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May & June Gardening Classes at Community Garden

(Woodland, CA) – Want to expand your knowledge of gardening? The Hannah and Herbert Bauer Memorial Community Garden, sponsored by the Yolo County Health Department, is holding four free gardening classes in May and June. Hosted by the Yolo County Master Gardeners and Tuleyome's Home Place Adventures Program, these events will be held at the community garden adjacent to the Bauer Building at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland.

On Saturday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m., join Master Gardener Barbara Ohlendorf for a presentation on Integrated Pest Management. Barbara will cover the basic principles, importance of beneficial insects and how to preserve them, least toxic insecticides, top 10 garden pests and nontoxic controls, and pests to be on the lookout for in the garden.

On Thursday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m., bring your family out to the garden for a Summer Kick Off. Meet the folks who run the Hannah and Herbert Bauer Community Garden, and other families who love being outdoors. Join us for some fun, kid friendly activities.

On Thursday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m., learn how to make your own tomato cage as we practice by making cages for the children's planter boxes. Additionally, Tuleyome will hold its Tommy Tomato art contest for kids. Tommy Tomato is the mascot of the Woodland Tomato Festival (sponsored by the Woodland Farmer's Market) and he is looking for kid's tomato art to feature during this year's annual event in August. Art supplies will be provided starting at 5:30 p.m., or young artists can bring their finished artwork to the garden by 6:30 p.m. Entries must include at least one "tomato-like" element with the rest is up to your imagination! Entries may include drawings, poems, collages or paintings. Winners in five age group categories (starting at 3 years and under, and up to 18 years) will be featured at the Woodland Tomato Festival in August.

On Thursday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m., join us for some arts and crafts in the garden. We will be making plant pals, similar to the famous Chia Pets.

Pre-registration for all classes is optional, but strongly encouraged. Contact Robin Rocksvold at the Yolo County Health Department with questions, or to register for any of the classes: (530) 666-8528 or robin.rocksvold@yolocounty.org.