

## 2010 Community Gardener Certificate Series

Want to learn what Master Gardeners learn but don't have the time to attend classes or volunteer? The Community Gardener Certificate series is for you. The series of eight evening classes will cover the basics of gardening to help you get off to a great start. **The cost of the full series is \$95 to be paid in full before the first day of class.** Included in the full series price is the Master Gardener manual "Sustainable Gardening." The manual is available separately for \$35 each. Participants that attend a minimum of six classes will receive a Community Gardener Certificate at the conclusion of the series. Individual classes are \$10 per participant. Drop-ins are welcome for each class. Pre-pay either by mail or at the OSU Extension Service in Lane County office by filling out and returning the form at the bottom of this page. For more information call 682-7308. Each 2 ½ hour class begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the OSU Extension Service – Lane County auditorium at 950 W 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Eugene.

### Introduction to Sustainable Gardening

Date: January 7, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Speaker: OSU Master Gardener  
Tom Bettman

Sustainable gardening techniques will help you balance between resources used and results gained in the home landscape. Discover how to make the best use of the resources at your disposal to have the garden and landscape you dream about. Learn how to avoid wasteful practices and tips for making your gardening easier and more productive.

### Growing Your Own: Starting Plants from Seed & Growing Great Vegetables

Date: January 21, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Speaker: OSU Master Gardener  
TBA

Want to try new and different varieties of flowers and vegetables? Learn the basics of starting plants from seed and other techniques of plant propagation. Learn how to grow great vegetables, which varieties are best suited for the Willamette Valley and tips on making your vegetable garden the most productive you've ever had.

### Composting at Home: Making Gardeners Black Gold

Date: February 4, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Speaker: OSU Master Gardener  
TBA

Learn the basics of the composting process and how to turn your garden refuse into a valuable soil building amendment. Different methods of composting including worm composting, lasagna/sheet mulch composting, and thermal composting will be discussed to help you decide which method will work best for you.

### Underneath it All: Secrets of Great Soil - Fertilizers and Amendments

Date: February 18, 2010  
Time: 6:30pm-9pm

Speaker: OSU Master Gardener  
Pat Patterson

Discover the world beneath your feet! Healthy, biologically active soil is the secret to a productive and healthy garden. In the first part of the class learn about different types of soils and how to work with what you have. In the second part of the class learn about the differences between types of fertilizers, both organic and chemically manufactured, and how to choose what is most appropriate for your needs.

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**Registration Form**  
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**Complete Series registration is \$95 (includes manual) or \$10 per class (no manual)**

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Sustainable Gardening \_\_\_\_\_  
Growing Your Own \_\_\_\_\_  
Composting \_\_\_\_\_  
Secrets of Soil \_\_\_\_\_

IPM \_\_\_\_\_  
Diagnosing Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
Container Gardening \_\_\_\_\_  
Great Lawns \_\_\_\_\_

## Integrated Pest Management - Beneficial Insects in the Garden

Date: March 4, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Speaker: OSU Master Gardener  
John Parrot

Learn how the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) can work for you in your garden to help control problem insects and diseases. Learn to identify beneficial insects and how to work with them to decrease your insect problems.

## Diagnosing and Preventing Disease in the Garden

Date: March 18, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Speaker: OSU Extension Service Faculty  
Ross Penhallegon

Learn to identify common diseases and pests of the home garden. Identify the symptoms, causes and some solutions to the problems that affect our favorite plants. A hands-on diagnostic session will be part of the class.

## Container Gardening & Making Gardening a Life-Long Pleasure

Date: April 1, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Speaker: OSU Master Gardeners  
Pat Patterson  
Brian and Wendy Stoner

Learn how to change how you garden to make it a life-long pleasure and to minimize the stresses and strains of America's favorite past time. Included will be tips on tools, watering systems and types of structures to use.

In the second part of the class learn how to exercise your green thumb without a lot of space. Almost any plant that is grown in the ground can be grown in a container. Learn which varieties are best suited for growing in containers, soil preparation, fertilization, watering and other tips to make gardening in pots a success.

## Growing Great Lawns

Date: April 15, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Speaker: OSU Master Gardener  
Jeff Choate

Lawns can be a valuable and attractive part of the home landscape. In this class you will learn how to install a new lawn, renovate an existing lawn, what type of seed is most appropriate for the Willamette Valley and how to keep your lawn healthy and vibrantly growing.

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## Make-up Classes

Participants who wish to receive a certificate must attend at least six of the eight classes offered in the series. The following programs offered by the OSU Extension Service in Lane County may be attended in place of two of the missed classes and applied toward the certificate.

### Pruning Workshops

Pruning workshops covering a variety of plants are offered by OSU Extension Service certified Pruning Specialists at selected locations in Lane County. One pruning workshop may be substituted for any one missed class. A schedule of workshops is available at the Extension office.

### Composting Demonstrations and Workshops

Compost demonstrations and workshops are offered at community garden sites in Eugene and Cottage Grove. One compost workshop may be attended in place of the compost class only. A schedule of workshops offered is available at the Extension office and online at:  
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/>

### Sustainable Landscaping Series

The Sustainable Landscaping series is a new program offered at OSU Extension Service in Lane County. Participants who attend the Sustainable Landscape series may receive credit toward the Community Gardener IPM class.

We will endeavor to provide public accessibility to services, programs, and activities for people with disabilities. If accommodation is needed to participate at any meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the OSU Ext Srvc -in LC at 682-4243 at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting time.

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