UC Cooperative Extension, Kern County, plans to again offer classes in horticulture in autumn, 2009. These classes will cover the science and culture of landscape and garden plants, and have been known as Master Gardener classes. While we no longer have a formal (i.e., volunteer) Master Gardener Program, we continue to offer classes as an educational outreach.

**Master Gardener I Class:**
A Master Gardener I class will be offered Tuesday nights, 5:30-8:30 p.m., beginning August 25 and extending 16 weeks. Topics will include plant selection, soil science, landscape design principles, and pest management with an emphasis on organic and IPM methods, as well as sessions on vegetable crops, deciduous fruits, and citrus. A syllabus is available upon request.

**Master Gardener II Class:**
A Master Gardener II class is planned for Thursday nights, also 5:30-8:30 p.m., beginning August 27, also for 16 weeks. Topics will be additions to those covered in MG I. A syllabus is available upon request.

**Registration Information:**
Cost of each class will be $70, continuing the price of recent years. We ask those interested in either class to call the Cooperative Extension office, 868-6200, to pre-register to reserve a space and help us track class size. Actual registration will be handled at the first class meeting.

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