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Fall Issue, 2025

UC Master Gardeners of Sutter-Yuba Counties Newsletter

Location:

UCCE Sutter-Yuba
142A Garden Hwy.
Yuba City CA 95991
Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Master Gardener Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to Noon*
Thursday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Please see page 2 article

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[UC Master Gardeners - Sutter Yuba | UC Agriculture and Natural Resources](https://ucanr.edu/uc-master-gardeners-sutter-yuba-counties)

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Fall Series 2025 Learning Garden Workshops

When: Third Saturday of each month
9 am - 11 am

Location: UC Master Gardener Learning Garden
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, Gate 7

August 16	September 20	October 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomato Tasting and Good Bug/Bad Bug 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propagation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Your Cool Season Garden

Free! No Registration Required

Questions: ☎ 530-822-7515 ✉ sutteryuba@ucanr.edu

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Advice to grow by ... Ask us!

If you have a plant or gardening question, contact us via phone or email or drop by the office with a sample. Check our website or Facebook for workshop announcements.

Master Gardener Training

Submitted by UC Master Gardener Debbie Spurling

Are you passionate about gardening? Do you love to get your hands in the dirt? Then come join us as we get ready to hold our Sutter-Yuba Master Gardener Training beginning in January, 2026. Classes are held on Wednesday from 12:45-5:00 p.m. from January 28 through May 13.

Master Gardeners are volunteers that use research-based gardening information to educate our community in various ways. For example, we host workshops at the Learning Garden, we have a booth at community events, such as the Home & Garden Show and the Yuba Sutter Fair, and we have a Pop-Up plant question table on Saturdays at Tractor Supply, Sutter Orchard Supply, and Union Lumber.

Master Gardener Trainees spend 16 weeks in intensive training on subjects that include Intro to Horticulture, Plant Propagation, Vegetable Gardening, and Fruit Trees, among others. After training is complete, trainees graduate and may begin volunteering. Trainees must volunteer 50 hours in the first year and 25 hours each year after along with 12 Continuing Education hours.

Applications will be available on the Yuba-Sutter Master Gardener website [UC Master Gardeners - Sutter Yuba | UC Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) by the end of July. There is a fee for classes which includes your textbooks. We invite you to come join us and share in the joy of volunteering to help our community.

For additional details, please see the flyer on page four.



Office Hours

The Sutter-Yuba Master Gardeners have office hours every week, when we are available to help with any home gardening questions you may have.

- Tuesday morning, 9-a.m. to noon*
- Thursday afternoon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Samples help with identification and diagnosis, and the office hours are a great time to bring the samples and questions to our group.

If you can't make it into the office, please send us an email outlining your question or concerns. If you can also provide a picture, that helps with diagnosis, as well. Our email address is sutteryuba@ucanr.edu and our telephone is (530) 822-7515.

Additionally, you can bring your samples and questions to our Learning Garden Workshops.

*Effective October 1, Tuesday morning office hours will be discontinued for the fall and winter seasons.

Yuba-Sutter Native Plant

Submitted by UC Master Gardener Lesley Harvell

Ceanothus lemmonii

Common: Lemmon's Ceanothus

Family: Rhamnaceae

Ceanothus lemmonii is an evergreen shrub endemic to California. It grows on the wooded slopes of the Inner North Coast ranges and the Sierra Nevada foothills, conifer forests, oak woodlands and yellow pine forests at an elevation of 500 to 5400 feet, mostly open rocky sites. Thrives in full sun to light shade, appreciates some afternoon shade in hotter areas. Adaptable to various soil types but prefers well-drained soil.



The stems are ascending to spreading, branchlets are pale green to grayish green and glaucous (covered with a waxy or powdery film), grows up to a little above 3 feet tall. Leaves are alternate, a flat blade, narrowly elliptic to oblong-elliptic, hairless or with stiff, straight, sharp, appressed hairs, ½ to 1.25 inches long, green on top and paler green underneath, margins have sharp to coarse teeth pointing inward or outward. Flowering occurs April to May. The inflorescence is usually a raceme, but sometimes umbel-like. The flowers are blue to purple blue.



Average

lifespan 10 to 15 years. Nitrogen fixing. Often one the first plants to grow after a fire.

SUTTER-YUBA
UC MASTER GARDENER
FALL PLANT SALE

Saturday, October 18th

\$4/plants



4-H will be selling pumpkins!

9:30am - 1:00pm
UCCE Office Parking Lot, 142 Garden Hwy, Yuba City

BROCCOLI, CAULIFLOWER, KALE, LETTUCE, AND FLOWERS

Also, catch a Fall planting demonstration at the learning garden!

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2026 TRAINING PROGRAM

About Us

U.C. Master Gardeners learn research-based gardening knowledge and unite their passion for gardening with volunteering.

Our mission is to educate our community on home gardening, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices.

Program Highlights

- ✓ Applications OPEN August 1st
- ✓ 16 Weeks of Extensive Training Starting January 28, 2026 Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
- ✓ Application DEADLINE October 3, 2025
- ✓ MANDATORY Meeting October 10th at 1:00pm



COMMUNITY EVENTS



LEARNING GARDEN



OFFICE HELP DESK



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Keep Roses Blooming

Submitted by UC Master Gardener Marla Pike

With the fall weather rapidly approaching, it is a great time to begin thinking of prolonging the rose-blooming season. It's easy: Keep deadheading those spent blooms. Once the spent blooms are deadheaded (i.e., removed), the rose bush will push more buds and then blossom.

To properly deadhead, locate an outwardly-facing five-leaflet leaf. On a first year rose bush, your selection to cut would be on the first outwardly-facing five-leaflet leaf. On an established rose bush, your selection should be lower on the cane. Why? So that your cane is strong enough to support the new bud/bloom. You're selecting an outwardly facing five-leaflet leaf because that is the direction you want to encourage the plant to grow. The plant growth should be outward, not to the interior of the plant, in order to promote good airflow.

To obtain additional details on rose cultural practices, please visit the UC Integrated Pest Management Program site at [Roses: Cultural Practices and Weed Control--UC IPM](#)

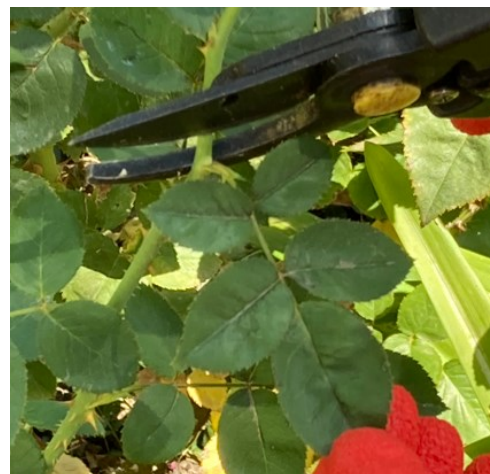


Photo credit: Marla Pike

Learning Garden Transformation

Submitted by UC Master Gardener Peggy Drown

Recently, the Learning Garden underwent a dramatic transformation. With the diligent – and much-appreciated – help of a handful of Master Gardeners, the remaining “old” garden beds were removed and the soil spread out. Because we know we have Verticillium Wilt virus in the soil, the decision has been made to use all new soil as we build new beds. There are five 4'x8' beds along the Franklin Road side which will accommodate the Fall planting.

The garden looks a little stark right now, but full of promise and potential. The first step in the renovation is to install an irrigation system, which can grow with the garden. Once that is in place, it's on to the assembling of the greenhouse and building of the rest of the beds.

In the meantime, there are still a few surprises in the garden. There are pumpkin vines beginning to climb the arched trellis over the worm bin and at least eight “volunteer” cantaloupe are hiding under an abundance of leaves. The trees are looking spectacular and our watermelon vines are producing the BEST watermelon EVER!



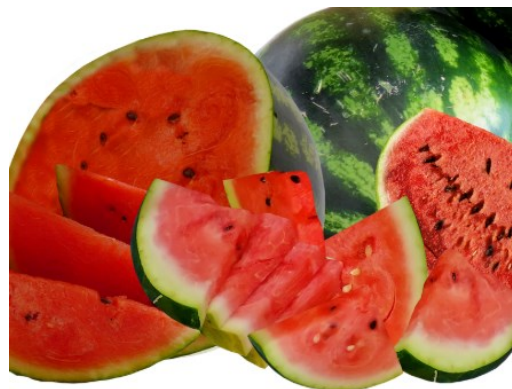
When are melons ready?

Submitted by UC Master Gardener Mai VanDerAa (adapted from a Facebook post)

When are melons ready? Melons may be at their peak this month, but when should they be harvested?

Cantaloupe/muskmelon is fully ripe when it pulls off the stem easily (it “slips” from the vine).

With other kinds of melons, a strong, pleasant aroma at the blossom (not stem) end is the best indicator of ripeness. These would include: the green-skinned ‘Persian’, the pink-fleshed ‘Crenshaw’, the yellow-skinned casaba, honeydew, and many European cross types.



A watermelon is a bit more difficult, but good indicators of ripeness include: the ground spot (the underside where the watermelon laid on the ground) turning from white to pale yellow the tendril opposite the stem of the melon has dried and withered the skin of the watermelon has turned from shiny to dull there is a dull “thunk” when you rap the melon with your knuckles in the morning.

Source: [Monthly Vegetable Gardening Tips | UC Agriculture and Natural Resources](#)

Sutter-Yuba Master Gardeners Fall Plant Sale

Interested in having a Fall garden? Come join the fun on Saturday, October 18, 2025. we will be having our Fall Plant sale and Learning Garden workshop. The plant sale will be located at the UCCE office, 142 Garden Highway, Yuba City, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will be selling fall crops such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and a few flowers to plant for spring bloom. Simultaneously, we will be hosting a workshop at our Learning Garden on how to plant and care for those fall crops. The Learning Garden is located at the fairgrounds on Franklin Rd gate 7. This event is a fundraiser for the S-Y Master Gardeners to help us educate our community with UCCE research-based gardening information and to encourage everyone to plant a garden to enjoy throughout fall. Please see workshop flyer on page 1 and plant sale flyer on page 4 for additional information.

Our Mission:

“To extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California and be guided by our core values and strategic initiatives.”

- UC Master Gardener Program Mission Statement

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