

Master Gardener Class Now Online!

The popular training program that teaches gardeners the latest in how to be a successful home gardener, and then act as educators in the community, is now available online.

Gail Langelloto, statewide coordinator for the Master Gardener Program says, “The partnering of OSU Extension Service with Extended Campus to deliver this program online allows those interested in earning their Master Gardener badge to complete the classroom portion of Master Gardening training at their convenience.”



Gardeners can learn online and then follow up by connecting with their local Master Gardener Program to apply the concepts that they learned in the basic training course through community volunteer opportunities.

The online training begins the same time as the traditional classroom program – January 2009. When the training has been completed, both groups of Master Gardeners begin their hands-on ‘internship’ by volunteering in their own communities for 60 hours.

Those interested in the online training can go to <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/mastergardener> or call 800-667-1465.

Extension is on the ballot: remember to VOTE



The ballots for Clackamas County residents will include a question on whether to fund our Extension Service with a new special district. The district will levy up to \$0.05 per thousand dollars in assessed property value. Non-biased information about the proposal for the district and impacts of Extension programs can be found on our web site at

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas/FAQ>

NEW: Our website FAQ also includes expected impacts of the Secure Rural Schools Act that was recently passed by Congress. The renewal of the program for the next few years will not benefit the Extension Service as it has in the past.

Ballots are being mailed to registered voters this week, and the deadline for voting is Tuesday, November 4. Make your voice heard!

Fish Stewards are at it again!

Seven Clackamas County teachers are raising salmon eggs in their classrooms and teaching their students about water quality, the salmon life



cycle, and local resources in the process. The 4-H Fish Stewards program is offered through OSU Extension in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Each classroom receives a tank and water quality test kit for use from OSU Extension; eggs are supplied by Fish & Wildlife.

Students take responsibility for the care and monitoring of the eggs, beginning in October and concluding with a field trip for releasing the fry in December. For more information about how your school can participate in this twice-yearly program, contact OSU Extension.

Hopkins Demonstration Forest Update

There's been a lot of action at Hopkins Demonstration Forest over the summer. Here are a few highlights:

- May-August: volunteer teams and Environmental Youth Corps built 2 ½ miles of new hiking trails at Hopkins.
- July-September: Several community groups made use of Hopkins facilities this summer, including Forests Forever, Clackamas County Extension, Oregon City and North Clackamas County Chambers of Commerce, Cascade Wood Turners, and the hamlets of Beaver Creek and Mulino.
- October: An auction to raise funds for a new classroom at Hopkins netted about \$6,000; another \$6,000 is needed to begin construction. Donations are gladly accepted by Forests Forever, call 503-655-5524 for information.
- October: A dozen tree farmers from across the country toured Hopkins forest to learn how we integrate active forest management with an active education program and community engagement.
- Currently: Four Eagle Scout projects are underway. Scouts will construct two different trail segments, a bridge, cedar rail fencing and a new picnic table.

There is something going on at Hopkins each month of the year. See the calendar below for information on how you can get involved!



Nursery Field Day



In early September, about 80 nursery-related attendees gathered for a day of learning at Nursery Extension and Research Field Day held at the North Willamette Research

and Extension Center in Aurora. Growers attended presentations put on by the USDA and OSU Extension Service faculty discussing the use of natural enemies to devour nursery pests. They also watched demonstrations of novel equipment and technology aimed at pest management

“The nursery industry has always considered themselves leaders and have been trying to incorporate more ‘green’ methods to their pest management tactics,” said Robin Rosetta, OSU Extension agent.

It is the goal of the OSU faculty and the Extension Service in Clackamas County to provide the latest research and knowledge to commercial producers through events like the Research Field Day.

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What's Happening

Tree Farmer Recognition Banquet – October 25 - 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Arrowhead Country Club, Molalla. Contact Mike Bondi, 503-557-5800.

Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program: “The Environmental Benefit of a Christmas Tree” – October 29 - 9:30 am. Clackamas Community College, Harmony Campus, Milwaukie. \$3.00. Contact Mike Bondi, 503-557-5800.

Election Day – November 4 - Polls close at 8:00 pm. Remember to vote.

Community Forestry Day – November 8 - 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Lunch provided if you call ahead. Contact Tim DeLano, 503-632-2150.

4-H New Leader Orientation – November 13 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Contact Wendy Hein, 503-650-3122.

4-H Awards and Recognition Night – November 15-6:30 pm. 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby. Contact Wendy Hein, 503-650-3122.

Thanksgiving holiday – November 27. Extension office closed.

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