

## Fall 2022 News from the UC Davis Bee Haven



Greetings, bee gardeners. Here's what's new at the Haven as we move into the fall:

### Fall Programs

We're offering two classes this fall, with all fees used to support the Haven. We'll be following the hybrid format developed during Covid, with lectures available online before class followed by hands-on work on class day outside in the Bee Haven on the UC Davis campus. The gardening class is aimed at beginners, while the pruning class suits any experience level.

#### ***I Planted a Bee Garden: Now What?***

Online recorded lecture and in-person on October 29, 2022, 9am to 10:30am

Price: \$50 Register [here](#).

Many California gardeners are removing their water-hungry turf and replacing it with lower-water plants that provide food and habitat for bees and other animals. But if all you know about garden maintenance is how to start the lawnmower, deciding what to plant and learning how to maintain it can be daunting.

Aimed at beginning bee gardeners, this class will cover the basics of turf conversion and weed control along with plant selection for bees and other pollinators. We'll also cover maintenance of a turf yard compared to planted borders.

#### ***Pruning the Bee Garden***

Online recorded lecture and in-person on November 5, 2022, 9am to 11am

Price: \$50 Register [here](#).

Bee gardens are all about flowers, and pruning the Haven's plants is an essential part of creating ample flowers for our bees. In this class we'll learn about the physiology and science behind pruning of ornamental plants and fruit trees, discuss pruning strategies for

increasing bloom, review pruning of California native shrubs, and practice pruning in the Haven.

Practice pruning will include woody and herbaceous perennials, fruit trees, and California native plants. We'll also discuss pruning tool maintenance and participants will be able to bring their own tools for sharpening. Handouts and light refreshments are included.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We have our greatest need for volunteers in the late fall and winter when we do most of our pruning and make repairs to the garden. Corporate or community groups looking for service days are always welcome to help. If interested, please download an application [here](#) and return to [beegarden@ucdavis.edu](mailto:beegarden@ucdavis.edu). Thanks!

### **Year-end Giving**

The Haven is a self-supporting facility. We receive no funding from the University and rely on grants and donations to keep us going. If you're planning for philanthropy before the end of the year, please keep us in mind. Donations may be made [here](#). Thanks!

### **Visiting in the Fall**

The Haven remains open daily from dawn to dusk with free parking and admission. You won't see as many bees as during other times, but there's still plenty in bloom to enjoy.



Happy gardening!

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