



# Santa Barbara County Bounty

Quarterly newsletter of the UC Master Gardener Program of Santa Barbara County

## Spring 2022 Events at a Glance

**April 4, 2022**

**Garden Talk:** Gardening in Small Spaces

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Online

**Register:** [ucanr.edu/sbmg](http://ucanr.edu/sbmg)

**May 2, 2022**

**Garden Talk:** Drip Irrigation for the Home Garden

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Online

**Register:** [ucanr.edu/sbmg](http://ucanr.edu/sbmg)

**June 6, 2022**

**Garden Talk:** Chickens in the Garden and the Cycle of Soil

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Online

**Register:** [ucanr.edu/sbmg](http://ucanr.edu/sbmg)

## Next Garden Talk: Monday, April 4

The UC Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County invite you to join us for monthly, online Garden Talks.

This month, the topic is **Gardening in Small Spaces**. On Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm, UC Master Gardeners Celina Andrade and Cindy Davis will share research-based information that will help home gardeners plant and grow in small spaces. Celina will describe some of the advantages and growing methods of gardening in raised beds. Cindy will follow with information about space-saving vertical gardening techniques and growing plants in containers. Register for this free event by clicking the topic on our website: [ucanr.edu/sbmg](http://ucanr.edu/sbmg)

### Feedback on our March 2022 Garden Talk:

*“Friendly and highly knowledgeable hosts, super helpful information.”*

### April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Did you know that our free classes, tabling events, and home gardening advice are handled by highly trained volunteers?

*We love our volunteers!*

## Series Wrap-Up: Victory Vegetable Gardening for TRUE Beginners

UC Master Gardeners Trudy Adair-Verbais and Janet Rogers ended our first 2022 offering of this popular four-class series in March. All class participants who took our satisfaction survey said they thought the presentations by various UC Master Gardeners were “Excellent” or “Good.” The next session is planned for September 2022.

### Spring 2022 Victory Vegetable Gardening feedback:

*“This course and all their wisdom are a treasure for our community.”*



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**Irrigation Tip:**

Get weekly recommendations based on local weather!

<http://www.waterwisesb.org/>

Watering % Adjust  
Adjust watering based on the weather.  
Weekly update on 3/28



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**Got garden questions?  
Try our Helpline!**

Email:

[anrsbmg@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrsbmg@ucanr.edu)

Online:

[ucanr.edu/sbmg-help](http://ucanr.edu/sbmg-help)

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Enter the discount code **PRBAR42** at checkout to save 10% on research-backed home gardening publications from UC Agriculture and Natural Resources. When this code is used, our program receives a portion of the proceeds.

<https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/>

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Download our [2021 Santa Barbara County one-pager](#) and our state-wide [2019/2020 Impact Report](#) to see how we make a difference in California.

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*UC Master Gardeners doled out seeds, plant cuttings, and “Advice to Grow By” to hundreds of home gardeners from two tables at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara Community Seed Swap on Sunday, March 20, 2022. (Photo courtesy Janet Rogers)*

## Community Seed Swap Success

On Sunday, March 20, UC Master Gardeners staffed two tables at the 14th Annual Santa Barbara Community Seed Swap. Hundreds of visitors browsed vegetable seeds, native plant seeds, cuttings, and information. Thank you to the Santa Barbara Permaculture Network for organizing and hosting this event.

## Monarch Day of Action

Saturday, March 19 was the first regional “Monarch Day of Action” in Southern California. The event was sponsored by the Santa Monica Mountains Fund (<https://www.samofund.org/>) after steep declines in Monarch populations were reported over several years. UC Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County tabled for this event at the Santa Barbara Farmers Market, where we reached 81 people with seeds of native milkweed species (which are host plants for Monarch caterpillars) and gardening advice for growing nectar plants (flowering plants that feed Monarch butterflies). We reached an additional 173 people the next day at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SB Community Seed Swap.

*For information on a fun way to help UCANR scientists track where Monarch butterflies spend their Spring, [click here](#).*