

Meetings and Announcements

Fall Horticulture Class—Tehachapi

I am pleased to announce a fall horticulture class to be given in Tehachapi. The meeting location will be the Valley Oaks Charter School (we met there in 2014), on Thursdays, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, beginning August 30. A draft syllabus is available on our website at <http://cekern.ucanr.edu/>. I thank Valley Oaks and its principal, Tom Karnes, for cooperating for this class. Valley Oaks Charter School is located at 20705 South Street. That's near the Golden Hills / Old Town area. Cost will be \$75. Here is the credit card link if you want to pay that way, and the link is also on our website: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=25051>

Bakersfield Fall Horticulture Class: Special Topics

A 10-week fall horticulture class series for landscapes, gardens and orchards: special topics will be offered Monday nights beginning October 8. The syllabus has been posted to our <http://cekern.ucanr.edu/files/289533.pdf>. Guest speakers will include Jim Downer of UC Cooperative Extension, Ventura County; Jerald Meadows of the National Weather Service, and Beth Brookhart Pandol of the Kern Water Association. I plan to present the latest information on rose rosette disease. Cost will be \$70.

2019 Horticultural Study Tour: Thailand

Thailand is home to a number of botanic gardens, and a visit would provide exposure to the fascinating culture of Asia. Our itinerary begins with departure from Los Angeles on Sunday, January 17, and arrival in Chiang Mai. We plan to visit a number of landscapes and gardens, including Bhubing Palace, Wat Doi Suthep, garden Siribhume, Queen Sirikit Garden and others. There will also be visits to handicraft factories. Our timing also coincides with the Chiang Mai Flower Festival. From Chiang Mai we proceed to Bangkok to visit the Grand Palace, Support Foundation, and have a day trip to the River Kwai. This tour concludes Friday, February 8, but there will be an optional extension to Phnom Penh and Angkor Wat that extends to February 12. I will provide a link to the itinerary as soon as pricing is available, which my colleagues are working on now.

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