



# Oregon State University Extension Service

## May-December 2016

### Evening & Saturday Gardening Classes\*\*

All classes are held at the OSU Extension Auditorium  
at 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass.



**\*Classes eligible for Master Gardener recertification and FREE to MGs (except for materials fees if needed).**

- Thurs., May 12      **WaterWise Gardening\***      Amy Jo Detweiler, OSU Horticulturist      **5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$10\*\***  
Learn the concepts behind waterwise gardening by the person who developed the program for OSU. The class will include the basics for plant selection, irrigation, planning and design, and other waterwise techniques. View some examples of waterwise landscapes and discover plants for use in the landscape. (\*\*If also register for Creating a Firewise Landscape the cost is \$15 for both classes).
- Thurs., May 12      **Creating a Firewise Landscape\***      Amy Jo Detweiler, OSU Horticulturist      **7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$10\*\***  
This class, taught by one of the experts in Oregon about fire resistant plants, will include understanding fire behavior basics, the role of vegetative and fuel ladders, ways to reduce fuel loads, design tips for creating a defensible space around homes, and steps for recognizing and selecting fire-resistant plants. (\*\*If also register for WaterWise Gardening the cost is \$15 for both classes).
- Sat., May 14      **Permaculture Basics Workshop\***      Karen Taylor & Melanie Mindlin, Siskiyou Permaculture      **10:00 a.m. – Noon Cost: \$10**  
Intro to Permaculture Design: Permaculture is a holistic design philosophy that emphasizes biological systems or learning from nature to organize human settlement. The class will include an introduction to the ethics and principles of Permaculture and how to integrate permaculture ideas into home and garden.
- Fri., May 20      **Plants for Making Baskets\***      Diane Wickstrom, Master Gardener      **10:30 – 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$5**  
Learn what plants from your garden and nearby that you can use to make beautiful and useful baskets. Demonstrations will be given, as well as how to prepare and use the various plant materials.
- Sat., May 21      **Gardening the Indigenous Way Field Trip\***      Scott Goode, Nourishing Systems      **9:00-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$15**  
Participants will view the gardening method based on a traditional indigenous practice that integrates composting with the crop production so that no transport of finished compost is required. In addition, this method maintains an undisturbed complex soil food web in the crop growing beds that protects crops from pests, maintains biological nutrient transport networks year round, and generates two or more inches of new soil every year. Participants will carpool to the location in Central Point. Limit: 20 participants.
- Sat., June 4      **Summer Grape Care Clinic\***      Instructor TBA      **9:00 a.m. – Noon Cost: \$15**  
Grapes are low maintenance, but need some summer care for health and production—learn what to do and when. **Limit 20 participants**
- Sat., June 4      **Painting Terra Cotta Pots: Wildflowers/Birdhouse**      Breezy Schallheim, MG      **1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$15/MG \$10**  
A fun & easy class, no experience necessary. Bring a 6" or 8" terra cotta pot or 9 x 12" canvas; all other materials provided. Limit: 15 participants.
- Tues., June 14      **Ethnobotany of Pacific NW Workshop\***      Karen Pleasant, Master Gardener Coordinator      **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$10/MG \$5**  
Increase your appreciation and understanding of native plants as you learn about some of the plants used in contemporary and historical times as food, medicinal, or material resources in the Pacific Northwest. In this workshop each student will make a small cattail mat using natural fiber cordage and cattail leaves as we explore ways to increase our connections with the natural world and recognize the importance of people and plant relationships. Limit: 25 participants.
- Tues., July 12th      **Composting & Vermiculture\***      Master Gardener Panel      **6:00- 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$5**  
Basic composting methods will be covered. Both "hot composting," which requires maintenance, and "cold composting," which is a hands-off method, will be included. Also learn the basics of vermiculture, the simple & convenient process of using worms to decompose organic food waste.
- Thurs., July 28      **Edible Weeds in your Garden\***      Erin Krenzer, Master Gardener      **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$10**  
Need a strategy for dealing with all those weeds? Some weeds are edible, and could become part of your next salad or stir fry.
- Sat., August 6      **Hand-Pollinating Squash Clinic\***      Tal Blankenship, former OSU Horticulturist      **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$10**  
In this clinic students will learn the importance and practice of maintaining purity of their favorite squashes. Students will see a first-hand demonstration of the simple skill of hand pollination. Participants will carpool to the site for the class. Limit: 10 participants.

**To register: contact the Josephine County Extension Office, 215 Ringuette, Grants Pass, call 541-476-6613, or email: [josephine.extension@oregonstate.edu](mailto:josephine.extension@oregonstate.edu). \*\*This schedule is subject to change.**

Thurs., Sept. 8      **Soil Testing - pH and Amendments\***      Instructor TBA      Time TBA      **Cost: \$10**  
Learn why pH is important to soil health and for growing plants—then learn what to do about it and why.

Sat., October 1      **Painting Terra Cotta Pots: Pumpkin Patch**      Breezy Schallheim, MG      **1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$15/MG \$10**  
A fun & easy class, no experience necessary. Bring a 6" or 8" terra cotta pot or 9 x 12" canvas; all other materials provided. Limit: 15 participants.

Sat., October 8      **Mistakes You Don't Want to Make in Your Garden\***      Marjorie Neal, Master Gardener      **9:00-10:30 a.m. Cost: \$10**  
The best laid plans....if you have ever gardened you know that mistakes do happen. In her 70 plus years of gardening, the instructor has become personally familiar with most of these instances of poor judgment, omissions, and commissions that plague both vegetable and flower gardeners. Come learn what not to do—and more importantly, what you should be doing in your garden.

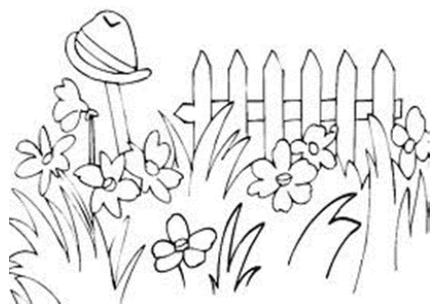
Sat., October 15      **Home Landscape Design for Gardeners\***      Mike Zerwer, Master Gardener      **10:00 a.m. – Noon Cost: \$10**  
Tips will be shared on how to create a beautiful but practical landscape or how to re-landscape your home and design it your 'amateur' self. This do-it-yourself guide may help avoid some common beginner mistakes before it's too late and before costly revisions become necessary.

Thurs., October 27      **Growing Nut Trees\***      Ross Penhallegon, OSU Horticulturist      **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$10**  
With people growing more and more of their own food, the growing of different nuts is increasing. With that increase in production, people are asking more questions about growing the different nut trees. The Growing Nuts class will cover principles to consider when growing nut trees. Specifically we will cover growing hazelnuts, walnuts, chestnuts and hardy almonds. We will cover characteristics of the trees, mainly looking at the question, should we try and grow these trees; the pros and cons; when to plant; fertility; site selection; pollinization; and potential ripening periods.

Thurs., November 3      **Growing Hops in the Home Garden\***      Shaun Townsend, Asst. Professor/Senior Research OSU      **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$10**  
Grow your own hops at home for landscaping and home brewing! This workshop will teach you about site selection and preparation, hop cultivar choice, and management tasks during the growing season to produce healthy plants. For those interested in home brewing, we will also discuss harvest timing and post-harvest management techniques to produce high-quality hop cones.

Weds., November 9      **Homegrown Microgreens\***      Karen Pleasant, Master Gardener Coordinator      **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$10**  
If you miss gardening during the winter, growing your own microgreens might fulfill your green thumb needs. They're easy and cheap to grow indoors, require little space, and they are versatile for use in salads, sandwiches, garnishes, and more. Samples will be provided to taste, so you can decide which ones you would like to grow.

Sat., November 12      **Painting Terra Cotta Pots: Holly Berries/Candles**      Breezy Schallheim, MG      **1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$15/MG \$10**  
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*“No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.”*  
-Thomas Jefferson

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