



# Master Gardener Community News

Monthly Happenings of Master Gardeners in Canyon County

**September: Harvesting, Preserving, and Eating....Yum!!**



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## Roasted Tomato Sauce Preservation the EASY WAY!

It's that wonderful time of year, when we are beyond the scorching hot days of our summer and we've settled into the cooler and more pleasant temperatures. This is also the time when tomatoes come on with a fury! If you've planted many varieties, as so many of us do, then it's almost a sprint to keep up with the daily harvest. In the following article, you will get some great ideas on how to use and preserve the fruits of your labor to enjoy throughout the coming year. Read more by clicking [here](#).



## Rush Skeletonweed, an Idaho Noxious Weed

A weed is considered "noxious" when it is harmful to the environment or animals. According to Idaho's Noxious Weeds booklet, rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*) is one of the 69 plants designated as a noxious weed by Idaho's Department of Agriculture. Equipped with knowledge, together we can help curb the spread of this harmful plant in Idaho. [Click here](#) to learn more about what this invasive, non-native perennial and how to eradicate this hardy noxious weed.



## Movie Night

You are invited to join the Canyon County Master Gardeners to watch a movie on the following dates: October 20th, January 19th, and February 16th. All movies will be held at UI Extension, Canyon County Office - 501 Main St., Caldwell from 6-8pm. *Seed: The Untold Story* will be featured in October. Call the extension office at 208-459-6003 to reserve your seat. Feel free to bring a snack.



**University of Idaho Extension Canyon County**

### 2C Idaho Master Gardeners

FREE Plant Clinics  
May - September

Monday	1pm - 4pm
Tuesday	9 am -12pm
Wednesday	1pm - 4pm

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## Let My Kids Help in the Garden? Why Not?

Share your love and passion for gardening with your kids by bringing them into the garden to discover the pleasure of growing food. Gardening may be the solution for parents struggling to find ways to encourage their kids to eat a healthy and balanced diet. Allowing your child to pick fresh produce from your garden will increase their desire to eat fresh vegetables. [Read more](#) to learn about the many benefits of getting children involved with gardening.



## Giant Cucumbers... What to do?

Have you ever been surprised with a huge behemoth of a cucumber that wasn't there two days ago? What do you do with huge cukes? Does the flavor change as they get so large? Super large cucumbers are often hard to transform into crispy pickle spears and are often quite seedy. However, they still have so much potential. Read more by [clicking here](#) to get some growing and harvesting tips and how to keep your cucumbers from [tasting bitter](#). Be sure to also check out the recipe for an easy [Sweet Pickle Relish](#) included in this article.





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## Upcoming Events and Classes This Month!

Click [here](#) for full Calendar

### XERISCAPING - LANDSCAPING STRATEGIES THAT SAVE WATER

COME AND LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE WATER CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES FOR YOUR HOME LANDSCAPE



Thursday, September 14th  
7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Caldwell Public Library  
1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell

Taught by Advanced Master Gardener Ruth Givens



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### Planning Your Pollinator Garden

Advanced Master Gardener, Cynthia Sandford, will be sharing how you can plan a garden that will help attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and more.

Tuesday, September 12  
12:00 pm MDT

Register for this free online class at <https://bit.ly/2023PollinatorGarden>



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### Introduction to Growing Orchids

Advanced Master Gardener, Cathy Ford, will be sharing her knowledge on:

- The history of orchids
- Unique orchid traits & how they differ from other flowers
- Idaho orchids & tips on how to find them in the wild
- How to grow orchids at home & get them to bloom

Thursday, September 21,  
7:00 pm MDT  
Join her for this free online class by registering at <https://bit.ly/2023Orchid>



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### What's lurking in your neighborhood?

Get local lawn & garden info and pest alerts sent free directly to your phone or email!

Pacific Northwest Pest Alert Network

[www.pnwpestalert.net](http://www.pnwpestalert.net)

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Once you are there, *like* us and you will get the best, most reliable gardening information all year long!

### Putting Your Garden to Rest ~ Fall Workshop ~

Presented by Canyon County Master Gardeners

Gather information on preparing your garden for winter

Saturday, September 16th  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Check-in at 8:30 am  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
S.S. Midland Blvd., Nampa

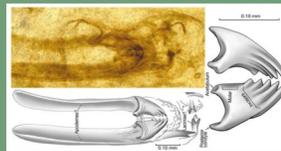
#### TOPICS INCLUDE

- Composting
- Winterizing Garden Tools
- Extending Your Growing Season
- Preserving Herbs
- Planting Garlic & Onions
- Storing Flower Bulbs

Cost is \$10 per person  
To register and pay, call UI Extension Canyon County at 208-459-6003



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### 500 MILLION YEARS ON SIX LEGS

EXPLORING THEORIES ABOUT INSECT EVOLUTION

Free Class - Taught by Brad Stokes  
UI Extension - Canyon County Horticultural Educator



Wednesday, September 27  
6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Nampa Public Library  
215 12th Ave., Nampa

To Register, call  
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### THE BASICS OF SEED SAVING

Learn the basics for saving seeds from your home garden and creating your own heirloom seeds.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH  
5:30 - 7:00 PM  
MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
307 CORNELL ST., MIDDLETON

To Register:

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