FRUIT TREE HIGH DENSITY
PRUNING AND PLANTING

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Pomegranates, blueberries, and figs. They’re not just delicious fruits painted in vibrant colors and textures; they’re also an integral part of edible landscaping reintroduced to the home gardener by Ed Laivo. Ed is a fruit tree and edible landscape specialist who focuses on gardening using less water. Using his knowledge of fruit and conservation, he has developed techniques to better adapt these for the backyard grower and developed varied Best Management Practices (BMP) for insect and disease prevention using espalier and cover techniques.

Ed shares his knowledge in a multitude of ways, from TV and radio to writing insightful articles and gardening periodicals. He produced the nationally recognized “Backyard Orchard Culture” on high-density pruning and planting of fruit trees and is a contributing editor to both the “Sunset Garden Book” and the popular UC publication #3485 “The Home Orchard.”

Ed has been a member of the California Landscape Contractors, East Bay board of directors and has sat on the Ecolandscape California’s advisory committee. He lends his time as a consultant and lecturer to many professional groups and universities.

He founded ‘Ed’Able Solutions, which is a consulting market management company specializing in plant access and distribution for E-commerce nursery sales.

LECTURE

This lecture will focus on high-density pruning, planting and methods for controlling fruit tree height. We will explore different ways of Height Density Planting with emphasis on multiple trees in one hole and espalier and the different types of high-density planting that are paramount to enjoying the benefits of High-Density Pruning:

• More trees in less space
• Pollinating partners conveniently close
• Successive ripening
• Easier means to disease and pest control

Lastly we’ll cover using espaliers today as a practical art form to tomorrow’s primary means of disease and pest control.

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10:30 am to 12 noon | Free to attend

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ABOUT THE MASTER GARDENERS:
The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer group within the University of California Cooperative Extension that seeks to be the preferred source of research-based information on gardening, landscape, and resource conservation for the residents of Merced County. Master Gardeners accomplish this through extension, informative outreach programs such as this lecture series and other workshops.

EDUCATION CREDIT:
Participates can apply for continuing education credit (CEU) through UC Merced Extension for an additional $40 for .5 CEU if they attend all six lectures. You can apply for the CEU on November 29, 2019 at http://ucm.edu/v/master-gardener-workshops.