

# 2018 Master Gardeners of Alameda County Workshops at Lake Merritt

*As the Garden Grows, So Does the Gardener*



## Free - Gardening Workshops

Gardens at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland  
4th Saturdays, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Join the Master Gardeners for this year's workshops focused on various aspects of food and habitat gardening. There will be time for solving your vegetable and ornamental problems. Bring samples from your garden and questions for our team's assistance. There will be a 30-45 minute talk followed by a problem-solving session of 15+ minutes. A team of Master Gardeners will be on hand to help address your questions.

### April 28: All About Tomatoes & More

Tomatoes are the favorite summer vegetable grown by most home gardeners, and today's talk will focus on growing the best tomatoes possible in our climate. Our speaker will also provide tips for success with other common summer vegetables. Tomato seedlings, plus other veggie seedlings, will be available for a donation.

### May 26: Vertical & Container Gardening

Whether planting for aesthetics or food, there are many possibilities for growing veggies, flowers and herbs vertically to conserve space. Learn about vertical trellising, which can be done in the ground and in containers. In addition, this presentation will provide tips for successful container gardening, including container size, soil, light conditions and watering.

### June 23: Native Bee Pollinator Gardening

Good pollination is critical for a healthy garden. Learn what you can do to attract native bees to your garden and neighborhood by planting plants that will attract them, many of which are natives, and by using other bee-friendly techniques. Our speakers will lead a guided tour of our native bee garden to inspire you to try it at home. You'll be surprised that once the bees begin to visit, so will the butterflies and hummingbirds.

July: We are busy in the garden. *No workshop this month*

### August 25: Best Citrus in our Area

If you want quality citrus fruit, it works best to choose varieties suitable to our climate. Our speaker will provide information on good varieties of lemons, limes, Mandarin oranges, etc. and on good growing practices to increase success. You also will learn about the Asian citrus psyllid, an insect that is spreading a serious citrus disease that is just gaining a foothold in California. Learn how to identify it and what to do about it.

### September 22: Cool Seasoning Gardening

Gardening isn't just for the spring and summer months. Come learn about the fall and winter vegetable garden options. Hear what does well in our climate during the cooler months and learn how to integrate a cover crop into your winter veggie garden.

**Learn More at <http://acmg.ucanr.edu>**

\$5 Parking Fee on weekends at Lake Merritt. Lines can be long to enter the park by car; consider street parking or plan ahead and walk, bike or take public transport to the workshop. Bring a folding chair as seating is limited.