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: “UC REGENTS”**

Adult Education Classes  
 Attention: Karen Nephew  
 1720 S. Maple Avenue  
 Fresno, CA 93702-4516  
 Phone 559-456-7285 Fax 559-456-7575

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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If registering for more than three classes, please attach list with your payment Check enclosed in amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to receive payment confirmation by email: \_\_\_\_\_  
email address

Course fees cover printing, postage, mailing, course supplies, and support staff assistance only. If you would like to support the ongoing development of the garden, please send your tax-deductible donation today with a check payable to “UC Regents”. Thank you.

### Welcome to the Garden of the Sun!

The Garden of the Sun is a garden for discovery, for yourself and your creativity with plants, color, the garden arts, and for your children through our Garden Discovery Program. The Garden includes an extensive orchard of fruit trees and vines; beds of vegetables, herbs, perennials, cut flowers, an All American Selections Garden, and a compost demonstration area. The garden is lovingly maintained by the UCCE Master Gardener volunteers.

### General Garden Information

The garden is located at the south end of the Discovery Center and is sponsored by University of California Cooperative Extension, Fresno City Parks and Recycling Programs, and the Discovery Center. Master Gardener volunteers are generally available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., closed Holidays. Garden access is available through the garden gate when the Master Gardeners are present or through the Discovery Center gate during business hours. Please call the Discovery Center at 559-251-5533 for their business hours. Fee is \$2.00 per person. **Docent-guided tours are available for \$4.00 per person and need to be scheduled in advance by calling 559-456-7554.**

### Garden Discovery Program

We are currently offering tours and workshops for school groups, (K–8). Workshops range from composting, seed science, plant propagation, worm composting, etc., and are grade appropriate. Class groups can be scheduled through the Garden of the Sun at 559-456-4151 or calling the UCCE office at 559-456-7554.

**UC Master Gardener website address: <http://mgfresno.ucdavis.edu/>**

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Amanda Crump  
 Environmental Horticulture Farm Advisor

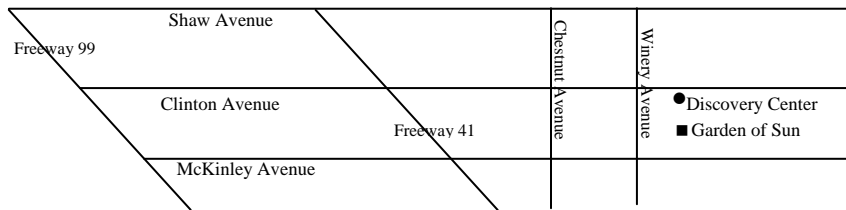
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*Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office, (two weeks prior to the “scheduled” activity), at 559-456-7285, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any special accommodations.*

# HOME GARDENING CLASS SCHEDULE

**Garden of the Sun  
Discovery Center**  
1944 N. Winery  
Fresno, CA 93703  
559-456-4151  
From 99 take Clinton  
From 41 take McKinley



Key:

☾ *Night Class*

✉ *Pre-registration/  
Limited Class*

## ☾ Winemaking at Home

*Lee Fanucchi &  
Gordon Mallet*

Join our two "Wine Enthusiasts" as they share their secrets of successful wine making at home. Use your new found knowledge and turn your grapes into wine and wow your friends and relatives. The UC publication "Making Wine at Home" will be available for purchase at \$16.35, tax included.

Wednesday, September 2, 2009  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ☾  
\$15.00

## Topiary

*Joanie Finch*

Learn how to choose the perfect plant for a topiary, how to train it and maintain it. We'll discuss care and requirements for a variety of plant materials for our climate. Many samples of topiaries will be available to see. Each class participant will train and take home an ivy heart. See how easy and fun a topiary can be! Pre-registration limited to 20.

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Wednesday, September 9, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$25.00, includes materials

## Growing Cool Season Vegetables P.A.R. *Becky Thompson*

What is a cool season vegetable? Learn about growing your own cool season vegetable garden and enjoy fresh vegetables all winter long. The class will include basic gardening techniques, when to start in the greenhouse, when to transplant, and what can be sowed directly. This class is part of our Plant-A-Row (for the hungry) program. We hope you will plant an extra row of vegetables to donate to the Food Bank or a local kitchen for people in need.

Saturday, September 12, 2009  
9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Free

## Curing and Preserving Olives

*Lee Fanucchi &  
Marie Antoniou*

Valley olives are justly famous for their tasty flavors! Learn four methods of curing olives for use during the winter months. Lye cured, Sicilian style, Greek salt cured and Greek cracked olives. These teachers are experienced and knowledgeable. Their demonstrations and recipes are great.

Saturday, September 26, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$15.00

## Water-Wise Gardening in Fresno

*Carolyn Unruh*

Special location! Even in Fresno's dry Mediterranean climate, it's quite possible to have an inviting and attractive landscape without breaking your water budget! Carolyn will provide you with tips to help you analyze your new or established garden and implement practical water-saving strategies.

Saturday, October 3, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Free

**Clovis Botanical Gardens**  
(945 N. Clovis Ave., between Alluvial and Nees)

## Raised Bed Gardening

*Bill Murphy*

Solutions to soil problems, space problems, flexibility problems, sun/shade problems, and how to solve them with a raised bed. We'll learn about the advantages, the ease of irrigation, how to build, and how to use the raised bed garden.

Saturday, October 10, 2009  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
\$15.00

## Planting Bulbs for Spring Color

*Jackie Mogan*

Dig into the world of bulbs, corms, and rhizomes and make your home a showplace next spring. Learn about bulbs you may not have tried before. Selection, planting and design, what to do with them after bloom, forcing bulbs for gifts, display and container planting will be covered.

Saturday, October 17, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$15.00

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**Colorful Container Gardening Secrets**

*Rita Evans &  
Gail Cole*

The splash of a container garden adds brilliance where you least expect it. It's the perfect way to brighten up a front entrance, expand a vegetable garden or soften a deck, porch or patio. If you haven't tried container gardening, you're missing out on the fun. And here's a secret...it's easy!

Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$15:00

**Composting and Vermiculture**

*Michael Harman &  
Ron Vivian*

Learn about recycling at its best! Enrich your soil and feed your plants with stuff you would otherwise throw away. Save money, save the landfill, and reward your plants all in one fell swoop. You will learn methods of composting recommended by the University of California Cooperative Extension.

Saturday, October 24, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon  
Free

**All About Drip Irrigation**

*Bill Gettys*

Drip Irrigation System made easy! Learn to design, install and maintain a drip irrigation system for your home landscaping and garden. You will be delighted and your plants will thrive with the time saved and the benefits of a more efficient delivery system.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Free

**Pumpkin Pals**

*Valerie Welk & Judy Hartman*

This is a class that will allow you and your child to decorate a jack-o-lantern in a non-traditional way. Pumpkin Pals are individually hand decorated using a variety of fun materials. Each child (ages 5-10) must be accompanied by an adult. Class fee includes 1 pumpkin per child, plus all decorations. Class is limited to 10 children and accompanying adults. Pre-registration strongly advised. Costumes are encouraged and most welcomed, but optional. We will have a parade through the children's garden after finishing our pumpkins. Bring your camera!

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Saturday, October 31, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$20.00, includes materials

**Creating Holiday Arrangements from Nature's Bounty**

*Mary Louise Newton,  
Mykel Newton, & Cristi Newton*

Using materials from nature's garden, each participant will create an arrangement that can be changed to compliment each of the fall holidays. Please bring floral snips or scissors, and work with our three talented teachers to learn about and then create a practical, beautiful arrangement by using materials that are found in nature. Class is limited to 15. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

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Saturday, November 7, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$25.00, includes materials

**Backyard Orchard Culture**

*Lee Fanucchi*

Learn how to plant and care for fruit trees to give you a high yield from a relatively small space. General information for backyard orchards will be presented.

Saturday, November 14, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$15.00

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath and Swags Class**

*Robbie Cranch*

Spend a creative, hands-on morning learning a variety of techniques for holiday wreath and swag construction. We will use fresh live materials, some quite unusual and all locally gathered. Everyone will leave with at least one completed wreath or swag. All materials are supplied; please bring a hand pruner and a wire nipper if you have them. Class is limited to 20 and pre-registration is required. (Sorry, no walk-ins.) Dress in warm casual clothes!

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Saturday, December 5, 2009  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
\$25.00, includes materials

**Care and Pruning of Fruit and Nut Trees**

*Lee Fanucchi*

This time of year is a good time for dormant pruning and this hands-on class teaches techniques to train and prune your trees, both young and mature. Get tips on pest control and ways to ensure good crops and healthy trees in your home orchard. Please bring gloves (loppers if you have them) and wear warm clothing.

Wednesday, December 16, 2009  
9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon  
\$15.00

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# Valley Gardens

Fall 2009 Issue

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## Fall Gardening in the Central Valley

Amanda Crump, Environmental Horticulture and Master Gardener Advisor,  
University of California Cooperative Extension, Fresno County

Fall is my favorite time in the Central Valley. As the weather cools off, pest problems decrease in my yard and garden and I have time to concentrate on making my surroundings thrive.

Fall is a great time to take care of the soil. Adding mulch to beds will reduce water run-off from our winter rains and allow plants to better utilize the water that we do receive. Besides saving water, mulching controls winter weeds, insulates the roots keeping them warmer in winter, improves the soil structure and encourages worms, and improves the look of your landscape.

In the fall, I like to plan and plant my winter garden. Living in the Central Valley ensures that I

have a steady supply of home-grown vegetables. In September, I plant carrot, lettuce, peas, and spinach from seed while I eat the rest of my summer crop of tomatoes and squash. As it gets cooler, I plant beets from seed and onions transplants. I'll harvest the onions in the spring and be able to eat them all summer. Keep planting leafy vegetables like kale, chard, spinach, and lettuce through November to ensure a continued supply. Seeing leafy greens on my plate helps me get through the winter!

Enjoy the fall and garden happily!

Master Gardeners answer your gardening questions Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at 456-7563!

## Gardening with University of California Experts

If you have access to the internet, you may spend a lot of time on gardening websites. There are many reputable websites on the web but it is sometimes difficult to wade through them. There are several local websites that may help you as you garden.

First, visit <http://mgfresno.ucdavis.edu/>. This is home to the Master Gardeners in Fresno County. Their website is filled with helpful hints and boasts a schedule of classes and events.

If you are having pest problems in your yard and garden, visit <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/menu.homegarden.htm!> This website will show you pictures of pests and help you treat the problem with the safest methods.

Finally, the University of California is happy to unveil its newest online gardening source at <http://cagardenweb.ucdavis.edu/>. Gardening advice for all parts of California is found here.

## Living in the Foothills...

Advice from Master Gardeners, Ray and Ruth Conner, Oakhurst, CA



Growing vegetables and flowers in the mountains has a lot of things in common with growing them in the valley. The plants need water, sun, and fertilizer.

In the Sierra foothills however, we have the problem of animals and birds that enjoy what we raise. Deer wander freely from yard to yard and can easily jump a six foot fence to get to the growing things. In addition there are gophers, ground squirrels, raccoons, rabbits, and several varieties of birds that drop by. Quail enjoy dust baths in the summer, and as they dig in the dirt, they uproot the new plants.

We use raised beds with hardware cloth lining the bottoms in our garden. Hardware cloth is a mesh made of firm metal that keeps the gophers from entering the bed from below.

The rest of the problem is controlling the birds and animals from above. We have found a PVC frame made into a box and covered with bird netting to be satisfactory. This device can be placed on the edges of the raised bed and provides adequate protection as shown in the picture. It is not advisable to have the protective frame sit on the ground, because ground squirrels and gophers can burrow inside the enclosure and crawl up under the net and enter the bed. The cover can easily be lifted from the bed for cultivation or harvest.


To read more about living in the foothills by Ray and Ruth Conner, visit the Master Gardener website at <http://mgfresno.ucdavis.edu/>

## UC Arboretum All-Stars

The horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum have identified 100 tough, reliable plants that have been tested in the Arboretum, are easy to grow, don't need a lot of water, have few problems with pests or diseases, and have outstanding qualities in the garden. Many of them are California native plants and support native birds and insects. Visit [http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum\\_all\\_stars.aspx](http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum_all_stars.aspx) for details!

Our valley favorites are the Western Redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*) tree, the Snow-In-Summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*) groundcover, and Mexican Deergrass (*Muhlenbergia dubia*). All grow well in our climate and need minimal water.



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