Organic Gardening & Master Gardener Programs 2010-2011

The OSU Extension Service Community and Urban Horticulture Program continues to provide relevant gardening education for folks in Clackamas and other metro area counties.

This fall, we are offering the Organic Gardening Certificate Program, a 60-hour training focused on urban-scale food production and ecological landscaping. There are 45 participants. Most are from the metro area. Some are coming all the way from Salem and Gleneden Beach. Classes are held both at our demonstration garden in SE Portland and in conjunction with Oregon Tilth at Luscher Farm, Lake Oswego.

We are also launching registration for the 2011 Master Gardener Training. Classes will be held in Oregon City, Thursdays, January 6 through March 7, at the Museum of the Oregon Territory.

We are excited to have a new venue with plenty of space and a great view of Willamette Falls. See our website for registration information:
http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/

Weston Miller, Extension Agent
Community and Urban Horticulture

National 4-H Week celebrated with science experiment

How did 4-H promote itself during National 4-H Week? By creating a national experiment to teach youth that science really is fun! This year’s experiment, “4H₂O”, looked at water quality and the effects that carbon in the water and atmosphere have on pH.

On October 3, the Clackamas County 4-H Ambassador Team partnered with the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center and the Lincoln County 4-H program to offer the hands-on experiment all day to the center’s visitors. School classrooms in Clackamas County are also being offered the training and supplies to do the experiment with students.

For more information about the experiment, visit:
https://site.4-h.org/nysd

Wendy Hein, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

4-H Welcomes * Jan Williams *

We are pleased to announce that Jan Williams joined the 4-H team as a faculty member this summer. She will provide support to the Leaders’ Association, livestock, dog, small animal, shooting sports, and summer camp programs. Jan began working in the Extension Office in January as a part-time assistant. We are thrilled that she decided to join us permanently.

Jan’s background is in education, and she has been working most recently as a substitute teacher in the Canby area. She is a 4-H leader and has been the 4-H Art Superintendent at the county fair. She also keeps the books for her family’s business.

We look forward to having Jan help us expand our program, promote 4-H in schools, and increase our nonprofit fundraising.

Jan Williams, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
Farewell to Jorge

For nearly six years Jorge Martinez has provided leadership for Extension’s Latino Youth Outreach programs in Clackamas County. Funded with a combination of grant, state and county monies, the program will be terminated at this time due to budget uncertainties.

The Latino Youth Outreach program has focused on natural resource career development for high school students, after-school programming in local elementary and middle schools, and the establishment of 4-H clubs—including youth recruitment and support for adult club leaders.

“We really appreciate Jorge’s work to build youth programming opportunities for the Latino community in the county and the relationships and networks he has built for going forward,” said Mike Bondi, Extension Staff Chair. “We remain committed to meeting the educational needs of underserved youth and will be looking for other funding options to support this important work.”

What’s Happening!

**HEARTH Rummage Sale**, October 15-16, 9:00-3:00pm. Fri-day, 8:00am-2:00pm Saturday, Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby.
Contact: Wendy Hein (503) 650-3122

**4-H Tack Sale and Rummage Sale**, October 16, 8:00-1:30pm,
Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby.
Contact: Wendy Hein (503) 650-3122

**Coastal Natural Resource School**, October 23, 8:00-5:00pm,
Newport.
Contact: Mike Bondi (503) 557-5880

**Clackamas County Woodland Farmer of the Year Recognition Banquet**, October 23, 6:00-9:00pm,
Arrowhead Country Club, Molalla.
Contact: Mike Bondi (503) 557-5880.

**New 4H Leader Orientation**, November 11, 9:00am-12:00 and 6:30-9:30pm, OSU Extension Office, Oregon City.
Contact: Wendy Hein (503) 650-3122

**Community Forestry Day**, November 13, 8:30am-4:30pm,
Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beavercreek.
Contact: Tim DeLano (503) 632-2150

**Master Gardener Recertification**, November 13, 8:30-3:30pm, Clackamas Community College
Contact: Jordis Yost (503) 650-3118

**4-H Awards & Recognition Night**, November 20, 6:30 pm,
Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 4-H Exhibit Hall, Canby.
Contact: Wendy Hein (503) 650-3122

**Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year Luncheon**, November 22, 11:30-2:00pm, World Forestry Center, Portland.
Contact: Mike Bondi (503) 557-5880

**American Tree Farm Certification Workshop**, December 1, 6:30-9:00pm, NWREC, Aurora.
Contact: Mike Bondi (503) 557-5880

**American Tree Farm Certification Workshop**, December 11, 9:00-11:30am, Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Beavercreek.
Contact: Mike Bondi (503) 557-5880

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