

As University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners, we know the importance of continuing to learn and grow in order to effectively help our communities. So it is a joy when we find a reliable source for quality information and timely insights. It is even better when that information is presented in an entertaining and easy to understand manner. Good Growing is a source we can count on time and time again for all of these things.

Whether it is reading one of their articles in the newspaper, watching a webinar or listening to their podcast, we know, if the Good Growing name is on it, it will be accurate and useful information. And while others may also provide accurate information, the obvious passion this group of educators have for their areas of expertise shines through. We are excited to learn more because they are excited to share more.

We also appreciate their willingness and ability to produce quality information on a number of different platforms as we all learn best in slightly different ways. What we find amazing, and a reflection of just how good these educators are at their jobs, is the fact the quality and style of the information is maintained throughout all of the platforms. Good Growing is consistently a high quality resource we can trust.

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### **Some feedback from webinars**

*This webinar was fantastic. It was very informative. I learned a great deal and am planning to watch it again. I've paid for webinars that weren't nearly as good as this one. I hope my tax dollars are going towards this program. It is worth every penny. Thank you.*

*Informative and entertaining. Presenter was very knowledgeable.*

*Excellent presentation. Obviously well researched. Lots of good details that can be shared in conversations.*

*These are always so informative, thank you.*

*This presentation was excellent! So much relevant information with great photos and slides! Loved the activities for kids! Thank you!*

*With this being the first Good Growing webinar I have attended, I enjoyed that there were numerous presenters each with a specific holiday plant to present on, rather than only one presenter for a one-hour*

*webinar. Having multiple shorter presentations within a one-hour webinar keeps it engaging... The PowerPoint slides were very well done and included numerous photos which were visually engaging. Topics, content, and webinar length were all excellent. Thank you so much for creating this webinar series!*

*This was a fabulous webinar. I use most of these spices, but did not know anything about them. Really great information.*

*I appreciate the insect information. It reinforced the chapters from the master gardener class I just finished.,*

*The webinar was very informative. The presenter had a good grasp of the subject matter!,*

*Enjoyed this presentation, a lot of very useful information that can be applied to future encounters. I recommend this presentation to all who garden.,*

*Have found each program topic very much. Thank you very much for your time and work to bring this program to us.*

*Great presentation and fun side notes!,*

*This webinar was really good. The slides chosen were helpful and very well explained.,*

*I'm for Washington and you have a much better webinar program. Thank you.,*

*Very enjoyable, informative presentation. Nicely presented; not rushed.,*

*I really enjoyed all of the elements. Wreath Making was very timely and helpful. I will be sharing with fellow New Mexicans.*

*Both presenters were knowledgeable and enjoyable to listen to. We enjoyed their comments and although we may never attempt to grow, we learned a lot and won't take access to spices for granted!*

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*Being cooped up because of Covid, we have watched several of these (from Iowa). You guys do a great job. Thanks!*

*I already have a coffee and a citrus house plant (surviving years and about two decades on neglect). Your presentations will help me to better care for them. Thanks. This was a fun topic.,*

## **Feedback from Good Growing surveys**

*The articles are very well written and they make the science very easy to understand.*

*So far I have only watched one webinar, but plan to explore more content. I have a question regarding the Landscaping Fact or Fiction webinar. To access the eggshell calcium through boiling, for 10-12 eggshells, how much water do I boil them in? Also, how long should the water boil? I'm assuming you bring the water to a boil, add the eggshells, turn off the water, let sit overnight, and then strain. Is this correct? Thank you, Janet Neal*

*I enjoy the podcasts because I can listen to them while doing other things.*

*I wish I was a Master Gardener*

*I enjoy new bits of info. I've grown a lot of things on a whim and some continue. I have shiso this year and melons in pots and a producing 3 year old pepper plant, Italian Red. So far 12 peppers, outproducing the new plants.*

*Great content*

*I knew about the webinars but not about your blog or podcasts ... I'll be "bookmarking" these for regular perusal.*

*Your stuff is awesome, keep it up!!!*

*This was one of most informative programs I have participated in. The true/false format was an eye opener, much more effective with the questions and answers before, so already thinking about it..lots of us wrong...*

*Always excellent presentations, and everyone appreciates the time spent answering questions. thank you*

*LOVE the interactive format proving our answers in the chat.*

*Chris- You were a very dynamic and engaging speaker. Thanks so much*

*I thoroughly enjoy the casual nature of the webinar!*

*I like being able to access your GG information because I know it is research based. I don't want fads. I want info I can access and implement with a high expectation of success. You guys rock!*

*Thanks for keeping the high bar*

*I appreciate when the group talk about the new plants they will add to their garden. I enjoy hearing about garden expansion and new ideas for the garden. Helps me continue to learn.*

*Thank you for your guidance. You are there to guide us just when we are wondering what to do next in the Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter.*

*Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us.*

*Thank you for providing this information in a fun and practical way. I enjoy learning about new things each week and have slowly increased my knowledge to make my own garden better and share what I have learned with others.*

*Thank you*

*I always appreciate how the information is displayed and the ease of access to videos and web presentations. Thank you.*

*The 3 sound like they complement each other with their interests, knowledge and experience. Their banter is entertaining!*

*I really enjoy all the formats and have a lot of this information. The photos are immensely helpful.*

*Thank you for your efforts.*

*I like the easy going fun way that you teach and discuss various topics.*

*I find Good Growing to be so delightful because even though I feel like I have quite a bit of knowledge and experience behind me there's always something to be learned and the staff always presents that information in a fun and non-judgmental way. I feel like it's accessible to everyone!*

*Love the content, it is very useful for a home garden.*

*Thank you for doing the blog and the podcasts!*

*I faithfully read the blog every Friday. It provides the vast majority of my required education hours required for MG.*

*thanks for great programming!*

*Great job, I've learned so much!*