Greetings Coos County Master Gardeners and Trainees!

The new year of 2010 is upon us and with it comes new and exciting opportunities and challenges in the world of gardening. I continue to be amazed by all the “growing” attention our nation and the world are giving to home gardening. Seems most relevant to me and about time!

We, as Master Gardeners, certainly have the opportunity to impact gardening in our county. Over the past several years, there has been a noticeable increase in local media coverage concerning gardening and its value, especially since the recent establishment of five community gardens (Coos Bay, Lakeside, Powers, Coquille and Bandon). Only Myrtle Point and North Bend have yet to establish gardens. We hope that soon, individuals in these two cities will step forward with the energy and desire to build a garden for (and with) their communities. As Master Gardeners, we are there to help!

One of the main goals of the Coos County Master Gardeners is to promote and educate home gardeners and those participating in community gardens. Our gardening interest and expertise give us the ability to offer advice, education and the encouragement of sustainable gardening techniques. I continue to believe that the most important and valuable asset of our entire Master Gardener program is service and the helping of others to enjoy and appreciate the value of gardening.

2010 here we come!

First of all, I would like to welcome our 24 new trainees in the 2010 Coos County Master Gardener class. It is a joy to watch them soak up all the class information, participate with enthusiasm and interest, and provide sustainable energy to our future program. And of course, the bountiful goodies and treats they and our veterans bring to the class meetings are exceptional!

Please mark your calendars on March 27th for our annual “Fertilize Your Mind – The Dirt in Backyard Gardening” seminar to be held at the SOCC campus in Coos Bay. Renée Blom has once again lined up a dynamite keynote speaker and ten class sessions ranging from Coastal Gardening to Raising Chickens in a Small Garden. Our keynote speaker will be Mr. Robert Emmanuel, a specialist in Water Resources & Community Development. He will be speaking on “Confronting the Invasion, One Garden at a Time: Invasive Species Facts for Gardeners”, a most timely topic, considering all the threats we now face from invasive plants and species.

Our 7th annual Tomato-Rama Plant Sale will be held May 15-16, at the Pony Village Mall. Now is the time for MGs to be starting plants from seeds (especially tomatoes), dividing plants, and taking cuttings from both indoor and outside plants. We can only make this sale a success if we all pitch in and contribute. We need 5,000-6,000 plants. The plant sale is our sole fundraiser of the year and the proceeds fund our scholarship program, the school garden grant program and the many other educational activities we sponsor.

On a final note, a very special congratulations to our own Master Gardener, Katie Etienne, as the newly hired Master Gardener Coordinator at the Coos County OSU Extension Office. I am sure we all wish her well and look forward to working with her in this coming year.

Blair Holman
President, Master Gardener 2004
Message from Linda

The start of a new year brings many changes. For the Master Gardener program in Coos County, it brings a new cadre of Master Gardener trainees—24 to be exact—and a new MG coordinator, Katie Etienne. The learning curve for all will be steep, but hopefully enjoyable. Please take the time to welcome both Katie and the new trainees.

February and March in the Plant Clinic bring a lot of questions about trees—planting new, pruning, and maintenance. There are a lot of good OSU Extension publications that may be helpful to you and any Plant Clinic client that telephones or drops in:

1. Selecting, Planting and Caring for a New Tree—EC 1438
2. Pruning to Restore an Old, Neglected Apple Tree—EC 1005
3. Pruning and Training Your Home Orchard—PNW 400
4. Growing Tree Fruits and Nuts in the Home Orchard—EC 819
5. Care of Physically Injured Fruit and Nut Trees—FS 60
7. Plant Your Trees Right—PNW 33

All of these publications are available either through the Extension office or on-line at: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/

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Attention Master Gardeners:

PESTICIDE PRODUCT ALERT

Lime sulfur products may not be available for home use this season. Lime sulfur is currently still in review at the EPA, but some companies have cancelled production of their products. OSU Extension is working to remove the recommendations for lime sulfur products from the PNW Handbooks, the OSU Gardening Calendars and other OSU publications. Plant Clinic volunteers should be cautioned about advising gardeners to use lime sulfur, as they likely will not be able to obtain it.
South Coast Community Garden Association and the Coos County Master Gardeners are sponsoring their 4th Annual Spring Gardening Series.

**Propagation-Seed Starting**  
Jennifer Ewing  
Saturday, February 20th, from 12-2

**Rhododendrons 101**  
Robert Macintyre  
Saturday, March 20th from 12-2

**Greenhouses**  
Liza Ehle By-the-Sea Gardens  
Saturday, April 17th, from 12-2

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**Announcing the 2010 Master Gardener Scholarships**

The Coos County Master Gardeners’ Association is now accepting applications for its 2010 scholarship. The deadline for submitting an application is April 30th, and the decision will be made by May 7th, with the monies awarded to be applied to the 2010-2011 academic year.

Two scholarships at $2000 each are available this year to honor and assist students studying agriculture, biology, botany, biochemistry, entomology, forestry, horticulture, landscape design or some other plant-related field.

The qualifications differ for each of the scholarships. One is a traditional type requiring the applicant to have a diploma or GED equivalency from a high school in Coos County. The second scholarship is open to any Coos County resident regardless of where they attended high school. Additional requirements are listed on each specific application form.

Applicants may apply online at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/coos/Mg/, or call Rhonda Fischer at the Extension office (541) 572-5263 to have a copy mailed. Any questions about the scholarship should be directed to Jane Mitten at (541) 888-6760.
**COOS BAY**

At **Ladybug Landing Community Garden** applications are still being accepted for the 2010 season. Interested gardeners can apply to have one of the sixty (60) 12 ft x 4 ft plots for $10 a year. All gardeners must also be members of the South Coast Community Garden Association, which is an additional $10, for a total cost of $20 a year. All beds are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

This is a fantastic way to supplement a family's food budget and get really fresh, **organic** produce as well. Ladybug Landing is a completely ORGANIC garden. No synthetic chemicals allowed! This is our 4th year operating organically and the soil is AMAZING and ALIVE!

Many returning gardeners have already applied for the 2010 season but there are at least a dozen new gardeners already this year! Many applicants are from the North Bend area and we are super excited to perhaps get a garden going in that area for those that live in North Bend. We are really happy to have all our North Bend, Empire, Eastside and Charleston neighbors enjoying Ladybug Landing and we hope more will be interested in building additional spots to grow food all over the county.

For more information call Sarah Crawford at (541) 269-0260.

Sarah Crawford, Ladybug Landing Garden Coordinator  
**Master Gardener 2008**

**BANDON**

**Good Earth Community Garden** is on schedule to open Spring 2010! The garden is located at 780 8th Court in West Bandon, near the high school. This winter we are holding regular work parties to finish the garden’s construction. If we get the beds finished, we can open in time for spring planting. Come join us!

Education is a key element of **Good Earth’s** mission and so members are sponsoring free classes for the public. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, February 6 from 10 - 12 at the Bandon Library. The subject is Propagation/Starting your own plants from seeds and cuttings and will be taught by Jennifer Ewing. The next two classes will be on Composting and then How to plant your garden beds. These classes will be in April and/or May.

For more information, contact Kim Flannagan at (541) 260-2397 or kflannagan@mycomspan.com. See you at **Good Earth**!

Kim Flannagan

**COQUILLE**

At **Pioneer Coquille Community Garden** the 23 rentable beds are ready for the beginning of gardening season. They've been amended with dolomite lime, soft rock phosphate, and composted dairy manure. We've started accepting applications for bed rentals and 10 are taken. We have three (3) 36" high raised beds for persons with special needs who make the request on their application.

Our applications are available at the **Pioneer garden site**, which is located in the Coquille Methodist Church's parking lot at 180 North Baxter, and also at the Coquille Sentinel Office on 1st Street in Coquille.

We have just recently learned that we received a grant from the Coquille Indian Tribe for a greenhouse/storage shed. We are especially excited about this because we will be able to start and grow seedlings on site for our gardeners, and teach as we grow!

If you have any further questions, please call Darlene Judd, Garden Coordinator, at (541) 404-7519.

Mary Dixon  
**Master Gardener 2008**
Waiting

Winter is shorter when you know a garden
and can still pull beets in early December.
Even after everything’s turned under
long nights are hours of rest, not death,
earned sleep after the land’s labor
when kitchen tables bear seed packets,
almanacs, sketches,
when conversation
conjures up a tangled trellis of peas
before the first one plumps in a furrow.

That day apple twigs are already knobbier,
crocus tips slice old mulch,
February
is already spring.

Robins watch the hoe.

—Jody Aliesan
(reprinted with permission)

CONGRATULATIONS to our eleven new Master Gardeners in 2009!

⇒ Marlene Akhtar
⇒ Tim Bramhall
⇒ Carol Emery
⇒ Lisa Hollenbeck
⇒ Elizabeth (Ellen) Johnson
⇒ Georgia Martin
⇒ Diane Partmann
⇒ Aaron Richards
⇒ Rhea Taylor-Russell
⇒ Sherri Shay
⇒ Leila Varoujean

Meet Master Gardener

LILY BETZING

Lily earned her Master Gardener badge in 2007, and immediately took on the position of CCMGA Secretary. So for the past two years you have seen her busily taking notes at the monthly meetings, but you might not have had a chance to get to know her. Lily’s early childhood in southern California was all about family (she has 4 sisters and one brother) and their relationship to the land, as both of her Midwest-born parents came from gardening and farming families. She remembers working with her Mom in their extensive vegetable gardens, and caring for their chickens, rabbits and goats. Vacations were spent with her parents’ families in Oklahoma, Tennessee and Missouri, sometimes sharing in farm duties like feeding the hogs and picking okra and cotton.

In her adult life Lily has gardened wherever she has lived, and her husband of 35 years, John, has brought to their relationship his family’s experiences in growing ornamentals, especially roses. Lily and John moved to Coos Bay 5 years ago from Sacramento, when Lily retired from working for the State of California. Since then they have had many adventures while renovating their house and taming their lovely yard, which was originally loaded with tall native trees and blackberry bushes. Now after 5 years of work they tend a large vegetable garden, specialized tomato incubators, a small orchard and many ornamentals. Lily especially likes to grow artichokes, different varieties of hebes, succulents and blueberries, and Calla Lilies, a connection with her mother and an aunt who grew them to beautify around their pigpens.

In addition to gardening, quilting and participating in Master Gardener events, Lily is a member of the North Bend Garden Club (past Vice President and current Secretary). Since the passing of their beloved Rottweiler Hannah last fall, Lily and John have become active in FOCCAS: Friends of Coos County Animal Shelter, and have twice fostered dogs while they awaited placement in permanent homes.

As a Master Gardener Lily has especially enjoyed working with kids, in the Children’s Program at Ladybug Landing Community Garden, and at Growin’ Yer Grub day camp. She loves how excited the kids get, and seeing them realize where their food comes from. Lily thinks teaching kids at an early age is so important, to help them develop into adults who will garden.

This year Lily hopes to participate in these programs again, and also plans to start even more tomatoes and veggies for this year’s Plant Sale. Her goal for this spring is to start 500 tomato plants!
Dear Coos County Master Gardeners,

Thank you so much for the garden grant to Bunker Hill School for 2009. During the Spring school season we started a lot of fun and educational activities with the students.

♦ We started lettuce, broccoli, tomatoes and flowers inside under grow lights. We used grant money to purchase seeds, peat pots, soil, and peat pellets. We bought enough seeds and pots to provide 2-3 plants per student (about 45 students). Lisa Hollenbeck's 1st grade class and our buddy class, Becky Crane's 6th grade class from Milllicoma, were the two classes involved. The spring veggies were transferred outside to our school beds and students took home a flower or tomato plant.

♦ I read the students Diary of a Worm, which gave them some idea of the items used in vermicomposting and we set up the worm bin.

♦ We cleared Bunker Hill garden beds using the tools bought with the grant, and we filled the beds with soil (bought with grant money) and planted peas, lettuce, kohlrabi, broccoli, and radishes. We had a harvest day at the end of the school year where we harvested the lettuce and made salad. We also ate peas but they were just coming on. Later I picked peas and donated 1 pound to the food bank.

♦ We had a couple of lessons on seeds where we looked at different types of seeds and talked about what they grow into. We also did some work with the stages of seed growth.

♦ When school started again in the fall, we started 56 plants using pots, rooting hormone, and soil purchased with the grant money. We started jade, coleus, and ice plants. Becky Crane's class from Milllicoma came and started these plants also. We planted garlic and weeded the garden beds, and we provided ongoing care for the vermicomposting bin.

We ran into some challenges that affected our results in the garden. One part of the project that was challenging was working within the school calendar. I found spring vegetables to grow, and the lettuce and radishes did great, but the peas were just coming on as the school year ended. During the summer it was difficult to get the garden watered, and we ended up with a crop of only 5 mini sunflowers. The other main challenge is managing the kids' enthusiasm. It seems the minute I take my eyes off a student they are pulling up a plant that should be left in, acting wild with a garden tool, or crushing a bulb. It would help to have more volunteers.

The kids loved to be in the garden and many of them had no experience with plants. Many had never eaten a radish and others had never seen a pea plant. They loved checking on their plant starts and seeing how much they had grown. They also were all very excited that we had enough salad greens to send some home with each student. I believe that I will get a better idea of what works and what doesn’t as I continue this garden project through the years.

Lisa Hollenbeck  
Master Gardener 2009

The School Garden Grant Committee of the Coos County Master Gardeners Association has chosen the following schools as this year’s grant recipients: Christ Lutheran and Madison Elementary in Coos Bay, Powers High School, and The Lighthouse School in North Bend. The grants to the 4 schools totaled $2852. An award ceremony and celebration was held on February 10th at Pony Village Mall. Congratulations to these fine people for their hard work and dedication!

Master Gardener volunteers are needed to help out at these and other schools that have school gardens. Please contact Alane Jennings at acjjb@yahoo.com for more details.
Elementary, my dear Watson?

It took some real sleuthing, in the style of Sherlock Holmes, to find the name of a sweet little red glad-like flower that I divided for last May’s plant sale. I originally purchased it from a local garden club sale many years ago - with no name attached. After spending hours looking online, I mentioned it to one of our fellow Master Gardeners and it was decided...Dr. Watson, I presume? Or was that Watsonia, I presume? Yes, indeed, my detective skills located a few pictures and descriptions of Watsonia, a small, clumping plant with sword-shaped leaves and spikes of bright red flowers, growing from a corm, that is a genus in the Iridaceae family of over 50 species originating from southern Africa. To tell the truth, I never really cared what it was called, I just liked it. But, as a Master Gardener, I felt it should be properly identified for our sale.

The mystery continues...Recently, I came across a magazine article which pictured a Kaffir Lily. Oh, my, gosh! I do believe it might be my little plant! I’ve also found it listed as Hesperantha coccinea (River Lily or Crimson Flag). However, it seems that the name recently this species was known by its old name Schizostylis coccinea. This hardy South African native comes into its own in the fall and blooms continuously well into winter, a nice spot of color at that time of year!

So, to make a long story short, it shall now be called Scarlet River Lily, I presume. (At least until one of our experts - someone who enjoys a good mystery - identifies it as something else!)

Sherri Shay
Master Gardener 2009

Entertainments for the Rainy Season

When I’m not in my garden, there is a good chance that the book or movie I’m enjoying has to do with gardening in some way. Recently my daughter-in-love (no that’s not a typo) told me about Greenfingers, a movie available through our local library system. The movie involves a group of prison inmates involuntarily moved onto a garden duty work crew in their new experimental prison. I think many of us would enjoy the British humor, and understand what it is that the inmates discovered in this light-hearted comedy romance made in 2000. A video series I’ve enjoyed is the British television series done between 2003 and 2007 titled Rosemary and Thyme, about two unlikely women who team up to re-do gardens, and always end up involved in a murder. One of the filmings took place at the Royal Botanical Gardens in London, and during a layover I went to visit the conservatory where the filming took place. Picture a glass house the size of a large football field, three stories high, filled with exotic plants, and you get the idea. This murder mystery series always leaves me ready to get back out into my own garden, and is suitable for any age viewer.

Inspired by an article in the Garden Thymes newsletter, I’ve enjoyed reading the entire series of gardening mysteries by Susan Wittig Albert. I also enjoyed The 3000 Mile Garden: A Exchange of Letters Between Two Eccentric Gourmet Gardeners, which was an actual series of letters written between a Maine rural gardener and a British gardener who oversees gardens in a city park in London.

The humor of gardeners and their resourceful, hopeful ways never disappoint me. These books and films are available locally, and have potential to be good company during non-gardening hours. Enjoy!

Brook Settle
Master Gardener 2008
February is a good time to prune roses

In the Kreutzer rose garden we prune around President’s Day. It is colder in Myrtle Point and often there is really cold weather in February. We have found if we prune earlier and then there is moderate weather for a short time or it gets warm, the plants may be stimulated to grow too early. If the weather turns unusually warm it could cause the soil to warm up as well, and that provides stimulation for the plant to leaf out. If this happens and there is a freeze in February it will kill that new growth. If a person has already pruned it is possible the canes could die back and they would need to be re-cut. A cane will continue to die until it is re-cut to live wood.

We prune rather severely in the Kreutzer rose garden. Generally. We prune a rose to 1/3 of its original height, but more often than not, we prune to ¼ of that height. We have over 700 rose bushes and even if we had only 20 roses we would prune the same. Why? The purpose of a good pruning is to start this awesome rejuvenation of the rose bush. Always remember, a rose bush, unless grown on its own roots, consists of the graft and the root stock. The root system is responsible for the taking in of nutrients. The rose variety is nothing without good nutrition. The root system is given its chance at a good long life, beginning with the planting. We continue that life by adding nutrients before and during the growing season.

The rose grafted to this root stock depends on the rosarian to continue its long life as well. We want our rose to have strong healthy canes. The canes must have room to grow. The bud union must have room for new basal breaks. Of course, we must take out all diseased or damaged canes, dead canes, or canes too small to sustain vigorous growth. Also, remember to take out growth that is crossed in the center. Hold your hand out, palm up and spread your fingers. A pruned rose bush is like your hand. The middle is empty leaving good circulation of air. And the fingers or canes give a good shape to the bush. Depending on the age or size of the bush, I leave the canes evenly spaced around the bud union. Leaving 4 healthy canes is what you want, but at times, one or two canes are left. If you remove a cane at the bud union (graft) always cut it so there is no sign of it. And when you prune a cane, cut at a 45 angle above an outside bud eye. The reason for this is simple: the new growth will grow to the outside and not into the center of the bush.

If the rose bush is growing on its own roots, there is no bud union. The same principles apply: dead and diseased wood must be cut out.

I always like to remind new pruners that any growth off a cane can never be any bigger than what it is growing from. So do not leave a cane smaller than your little finger. My motto is, if in doubt cut it out. It is really only important to leave good healthy canes. When a rose grower follows these basic principles this awesome rejuvenation continues.

You may want to use a dormant spray to continue the process of care and rejuvenation. We use a lime sulphur and spray oil combination, which takes care of diseases and insects. Be sure to clean up all the leaves and prunings before you dormant spray. Most diseases leave spores behind only to infect the rose again, come spring.

Pruning time is also the time for planting your new roses. Actually, if we have a rose bush that is doing poorly, we move it to another place in the yard. Sometimes replanting the bush gives it a new life.

The rose bush rests, and with the pruning and dormant spraying completed, we rest and await the beauty of a new bountiful spring.

Mary Anne Kreutzer  Master Gardener 2004

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Fertilize Your Mind,
The “Dirt” on Backyard Gardening
9th Annual Garden Seminar
Presented by Coos County Extension and Master Gardener Association
Saturday, March 27th at SOCC from 9-4
$25 to register call (541) 572-5263

There was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it.

The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. “How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?” the reporter asked.

“Why sir,” said the farmer, “didn't you know?” The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn.”

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor’s corn also improves.

So it is in other dimensions. Those who choose to be at peace must help their neighbors to be at peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Anita Straus,
Master Gardener 2005, via Tricia Clark McDowell, Lane County

Growing Good Corn

Master Gardener Plant Clinic
needs Volunteers!

Mondays and Thursdays from 9-12

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Starting March 15:
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The “Dirt” on Backyard Gardening
9th Annual Garden Seminar
Saturday, March 27, 2010
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fertilize Your Mind is a day-long seminar offering practical, hands-on learning for home gardeners. Whether you are an experienced or novice gardener, new to the area or have lived here for decades, you can find plenty of ideas to make gardening easier, more enjoyable, and more successful.

- Eleven experienced and practical speakers will present classes covering a wide range of horticultural interest.
- Information-packed displays are available for study all day.
- Registration Fee: $25.00 (sponsorships available from the CCMGA)
  Includes keynote speech, lectures, and snack at morning break.
  No lunch will be served.

Registration form on reverse side

Schedule of Speakers and Classes for Saturday, March 27, 2010

9:00 -10:15 – Keynote Speaker: Robert Emanuel “Confronting the Invasion, One Garden at a Time”
10:15 - 10:45 – Break
10:45 - noon – First Session of Classes
  1 “Year Round Vegetable Gardening” Renee Blom
  2 “Mason Bees” Carol See
  3 “Container Gardening with Edibles” Cathy Gibson
  4 “Basic Backyard Pruning for Fruit, Flower and Form” Patty Driscoll
Noon - 1:00 – Lunch (take time to browse static displays)
1:00 - 2:15 – Second Session of Classes
  5 “Year Round Vegetable Gardening” Renee Blom
  6 “Strawberries” Linda White
  7 “Beekeeping” Shigeo Oku
  8 “The Lost Art of Food Storage: Keeping, Storing and Cooking Garden Produce” Sharon Johnson
2:15 - 2:45 – Break
2:45 - 4:00 Third Session of Classes
  9 “Companion, Succession and Inter-planting Vegetables” Jennifer Ewing
  10 “Strawberries” Linda White
  11 “Coastal Gardening” Diane O’Bryan
  12 “Raising Chickens in a Small Garden” Annie McAleer

Fertilize Your Mind Garden Seminar, SOCC Campus, Coos Bay
Directions to the Hales Center

Northern-Central Oregon to Coos Bay and the College:
- Take I-5 South to Coos Bay/Reedsport Exit 162 (Drain, Oregon).
- Highway 38 will connect with Highway 101 in Reedsport Oregon. Go south on Highway 101 to North Bend/Coos Bay. Turn right on Virginia Street (Pony Village Mall/Airport exit sign). Turn left on Broadway. Take Broadway to Newmark Avenue (Sizzler is on the right), turn right and follow Newmark Avenue to the College. The college entrance is located across from Wal-Mart.

Southern Oregon to Coos Bay and the College:
- If you live in Southern Oregon, take I-5 North. Exit at Roseburg and take Highway 42 through Coquille, Oregon. Follow the signs, Highway 101 North to Coos Bay. Continue on Highway 101 through Coos Bay’s downtown area. Continue northbound past the Timber Inn and Red Lion. Turn left on Newmark Avenue (stop light, Ming Palace Restaurant is on the left). The college entrance is located across from Wal-Mart.

SOCC Campus Map

Hales Center for Performing Arts
Public Parking
Main Campus Entrance

NOTEWORTHY

- CLASS SPACE IS LIMITED. We will fill classes on a first-come, first-serve basis, so the earlier you mail in your application, the better chance you have to get your first choices.
- You may also register that morning, but class selection may be limited.
- CONFIRMATION POSTCARDS for sessions will be mailed to you if you register by March 22nd. If you register after that date, pick up your card between 8 - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27th.
- PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO BRING YOUR CONFIRMATION POSTCARD WITH YOU FOR ADMITTANCE TO CLASSES.
- NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

- Empire Café will be closed due to Spring Break
- Bring a Sack Lunch and Drink

Fertilize Your Mind: The “Dirt” on Backyard Gardening, March 27, 2010
SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Name_____________________________________
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City/Zip___________________________________
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Date of Birth (for FTE documentation)___________
CLASS CHOICES Please mark 1st and 2nd choice class numbers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd session classes.

1st Choice 2nd Choice
1st Class Session # _____ # _____
2nd Class Session # _____ # _____
3rd Class Session # _____ # ____

I would like to receive the Master Gardener newsletter _______
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Return completed registration form and non-refundable fee (make checks payable to OSU Extension Service) to:
Fertilize Your Mind, Coos County-OSU Extension Service, 631 Alder Street, Myrtle Point, OR 97458.
Registration received by March 22nd will be confirmed by return mail.

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1st Session Class Choice__________ 2nd Session Class Choice ____________ 3rd Session Class Choice ____________

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Fee includes
- Keynote speech
- Three Concurrent Sessions
- Continental Brunch
- Access to displays

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