



Mohave County Master Gardener Program

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Savannah's Corner

It has been a busy spring for the Mohave Master Gardener program. We wrapped up our annual Master Gardener Training Course in April with 17 graduates, three of whom decided to join the volunteer program and become Associates. We welcome Kingman MG Associates Doug H., Cyndi S., and Fred S. The majority of this year's Training Course participants are located in Kingman where the course was held. Next year, the course will be held in Lake Havasu, and I hope to increase the number of volunteers who sign up for the program.

Our Kingman Master Gardeners have stayed very busy maintaining the seed library at the Cooperative Extension office. After the county fair last fall, a couple of Home & Garden Shows, and a few spring workshops, our seed bank was very dry. Several Kingman MGs got together to write grant letters requesting seed donations from over a dozen companies and organizations. The responses we received were far better than expected. Between December 2021 – May 2023, we received over



3,000 seed packages! The seed bank is now fully stocked again and ready for the 2023 Mohave County Fair. Thank you to those volunteers who spent hours writing letters, repackaging seeds, and sorting seed packets.

As expected, things are already beginning to slow down for the summer. Bullhead and Lake Havasu Master Gardeners have ceased most meetings and activities until September. The number of hotline calls and emails we receive on a weekly basis has plummeted for these two areas as well. However, gardening questions for Kingman remain steady. Keep our Master Gardeners and seed bank in mind as a resource when planning your fall garden. Until then, enjoy summer and stay cool!



Bullhead City Master Gardeners

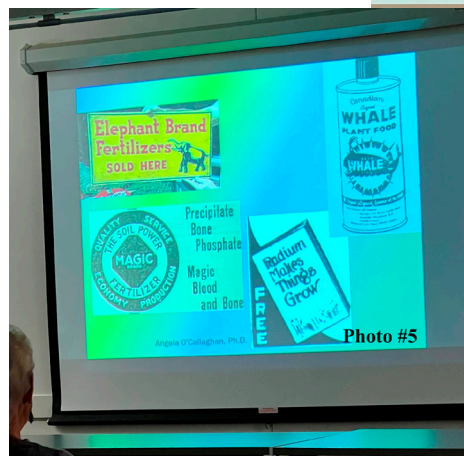
Dennis Lesowsky – Coordinator
Debbie Miller – Co-Coordinator
Bill Stillman - Scribe

We are finally beginning our summer break in BHC and Mohave Valley. We have had a full year of meetings and presentations for the first time since the start of COVID. Our last three presentations were given by guest speakers and proved quite interesting to all who attended.

In April, we had a guest speaker, Carrie Wostal. She is an experienced Enforcement Agent for the Bureau of Land Management. Carrie had some specimens for display and discussed the plants and animals for her huge patrol area. Additionally, she discussed different laws pertaining to the BLM Management Areas, such as the illegality of digging up or removing plants from the Management Areas without official written approval from the BLM. This presentation was well received, and we have invited her back to speak again next year. (Photos 1 - 2)



Angela O'Callaghan was our May speaker and discussed Gardening in Small Spaces. A lot of interaction between her and the attendees kept everyone's attention and provided us with lots of answers to gardening problems. She covered tons of material but still did not get it all in before we ran out of time. (Photos 3, 4, & 5)



In June, Joe Mascarenas presented on Pest Control, a new subject to our group that was well received by attendees. Joe brought examples of tarantulas and scorpions, explaining how they could be beneficial (because they eat other insects) or pests (because they sting or bite humans). Joe, who works for a local pest control company, had the expertise and knowledge to answer all questions placed before him. The local paper covered this program with a front-page article. (Photos 7 - 8)



Our new officers were selected for the upcoming year. Bea Munoz is the new coordinator. Dennis Lesowsky will be the co-coordinator. Bonnie Muir will stay on as Secretary and Debbie and Bill as scribes. Leroy Jackson continues as treasurer and IT tech. Thanks to all for your commitment to BHC MG.

Phone requests from the office for hotline assistance were minor and answered on the phone or through email. But one help call from the Mohave Community College (MCC) came in through an email to one of our Master Gardeners. They needed assistance with irrigation, pruning, and identification of the plants at the Bullhead Campus. In our meeting with the MCC staff, they suggested we use the facilities at the college and, in return, help with the landscape pruning and irrigation by using campus plants for demos during our annual programs on those subjects.

This movement to the MCC campus was agreeable to all. Starting in September, all of our meetings will be at the same time on the same days as before but at the Mohave Community College (MCC) BHC campus. This provides us with a better classroom setting with no set up and teardown as we were required to do at the BHC Library. In addition, we had to compete for the library space with other users by scheduling 90 days in advance and sometimes we were bumped for other events. We are looking forward to the new venue and all it has to offer.

The Mohave Valley Daily news has asked us to write a monthly article on gardening in this area. Each article will be written by one of our Master Gardeners with expertise in that subject. Articles will then be reviewed by the Area Assistant Agent prior to submission. As this is a new endeavor, we are not sure how it will all play out, but we are going to attempt it. On the backside, the Mohave Valley Daily news has been helping our MG events by publishing upcoming activities in their newspaper.

Bullhead area Community Garden workshops are continuing. This is an on-going project. Beginning in November of 2021, our Master Gardeners started participating in the development



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of a community garden in Bullhead City. One of our Master Gardeners uses several computer programs, and his experience in scheduling and work activities, to create bar charts and plot plans for the garden layout and work activities. It is a good thing a computer-generated bar chart was used since it takes little effort to adjust the schedule from days to months and from months to years! (See photos 9 - 10)



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Kingman Master Gardeners

Nancy Sandy – Coordinator

Kingman Master Gardeners Plan to Enjoy the Summer

Well, summer is upon us! Or, at least, it should be. Kingman has continued to enjoy spring-like temperatures well into the month of June. With highs in the 80's to low 90's and nights around 60 degrees, it's the perfect combination for our vegetables to flourish.

The Kingman Master Gardeners have kept busy this spring with workshops on Container Gardening, Pocket Gardens to Attract Pollinators, Hydroponics, and Grapevine Pruning. We were also fortunate enough to have several opportunities for continuing education in May. Ashley Hall from Gila County taught us how to press flowers and showed us fun crafts to do with them. We had a field trip to Jan Emming's cactus farm in Yucca, which is always an interesting and informative adventure. Wayne Hollins came to talk to us about water conservation

on small acreage. In addition, we re-packaged the seeds in our seed bank to extend our supply since inventory has been a little low. The following week, one of our seed bank donors, Renee's Garden, offered us another large donation so we spent a few hours on June 2nd sorting the new seeds and replenishing our offerings.

We've geared down a bit for the summer months. We only plan to offer one workshop a month starting with Ask a Master Gardener in June. July and August workshops will be announced at our next business meeting. We've already begun working on plans for the Mohave County Fair booth in September and Tomato Quest on October 7th. Those events keep us pretty busy through the end of summer.

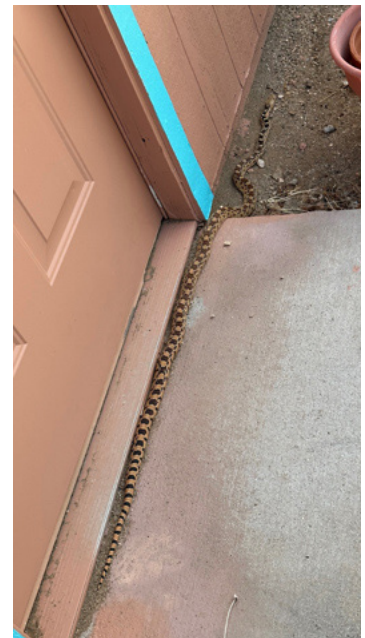
Hope everyone has a wonderful and productive summer!

It's Nice to have Friendlies Around the House Photos by Shelley

Long -Nosed Snake



Gopher Snake



Hualapai Elementary



Manzanita Elementary



Cerbat Elementary



Izzy's Sunflowers



Reduviidae Californiae

**Green Legged & Green Belly
Assassin Bug**



Lake Havasu City Master Gardeners

Sharon Gomez, Coordinator

The year 2023 continues to fly by and Lake Havasu City Master Gardeners have been busy.

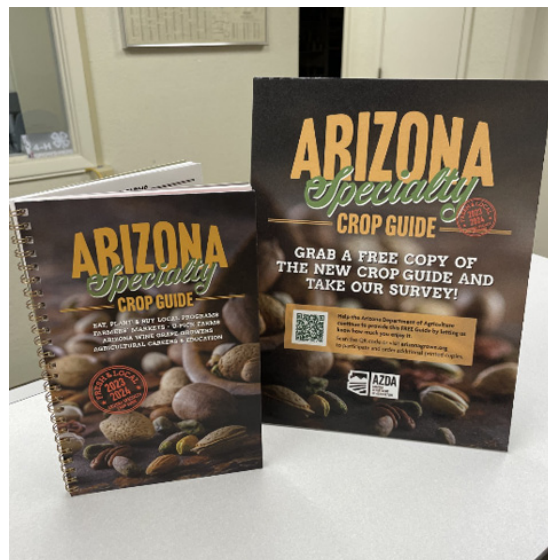
Home Garden Days have been very well attended with 20 - 30 residents bringing a wide variety of concerns. More and more residents are attempting to veggie garden and need LOTS of help. Lake Havasu Master Gardeners have a number of very successful veggie gardeners, so we are able to give excellent advice to our residents and our fellow Master Gardeners learn right along with the residents! Home Garden Day in May was overwhelmed with residents. We had standing room only and had to work our way through the sign-in sheet to be able to cover all the attendees.

Each month we have had a couple of home visits to help residents with problems that can't be solved with a phone call or email. With spring in the air, residents were thinking about their gardens

and wondering what had gone wrong. Lots of questions about growing veggies, citrus, palms, shrubs, and mesquite trees. Plants dying or pretty close to dying, overwatering, fertilizing, and pruning are just some of the pertinent questions asked. We have had to stock up on handouts to give to our residents to take home for future reference and referral.

The last few months have been surprisingly mild. I know I have thoroughly enjoyed the cooler temps along with my landscape plants and veggies. Now, we all look forward to a few months of hibernation to stay out of the extreme heat that we know is coming. Some of us have plans to get out of town for a short while to a little cooler climate. Then, some of us will stay the course and make plans for our fall planting; maybe stay cool with a frosty drink, binging on movies, floating in the pool or lake, or reading our favorite books. Stay cool all!

The Arizona Department of Agriculture has delivered copies of the new 2023 Arizona Specialty Crop Guide. These guides are free of charge and available for pick up at the Mohave County Cooperative Extension office located at 101 E Beale St in Kingman, AZ. Please feel free to stop in anytime during business hours: Monday - Friday, 9am -4pm



Mohave County Master Gardener Summer 2023 Calendar

JULY

BHC: Each Tuesday of the Month; Laughlin Community Garden, 7AM

5th LHC: Home Garden Day, Library 11AM-1PM

8th BHC: Dig Community Garden (tentative) Water Conservation @ 11AM

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15th KNG: "Irrigation Workshop" 1PM Mohave County Extension Office

28th KNG: Kingman Master Gardeners monthly meeting 1:00PM

AUGUST

BHC: Each Tuesday of the Month; Laughlin Community Garden, 7AM

KNG: August workshop TBA

1st LHC: Home Garden Day, Library 11AM-1PM

25th KNG: Kingman Master Gardeners monthly meeting 1PM

SEPTEMBER

BHC: Each Tuesday of the Month; Laughlin Community Garden, 7AM

5th LHC: Home Garden Day, Library 11AM-1PM

7th KNG: Decorating Open Exhibit Vegetable Booth at Mohave County Fairgrounds

12th BHC: Bullhead Master Gardener Meeting, 3-4:45PM

12th KNG: Set up Mohave County Master Gardener Booth at the Fairgrounds

14th BHC: Home Garden Days, 10AM-12PM

14th –17th Mohave County Fair Master Gardeners Booth

17th KNG: Tear Down Master Gardeners Booth, Mohave County Fair 4:30PM

19th LHC: Business Meeting, Library 4PM

21st BHC: "Starting you Fall Garden" 2-4PM

22nd KNG: Kingman Master Gardeners monthly meeting 1PM

30th KNG: Final Planning for Tomato Quest County Extension Office 1PM

Summer 2023 Wind & Weeds Assembled by Shelley Lossing, Master Gardener

