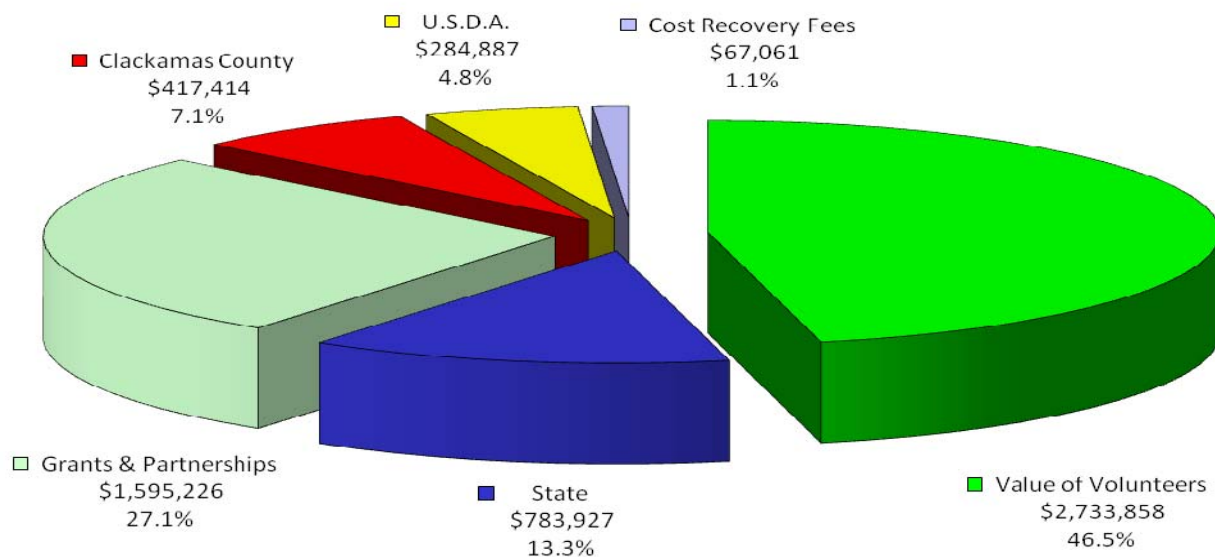


## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 19-25, 2009

Honoring Extension's extraordinary volunteers, their investment value, and their commitment to Extension

- 4-H Leaders
- Master Gardeners
- Master Woodland Managers
- Family Food Educators
- Watershed Stewards
- Tree School
- Advisories
- Specified committees
- Special District Board
- Many others...

Thank You!



In 2008, Clackamas County citizens volunteered 140,126 hours to Extension programs, the equivalent of 67 full-time staff.

# Extension's super Master Gardeners

45 new trainees ready for service

The Master Gardener Program recently trained 45 new Master Gardener interns from Clackamas County. These new interns join the ranks of 250+ existing **volunteers** in

the county and 900+ Master Gardeners in the tri-county metro region. Master Gardener **volunteers** engage the public through education and outreach programs in several important ways:

- Answer the public's questions about all aspects of the art and science of growing and caring for plants in the home and garden.
- Identify problem pests in the home and garden focusing on the least-toxic means of effectively controlling them.
- Perform garden and science-based education for the public.

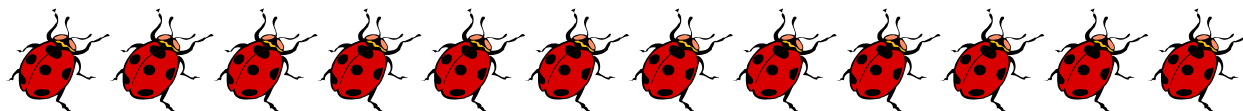


## *Did you know?*

In 2008, trained Master Gardener volunteers provided answers for 5000 Clackamas County residents.

On May 2 and 3, we expect about 17,000 people to attend the largest plant sale in Oregon, the OSU Extension CLACKAMAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' SPRING GARDEN FAIR at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby. Over 70 vendors will feature annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, shrubs, trees, garden art and tools. Other highlights include hourly

raffles, 10-Minute University (short how-to classes), free seed packets, refreshments, pH soil testing, plant check and potting stations, and some surprises! The garden fair was created and developed, and is still managed today, solely by Clackamas County Master Gardeners **volunteers**.



OSU Extension's Clackamas County Master Gardener 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

## **SPRING GARDEN FAIR**

May 2 and 3, 2009

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby

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# Tree School '09 another success

Over 520 attend

Tree School 2009, held at Clackamas Community College, was a little smaller this year...but another great event. About 520 family forest owners, Christmas tree growers, professional foresters and "tree enthusiasts" attended one or more of the 60 classes offered throughout the day. More than 50 businesses, agencies, and non-profits lined the Exhibit Area providing innovative ideas and helpful assistance to the students.



What's Tree School without tree planting? These class participants show off their commemorative Douglas-fir tree planted at Clackamas Community College as part of an Oregon 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday tribute.

Photo by Mike Bondi

## Volunteers help is vital

Many **volunteer** hands help in the success of Tree School, the most important being our outstanding instructors. About 50 well qualified university faculty, industry specialists, business leaders, and professional experts **volunteer** to share their expertise by teaching from one to four classes throughout the day. Without them there would be no Tree School. Other **volunteers** add to the management of Tree School by

- stuffing student packets
- set-up and take down chairs and tables
- putting up signs
- directing traffic
- driving vans for field classes
- selling raffle tickets
- answering questions
- being the "go-fer"

Tree School in Clackamas County began 19 years ago and has grown to the largest annual forestry and natural resource education program in Oregon—and possibly the nation. Extension joins forces each year with the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association, Forests Forever, Inc., and the Clackamas Community College to coordinate the event. Our students tell us they appreciate the varied subjects and qualified instructors, the chance to mingle with fellow landowners, and the ability to continue to learn about being good stewards of the land.

## Tree School 2010

Saturday, March 20

Tree School's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special "birthday party."

Mark your calendars! Join the fun!

# Farmers' Market ready to open in Oregon City



Five years ago the OSU Extension Advisory Council spearheaded the formation of a Farmers' Market in Oregon City. On Saturday,

May 2, the market will begin its 6<sup>th</sup> year with weekly service to the public through October 31. The Oregon City site is one of the few "real" farmers' markets around; that is, one that features exclusively farm grown and/or produced items.

On opening day, OSU Extension staff will be on hand to give away tree seedlings. The Clackamas County

Friends of Extension will sell hand-crafted bird boxes and bird feeders constructed from all natural western redcedar mill ends. And OSU Extension Master Gardeners continue staffing their weekly Q&A booths at the Oregon City, Milwaukie and Lake Oswego farmers' markets.

**History of farmers' markets nationally**  
The Farmers Market phenomenon had its start with Extension nearly 40 years ago when Extension agents on the East Coast pioneered the local marketing concept with farmers in that region. The market movement has gradually spread across the nation and seems to grow in popularity each year. Local farmers markets exist in eight communities in Clackamas County

*Come visit us...See what's new*



**Oregon City Farmers' Market**  
Saturdays, May 2 – October 31, 2009  
Clackamas County Public Service Bldg Parking lot

## What's Happening

**Migration & Spring**, Springwater Charter School at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, April 17, Beaver Creek; contact Tim DeLano 503-632-2150.

**4-H Dog Clinic-Blue Ribbon Workshops**, April 18, Clackamas County Fairgrounds & Event Center, Canby; contact Janet Nagele 503-650-3125.

**4-H Horse Pre-Fair**, April 18-19, Clackamas County Fairgrounds & Event Center, Canby; contact Wendy Hein 503-650-3122.

**Springwater Charter School Service Day**, April 27, Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beaver Creek; contact Tim DeLano 503-632-2150.

**Forestry Education Days**, various dates in April, 91 and Knight Elementary Schools, Canby; contact Janet Nagele 503-3125.

**CCFFA Annual Meeting & Banquet**, April 29, 6:00-9:00pm, Old Spaghetti Factory, Clackamas; contact Mike Bondi 503-557-5880.

**Incredible Egg Program**, 12 classrooms at various elementary schools in Clackamas County; contact Janet Nagele 503-3125.

**FREE Tree Seedling Give-Away**, May 2, 9:00am-2:00pm, Oregon City Farmers' Market, Public Service Bldg Parking Lot, Oregon City; contact Mike Bondi 503-557-5880.

**Spring Garden Fair**, OSU Master Gardeners, May 2-3, Clackamas County Fairgrounds & Event Center, Canby; contact Weston Miller 503-3124.

**Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary Club Speech**, May 7, Noon-1:00pm, Oak Grove; contact Mike Bondi 503-557-5880.

**Community Forestry Day**, May 9, 8:30am-4:30pm, Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beaver Creek; contact Tim DeLano 503-632-2150.