

Meetings and Announcements

Horticulture Classes for Landscapes and Gardens

It's not too late to join. We began this spring's horticulture class on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023. The classes meet Tuesdays, 1 pm – 3:30 pm for 15 weeks. Topics will be similar to those of past classes; for example, climate, soils and water, irrigation design, landscape plant selection, tree and shrub pruning, fruit tree selection and care, vegetable growing, and managing vertebrate pests (e.g., roof rats and ground squirrels). If you are interested, please join us at our office auditorium, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Ave.

Spring 2023 Horticultural Tour

It is also not too late to join our spring horticultural tour. We plan to return to England, Wales, and Scotland in spring, 2023. The dates are May 12 departure and May 27 return. It is possible to participate in either the England and Wales part of the trip, or the Scotland trip, or both. Please see the Travel Gallery website for a flyer with trip details and cost, <https://www.travelgallery.com/hort-2023>. I hope you can join us. Our past tours have been interesting and fun.

Heading into March: A Few Things to Do

The rest of February and early March is a good time for several horticultural practices. These include the following:

- Turn on irrigation and test all valves. Check for clogged heads and sufficient clearance of heads so plants receive water. It's a good time for digging and irrigation repair if necessary.
- If we don't get more rain, turn on irrigation and adjust irrigation clocks to reflect spring conditions. Spring water use by plants is about 2/3 that of summer.
- Plant new roses. The sooner the better, since planting stock at home stores and nurseries will dry out, unless plants are already in containers.
- Plant fruit trees and whitewash trunks for sunburn protection.
- Finish up any residual pruning.
- Add fertilizer to lawns and landscapes as needed. For mature landscapes, no fertilizer may be needed.

- It's a good time to do a plant removal before weather warms.
- It's a good time to lay sod or reseed a lawn area, again before weather warms.
- It's a good time to plant palm trees.
- It's a good time to plant shrubs and groundcovers.

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