TOMATOES, WHAT WORKS FOR ME!

NICOLAI LAQUAGLIA, CLIA
UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER

Nicolai Laquaglia first learned to prune at age ten, designed and installed his first landscape in 1969 at age sixteen. The Japanese motif fence in that installation is still stands thirty-three years later.

Nicolai’s roots in this country trace back to 1618, and many of the ensuing generations were farmers and gardeners. He is an award-winning photographer, published and taught internationally. An avid fly caster, Nicolai was the founding president of Granite Bay Flycasters and is writing a cookbook with his wife, Patsy.

A student of organic gardening, composting, passive rainwater harvesting, and water conservation since the 1960s, Nicolai became a UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener for Sacramento County in 2007. His project for the Compost Bin and Tumbler Trial at the Fair Oaks Horticulture Center tested ten home-size compost containers. The results of the compost trials are published in Garden Notes #GN126.

Nicolai has appeared on “California Heartland,” Dave Wilson Nursery’s “YouTube” videos, a guest on “Farmer Fred’s” radio program on KSTE 650 AM, and demonstrated water-efficient irrigation techniques at a press conference awarding the River-Friendly Landscaping Coalition.

Nicolai is presently delivering compost, mulch, and castings for clients including the famous Rose Garden at McKinley Park. He teaches workshops on “Grow Your Soil” to garden clubs, nurseries, the Master Gardeners, and consults for homeowners and HOA’s replacing lawns with water-efficient landscapes and rainwater harvesting. As a member of the River-Friendly Landscaping Coalition that brought the “Green Gardener” program to the Sacramento Valley, he teaches the Compost/Mulch classes of the “Green Gardener” Program.

Nicolai has shown many individuals and groups how to design, implement, or retrofit irrigation systems to save water and get better results from the plants in their gardens and landscapes.

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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://ucmerced.edu/v/master-gardener-workshops.