

Ventura County News

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May 2023

Thelma Hansen Symposium to Explore the Future of Water in Agriculture

This three-day virtual symposium takes place May 23 - 25 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. The purpose is to provide information on complex issues surround availability, quality, and economics of water, particularly in coastal California agriculture as well as raise awareness of the challenges of meeting future agricultural water needs. Use this link to view agenda, speakers, and to register: [2023 Thelma Hansen Symposium](#).



UC Davis Releases Five Strawberry Varieties Resistant to Deadly Fungal Disease

The University of California, Davis, is releasing five new strawberry varieties resistant to the soilborne disease Fusarium wilt, have high yields and improved fruit quality. Read the full article: [Selectively Bred Fusarium Wilt Resistant Strawberries](#).



2023 Fumigant and Non-Fumigant Alternatives Meeting

Join UCCE Ventura County advisor Oleg Daugovich for a program of regulatory and research updates on May 19 from 8 a.m. to noon in Oxnard or via Zoom. Use this link to view the agenda: [Agenda](#) and this link to register for meeting: [2023](#)

[Fumigants and Non-Fumigant Alternatives Meeting](#)

The Climate Community Education Coordinator (CCEC) supports climate change and climate resilience education and outreach efforts in Ventura County and the surrounding region. In addition to California Naturalist, this may include youth and community education and outreach programs and fire resilience efforts in the county. For more information and to apply go to: [CCEC Job ID 51774](#).



Wildfires May Spur Animal Biodiversity

Naturally fire-prone ecosystems tend to have more species of birds and mammals, a new study reveals. Read more from Max Moritz, UC Cooperative Extension wildfire specialist: [Wildfires and Animal Biodiversity](#).



Master Gardener Program of Ventura County Holds Spring Gathering

VC Master Gardeners held their annual spring gathering on April 25 at the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula. Diana Donnellan, from the LA Arboretum, gave a talk on plumeria. Ten- and 20-year members were also honored. To learn more about the Master Gardener Program go to: [Be a VC MG](#).

All About Garden Pollinators

Join Anna Howell and the Ventura County Master Gardeners for a fun and informative talk about the importance of pollinator insects to our food source. You'll also learn how to attract pollinators and keep them happy in your garden. The talk will take place on Saturday May 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the ARC in Ojai. Use this link to register: [Garden Pollinators](#).



Pollinator Palooza!

What's all the BUZZ about pollinators? Join the VC Master Gardeners on May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Barranca Vista Park, Ventura, for this family-friendly event to learn about bees, birds, butterflies, and other pollinators.



Participate in eco-friendly arts & crafts, educational activities, and more. For more information go to: [Events.CityofVentura](https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/Events)



UC ANR Giving Day is Coming!

Join us on May 18-19, noon to noon, for the excitement of our 24-hour online giving campaign as we invite everyone to support the connect of the power of UC research in agriculture, natural resources, nutrition and youth

development with local communities to improve the lives of all Californians. Click to learn more! donate.ucanr.edu/givingday.

Art in the Garden

Spring has sprung at the Agriculture Museum, Santa Paula, and the gardens are a work of art. Join Julie Salmonson, Ventura County 4-H Program Coordinator, for a fun and educational celebration of spring. After story time children will do a craft followed by play throughout the museum and gardens. The event is free, but registration is required: [Art in the Garden](#).



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