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# Gardeners With Heart – Glenn County UC Master Gardener Volunteer Making a Difference in Community Outreach

In celebration of National Volunteer Month, the UC Master Gardener Program was delighted to highlight UC Master Gardeners who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to community outreach and communication efforts. These volunteers have worked to enhance the visibility of the UC Master Gardener Program, engage with new and diverse audiences, and foster gardening connections within their communities. We are thrilled to recognize our Glenn County UC Master Gardener Volunteer, Sheila Skemp as a Gardener with Heart!

**Shelia Skemp**, a UC Master Gardener in Glenn County, has wholeheartedly embraced every opportunity to contribute. All ideas and activities suggested by Sheila are very much focused on ways to enhance the program. She created a banner showcasing UC Master Gardeners and their plant clinic, which isprominently displayed over Walker Street in downtown Orland twice a year. Additionally, Shelia created an engaging activity book for children about plants and gardening that featuresUC Master Gardener contact information. Her innovative ideas and proactive approach have made a significant impact in Glenn County.

#### **About National Volunteer Month and Gardeners with Heart**

During National Volunteer Month (April 1 - 30), the UC Master Gardener Program celebrates its dedicated volunteers and their significant contributions to communities across California. Gardeners with Heart volunteers are nominated for their exceptional work in community outreach and communication efforts, highlighting their commitment to promoting gardening education and fostering community resilience. Join us in honoring their dedication and passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others. If you are interested in learning more about gardening in your community or getting involved, you can find our program online by visiting: <a href="https://ucanr.edu/sites/glennmg/">https://ucanr.edu/sites/glennmg/</a>.

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Figure 1 – Glenn County UC Master Gardener Volunteer, Sheila Skemp, at Orland's Farmers Market promoting the Glenn County Master Gardener Program.



Figure 2 – Glenn County UC Master Gardener Volunteer, Sheila Skemp, 2024 Gardener with Heart Certificate of Recognition.