

Upcoming Classes and Events

34th Annual Landscape Management Seminar—Tuesday, February 9

The 34th Annual Landscape Management Seminar is scheduled for February 9, 2016, at Hodels. Visiting speakers include Dennis Pittenger of UC Cooperative Extension, Riverside, who will speak about irrigation management in the context of pest problems. We'll have a noon demonstration, updates on laws and regulations, and an update on the current pest problems as they relate to reduced irrigation. You may register at the door. Cost is \$35, which includes lunch. This meeting has been approved for 8 hours of PCA credit including 1.5 hours of laws and regulations, and there are 3.75 hours of ISA credits for arborists.

2016 Tehachapi Horticulture Class

The University of California Cooperative Extension is pleased to offer a horticulture class beginning February 29, 2016. The class will be composed of 11 three-hour sessions emphasizing water conservation, meeting weekly 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Mondays) at the Tehachapi Education Center, located at 126 S. Snyder, in the Cerro Coso wing of that building. 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 questions and answers. We will present information for the novice gardener, but will have material as well for experienced gardeners and those who work in landscapes.

Specific topics will include:

- How water moves in soil
- Saving water in landscape irrigation
- How to estimate plant water needs
- How to set up an irrigation schedule that matches plant needs but conserves water
- Components of a home irrigation system, and simple repairs
- Where plant roots are found
- Use of drought-tolerant or water-conserving plants
- Xeriscape design
- How to select, plant, and care for fruit trees
- Dealing with gophers, squirrels and other animals that may be cute, but eat your garden before you do

Tuition is \$70 per person. Seating is limited, so while we will accommodate walk-ins, we do recommend that you register online at: <http://ucanr.edu/hortclass>. Payment by credit card is accepted and preferred. If you choose to pay by mail, use the [registration form](#) and send your check, payable to “UC Regents” to the following address:

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Tehachapi Horticulture Class
1031 S. Mount Vernon Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93307

For more information, please contact John Karlik at 661-868-6220 or by email to jfkarlik@ucdavis.edu. You can also call the UC Cooperative Extension office at 661-868-6200.

2016 Ridgecrest Horticulture Class

The University of California Cooperative Extension, with the Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWWVD), is pleased to offer a class beginning February 16, 2016. The class will be composed of 11 weekly three-hour sessions centered around water conservation, meeting 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the IWWVD office in Ridgecrest. 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. Cost will be \$70 per person, and we will handle payment and registration at the first class meeting, Feb. 16.

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- How to estimate plant water needs
- How to set up an irrigation schedule that matches plant needs but conserves water
- Components of a home irrigation system, and simple repairs
- Where plant roots are found
- Use of drought-tolerant, or water-conserving plants
- Xeriscape design
- Soil fertility and fertilizers
- Pruning practices

To help us plan, please contact the IWWVD office and let them know you expect to attend. For additional information, please contact John Karlik of UC Cooperative Extension, jfkarlik@ucdavis.edu or 661 868-6220.

2016 Horticultural Tour: Gardens of Northern Italy and Tuscany

I'm looking forward to a spring visit to Italy. Our 2016 tour is filling nicely, but we still have space available. Landscape design and use of specific plant materials can be illustrated in superb botanic gardens and landscapes found throughout the world. Such gardens and landscapes offer design and plant ideas and inspiration. In 2005, I offered our first horticultural tour to England and France, and we have conducted seven tours since then.

For spring 2016, we offer an opportunity to visit gardens of Italy, including the northern lakes area, Padova, selected cities of Tuscany including Siena and Florence, with an optional day in Venice. Since the tour ends in Florence, it would be a simple matter to extend your visit to Rome via a two-hour train ride. This custom tour begins May 2 with arrival in Milan. Please see http://travelgallery.com/images/Hort_2016_Italy_Flyer_ver3.pdf

Let me also add: The food is good in Italy. If you would like further information, please send an email to me at jfkarlik@ucdavis.edu, or call 661 868-6220.

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