

Linn County Master Gardener™ Demonstration Garden

Linn County Fair & Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Road
Albany, Oregon April 2009



Picture caption: Composting class at the Linn County Master Gardener™ composting site on Feb 28th.

Home Composting Demonstration on Saturday April 11th from 3pm to 4pm,
Instructor, Bonnie White, OSU Master Gardener and Compost Specialist

- v Turn your lawn into a garden with the Lasagna method.
- v Produce ready to use compost in just 3 months
- v Learn to mix your compost materials by using a tarp
- v Discover easy ways to keep air in your compost
- v Using composting worms to eat your kitchen and paper waste
- v Find out what compost trials are happening in our composting site
- v Check out our new Hochbeet culture method (high bed)
- v Take home some helpful handouts
- v Come take a tour of our entire garden.

Upcoming demo garden workshops/activities:

Country Lifestyle and Experience

April 10th and 11th at the Linn County Fair & Expo; Albany, Oregon
The Linn County Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Team will be on hand to give tours and answer questions on Friday April 10th from 1pm-3pm at TGIF (to garden is fun).

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“TGIF”

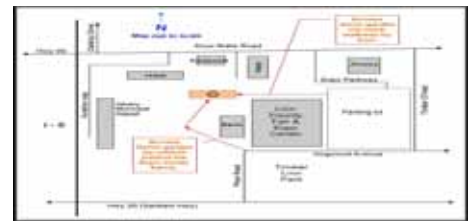
Each Friday the Linn County Demo Garden will have a “get together”. This event is called “TGIF—To Garden is Fun.” The purpose of this event is to give Master Gardeners™ (general public welcome!) an opportunity to network ideas, pull a few weeds, dig in the soil, see the progress in the garden, but most importantly--to have fun! If no one feels like “getting dirty,” then we’ll do what we do best—talk about gardening. There will always be opportunities to learn a new gardening skill.

For more information, please contact Vickie Dones at (541) 926-3847 or mevidones@comcast.net

TGIF “Friday” Schedule:
*Resumes Friday
March 20th, 1-3 pm*

Where the “heck” is the demo garden?

Refer to page three for directions.



The demonstration garden and related activities are open to the general public.

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Picture #2 caption:
 This method was learned from Mariel Louise Eager. She brought it to this area from her home land of Germany. Hochbeet Culture uses a 2- to 3-foot high raised bed and is basically a composting raised bed. What's great about this method is one can fill the bottom with all those materials that would normally have to be chipped or put into a yard debris container



Linn Master Gardener's demo garden team have many great projects planned for the rest of the winter and spring on every Friday afternoon from 1pm-3pm. One of the first winter projects was to move a trailer load of bark mulch left over from the Albany Home and Garden Show to our demonstration garden. Some of the bark mulch was spread on top of newsprint and burlap to refresh walking paths around our veggie garden. It will be much easier to tend the beds which will be demonstrating how to use our available space more efficiently by growing our crops vertically. We will be preparing the garden for native plants, straw bale gardens and lots of pruning projects. You can always learn about composting from our compost demonstration site now located outside the east gate.



Linn County Master Gardener™

Demonstration Garden



Master Gardeners on hand during the County Fair to answer home horticulture questions

Thursday - Saturday
 July 16 - 18,
 11 am - 8 pm

Sunday
 July 19,
 11 am - 5 pm

Open all year round, the general public is welcome to view various features the **DEMONSTRATION GARDEN** showcases during the seasons. Composting, water feature, innovative growing techniques, ever changing floral displays, shrubs, unusual vegetables, straw bale gardening, espaliers, wool covered pathway & more!

Located at the northeast back parking lot of the Linn County Fair/Expo, between the carnival rides & hotels.

Check out the **DEMONSTRATION GARDEN'S** online newsletter at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn/home-horticulture>, scroll to the bottom, click the link or at www.lcfairexpo.com & click "Master Gardeners" tab on top menu bar.




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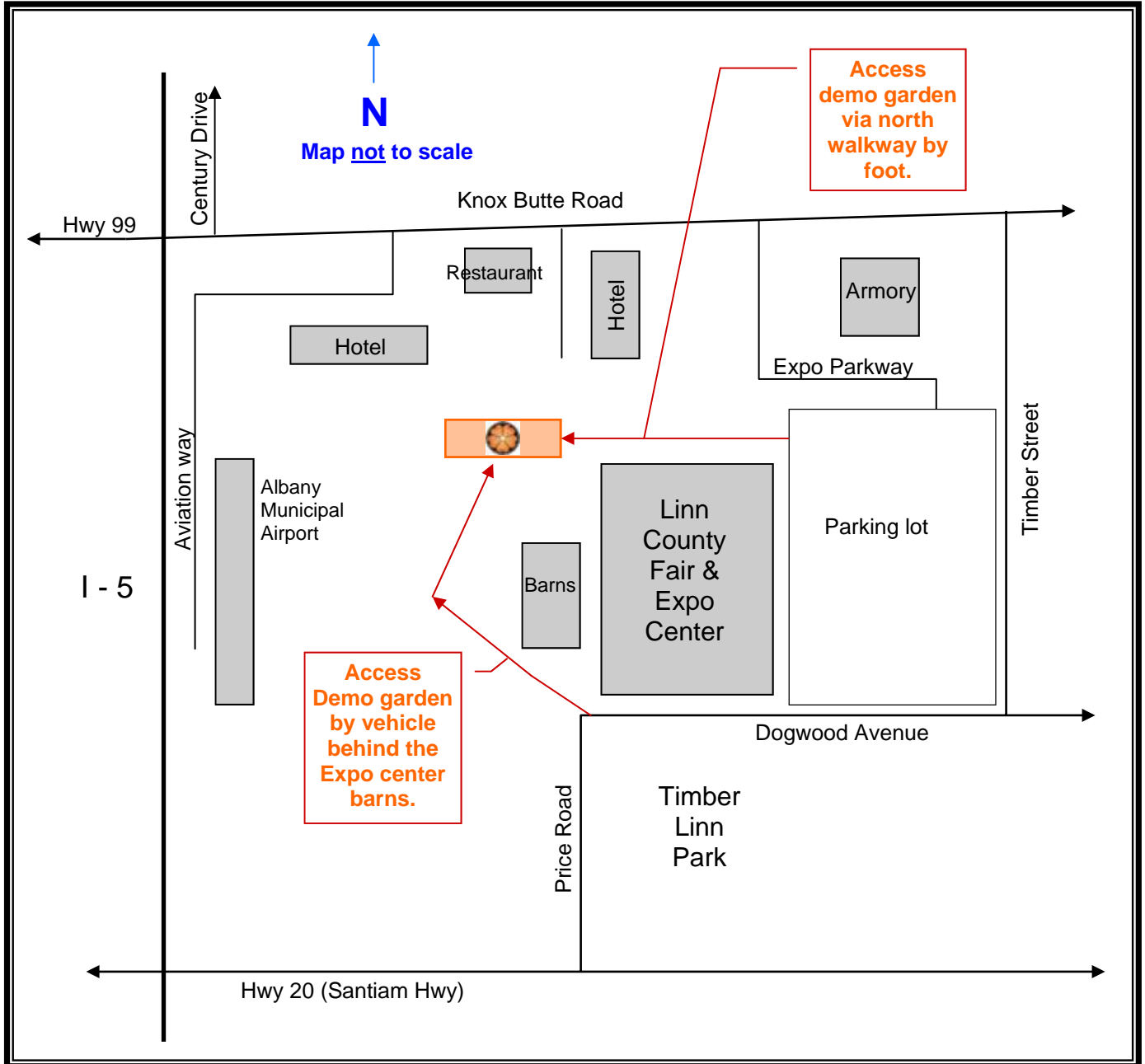
Reminders & other notes:

Payback hours for MG trainees:

2009 Linn County MG trainees are required to put in 5 hours at the demonstration garden as part of their 20 payback hours outside the 46 hours at the MG help desk.

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