



Dr. Raabe lectures to a group of Master Gardeners.

Master Gardener Video Project

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A new video was produced in 1997, titled *Master Gardener Lecture: Dr. Robert Raabe*.

Dr. Raabe, UC Professor Emeritus and Plant Pathologist, has been an eager and willing lecturer for Master Gardener trainings for many years. He has taught in college classrooms for over 30 years and is well known for his research in all aspects of plant pathology. He enjoyed the Master Gardener volunteer trainings and traveled the state helping UC Cooperative Extension advisors conduct this adult education/volunteer program, giving as many as six or seven lectures every winter. When he announced his retirement, I felt that we were going to lose one of our best presenters, and access to a great slide show on plant pathology. (When professors retire their personal collection of slides and other educational materials usually is unavailable).

The challenge of professionally videotaping Dr. Raabe giving his 3 1/4 hour Master Gardener training classes was met by the Slosson grant and Mike Poe, UC Communication Services. Mike Poe digitized all of the slides in the lecture and captured the humor and insight of Dr. Raabe's lectures. Instead of completely losing one of UC's best lecturers, we now have Dr. Raabe and his slides of plant problems available for future students.

The video was first offered in the UC Communication Services Catalog in September, 1997. In these first six months, 24 copies have been sold. It is also available to all California UCCE advisors and Master Gardener volunteers on a loan basis. Call 1-800-994-8849.

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