



Speakers Bureau 2024 Catalog

Ah! The Beauty of Citrus	You can almost taste the fresh fruit that comes into season during the winter months just from the pictures. Citrus is easy to grow and easy to harvest. We will talk about citrus types and varieties for your backyard. Discuss citrus pests and diseases and their prevention, care and feeding and the latest on the Asian Citrus Psyllid
Amazing Avocados	Why grow avocados? If you have ever tasted a ripe avocado fresh from the tree you would not ask. A mature tree can provide a lot of nutritious fruit and shade. Learn how to plant, maintain and harvest. What pests to watch out for and their control
Bees, Butterflies & Other Pollinators	Ready for another rendition of the birds and the bees – from the gardeners’ point of view? It’s called pollination – the loving interplay between pollinators and flowers that keeps the ecosystem in balance (and food on our tables!). The UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will weave the story of the importance, evolution, and methods of pollination, then introduce you to the main characters: honey bees, wasps, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds. They won’t leave out the lesser-known pollinators such as flies, beetles and bats. Along the way, they’ll discuss bee nesting habits, host and nectar plants, and causes of the decline in bee population. Finally, you will pick up some tips on attracting and saving pollinators.
Beneficial Bugs	Not all bugs are created equal. The difference between those that are beneficial and those that aren’t is whether they savor your plants and crops or if they have an appetite for other insects. Beneficials fall in the latter category and have the specific role of supporting the balance of nature. The UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will help you recognize and protect beneficials in your garden in a discussion of predators and the types of pests they prey on, then how parasites function and a description of their lifecycle. You will also learn about pathogens (bacteria, fungi, nematodes, viruses), how they operate, and the role of lizards and native birds in the control of the insect population. They will also cover information about herbicides, crop monoculture growth, the incorporation of commercial insectaries into agriculture, and ways you can attract beneficials.

Bulbs	Discover the beauty, ease and simple steps for successful gardening with bulbs. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will show you the differences between true bulbs, corms, tubers/tuberous roots and rhizomes. Find out how to plant them, including soil preparation and depth – and which ones become naturalized, and which will need some refrigeration. From a single pot to a large border planting, bulbs add stunning color to the garden and provide beautiful cut flowers for the home and to share with friends.
Busy Gardener Month to Month	If you are busy (and who isn't?) and like to garden, this class is for you! Not exactly "speed gardening" – but close – this presentation gives Orange County gardeners the list of top garden jobs for each area of the garden month by month. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will discuss how to get ahead of the "garden game" allowing you to get your garden off to a good start with better results, higher yields and less effort. It also gives you more time for those other things in your life! From turf to tomatoes, there are tips for everyone.
Butterflies in Your Garden	Did you know there are more than 170 species of butterflies that live in or visit Southern California? You can easily attract many of them by learning about host and nectar plants and shelter that a particular species prefer. Learn to maintain an ecological partnership with flowering plants, and eliminate the use of harmful pest control methods, unnecessary fertilizers and additives. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will teach you about the types of butterflies, what they like, and provide examples of native and other nectar flowers that attract them.
California Gardening - Channel Island Flora	Let the Master Gardeners of Orange County take you on a trip to a land so near to us yet also so far away and different. We will get a bit of history of the Channel Islands and especially focus on Santa Catalina and all the unique vegetation that cloaks these islands. Many of these plants will be available to mainland Gardeners. Take this ocean trip with us and you won't even get wet.
California Natives - Basic Gardening	An English Garden in sunny Southern California? Oh, no! Let's go native and get the same effect. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will show you how to have a garden featuring California Native plants that will rival any other location in color, variety and beauty. All this while reducing water usage, chemical fertilization and increasing local wildlife habitat.

Composting Basics 101	with garden gold. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will teach you why it is important to recycle organic waste, about the right balance of greens, browns, air and water, and how soon you can expect your first batch! Take a look at the traditional method and the UC rapid method. Check out some nifty compost bins and do a little troubleshooting. Then it's all yours – wonderful black gold for your gardening pleasure.
Create a Wildlife Habitat	as birds, bees, butterflies and lizards. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will show you how to attract wildlife by creating a welcoming habitat. Learn to restore a natural balance, then reap the benefits as you enjoy watching these small creatures right in your own backyard.
Drought Tolerant Gardening	Let's face it. We live in a climate where water has been and will continue to be an issue. This presentation covers gardening in the Southern California Mediterranean climate and UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will provide tips for designing and planning the drought tolerant garden including steps to implement the garden design. Beginning with a definition/description of drought tolerant plants, attendees will learn how to select, plant, water and maintain the right plants to thrive in their gardens.
Epiphytes	Ready for a remarkable adventure? Welcome to the world of epiphytes! UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will tell you what they are, take you on a discovery journey through their history, and introduce you to bromeliads, tillandsias, epiphyllums, epiphytic ferns, and orchids. You'll learn about their soil and watering needs, indoor and outdoor use, propagation, pests and their management, and creative mounting ideas. Welcome, indeed!
Gardening in Small Spaces	If you plan it, you can do it. Discover tips and tricks to transform your gardening space, no matter how small, using ornamental plants. Enhance your garden to make an impact with various shapes, textures, and colors of plants. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will discuss soil, integrated pest management, in addition to care and feeding. Make a place to relax, entertain, or play in your beautiful, small space.
Grow Food Anywhere	available for growing edibles – the pros and cons of each – and the three components necessary for success: sun, soil, and water. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will tell you how to transform your garden with smart choices of veggies, herbs, and fruit. Add some knowledge of integrated pest management, care and feeding, and harvesting your bounty.

Grow It Now: Fall Vegetables	Cool season vegetables are cool! From gourmet selections to a stir-fry garden, this presentation covers everything you need to know about starting and growing vegetables that you can harvest in fall, winter and early spring. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will show you how to "start something" this weekend that you can harvest and eat throughout the cool season. Get tips for fitting more into smaller spaces and busy lifestyles.
Grow It Now: Spring Vegetables	Ready to dig in the garden again? Now is the time to plant warm season vegetables to feed your family over the summer months. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will give you the information you need to choose your crops so that you can follow the #1 rule: plant what you and your family like to eat! Yum!
GSI - Garden Scene Investigator	Having problems in your garden? Learn how to be more observant and gather information that can lead you to a diagnosis and treatment. You'll learn how to use your powers of observation and trusted internet resources to solve garden problems, identify plants and deal w/pests. Learn the steps Master Gardeners take when answering
Herbs	Imagine being able to harvest herbs as you need them right outside your kitchen door . . . or even from your kitchen counter. Learn about growing herbs in containers – even in a pumpkin! – for use in cooking or for enjoyment in your garden. From the mundane to the exotic, UC Master Gardeners of Orange County are ready to teach you about herbs.
Managing Pests in Your Garden	Face it. You can't get rid of all the insects in the world, let alone in your yard . . . but you can learn to manage them so that your plants will thrive. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will teach you how to 'outsmart' the bad insects and attract the beneficial ones. They will give you tips on prevention, avoidance, suppression and responsible pest control.
Orchid Culture Basics	A Beginners course in Orchids and in growing varieties in Orange. Orchids are a very large and ancient plant family. You will get some tips on what are best outdoors in the OC . Where to buy and when to repot. Along with other care info
Pass Down Plants - Propagation	What is a Pass Down Plant? It is a plant shared from other gardens or gardeners. Learn how to share safely – including propagation of perennials, bulbs, seeds, and succulents. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will discuss how to divide perennials and bulbs, start softwood cuttings, and how to collect, store and sow seeds. Throw in a little information about irrigation, fertilizing, integrated pest management and you are on your way to make your own pass down garden. Learn to share – just like your mom said.

Perennials in the Southern California Garden	Encore! Encore! Encore! That’s what perennials are all about, and UC Master Gardeners of Orange County can tell you all about them. Beginning with the types of perennial plants, and continuing with trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, tropicals, and vegetables, you will get an understanding of perennials and how they flourish. This talk covers plant selection, color selection, and planting tips, and then moves into maintenance. You can plan for year-round color in your garden and explore vines, groundcovers, and containers. And it wouldn't be complete without some information on how to manage any pests that dare to make a return appearance!
Plant a Salad Bowl Garden	Ah, the salad days of life! Grow your own salad in one compact place. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will provide information on how to plant a salad bowl garden, covering the varieties of greens, the basics of gardening, and care and harvesting. Add a review on starting from seed and from transplants, plus the necessities – sun, water, soil, fertilizing, integrated pest management and you just need to choose the perfect salad dressing!
Right Plant, Right Place: Successful Garden	Where to start? There are so many essentials to consider in planning a garden: plant selection, soil, water, hardscape, softscape, and maintenance. Whew! Get started by attending this presentation where UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will talk about making a footprint, activity mapping, climate, microclimate, composting, when to plant, the right plant in the right place and other resources you’ll need to create a beautiful garden.
Roses 101	Ready to enter the world of rose gardening? You came to the right place. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will cover the basics: selection, planting, care and feeding, integrated pest management and pruning. Learn which rose is right for you and how to care for it.
Roses: Promise Me a Rose Garden	If you have roses, this presentation is a great refresher on the basics such as selection, planting, care and feeding, integrated pest management and pruning. In addition, UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will focus on specific types of roses such as shrubs, miniature roses and old garden roses.
Seed Starting	Why do you grow from seeds Cheaper, More Variety, Unusual Plants and just plain fun! Learn about seeds. How to plant and when to plant Get tips for success. See what you can do to build the best soil to start

Soil: Tending Your Soil	Good soil is the starting place for a smart garden. Learn the components of soil, how to evaluate your landscape soil, and the steps you can take to enrich your soil to produce a bountiful, sustainable landscape and garden. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will provide information to get you started right away.
Soil: Whats in Your Soil	Good soil is the starting place for a great garden. Learn what comprises healthy soil, about soil texture and structure, and how to protect, improve, and nurture soil. In this presentation, UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will discuss soil testing, aeration, and drainage. You'll also learn about composting, mulching, and fertilizing, take away lessons that will help you to evaluate your soil, and the steps you can take to enrich your soil to produce a bountiful, sustainable landscape and garden.
Succulents	Succulents are such an easy plant to grow, both in the garden and in pots. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will discuss the history and origin of succulents, their care and feeding and propagation. The presentation also covers pests and diseases and recommended remedies. Learn the variety of ways to grow succulents: in pots, in the landscape, as art, and as houseplants.
Ten Worst Pests	Lets look at the 10 pests that Californians asked for advice from the Master Gardener Program last year. Also get some advance notice of possible new pests that may show up soon in Orange County . Learn how to identify. The damage that they cause and what you can do to control them
Thoughtful Gardener	could be reality? Then let the UC Master Gardeners of Orange County take you on a journey through your gardening expectations, including selecting the right plant for the right place, best practices for managing your garden, recognizing and steering away from trouble, and how to get better results with less effort.
Tomato Pests and Diseases	The best thing about growing tomatoes – their wonderful flavor. The worst? Pests, diseases and environmental threats. In this presentation, UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will examine those and provide general control methods, including crop rotation, planting/watering, choosing disease resistant varieties, and integrated pest management. Learn how to keep your tomatoes abundant and healthy!
Tomatoes A to Z	You could plant from dawn to dusk and still not plant every variety of tomato! Whether you are a novice or a pro, you'll enjoy learning about tomatoes: their history and some fun facts, the many varieties, their culture, diseases and pests, growing in the ground vs. growing in containers – and finally, how to use them. Come hear UC Master Gardeners of Orange County discuss the "A to Z" of tomatoes.

Vermiculture	Yes, worms CAN eat your green kitchen waste and UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will tell you how to make that happen! Find out what equipment and supplies you'll need to assemble a worm bin including bedding, water, worms and food scraps. You will also learn how to set up the vermiculture system, maintain proper temperature, harvest and do a little troubleshooting. If you want to break down kitchen scraps into valuable, rich compost for your garden, don't miss this presentation!
Water Better, Not Wetter	If you think conserving water means that you have a barren landscape, think again! UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will show you how you can have a beautiful landscape by managing water and gardening smartly. Learn irrigation tricks that will save you money and time while helping the environment.
What's Bugging Your Plants	Eww, gross! Is that what you think about those insects in your garden? Learn multiple techniques for effective pest control that are the least toxic for your home environment. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will provide you with the latest information on a variety of methods to keep those bad pests away, and encourage the beneficial insects, all while protecting the environment.
Year of Good Food	You can't do it all in one day, or even one month – it takes at least a year to accomplish all the gardening activities. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will tell you how to do it, month by month. Learn when to plant which veggie, keeping fruit trees productive, pruning, mulching, starting seeds, soil, managing pests, fertilizing, irrigation, pollinators, harvesting, composting, plant rotation and so much more. Lots of tips for success. Tired yet? The year of good food has just begun!
Your Backyard Orchard	Not enough room in your backyard for an orchard? With a little planning and know-how, it could happen. Learn about the varieties of fruit trees suitable for backyard growing and how to plant and care for them. UC Master Gardeners of Orange County will provide tips for fruit trees in small gardens. Valuable information...ripe for picking!

