OSU Josephine County Master Gardeners™
with OSU Extension Service & Rogue Community College

21st Annual

Home Garden Seminar

Saturday ~ February 20, 2010 ~ 8:30 am to 4:15 pm
Rogue Community College/ Redwood Campus
3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass

The 21st annual Home Garden Seminar is brought to you by the Josephine County Master Gardeners. Kick off that winter frost and join other gardeners in sessions that will prepare you for those glorious warm spring days in your garden.

This event is held at the Redwood Campus of Rogue Community College in Grants Pass. Registration opens January 11th and closes February 12th.

Walk-in registration is welcome on the day of the seminar - depending on space. Advance registration is recommended as classes fill up fast!
(Registration form is enclosed)

Mail registration to:
Rogue Community College
3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR 97527

Phone sign up or for questions, call RCC:
(541) 956-7303 or (541) 956-7116
FOOD AND NUTRITION- FREEZING AND DRYING
Sharon Johnson- OSU Extension Faculty Member
It’s mid-August and you just harvested two bushels of fresh produce. Now, what do you do? Join Sharon and other Master Food Preservers and learn how to make your bumper crop last well into the winter months. This session will focus on preserving foods by freezing and drying.

TREES CARE 101
Tal Blankenship- Former OSU Extension Horticulture Agent
This class is designed to help gardeners and homeowners care for their trees. Smart purchasing, proper planting, maintenance and protection will be covered. Participants will come away with current, practical information and a deeper appreciation for trees.

RAISED BED CONSTRUCTION
Brad Ross- Josephine County Master Gardener
We will discuss materials and strategies for raised beds; from simple mounding up dirt, to wood, concrete and rock frames. We will discuss some of the advantages of raised beds. Raised beds warm more quickly in spring, allowing you to work the soil and plant earlier, consistently eat ripe tomatoes around the 4th of July here in Southern Oregon. Raised beds are easy to harvest, weed, easy to fertilize and easy to amend the soil. Raised beds drain better. The soil in raised beds doesn’t get compacted, because they are constructed with accessibility in mind. It’s easy to tailor the soil for your raised bed to the plants you plan to grow there. After the initial construction process, raised beds require less maintenance than conventional garden beds.

ALL ABOUT ROSES
Harry & Jackie Sue Harvey- Rogue Valley Rose Society
This class will include an overview of rose bush anatomy, and a discussion on selecting and purchasing roses. Additionally, we will discuss the requirements for growing beautiful roses including proper watering, fertilizing, disease and pest control with an emphasis on safety measures.

PLANTS FOR A DEER RESISTANT GARDEN
Christie Mackison- Co-Owner Shooting Star Nursery
Deer and their appetites are one of the most common problems that gardeners ask us about at our nursery. Instead of lots of smelly sprays or expensive fencing you can solve those problems by proper plant choices. Learn about some plant choices that you may not have seen before and have been tested in the Rogue Valley by the co-owner of Shooting Star Nursery and her customers. A deer resistant plant list will be provided as well as lots of examples you can touch and smell!

GARDEN DESIGN WORKSHOP
Carol McBride- Professional Landscape Designer
Want to design your own garden? In this workshop we will explore the design process by discussing design principles and the steps to take in order to create your own garden.

FOOD AND NUTRITION PART II- PRESSURE AND WATER BATH CANNING
Sharon Johnson- OSU Extension Faculty Member
In this session, Master Food Preservers will continue to provide you with practical ways to preserve foods. This session will focus on home canning. So, dig out those “Mason Jars” that are gathering dust and learn how to put them to good use.

THE BLOOMIN’ BASICS: GROWING ANNUALS, PERENNIALS AND BULBS
Marjorie Neal- Jackson County Master Gardener
This class is designed for the novice flower gardener. We will discuss planning the garden, how to choose what to grow (basics of annuals and perennials). Additionally, we will look at building beds, berms and borders, starting your own plants or purchasing them from a nursery or catalog. We will also touch on the basic care of plants.

DRIP IRRIGATION I
Chuck Mould- Josephine County Master Gardener
This class is designed to teach the home gardener how to develop a basic Drip Irrigation system. The class will cover basic Drip Irrigation principles and operation. It will cover the basic parts and tools needed to put together a home garden Drip Irrigation system. It will also cover basic soil types and how they effect the operation of your Drip Irrigation system. This course is designed for the home gardener with limited or no experience designing and building a Drip Irrigation system, and is required before taking the Intermediate Drip Irrigation class.

NATURAL PRUNING FOR SHRUBS AND TREES
Steve Renquist- Douglas County Horticulture Agent
Learn the art and science behind natural pruning for shrubs, flowering trees, and shade trees. Know what kind of pruning cuts are good for your plants and what time of year is the least stressful.

ROOKIE GARDENING PART I
Carol Oneal- Jackson County Master Gardener
Do you want to grow your own vegetables but have no idea where to start? This two-session class is designed for the beginner, and covers site selection, seeds and transplanting, watering, garden pests, and more.

BUILDING A HOME GREENHOUSE
Pat Siler- Josephine County Master Gardener
Are you thinking of adding a greenhouse? What should you know before you begin? Should you buy a kit or build from scratch? What type of foundation should it have? What about the flooring? What kinds of coverings are available and what are their costs? Is heating and cooling really required? What other things should you think about before you start? This class will address these questions and many more. Local examples of various Master Gardener greenhouses will be shown and discussed. Time at the end of the class will be allocated to answer questions about greenhouse construction and operation.
THE CUTTING EDGE (DISCUSSION)
Peggy Corum- Jackson County Master Gardener
Are you a frugal gardener? Are you always looking for a bargain? Here's your chance to get plants for your garden practically free. In this session, we will discuss how to collect and root stem cuttings of your favorite shrubs.

UNDERSTANDING SOILS AND WATER FOR BEGINNERS
Stan Mapolski- Landscaper/Host of KMED Rogue Gardener
The two most important elements for growing plants will be discussed. What are the properties of "good" soil? How can we improve our soil to better grow our plants? What is the best way to water my plants? Is all water created equal? Those are just a few questions that beginning and more experienced gardeners want to know. Learn the answers — they may surprise you!

DRIP IRRIGATION DESIGN
Chuck Mould- Josephine County Master Gardener
This class is designed for those students that have taken the Introduction to Drip Irrigation class, or who have a thorough understanding of building and operating a Drip Irrigation system. The class will focus on designing a system for YOUR garden. It will cover tubing size selection, water flow and friction loss considerations. Student input is encouraged in this class. (Please bring the following items: pencil(s); graph paper, or something to draw on; and a small calculator. THIS CLASS WILL NOT COVER THE MATERIAL IN THE "INTRODUCTION TO Drip IRRIGATION" class. If you are not sure that you have the necessary knowledge, PLEASE take the Introduction to Drip irrigation class prior to taking this class.)

GROWING QUALITY GRAPES
Steve Renuquist- Douglas County Horticulture Agent
The climate of Southern Oregon is wonderful for growing grapes. Join Steve as he teaches us about site selection, training, pruning, pest control, and grape varieties for table or wine grapes to produce the quality we all desire.

ROOKIE GARDENING PART II
Carol Oneal- Jackson County Master Gardener
Continuing from Part I, we will look at growing what you've planted. Proper watering, fertilizing and gardening pests will be discussed.

FIVE SIMPLE STEPS TO GROWING THE EARLIEST, BEST-EVER TOMATOES
Marjorie Neal- Jackson County Master Gardener
More than 1000 varieties of tomatoes have come (and mostly gone) in the almost 600 years since their “discovery” by Pizarro. Now we can choose slicers, stuffers, canners, cherries, grapes, currents and more. We can grow them in soil, in bags, in pots or even in water. Come learn how to grow and enjoy the most popular home veggie of all.

THE CUTTING EDGE (WORKSHOP)
Peggy Corum- Jackson County Master Gardener
This is a hands-on workshop for individuals who have attended THE CUTTING EDGE (DISCUSSION) and wish to practice these techniques in the classroom. This session will be limited to 30 students.

COMPOST TEA
Charlie Newsom- Josephine County Master Gardener
Have you composting and mulching work to build soil tilth and energy that creates healthier plants. If we serve compost tea, can we invite the Queen? Are you unsure of the etiquette involved? Come and listen while Master Gardener, Charlie Newsome shares his experience with building compost, composting containers, and "brewing up" compost tea.

LIVING SOILS AND THE CRITTERS THAT DO THE WORK
Rhianna Simes- OSU Master Recycler Coordinator
Your garden is only as good as your soil. This workshop offers a closer look at the organisms that do the work to create healthy soil itself. Whether it understands the soil food web, or learning to support your native decomposers, this workshop offers something for everyone who is interested in organically growing and amending living soils.

MANAGING WEEDS AROUND YOUR HOME
Bob Reynolds- OSU Extension Horticulture Agent
Are weeds taking over? Learn some strategies and techniques for managing weeds around your home and in your garden. Note: This presentation will not address large acreages or farm weed management.

THE BASICS OF BONSAI
Mark Tapley- Cascade Bonsai Society
Bonsai is an ancient, artistic form of cultivating trees in pots that creates a sense of age, grace, and vitality in the tree. This class will demonstrate and discuss some of the techniques that are used in this practice such as wiring, pruning and fertilizing.

HYPERTUFA
Katie Denton- Josephine County Master Gardener
Hypertufa is lightweight cement used to make stepping-stones, planters, and garden ornaments. Students will learn how to make a planting trough, which will be taken home. This class is limited to a maximum of 20 students. All materials will be provided including a compilation of hypertufa recipes, so bring your creative energies and be prepared to have fun.
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Registration Form

Name _______________________________ Birth Date M_D_Y Master Gardener?: Yes No
Address _______________________________ City __________ Zip _______ Phone(____)
E-mail _______________________________

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How to Register:
- Pre-registration is strongly advised. Walk-ins on seminar day will be on a space-available cash or check only basis. Mail-in registrations received after February 12, 2010 will be treated as walk-ins.

Complete a registration form for each person. Registration forms are available at http://www.jocomastergardeners.com or http://extension.oregonstate.edu/josephine/horticulture/master-gardeners and through the RCC website. If additional registration forms are needed, copy this form and submit one for each person.
- Include a check payable to RCC for $20. Do NOT mail cash. (Must be received by 2/12/10).
  - By mail Send to: Rogue Community College - Attention Community Education
  3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR 97527
  - In person Bring to: Rogue Community College - Community Education, Building “L”
  3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR 97527
  - By phone Call: 541-956-7303 You may use credit/debit card.

You may attend up to a total of 4 classes (one class per session) for the $20 registration fee. Mark a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for each session. Indicate your 1st choice with a “1”, your 2nd choice with a “2” and your 3rd choice with a “3”.

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(* Denotes classes which qualify for Master Gardener recertification.)

~ Seminar is at the Redwood Campus of RCC - see address below ~

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Lunch will be available in the cafeteria the day of the Seminar
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Campus Map and Directions

From Cave Junction turn right into West Entrance of campus from Hwy 199

From downtown Grants Pass:
South on Sixth Street. Turn right on Redwood Highway. Drive 2.6 miles. Look for RCC entrance signs on left or right. Turn left into Willow Lane and immediately right onto Demaray. Go 0.9 miles. Turn right into College Drive ('East Entrance' on map to left.). Park in any lot. Follow Home Garden Seminar Signs.

From Rogue River:
Exit Freeway at Exit 55. Follow Grants Pass Parkway, which turns into Redwood Highway where it crosses Hwy 238. Follow directions above, starting with "Drive 2.6 miles".

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