

University of California – Master Gardener Program

Camarillo Ranch House in Camarillo

Fact Sheet

- The Camarillo Ranch was originally a 10,000 acre Spanish land grant, Rancho Calleguas, created in 1837, patented to Gabriel Ruiz in 1866, then purchased by Juan Camarillo in 1875. His son Adolfo built the Queen Anne Victorian home in 1892. Later the barn and stables were added to support the agricultural work and house the renowned Camarillo White Horses. Today the ranch is owned by the City of Camarillo and operated by the non-profit Camarillo Ranch Foundation.
- Since 2004 Master Gardeners have worked in designing, installing and maintaining the lovely gardens that surround the property.
- The heart and soul of the Camarillo Ranch and the Adolfo Camarillo House Museum are its dedicated volunteers. The Camarillo Ranch and the Adolfo Camarillo House Museum depend upon volunteers in many areas.

Objectives:

- To provide and support educational opportunities related to gardening.
- To provide a comfortable and engaging setting for training and educating Master Gardeners.
- To promote and demonstrate UC science-based gardening practices.

Activities:

- Practice and maintain regular gardening practices, including weeding, cleaning, deadheading, planting as needed.
- Garden design, site preparation and layout, irrigation installation and repairs as needed.
- Have fun with gardening friends.

Volunteer Workdays:

Wednesdays – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.