



Dean Donaldson Fund
Environmental Horticulture Education in Napa County



Purpose

As a dedicated community member, and University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Farm Advisor and County Director (1969 to 2001), Dean Donaldson prioritized learning and strove for excellence in the field of environmental horticulture through educational service to Napa County. He was a critical resource for farmers producing row and tree crops. He provided educational support to commercial landscapers, arborists, and other gardening professionals. He also expanded his horticulture outreach to home gardeners by starting the UC Master Gardeners of Napa County. As he explained prior to his passing, “Physical buildings and instruments do not interest me. Seeing 100 people participating in learning does.”



Throughout his 31 plus years as the Horticulture Farm Advisor, Dean was a deliberate and supportive educator that engaged individuals and community members in the journey of learning and its promise for growth and advancement. He was not one to simply give the answer, instead he believed in discovery through problem solving. To ensure that the Napa community continues to flourish through Dean’s legacy and tutelage, this endowment will support horticultural learning and education. Dean placed particular emphasis on diagnosis of plant diseases and problems, as well as exposure and access to informational references and resources. He also believed in growing the community’s capacity to lead and create educational opportunities. Accordingly, this endowment will provide lasting support for programs and activities which reduce and remove barriers to educational access and grow and increase the skills, knowledge, and confidence of our community to self-educate and apply horticultural knowledge. The fund will provide support for such things as scholarships for Napa community members to attend environmental horticulture trainings within and outside of Napa and for organizing and hosting educational events including short courses, workshops, and conferences for the benefit of Napa County.

Administration

This endowment will be invested in perpetuity by The Regents of the University of California and may be added to over time with future outright or planned gifts. Use of the fund payout will be administered by the local UCCE office with oversight by the UCCE Director, and Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator with advisory input from the UC Master Gardener Program of Napa County Volunteer Officers.

Giving

We invite you to become a partner by helping to establish the Dean Donaldson Fund for Environmental Horticulture Education in Napa County. Engaging the Napa community to partner on the establishment and growth of this endowment is in keeping with Dean’s collaborative approach during his many years of service as a Farm Advisor. For any individuals and organizations interested in making a gift please do not hesitate to contact current UCCE Napa County Director David Lewis at 707-253-4221 djllewis@ucanr.edu. Gifts (made payable to the Regents of the University of California) and gift letter (template on reverse side) can be sent to: UCCE Napa County, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 4, Napa, CA 94559.

Endowment information and gift letters are available online at <http://donate.ucanr.edu/donaldson>.

David Lewis
 Director

2/18/14

Instructions: If you wish to make a donation to the University of California Endowment Fund established in Dean's memory, and described below, please send this signed donation letter along with a check payable to "Regents of the University of California" to the UC Cooperative Extension Office in Napa County at:

Dean Donaldson Endowment Fund
c/o David Lewis, Director
UCCE Napa County
1710 Soscol Avenue Suite 4
Napa, CA 94559-1315

Dear Director Lewis:

Enclosed is my/our irrevocable gift of \$ _____ to "Regents of the University of California" for the Dean Donaldson Fund for Environmental Horticulture Education in Napa County. I/we understand that the Dean Donaldson Endowment for Environmental Horticulture Education in Napa County is an endowed fund "to support environmental horticulture education in Napa County". Additionally, I/we understand that the University minimum to establish an endowed fund is \$10,000 and that my/our gift will be combined with other gifts for this purpose and will be invested in the University's General Endowment Pool when gifts to the fund reach or exceed \$10,000.

I/we understand that the expendable distribution of the "Dean Donaldson Fund for Environmental Horticulture Education in Napa County" will be determined from time-to-time under the Endowment Expenditure Policy established by The Regents of the University of California. Total return earned by the Dean Donaldson Endowment in excess of the amount approved for distribution shall be retained in the fund principal to protect the fund from the effects of inflation and to promote growth. I/we also understand that the fund principal may be combined with other funds for investment purposes.

If, in the judgment of the Vice President – Agriculture and Natural Resources, the designated use of the expendable fund distribution is impractical or impossible, the Vice President may use the fund distributions to further the objective and purposes as he/she determines to be consistent with my/our interests and intentions.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Donor Information (please type or print clearly)

Donor Name: _____

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