



Growing Great Tree Fruits at Home

Love the taste and crunch of an apple right off the tree? Learn to grow great tree fruits in your own garden! Become part of a sustainable food community by growing great fruit at home. Taught by OSU/Lane County Master Gardener Volunteer Tree Fruit Specialists, this 2 1/2 hour class will teach you what you need to know to successfully grow delicious, healthy, productive tree fruits in your home garden. Information includes:

- Choosing the right variety for your taste, needs and location.
Demystifying rootstock selection.
Culture and care of fruit trees including fertilization, spacing, spraying, pruning, thinning, pollination and more.
How to treat Insects and diseases of fruit trees.

Each participant who chooses the full class price (\$45) receives two dwarf apple trees. Included is a resource list of growers, nurseries, recommended books, pamphlets and web sites for additional information. If you already have fruit trees a reduced price registration (\$25) without trees is available.

Schedule of classes - 2012

Cottage Grove: Saturday - February 11, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Kennedy School of Sustainability, 1310 S. 8th Ave, (corner of 8th & Taylor) Cottage Grove, OR.

Oakridge: Thursday - February 16, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., "The Uptown Mall" 48310 E 1st St. Oakridge, OR.

Springfield: Saturday - February 25, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Catholic Community Services meeting room, 1025 G St, Springfield, OR.

Junction City: Saturday - March 3, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Junction City Community Center, 175 W 7th Ave. Junction City, OR.

Florence: Thursday - March 15, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., LCC Florence campus 3149 Oak St. Rm. #103, Florence, OR.

Eugene: Saturday - March 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Eugene Water and Electric Board training center North Building, 500 E 4th Ave. Eugene, OR.



Registration form:

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Class Fee: Please select one of the following options:

Number of people for Option A: _____ \$45 per person. Includes two dwarf apple trees.

Number of people for Option B: _____ \$25 per person. Does not include trees.

Total registrations: _____ Total \$: _____ Check: _____ Cash: _____

Make checks payable to: **LCMGA (Lane County Master Gardener Association)**

Payment must be received 4 working days before the scheduled class. **NO walk-ins** on the day of the class. We need time to make sure there are enough materials for all participants.

Location attending: Cottage Grove, Feb 11: _____ Oakridge, Feb 16: _____ Springfield, Feb 25: _____
(number of people) Junction City, Mar 3: _____ Florence, Mar 15: _____ Eugene, Mar 17: _____

Each *Option A* participant will receive one **Liberty apple** tree and one of the following. Please choose *ONE* tree from the following list as your *second* tree. See page 2 for a description of the trees offered.

_____ Akane _____ Braeburn _____ Chehalis
_____ Honeycrisp _____ Idared

Tell us what you would like to learn in future classes!

We would like to offer future classes on other types of tree fruits. Please indicate which you would like to attend

Pears – European _____ Pears – Asian _____

Stone fruits _____ Exotics _____
Peaches/Nectarines _____ Figs _____
Cherries _____ Dates/Jujube _____
Apricots/apricot crosses _____ Others _____
Plums/pluots _____

Unusual _____ Others _____
Medlar _____ Persimmon _____
Quince _____ PawPaw _____

Would you be interested in learning to graft scion stock? Yes _____ No _____



Apple tree varieties offered as part of the Growing Great Tree Fruit class

Descriptions by Jim Rundall, LCMGA Tree Fruit Specialist



Liberty - is considered to have the best flavor of all scab and disease resistant apples by many experts. It is a good pollinator of many other apple varieties. It has an early to mid-season bloom period. This tree needs to be watched. When the first apples drop the rest need to be picked immediately. Within a few days all the fruit will drop if not picked.



Akane - is a crisp, firm eating apple that ripens in early September. It is resistant to scab and mildew, and produces in spite of bad weather during the blooming period. It will produce some fruit in its second year. Some trees do not continue growing after they produce fruit. To reach its full potential, the blossoms or set fruit should be picked off the first two years. This tree is grafted on MM 106 rootstock and should produce a tree approximately 8 feet high. This tree needs to be staked.



Braeburn - is a good eating and cooking apple that is a good keeper. Braeburn is possibly one of the best all-around apples. Bloom time is mid to late. It needs a pollinator that blooms in that time frame. Usually ripens in late October. Due to its late ripening it sometimes but rarely does not ripen. This tree is on MM 106 rootstock and should reach a height of 11 feet. It can be held to about 8 feet with proper pruning.



Chehalis - is one of the best early ripening apples. It is very resistant to apple scab. Fruit is large, yellow, sweet and crisp. It blooms early and will not pollinate with late blooming varieties as they will not be in bloom at the same time. This tree is on MM 106 rootstock and should reach 12 to 14 feet in height. With proper pruning it could be held to 10 to 12 feet in height.



Honeycrisp - is a truly superior apple. It has good eating and cooking qualities as well as being a good keeper. It is usually picked in late September to early October. It will hang on the tree until late October with improved eating flavor. Late picking reduces its keeping qualities somewhat.



Idared - is an apple recommended by a local nursery. Flavor is fine and crisp. The tree is annual bearing, and ripens in early to mid October. The most notable feature is that the fruit will hang on the tree until late January with still fair flavor and texture. The rootstock is MM 106 and should produce a 12 foot tree that can be held to 8 - 10 feet with proper pruning.