



Oregon State University Extension Service

May-August 2017

Evening & Saturday Community Education Gardening Classes



All classes are held at the OSU Extension Auditorium
at 215 Ringuette St. in Grants Pass

- \$5 discount for pre-registration at least 24 hours in advance.
- Additional \$5 discount for Master Gardener volunteers.
- Classes marked with an * are eligible for Master Gardener Continuing Education recertification hours

Tune in for weekly mini talks about gardening on the Master Gardener's radio program every Wednesday at 12:50 p.m. on KAJO 99.7 FM or 1270 AM

Fridays: May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, and 9 **Seed to Supper Series** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$5
Taught by Master Gardeners

In cooperation with the Oregon Food Bank, Seed to Supper is a free six week series of classes for beginning gardeners who want to learn how to grow their own vegetables on a limited budget. Course topics include: garden site selection and planning, soil development, planting, caring for the garden, and harvesting and using the garden bounty. Participants will receive an illustrated course book, a certificate of completion, and more. **Participants are asked to commit to attending all six classes. (Limit 25 participants).**

Thurs., May 18 **Landscaping with Native Plants*** Tal Blankenship, Retired Horticulturist 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$15

Participants in this class will have a better understanding of how native plants reduce costs and labor for the homeowner, as well as helping conserve wildlife and natural resources. After this class, participants will have a better understanding of the value and importance of native plants in today's landscape. They will gain understanding of propagation of several native plants, as well as where to begin with their own native plant landscapes. bit.ly/LandscapewNativePlants

Thurs., June 15 **Native Seed Collection and Propagation*** 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$20
Suzie Savoie, Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds **(Limit 25 participants)**

Learn the tricks of the trade in order to propagate your favorite native plants from seed. This class will cover basic skills for successful seed collection and germination in order to grow native plants for gardens, land stewardship, or habitat restoration. Native plant seeds have a reputation as being difficult to grow, but with some basic skills and willingness to experiment you can propagate native plants for pollinators, wildlife, native plant conservation, and beauty!

<http://bit.ly/NativeSeedCollectionandPropagation>

Sat., June 17 **Selecting, Using, & Caring for Garden Tools***
Bob Denman of Red Pig Tools and a world renowned garden tool blacksmith

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Price is Not the Only Difference: How to tell a well-built tool from a bad one. How to choose tools suitable to your garden and your budget. Buying, renting or borrowing to get your money's worth. Light tools versus heavy. Differences you can see and those you can't. **The Ergonomics of Garden Work:** How to dig, rake, hoe, cultivate and prune without ruining your body. The right tools for the job. The right techniques for the tool. Warming up before working and stretching afterwards. Making gravity work for you. The King Herod principle of weeding. How reaching up can wear you down and looking up too long can kill you. **The Care and Feeding of Garden Tools:** Tool sharpening, maintenance and repair. Sharpening in the field. Why tools break and how to repair them. <http://bit.ly/SelectingUsingCaringGardenTools>

Sat., June 17 **Painting Terra Cotta Pots: Summer Sunflowers**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$20

Breezy Schallheim, Master Gardener (Limit 15 participants) <http://bit.ly/PaintingTerraCottaPotsSunflowers>

A fun & easy class, no experience necessary. Bring a 6" or 8" terra cotta pot or 9 x 12" canvas; all other materials provided.

Mon.- Fri., July 10-14 International Master Gardener Conference, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR. Conference website: <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>
Anyone interested in gardening is welcome to register and attend the conference.

Tues., August 29 **Winter Gardening***

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$15

Jeana Schorr, Master Gardener

Just because it's August and your crops are pretty much done, you're not; there's winter to prepare for! Learn about enhancing your soil using any number of methods including growing winter veggie crops, planting cover crops, and mulching. The secret to a great harvest is a healthy soil, so keep feeding those microbes and things living in your soil all year. <http://bit.ly/JoCoWinterGardening>

Register online at : bit.ly/JosephineCountyMGworkshops

For information about the Master Gardener Program visit :

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/josephine/horticulture>

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