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New Oakworm Pest Note

Steve Tjosvold, Environmental Horticulture Farm Advisor

I am co-author of the new "California oakworm" pest note. I was inspired when in the spring of 2007 our oaks were temporarily defoliated by oakworm and citizens were spraying trees with no good reason. Oaks can survive, and thrive, without pesticides. The publication is a solid update to a former publication, and emphasizes when it is and when it is not appropriate to spray trees.

Available online at

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7422.html>
<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PDF/PESTNOTES/pncaliforniaoakworm.pdf>

Advanced Training Opportunities

Events at UC Davis

http://www.goodlifegarden.ucdavis.edu/event_list

Advanced Training: May 25, 2009

[All About Fruits, Nuts, and Berries](#)

More Computer Skills Advanced Training

Denise Weatherwax and Christina Kriedt will host the next computer skills PARTY in the Monterey area (maybe Carmel Middle School Hilton Bialek Habitat?). We'll let you know as soon as we have a solid date.

Please join us! There is hands-on one-on-one help available for you. Bring your laptop if you have one. If you don't, you'll still learn a lot. Be prepared to eat cupcakes while you learn how to use the new group email, create folders for archiving emails you want to keep, access the website, download pdfs and whatever else we can help you figure out—about 2 hours of advanced training toward your annual MG requirement.

If you are fairly proficient please come and help us teach our fellow MGs – you'll get advanced training or volunteer

hours too. (We are in dire need of a person who can help folks with Macs.)

Please see the AT table for a LONG list of advanced training opportunities:

http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org/classes%20and%20events/classes_events_org.htm

News from the Statewide Master Gardeners

The following articles are excerpted from the "Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator News"

Free Online Training Courses

The UC IPM Program recently created two online training courses for retail and garden center employees and others, such as Master Gardeners, who advise residents about pesticides.

• **Introduction to Pesticides**

• **Moving Beyond Pesticides**—*Environmentally Safe Tools for Use in an IPM*

Recent Changes to IPM site and RSS feed

Updates on changes and additions to the UC IPM Web site (Pest Notes, Quick Tips, and Home and Garden pages) can now be viewed by subscribing to the [RSS feed](#)! RSS stands for "Really Simple Syndication." It's an easy way for you to keep up with news and information that's important to you and helps you avoid the conventional methods of browsing or searching for information on Web sites. This content is called a feed.

Advanced IPM Training for Master Gardeners

The UC Statewide IPM Program and the Statewide Master Gardener Program are teaming up to offer one-day regional IPM workshops. The first workshop will be in the

SF Bay Area during the week of June 15. Topics will include pest identification, ant management, using the UC IPM web site to solve pest problems, and sustainable gardening practices. Details will be available shortly. All activities are hands-on and space will be limited to 60 participants, so interested Master Gardeners should sign up as soon as they see the announcement. Two other regional IPM workshops are planned over the next year in other areas of the state.

110 New Trees and Shrubs Added to UC IPM Web Site

We've added 110 new ornamental trees and shrubs to our host plant/pest database on the UC IPM Home and Garden web site for a total of over 200 species. Each host plant page includes photos of the plant, general information about best growing conditions, and a list of the common pests. Select the pest name to get practical information about identification, biology, and management. We've also reformatted the plant list so you can sort by common name, scientific name, or family. [Try it out!](#)

Landscape Pest Identification Cards

Carry these pocket-sized laminated pest ID cards as handy references for identifying common insect and mite pests and common plant diseases that affect landscape and garden plants. Each pest card includes a description and close-up photographs of important life stages, plus "What to Do" to solve the problem using environmentally friendly practices. Cards identifying important natural enemies are also included. Click [here](#) for ordering information or visit the [ANR catalog](#) Web site!

Slosson Grants Awarded to Statewide MG Program

Two grants were recently awarded from the Elvenia J. Slosson Endowment for Ornamental Horticulture to fund two very special projects that relate to the Master Gardener Program. The first award is to develop a train-the-trainer program in landscape sustainability for Master Gardener volunteers. This project was inspired by the Master Gardener statewide steering committee as a means of getting information out to our volunteers about the landscape sustainability issues, techniques, and resources. The grant will fund some of the training expenses and on-line training materials.

The second grant was awarded to further develop the online Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) system to help Master Gardener volunteers monitor and archive questions that are called or emailed to the Master Gardener hotlines into a searchable database on a statewide basis. This project will also fund some training on this system as well as development.

California Gardening Web Launch in May

We plan to launch the California Gardening web site in mid-May. Content for this site is being developed by the Master Gardener web committee, with guidance from our

Steering Committee and input from results of our usability testing conducted early this year.

Our focus is on sustainable gardening practices with links to excerpts from the *Master Gardener Handbook* and other UC publications and web sites. The site is password protected while in development. But in mid-May please visit <http://cagardenweb.ucdavis.edu>. We hope this is a great gardening resource for you and your clientele.

Online Training ~ Sick Plants and a Hungry World

A potato famine caused by the late blight fungus resulted in the death of more than a million Irish and the immigration of many families to the U.S. But what else in Ireland contributed to such changes? Throughout history, there have been many stories of how plant disease has helped shape society.

Sick Plants and a Hungry World provides an opportunity to explore and reflect on those stories. *Sick Plants and a Hungry World* is a non-credit course offered completely online through Moodle, a course management system. There are 10 modules with topics ranging from basic concepts in plant disease (such as the disease triangle) to prehistoric man and plant diseases, and from the Irish Potato Famine to bioterrorism. The course is completely self-paced, so you can take it anytime, anywhere. Although the course is designed for Master Gardeners, anyone interested in plants, history, and contemporary global issues will find it exciting.

Once you begin your online experience of *Sick Plants and a Hungry World*, the course will be available for 10 weeks. Assignments consist of supplied module readings and selftests. A certificate from The Ohio State University Office of Continuing Education will be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

To register, visit <http://osucedreg.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x15405241> and submit your payment of \$35. For more information, please contact Sarah Ellis at ellis.293@osu.edu or visit this web site: <http://plantpath.osu.edu/extension>.

Interesting Links

[They're Hungry and They're Here](#)

"Join us in taking a stand against non-native, invasive pests. Stay informed. Join the movement. Make a difference."

Email Updates

We'll be adding every MGs email address to the new group email: Off Topic (offtopic@mbmgs.org). If you wish to have your name removed from the list after you receive the introductory email, please contact Christina christinakriedt@hotmail.com.

If you have any comments or suggestions to make to the Editor of our publications, please write to editor@mbmgs.org. Thank you,

May Hotline Schedule (current Apr 27th)

To sign up for a shift, contact Martye 831-633-6435 or martyel@prodigy.net
See www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=martyel@prodigy.net for the most up-to-date calendar.

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27 Geri Farasopoulos	28	29 Phyllis Hilton	30	1 May Cathy Baker
4 Peter Quintanilla	5	6 Dianne Yost	7	8 Melita Israel
11 Jean Schaaf	12	13 Paul McCollum	14	15 need volunteer
18 Joy Hickey	19	20 Paul McCollum	21	22 Melita Israel
25 Closed	26	27 Phyllis Hilton	28	29 need volunteer

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ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

JoAnn Schaper, MG08 and Karen Rieger, MG08

	date	day	time	class	contact
MAY	1	Fri	7-8PM	Master Gardeners at the Library The Web of Life in the Garden-Sue Bell	Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Abom Rd, San Jose, 408-808-3060
MAY	2	Sat	9AM-4PM	Summer Vegetable Gardening \$95	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
MAY	2	Sat	10:30-12:30	Growing Cut Flowers-Nancy Garrison-\$29	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
MAY	3	Sun	1PM	It All Starts with Soil-Kerri Kemp-Free	Hidden Gardens Nursery, 7765 Soquel Drive Ste A, Aptos 831-688-7011
MAY	9	Sat	2PM-4PM	Drip Irrigation-Frank Niccoli-\$29	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
MAY	10	Sun	10AM-2PM	Container Vegetable Gardening-\$50	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
MAY	16	Sat	10AM-2PM	Garden Bed Design & Construction-\$50	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com

MAY	16	Sat	10:30-12:30	Starting Summer Gardens-Drew Harwell-\$29	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
MAY	16-17	Sat-Sun		Bamboo Crafts, Culture & Cultivation-\$80/\$75/\$70	UC Arboretum, 1156 High Street, SC, 831-427-2998
MAY	19	Tues	9AM-4PM	Summer Vegetable Gardening \$95	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
MAY	23	Sat	TBA	Tomatoe Cage Making Class	Love Apple Farm, 9299 Glen Arbor Rd, Ben Lomond, www.growbetterveggies.com
MAY	23	Sat	10:30-12:30	Gardening is for the Birds-Jim Howard-\$29	Common Ground, Palo Alto 650-493-6072
MAY	30	Sat	1PM-3PM	Worm Shop- Karin Grobe - Cabrillo College Horticulture Center, Classroom 5110	6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos www.kgrobe@wormdoctor.org
UPCOMING COURSES AND EVENTS					
	date	day	time	class	contact
May	2	Sat	3PM-10PM	Growing Food & Fuel Reelwork Labor Film Festival-Karen Kaplan-335-3342(11AM-11PM)	Live Oak Grange 1900 17th Ave SC
May	24	Sun	1PM-5PM	Music in the Gardens Tour	www.scbaroque.org

COMMUNITY GARDENS			
	location	days & hours	contact
Quail Hollow Ranch	800 Quail Hollow Rd., Felton	As arranged	Simon Stapleton sistapleto@comcast.net
Homeless Garden Project	Natural Bridges Farm Shaffer & Delaware, S. Cruz	10:00-2:00 Thurs & Fri; Saturdays upon request	Paul (831) 423-1020 paulq@homelessgardenproject.org
Beach Garden	Monterey Bay Dunes		Mary Wilson (831) 393 0193 bluespud@pacbell.net
La Mirada	720 Via Mirada, Monterey	Every Thurs 9:00 to 3:00	Carl Voss (831) 442 0964 CarlFVoss@aol.com
Cooper-Molera Adobe Garden	525 Polk St Monterey	9:00-12:00 Tues	Bonnie Gillooly (831) 624-4678 gillooly@mbay.net
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HOURS PER YEAR

V = volunteer hours AT = advanced training hours

To become certified, Class of 2008 (Trainees): Any combination of V and AT hours to include no fewer than 30 V with a combined total of 50 hours.

Future classes (next class 2010): 50 V for certification.

Certified Master Gardeners: 30 V and 20 AT;

MG Gold Badge: 25 V and 12 AT

BADGES

To order a replacement badge contact Martye Lumpkin: martyel@prodigy.net or (831) 633-6435. All other badges will be ordered automatically each quarter as they are earned.

Link to 2008 Volunteer Brochure

<http://www.montereybaymastergardeners.org/mbmg/projects/Volunteer%20Opportunities%202008.pdf>

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