



Master Gardeners™

Since 1976, the Lane County Master Gardeners have worked in association with the OSU Extension Service to serve the educational and informational needs of home gardeners in Lane County and around the state. Master Gardeners seek to be the authoritative and first choice for people wanting research-based, objective information and education on sustainable gardening in the Pacific Northwest. Since it began in 1976 over 1,600 residents of Lane county have taken the Master Gardener training. In 2010 Master Gardeners volunteered over 13,000 hours of community service to the county, supporting home gardeners, school and community gardens, and non-profit organizations dedicated to helping Lane county residents garden sustainably and locally.



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Success story!

John Pierce, 2009 Master Gardener

After finishing the Master Gardener program, I had the itch to do something different. I remembered St. Vincent de Paul had a program for children of homeless families. Why not give these little ones an opportunity to experience working the soil and growing their own garden? I volunteered to teach them how. The children ages 3- 5 yrs old had never grown a garden. They would dig, plant, water and watch as week after week seeds germinated and plants grew. All got to eat the things they grew: lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes, spinach, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, blueberries, strawberries, plus flowers. And each grew their very own sunflower, seven feet tall. One worker said to me, "This is the best hands on experience these kids have ever had."



I loved it! Being a Master Gardener is about giving back what we've learned to the community, regardless of age. Gardening is fun with kids.



Master Gardener
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walk-ins welcome
Monday-Thursday
10 am-1 pm and 2-5 pm

Commercial Growers

The OSU Extension Service in Lane County offers classes to commercial growers on:

- Private Pesticide Applicator Training
- Commercial Pesticide Applicator
- Pruning
- Sustainable Landscaping
- General Gardening

Commercial growers often consult with the Commercial Horticulture Agent to identify problem pests and diseases. Agent makes field calls when necessary.

Success Story!

Derrick Long, 2011

I work in a Garden Center. We get a lot of training, give clinics and do research on our own. I was chosen to attend the Horticulture Proficiency training. The very first class took my learning curve to a new level. Each class was full of great information I can use to help customers. I never expected to learn as much as I did. The information changed my thinking about products and helping people. I believe now that I am better able to get customers the best products for their needs or suggest alternatives for their pest and disease problems. I want to say thanks to all the volunteers, mentors and instructors of the training program. It opened my eyes to greater possibilities!

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Suggested donation levels:

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Make payable to: Agricultural Research Foundation (ARF) - Account #8122G

Mail to: OSU Extension Service
783 Grant Street, Eugene, OR 97402

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(Your email will not be shared for any purpose other than that pertaining to the Farms and Gardens program.)

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Agriculture and local foods

Whether growing hazelnuts, blueberries, tree fruits, grass seed, or nursery stock, Lane county growers have been turning to the Extension Service for quality advice and support for over 100 years. In 2010 Lane County's agricultural sector generated over \$112,501,000 for the local and state economy, representing 4% of the state's total agricultural production.

The agriculture and local foods program promotes and sustains family farms by providing the tools and knowledge to manage land and financial resources, crop production, training in pest management, and effective marketing.



If you are a **business or company** that believes in the value of OSU Extension programs, consider supporting the OSU Extension Service Farms and Gardens program in Lane County with a donation or dedicated proceeds fundraiser.

Growing into the Future



Service with a past

To meet the needs of the future

The vision of the OSU Extension Service Farms & Gardens Program in Lane County is to keep Lane County agriculture at the forefront of the sustainable foods movement and as a vital part of the local economy. The aim is to promote food security through the production and preservation of fresh local foods.

With the loss of funding from the Lane County General fund the only way to keep the Farms & Gardens office open is to secure an on-going source of direct funds from the public. Keeping valuable resources alive and thriving is a challenge in changing times. Make a difference by becoming a part of the effort to keep the OSU Extension Service in Lane county and growing for present and future generations. Please show your support by becoming a "Friend" of the OSU Extension Service Farms & Gardens Program in Lane County.

By making a donation each year you become a "Friend" of the OSU Extension Farms & Gardens Program in Lane County. Your donation is tax deductible.

A free quarterly e-news will keep you updated on Farms and Gardens happenings in Lane County. Join us now and become an active member in our growing community! Help keep the Farms and Gardens programs in Lane County!

For additional information, leave a message for the fundraising committee at:
lane.extension@oregonstate.edu

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