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Sherwood Demonstration Garden Spring Re-Opening!
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On April 6, the Sherwood Demonstration Garden (SDG) will be re-opening for spring 2018. The SDG was conceived and constructed by the UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County and we welcome you to visit this wonderful place. Public hours are every Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We are located behind Folsom Lake College – El Dorado Center, at 6699 Campus Drive in Placerville. Admission is free. Parking is \$2 per car.

Sixteen gardens, spread over almost two acres, are on view - showcasing plants appropriate for each theme. These include:

- Butterfly Garden
- Children's
- Cottage
- Japanese Garden
- Marsh
- Mediterranean/Xeriscape
- Native Plants
- Orchard
- Ornamental Grasses
- Perennials
- Rock Garden
- Roses
- Shade Garden
- Succulents and Cacti
- UC Davis Arboretum All-Stars Garden
- Vegetables and Herbs

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As Master Gardeners, we are committed to educating the general public on sustainable horticulture and pest management practices based on traditional, current, and evolving research. We provide the public with hands-on, interactive experiences about research-based, sustainable gardening practices specific El Dorado County. IPM (Integrated Pest Management) is heavily incorporated into the educational and hands-on experiences as well as proper soil management, irrigation techniques, garden design and planting, the right plant for the right place, composting, weed management and so on. Many of our *free* public education classes on various home gardening topics are held in the garden and attendees really appreciate actually seeing and doing what they are learning.

On entering the demonstration garden, there is a welcoming kiosk where garden docents will direct you on your way through the garden as well as answer any questions you may have. Many docent-led tours are scheduled for various organizations within the county as well as further afar. Our annual spring plant sale will be on April 21 in the garden. This is a festive, well-known event and gardeners typically arrive early to shop! Come on out and enjoy touring this wonderful place! For more information about the garden, go to http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_Master_Gardeners/Demonstration_Garden

UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County are available to answer home gardening questions Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, by calling [\(530\) 621-5512](tel:5306215512). Walk-ins are welcome at our office, located at 311 Fair Lane in Placerville. For more information about our public education classes and activities, go to our UCCE Master Gardeners of El Dorado County website at <http://mgeldorado.ucanr.edu>. Sign up to receive our online notices and e-newsletter at http://ucanr.edu/master_gardener_e-news. You can also find us on Facebook.

Join Master Gardener Sheri Burke on Saturday, April 7 for “Back to the Basics.” Know your soil, proper tools, and techniques, how to read a nursery plant label and buy healthy plants, Irrigation methods, and what does “full sun” really mean...and more. This free class will be held 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Government Center, Bldg C-Hearing Room, 2850 Fairlane Ct, Placerville.

Sheri Burke and fellow Master Gardener Cheryl Turner will return a few days later on Wednesday, April 11 to present “Irrigation” and cover home sprinkler and irrigation systems to provide your plants with the water they need, and reduce your water bill. Join them 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Cameron Park Community Center, 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park.