



Wilbur D. May Arboretum & Botanical Garden  
2008 Gardening Series, Workshops and Events  
Rancho San Rafael Regional Park  
**Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space**

To register please call the Arboretum office at 775-785-4153. Classes fill quickly and seating is limited. A tax-deductible donation will be accepted for all workshops, materials and refreshments.

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**Fruit Tree Pruning**

**Saturday, March 1, 8:30am– 11:30am**

Pruning fruit trees is an art and a science. The presentation will include pruning techniques, training young trees for fruit production, why you prune and methods of pruning existing, older trees. A hands-on pruning demonstration will also be performed on the Arboretum fruit trees. Donations will be accepted for the class and refreshments. Michael Janik, ISA Certified Arborist, [www.michaelsapples.com](http://www.michaelsapples.com)  
*Ranch House, RSR Park*

**Evening Gardening Program** Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 20(Thursday), 26, April 2 & 9, 6:00 pm –8:30pm

The May Arboretum will be holding its annual gardening classes in the evening this year. Designed to educate both novice and seasoned gardeners, this series offer classes on organic vegetable gardening, soils, fertilizers, lawn care, plant choice, water-efficient landscape design and conservation techniques. Donations for each class will be accepted for materials & refreshments. Classes are limited to the first 40 people. Bill Carlos, M.S., Horticulturist, May Arboretum.  
*Ranch House, RSR Park*

**Take the Fear Out of Pruning**

**Saturday, March 15, 8:30am – 11:30am**

Take the fear out of pruning by attending this 3-hour, hands-on workshop. Learn the basic pruning principles and techniques of pruning then practice what you learned on the Arboretum small trees. Learn when to prune, time of year and how to make the proper pruning cuts. Darin Bue and Taylor Minich, ISA Certified Arborists, Los Verdes Arborists  
*Ranch House, RSR Park*

**Spring Equinox Walk**

**Thursday, March 20, 5:30pm – 6:30pm**

Celebrate the Vernal Equinox at the Labyrinth garden with a walking meditation. Come awaken spring in this beautiful garden with this healing and reflective time. Susan Stewart, Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society Volunteer.  
*Labyrinth Garden, RSR Park*

**Pruning Workshop Offered in Spanish & English**

**Saturday March 29, 9 am – 11:30 am**

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Nevada Division of Forestry and the Wilbur D. May Arboretum is offering a pruning class in Spanish and English. Part of Cooperative Extension 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Landscape Management series, this class offers the beginners the fundamental of properly pruning trees. Join Presenters/Interpreters: Marcel Fernando Schaerer, International Professional Development Services, Elizabeth Spencer, Horticulturist, Desert Research Institute and Leslie Allen, Commercial Horticulture Program Coordinator. A \$30 fee is charged for course material and refreshments. Make checks payable to the Board of Regents on the day of the class.  
*Ranch House, RSR Park*

**Spring Sprinklers, Turn-on and Tune-up**

**Saturday, April 5, 9am-11:00am**

Join Irrigation Specialists, Mike Furlong and John Gualano, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space in a two hour workshop on how to turn on your sprinkler system correctly and to make sure your sprinkler system is working efficiently before the season begins. Learn how to trouble shoot and repair your system and water efficiently. The program and refreshments are sponsored by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe County Department of Water Resources.  
*Ranch House, RSF Park*

**Creative Container Gardening**

**Saturday, April 12, 9am -10 am**

Join Lainie Vreeland, local gardening expert, in an hour-long workshop on creative container gardening. Learn how to create unique floral settings, texture, color, repetition and basic design principles. Also become skilled at how to mix and match the different flowers for a dramatic affect. Donations will be accepted for the course materials and refreshments.  
*Ranch House, RSF Park*

**Designing Sprinkler Systems for Efficiency**

**Saturday April 19, 9am-11:00am**

Learn how to design or renovate your home sprinkler or drip system for efficiency. Learn the basic principles of design and parts used to make your system efficient to produce healthy plants. Also learn and see how the principle of the evapotranspiration (E.T) applies to your plants and landscape. Phil Brazier, May Arboretum Horticulture Assistant. The program and refreshments are sponsored by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe County Department of Water Resources.  
*Ranch House, RSR Park*

**Arbor Day**

Come enjoy beauty and shade of the trees in the arboretum during a lunchtime spring walk and share our new tree walk guide. The Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society will offer refreshments afterwards. Bill Carlos, May Arboretum Horticulturalist and staff.

**Friday, April 25, 11:45am-1pm***Arboretum Office, RSR Park***Lawn Sprinkler and Drip System Clinic**

Having problems with your home irrigation system – Get advise from the experts! Bring all of your questions and concerns for a 1-1/2 hour open forum with knowledgeable and experienced professionals. The last ½ hour of the program will be reserved for one-on-one consultations. Phil Brazier - May Arboretum Horticulture Assistant, Kevin Phillips - Garden Shop Nursery and Landscaping, Joe Gilbert - Western Nevada Supply, Karl Katt - Truckee Meadows Water Authority. The program and refreshments are sponsored by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe County Department of Water Resources.

**Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm-8:00pm***Ranch House, RSR Park***Designing a Water Efficient Landscape**

Plan the landscape for efficient water use. Learn how to design your yard and garden using water-wise landscaping methods and plants. Bill Carlos, Horticulturalist, May Arboretum. The program and refreshments are sponsored by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe County Department of Water Resources.

**Saturday, May 10, 10am – Noon***Ranch House, RSR Park***Garden Photography**

Join Mark Vollmer, awarding winning professional published photographer, teacher and author (Tahoe Rim Trail) in an evening of exquisite photographs choreographed to music. Come take the journey though the arboretum and listen and learn the basic techniques used to capture the essence of each photograph. Learn professional basic photography techniques; filters, lighting and composition. Donations will be accepted for course materials and refreshments.

**Tuesday, May 20, 7:00pm-8:30pm***Ranch House, RSR Park***Plant Sale Preview Walk**

Join the Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society with your plant sale catalogue for a walk through the Arboretum to see what some of the plants on sale this Saturday look like and where they grow best. Connie Douglas, President, Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society

**Wednesday, May 28, 5:30pm-7pm***May Arboretum Office, RSR Park***Annual Plant Sale**

Native and ornamental plant sale. Come early to have the best choice. Learn from botanical society members about the plants for the area. They sell tried and true plants and are priced right! This fundraiser is sponsored by the Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society to benefit the May Arboretum. Organic brewed coffee will be for sale for you early birds!

**Saturday, June 7, 8am – Noon***May Arboretum Nursery & Burke Garden, RSR Park***Designing Butterfly Gardens**

Join Lainie Vreeland local garden expert, in a slide presentation and lecture to learn how to create and attract butterflies in your garden using perennials and annuals. Lainie will also discuss basic design principles and techniques used to attract these beauties of nature. On Saturday only, and after the presentation, Lainie will take you on a brief tour of the gardens.

**Wednesday, June 11, 6pm – 7pm & Saturday June 14, 9am - 10 am***Ranch House, RSR Park***EVENING OF WINE AND ROSES FUND RAISER - To Be Announced****Lavender Harvesting & Distilling**

Lavender is prized for the fragrance of their purple flowers and bountiful aromatic foliage. Learn about the different varieties of lavender grown locally, the process of harvesting and distilling, and the final production of their precious oils into lavender products. A great learning experience taught by Kristen Harris, Lavender Ridge.

**Wednesday, July 16, 6:00-8:00pm***7450 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Reno***Water Conservation/Water Harvesting /Permaculture**

Learn creative methods of conserving water by incorporating the use of rainwater and harvesting practices along with an introduction to Permaculture. Kim Swearing ton & Jana Vanderhaar, Landscape Architect, Interpretive Gardens. The program and refreshments are sponsored by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe County Department of Water Resources.

**Wednesday, August 13, 6pm - 8pm***Ranch House Courtyard, RSR Park*

**Summer/Autumn Pruning of Fruit Trees****Saturday August 23, 8:30-11:30**

Late summer and early fall are the time to prune established (old) fruit trees, crabapples, and decorative plums. The presentation includes pruning techniques, training young trees for fruit production, and methods of pruning established, older fruit trees. A hands-on pruning demonstration focusing on summer pruning will also be done on the Arboretum fruit trees. Donations will be accepted for course material and refreshments. Michael Janik, ISA Certified Arborist,  
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**Fall Garden Tours****Friday's September 19 & Oct 3, 5:30-6:30 pm & Saturday's September 27 & Oct 11, 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

No need to travel miles to enjoy fall color. Come to the arboretum and enjoy brilliant fall hues of the arboretum and botanical garden. Bill Carlos, horticulturist will be your guide. *Arboretum Office, RSR Park*

**Fall Equinox Walk****Sunday, September 22nd, 6pm – 7pm**

It's time to wind-down from the busy summer. Come celebrate and relax at the fall Equinox walking meditation at the Labyrinth garden. Join us in the twilight hours to learn about the healing and reflective qualities of these ancient gardens. Susan Stewart, May Arboretum Volunteer *Labyrinth Garden, RSR Park*

**Winterizing Your Sprinkler System****Saturday, October 18, 9am-10:30am**

Get ready to put your sprinkler system to bed for the winter. You will learn when to turn off your system, detailed instruction and hands on experience on how to protect pipes from breaking over the winter. Mike Furlong and John Gualano – Irrigation Specialists, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space. The program and refreshments are sponsored by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe County Department of Water Resources.

*Ranch House, RSR Park*

**Holiday Tree Lighting Event****Saturday, December 13, 3:30pm –6:pm**

Join us at Lear Garden off north Sierra Street for Washoe County's and the May Arboretum for their annual holiday festival and tree lighting. This celebration is sponsored and hosted by Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society and Rail City Nursery

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