

BIOGRAPHY

Stephen Williams

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Stephen received his horticultural training at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California, working at Descanso and Huntington Botanical Gardens as garden staff and plant propagator/nursery manager for 8 years where he honed his horticultural skills.

Affiliated with UCCE Master Gardeners since 1996, he is currently active with the Speaker's Bureau in the Orange County Chapter. As a member of the California Association of Nursery and Garden Centers, he served four years as Los Angeles Chapter President and State Director. Steve is President of Southern California Agriculture and Nutrition Foundation (SCAN) which serves as the fundraising support for the 48th District Agricultural Association whose mission is to educate elementary and secondary school teachers and their students about agriculture and nutrition.

As Professor of Horticulture at Mt SAC, he is currently in his 15th year teaching eight weekly, year-round classes to adults in Home Gardening. Current topics emphasize sustainability, including food production and water conservation. The classes maintain a 15-raised bed, organic, edible, sustainable public demonstration garden on The Farm at Mt. SAC.

Steve frequently presents talks on various garden topics to garden clubs and has been a certified presenter of water conservation and gardening lectures for Metropolitan Water District and city water agencies throughout Southern California for 10 years.

His home garden demonstrates growing ornamentals, fruit trees, and vegetables in raised beds emphasizing organic techniques.

