

Pruning and deadheading: learning to care for your roses

Whether you're struggling to learn to care for the roses you've planted at home or just looking to spend some time in the great outdoors, MCC's Rose Garden offers a great volunteer opportunity. Each January and February, volunteers help prune the rose gardens located on the north side of MCC's Southern and Dobson campus. Before the 6,000 bushes can blossom in April, the roses need to "sleep," and heavy pruning during the cold months forces them into dormancy.

With this season's pruning nearly complete, rose garden volunteers eagerly await the next phase: "deadheading." After the roses are in full bloom, MCC employees are encouraged to join other community volunteers to "deadhead" the spent blooms. Proper "deadheading" techniques can be picked up quickly. To get started, please call Carol Poe, who is in charge of volunteers, at 895-7793.



Fast facts

- MCC's Rose Gardens are the largest in the Desert Southwest, spanning nearly 2 acres, which is about 16,000 square feet larger than a football field.
- There are some 450 varieties of roses in 26 free-form beds.
- The gardens are an East-Valley community collaborative project with the college, with all rose bushes and supplies donated by corporations and businesses.

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identify teaching and learning issues and topics. Tammi Saffold, our new Training Coordinator, has worked with individual faculty and staff on training needs. Tammi also developed a CTL Catalog of Workshops for the Red Mountain faculty and staff. Red Mountain faculty and staff Dennis Wilson, Gwen Argersinger, Jim Giles, Sue Blackwell, Patricia Kolesky, and Hannah Chaffee have volunteered as point persons to help facilitate training workshops.

The overall vision and goals of the Center for Teaching and Learning are no different between the Southern and Dobson and Red Mountain campuses. However, in order to foster an academic and innovative culture that is unique to both campuses, the CTL staff will continue to work closely and collaboratively with RM faculty and staff in order to define supportive space and processes.

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CTL at Red Mountain

"When will there be a Center for Teaching and Learning at the Red Mountain campus?" is a common question asked at the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Southern and Dobson site. The CTL advisory committee, led by the Theatre department's Lyn Dutson, has been grappling with how the Center can support faculty and staff professional development and learning at both the Red Mountain and Southern and Dobson campuses. The challenge is to support teaching and learning enhancement among the growing and diverse faculty community at Red Mountain as well as to sustain the current level of support at Southern and Dobson with the existing level of CTL staff and resources.

The first step to a Red Mountain CTL is to establish a presence on the campus in order to meet immediate needs. CTL staff

members have already begun by conducting the adjunct faculty orientations and facilitating workshops such as the digital camera workshops offered by Ken Costello through Community Education. In addition, Donna Gaudet, CTL Instructional Technologist, and other members of the CTL have been working with Sue Blackwell from Red Mountain to schedule staffing of room P211 (in the Palo Verde building) from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM on Tuesdays. On a recent visit, Donna mentioned having non-stop meetings with residential and adjunct faculty on teaching with technology ideas and processes.

The next step to a Red Mountain CTL is to determine the long term needs and vision. Early in the fall Naomi Story, CTL Director, met with Department Chairs and with Red Mountain Assistant Chairs,



Victor Cornell, Dennis Wilson, and Michael Wentz, about their vision. Faculty Developer Maria Chavira also met with a large focus group of Red Mountain faculty facilitated by Ed Lipinski to

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East meets West: Spotlight on artist Luo Xiaoping

In Chinese, Xiaoping means "little," but there is nothing small about the talents of Luo Xiaoping, visiting artist at Mesa Community College. Xiaoping has presented his artwork at dozens of exhibitions – in China, New Zealand, and the United States – and has received numerous awards for his unique sculptures. His works are sought by museums all over the world.

Xiaoping hails from Yixing, a county in southeast China renowned for its ceramic production for more than 500 years. He is a contemporary artist who does figurative sculpture, relief sculpture, and modern expressions of Yixing teapots.

Xiaoping painted for seven years before enrolling in the Jingdezhen Ceramics Institute, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1987. He then became a member of the Architecture faculty at Tongji University in Shanghai. In 1992, he resigned from the university to open his own teaching and art studio, Xiaopingstudio (www.xiaopingstudio.com),

with his wife Shao Junya, who is also an artist. Junya and Xiaoping split their time between Yixing and the United States, traveling, teaching, and conducting workshops. Xiaoping is currently an adjunct faculty at both Mesa and Paradise Valley community colleges.

For an upcoming art project at MCC, Xiaoping and Junya will create two "benches" in the shape of 15-foot-long hands to grace the courtyard shared by Arts/Communication and the Theatre Outback. This dramatic enhancement to MCC's Southern and Dobson campus is partially funded through an Innovative Projects grant and will be completed before the end of the spring semester. "I am very excited about this first public work in the United States," Xiaoping said. In his mind, the hands symbolize the nurturing role of education:



Luo Xiaoping and his wife, Shao Junya, hold models of the "hands" sculptures they will create together for MCC. The 15-foot-long sculptures will provide casual seating and graceful beauty in the courtyard between the Arts/Communication building and the Theatre Outback.

"Everybody likes the hands. They're like a mother's hands that help the children, help the students. A mother's hands are very soft; the college is the same as a mother's hands. Also the sculpture is comfortable to sit on...and beautiful."



A Luo Xiaoping teapot displayed in a recent Mesa Contemporary Arts exhibition entitled "Steeped in Tradition: The Contemporary Art of Tea II".

A recent Luo Xiaoping exhibition at the ASU Art Museum entitled *Time Square Series* depicted 20 world leaders represented in 2-foot-tall sculptures (asuartmuseum.asu.edu/xiaoping). Xiaoping's sculpture of President George W. Bush was presented to him as a special gift on behalf of the college during his visit on January 21.



Affordable flowers and foliage

Looking for the perfect centerpiece for your next event? Look no further. MCC's Agriculture Department offers a class that teaches students how to make floral arrangements using fresh, dried, and silk plants, flowers, and greens. MCC employees who would like floral arrangements for an upcoming event can save money by ordering them through the Commercial Floral Design class, taught by Michelle Daly. All arrangements are made by students under Michelle's supervision.

For more information about this class or to inquire about services, please contact Michelle Daly at 792-1838 or e-mail bilandshel@aol.com.

Horticulture Spring Plant Sale
 March 4 and 5
 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and
 4:30 PM-6:00 PM
 Land Lab, Building 51

Employee spotlight

MCC welcomes its newest employees! In an effort to ensure better communication and a warm welcome, the names of new, board approved hires are listed occasionally in *The Bulletin*. The list below includes new hires from November 2003 to January 2004. Welcome to MCC!

(Please note: Some names will be familiar since the list includes existing employees who have been hired into new positions.)

Karen Blevins	Faculty • Reg • Hire	Geography
Troy Buckey	PSA • Reg • Hire	Theatre
John Cano	PSA • Reg • Hire	Library
Rex Foy	PSA • Reg • Hire	Library
James Keyes	PSA • Reg • Hire	College Safety
Nicki Maines	Faculty • Reg • Hire	Business
Heather Miles	PSA • Reg • Hire	Institutional Advancement
Tambre Saffold	MAT • Reg • Hire	Center for Teaching and Learning
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