



# Insights Into Gardening

February 11, 2012

LaSells Stewart Center  
Oregon State University, Corvallis OR 97330  
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton>

*Insights Into Gardening  
is a day-long seminar offering practical,  
hands-on learning for home gardeners and  
gardeners-to-be.*

*Whether you are an experienced or novice  
gardener, new to the area or an Oregon na-  
tive, you will find plenty of ideas to make  
your gardening easier, more enjoyable and  
more successful.*

## Nine Exceptional Gardening Classes

We are very excited that this year's offerings combine so much practicality and diversity for gardeners of all stripes! Whether you are looking for help with your garden aesthetics, plant selection, or are looking for ways to save some money in the garden, the 2012 installment of Insights into Gardening is sure to deliver!

### Box Lunches

Available when pre-ordered through early registration. You are welcome to bring your own brown-bag lunch.

### Refreshments

Coffee, tea and bottled water will be available for free at the morning break, along with cookies compliments of the Benton County Master Gardeners.

### On-Site OSU Mini-Bookstore

Books recommended by our speakers and general gardening books will be available for purchase—all at a 10% discount. Bookstore will be open 8:00am to 3:00pm. Drawings for free books!

### Annual Gardener's Raffle plus One!

In addition to raffling the fabulous items donated by our exhibitors, there will be a special Raffle—a Craftsman Tiller valued at \$300. Proceeds support the Marie Madison Horticulture Scholarship. Remember to bring address labels to quickly and legibly fill out the tickets.

## Information Packed Displays

Browse artwork, plants, and gardening items all day in the LaSells Stewart Center. Instructors may also be there and willing to answer questions.

**DANCING OAKS NURSERY**

**EARTHPOTS FROM OBC NORTHWEST, INC**

**GARLAND NURSERY**

**HILL'S TOP DESIGN**

**HOME GROWN GARDENS**

**KAPA LANDSCAPE DESIGN, LLC**

**KELLOGG SUPPLY, INC**

**LOWELL'S TOOLS**

**NICHOLS NURSERY**

**SAVANNA NURSERY**

**SCHMIDTS GARDEN CENTER**

**SHONNARDS NURSERY**

**THE THYME GARDEN HERB COMPANY**

**TOM'S GARDEN CENTER**

**ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF CORVALLIS**

**CORVALLIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**

**PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY**

**And More ...**

# Schedule of Activities

**8:00–9:00AM Browse Exhibits, late Registrants–Pick Up Confirmation cards**

**9:00-10:15 AM**

**Session I**

**Classes 1,2,3**

**1** **Doing Dahlias: The Easy Way.**  
*by Larry Buschman*

Learn from a knowledgeable dahlia grower how to take some of the strain and pain out of growing dahlias. This session will compare traditional, labor intensive practices with innovative ideas that take the work out of growing, digging, cleaning, dividing and storing dahlias. Both experienced and novice dahlia enthusiasts will benefit from the topics covered in this workshop.

**2** **Tomatoes: Love/Hate Relationship; Especially in the Willamette Valley.**

*by Ross Penhallegon*  
Everyone loves the taste of a vine-ripened, homegrown tomato. We plant them every spring, fighting rainy cold weather, diseases and pests every step of the way and often experience a disappointing harvest. Ross will discuss the proper soil preparation, varietal selection, planting and care as well as the insect and disease control methods for a bountiful, healthy crop.

**3** **A Holistic Approach to Plant Nutrition and Soil Management**

*by Gisele Schoniger*  
Gisele will help us relearn nature's best practices for sustaining healthy soil. She will explain the role of soil mycorrhizae and the differences between synthetic and natural fertilizers. She will also discuss how both affect plant health and disease pressures. Understanding these relationships will result in better health for us and the planet.

**10:15-11:00 AM**

**BREAK (Browse Exhibits/OSU Bookstore)**

**11:00–12:15 PM**

**Session II**

**Classes 4,5,6**

**4** **Creating Interest in Your Garden Every Month**  
*by Karen Hopson*

Karen Hopson, Plant Manager at Garland Nursery, is a self-professed gardening fanatic. At her home of 30-plus years on the OSU Vegetable Research Farm, she has created a garden worthy of a garden magazine. Karen will describe perennials as well as bulbs, annuals, shrubs, vines, and fabulous foliage plants that will keep your garden looking great year-round. She even has 300 houseplants!

**5** **Hostile, Harmless or Helpful: getting to know your garden's insects.**

*By Gail Langellotto, Ph.D.*  
Fewer than 1% of insects cause serious harm to our crops, our health or our landscapes. Being able to determine which ones are hostile, harmless or helpful is key to sustainably managing pests in the garden. This talk will introduce common garden insects, provide clues to identifying their ecological role in your garden, and outline how to sustainably manage your garden ecosystem.

**6** **Selection and Maintenance of Garden Tools.**  
*By Lowell Cordas*

Ever wondered how to select the perfect tool for your gardening tasks? Do you know what to look for to determine if the tool has been made properly and with quality materials? Do you think that a higher priced tool is always the best? Lowell will discuss what makes a good tool whether steel, wood, or composite. He will explain how a better tool is assembled and the proper way to care for and sharpen various garden tools.

**12:15 - 1:30 PM**

**LUNCH—pick up lunch if pre-ordered**

**1:30 - 2:45 PM**

**Session III**

**Classes 7,8,9**

**7** **Tree Care Through the Year**  
*by Kristin Ramstad*

Kristin has worked as an urban forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry for nearly 20 years. During her talk, she will offer practical insights into year-round tree care. She will touch on planting, pruning, watering, tree stress, and how best to deal with storm-damaged trees. This talk will focus primarily on shade/landscape trees, not fruit trees.

**8** **Eat from Your Garden Year Round; Preserve Your Own**  
*by Nellie Oehler*

Nellie Oehler, Benton County Master Gardener and OSU Extension Faculty member in charge of the Lane County Master Food Preserver Program, will talk about preserving food from your own garden and other local sources. Learn methods of safe canning, dehydrating and freezing that will enable you to save money, eat local all year, and create enjoyable snacks for your whole family.

**9** **Designing and Managing Your Backyard Greenhouse.**  
*by Gail Gredler*

Whether you grow vegetables, flowers, native plants, or trees & shrubs, a backyard greenhouse can enhance your gardening efforts. Learn factors to consider when designing or purchasing a greenhouse, available materials for frames, coverings & ventilation, and how best to manage the greenhouse environment once in place. Gail Gredler teaches horticulture at Chemeketa Community College.

**2:45 - 3:30 PM**

**Raffle Results Posted/Winners Pick Up Prizes**

# Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Choices

Please mark your 1st and 2nd choice class by its listed number for each session:

|             | 1st Choice | 2nd Choice |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Session I   | _____      | _____      |
| Session II  | _____      | _____      |
| Session III | _____      | _____      |

One form per applicant. If you need more forms:  
Download at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton>  
Or stop by our office: 1849 NW 9th St., Corvallis

Pre-Registration Fee for all day \$30.00

(At the Door: \$35)

Box Lunch (optional) \$8.50

**Box Lunch Must be Ordered By January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Lunch includes a filling half-sandwich on artisan bread, chips, apple, pickle and beverage (Catered by Panera)

*Circle ONE sandwich variety:*

Roast Beef and Smoked Cheddar

Turkey on Asiago Focaccia

Ham and Swiss on Rye

Mediterranean Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to BCMGA**

Return completed registration form and non-refundable fee to: Benton County Master Gardener Association  
1849 NW 9th St., Corvallis OR 97330-2144

Office Use Only      Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Conf # \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Session I: \_\_\_\_\_ Session II: \_\_\_\_\_ Session III: \_\_\_\_\_



## Notes and Deadlines

Class space is limited. We will fill all classes on a first come basis. Mailing your registration early will increase the chances of confirming your first choice class picks. If a second choice is not included, one will be assigned to you.

Registration fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**

Lunches must be pre-ordered by January 30, 2012

A postcard confirming your registration will be mailed if registration is received by January 30, 2012. After this date, your confirmation postcard can be picked up on the morning of the workshop 8:00 to 9:00am at the LaSells Stewart Center.

Keep your confirmation postcard on hand. It serves as your ticket.

Raffle ticket sales will end at 1:30pm and winners will be announced at 2:45pm. Unclaimed prizes can be picked up at the OSU Benton County Extension Office.

## Directions

### From I-5

Take Corvallis/Hwy. 34 exit and turn west. Cross bridge into Corvallis. Turn left onto 4th Street. Go eight blocks and turn right onto Western Blvd.

Just past 26th Street, on the right, is a large parking lot. Park there for free and walk across 26th Street to LaSells Stewart Center. Parking is free even in metered spots.

### From Portland on 99W

Drive south on 99W, which becomes 4th Street in Corvallis. Go through the downtown and turn right onto Western Blvd. Continue as above.

### From Eugene on 99W

Drive north on 99W, which becomes 3rd Street in Corvallis. Turn left at the first light, Western Blvd. Continue as above.

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If you have a physical disability requiring special consideration to attend, please notify the Benton Extension Office: 541-766-6750 by January 30, 2012

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