

February 2014

Upcoming Classes and Events

Horticulture classes are about to start in Ridgecrest and Tehachapi. Although we had planned to discuss water conservation, due to the serious drought conditions in California the subject of water conservation will be emphasized.

Horticulture Class in Ridgecrest

For Ridgecrest, classes are being co-sponsored with the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD). The class will be composed of 12 weekly three-hour sessions all centered around water conservation, meeting Tuesdays 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm., held at the IWWVD office in Ridgecrest, beginning February 25, 2014. Our goals are to enhance and expand green plantings, conserve water in landscapes and gardens, and to reduce pesticide applications. We will cover practical topics pertaining to landscapes, orchards, and vegetable gardens, and offer plenty of time for Q&A and discussion. Registration will be handled at the first class meeting. If you would like to see a syllabus ahead of time, please call me at 661-868-6220 or send an email to jfkarlik@ucdavis.edu.

Horticulture Class in Tehachapi

In Tehachapi, we begin our horticulture class on Thursday, February 27, 2014, also meeting 5:30 – 8:30 pm. The topics will be an addition to those offered in our 2012 spring class series, and offer time for Q&A. We meet at Valley Oaks Charter School, same place as in spring, 2012, and near Old Towne at 20705 South Street, Tehachapi. Registration will be handled at the first class meeting. If you would like to see a syllabus ahead of time for the Tehachapi class, please call me at 661-868-6220 or send an email to jfkarlik@ucdavis.edu.

2014 Horticultural Tour

In 2013, participants in our horticultural tour visited gardens in Ireland. We found Ireland's reputation as the Emerald Isle to be well justified—so much green and stunning gardens in terms of plant selection and design. For summer 2014, we offer an opportunity to visit gardens of Scotland. This custom tour begins June 19 in Edinburgh. If you would like to know more, please send me an email (or call, 661- 868-6220) and I will send you additional information. We are finishing arrangements for this tour.

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