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### Summer 2021 Newsletter



### Accepting Applications for Master Gardener Training

*by Sherida Phibbs, UCCE Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator*

Want to learn more about gardening and share your successes with others by volunteering in the community? Then the University of California Master Gardener Program is for you. The Humboldt/Del Norte program is pleased to announce their upcoming training.

UC Master Gardeners are University of California Cooperative Extension trained volunteers who provide research based technical support to home gardeners, schools, and special projects throughout the county. Volunteers will receive 19 weeks of extensive training starting January 25, 2022. Applications are being accepted July 1, 2021, through midnight August 31, 2021. Applicants will be invited to a mandatory informational Zoom meeting Tuesday September 14, 2021, at 9:00 am. (save that date as this is mandatory to be considered for acceptance into the training program).

To find out more about becoming a Master Gardener and to obtain an application go to our website at: <http://ucanr.edu/mgvolunteer>.

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### Ask a Master Gardener FREE Zoom Workshops

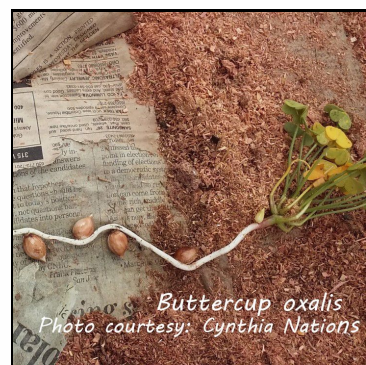
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Have questions about your vegetable garden, pests in your home or garden, how to select the right plants for the right place, climate zones, pruning shrubs and trees? Join us for free live workshops hosted by Humboldt State L4HSU.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>

For more information and to register for a Zoom workshop please visit our website at <http://ucanr.edu/ask>

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## Battling Buttercups

by Susan Kromfeld, UCCE Master Gardener

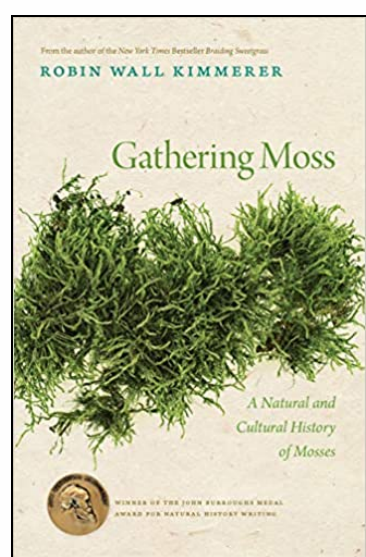
Sadly, the weed is so entrenched along California coasts that physically removing it from the wild just isn't feasible anymore. It doesn't spread by seeds but rather through small bulbils that develop on the stem beneath the leaves and by new bulbs that form underground along the rhizome. Each plant produces around twelve bulbils, so each year the buttercup crop significantly expands. But take heart, home gardeners! With good timing, a bit of technique, and vigilance – especially vigilance – it's possible to reduce oxalis to manageable quantities within a few years. ([Read more](#))



## Aphids on Apple Trees

by Tom Schrader, UCCE Master Gardener

Aphids are the most frequent pests of orchards. You may notice the apple tree leaves are curled up, and when you open the leaves, you'll see a mass of small gray insects. The gray aphids are common everywhere. Their bodies are covered with small gray scales with ash bloom. ([Read more](#))



## Book Reviews- Books by Robin Wall Kimmerer, Gathering Moss and Braiding Sweet Grass

Review by Maria Krenek, UCCE Master Gardener

Recently, the Master Gardeners program in Del Norte and Humboldt Counties launched a book club open to the general public through the Humboldt County Library virtual learning programming. I very much enjoyed experiencing the book, the dynamic of book club (my first) and the learning and discussion that resulted. More book club sessions are in the works, so I highly recommend and invite your participation. ([read more](#))



## 10 Common Gardening Mistakes

by Sherida Phibbs, UCCE Master Gardener

I can't begin to count the mistakes I have made throughout my years of gardening. The following are common garden mistakes most of us have made either by not knowing any better, following bad advice or taking shortcuts: ([Read more](#))



## Fruit Trees for Humboldt/Del Norte

by Terry Allaway, UCCE Master Gardener

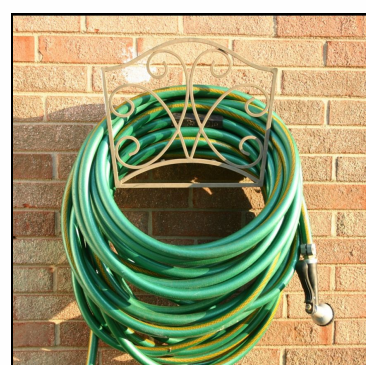
Our main problem here on the coast in USDA Cold Hardiness zone 9, is not heat, but lack of it and also lack of what is known as chill factor, the time below 45F and above 32F. If you only go by the USDA zones, which are classed here as subtropical, you can plant all sorts of things, but because The USDA system does not take into account lack of heat, many trees will not produce fruit, even if they grow. This is further complicated by many fruit trees needing more chill time than others. ([Read more](#))



## Can I Reuse Jars and Lids for Canning?

by Dottie Simmons, UCCE Master Food Preserver

Give the scarcity of canning supplies, particularly lids, that began last year, people are asking about re-using lids and jars. What happened? Well, with so many folks staying home last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, many began both gardening and canning for the first time to help reduce visits to the market as well as fill the time. This increased demand is one of the main causes of shortages. ([Read more](#))

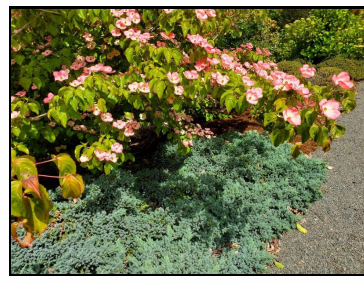


## Gardening In Drought Times

by Myron Kelso, UCCE Master Gardener

Even here behind the Redwood Curtain, rainfall has been below average. In May, the governor declared a 'drought emergency proclamation' in 41 counties. On a recent webinar hosted by Senator Mike McGuire, several bay area water managers spoke of voluntary water restrictions now in place.

Chairperson Joseph James of the Yurok Tribe addressed the dying salmon fingerlings in the Klamath River and the lack of water from the tributaries (Scott, Trinity) into the Klamath, to flush the river clear of contaminants. The Scott River may go dry for the first time in history. ([Read more](#))



## Unique, Beautiful, Bold Ground Covers at Humboldt Botanical Gardens

by June Walsh, UCCE Master Gardener

At Humboldt Botanical Garden we find ourselves weeding and trying to prevent weeds. One way to prevent weeds is to plant ground covers. Ground covers can be shrubs, bushes and herbaceous plants. Here are a few to consider: ([read on](#))



## Preserve Today, Relish Tomorrow

by Dottie Simmons, UCCE Master Food Preserver

When just starting out, you will find there are many ways to preserve food. So, how to know which one to use? Without preservation, food begins to spoil soon after harvest. Spoilage affects the quality, nutrition, flavor, and safety of the food. Different foods need different methods for best results. And some foods respond well to several different methods. ([Read more](#))



***The Master Gardener volunteers organize to extend educational services to their communities. The four important areas are: Healthier Plants, Healthier Environment, Healthier Gardeners and Healthier Community***

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