OSU Extension Center

Classes for January-April 2016
TO REGISTER CALL: 541-776-7371 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec to register online for some of these classes
All Classes located at OSU Extension (SOREC) 569 Hanley Road, Central Point OR,
Unless otherwise stated

Sat. March 12 Day for Beginners: Ready, Set, Grow 8:45 am-4:00pm Cost: $10 per class or $30 for all 4 classes. Learn from a panel of experienced gardeners how to get ready and be successful this growing season.

Sat. March 12 Intro to Basic Farm Equipment 1:00-5:00pm Cost: $20
David Mostue, Dunbar Farm
The care and use of basic farm machinery and equipment, on location at Dunbar Farms. Discuss projects for the following Advanced Classes.

Mon. March 14 Fermenting 6:00-9:00pm Cost: $10
Kirsten Shockey
Has Lacto-Fermentation got you in a pickle? Vegetable fermentation is an ancient culinary art that is experiencing a renaissance in this country. While many people want to learn this technique they often need to see the process to feel comfortable with it. This class aims to demystify this safe technique for creating healthy nutrient dense delicious foods. Students will learn techniques for making sauerkraut, kimchi, pickles, and many other vegetables.

Turs. March 17 Forest Infrastructure: Access to your Forest Land 7:00-9:00pm Cost: FREE
Steve Bowers & Nate Hillker
This practical presentation will help you get the information you need to know about the benefits to having a well-functioning road system on forest land for everything from recreation to forest management and fire preparedness. You will learn the basics about road construction, maintenance and mitigation, and how fire fighters can use your road system in the event of a wildfire.

Thurs. March 24 What You Need to Know About Ponds 6:00-8:00pm Cost: $15
Stan Dean, Land Steward
Ponds can be useful & beautiful, and at times become big headaches. This class will lead to a better understanding of how ponds work, the problems that are encountered, and possible solutions.

Sat. March 26 Emerging Disease / Insect 12:30-3:00pm Cost: $15
Marsha Waite, Master Gardener
Get ready for spring insects and diseases, learn to manage them, and develop strategies for prevention.

Tues. March 29 Strong Gardener 6:00-8:00pm Cost: $10
Jackson County Physical Therapy
Gardening shouldn’t hurt – learn how to garden without aches and pains.

Agriculture, 4-H Youth, Family & Community Development, Forestry, and Extension Sea Grant Programs. Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Jackson County cooperating. The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people. If you need particular accommodations, please call our Extension Office at (541-776-7371 at least 7 days prior to the event

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Thurs. April 7 - Oct.  Growing Agripreneurs (farm season series of education begins) 6:00-9:00pm  Cost: $350  Dana Kristal, Small Farms  
Designed for beginning farmers interested in gaining theoretical and practical knowledge: classes, skills building, one-on-one mentoring and hands on at the Franklin Teaching Farm. Over the course of a season, students will be exposed to all aspects of sustainable, small-scale farming. Some scholarships available. Details and registration information will be sent after signup.

Thurs. April 7  Deer tolerant Plants  6:00-8:00pm  Cost: $10  Christie Mackison; Shooting Star Nursery  
Struggle with deer eating your garden? Learn what to plant so you can have a beautiful landscape.

Sat. or Sun. April 9 (or 10)  Advanced Farm Equipment, Class 1  1:00-5:00pm  Cost: $100 (for two classes)  David Mostue, Dunbar Farm  
Hands on and planning your own project. Choose Sat. or Sun.

Sat. or Sun. April 16 (or 17)  Advanced Farm Equipment, Class 2  (same time as above)  David Mostue, Dunbar Farm  
One-on-one mentoring and project completion. Choose Sat. or Sun.

Sat. April 16  Garden Tour – Spring Fever  12:30-3:00pm  Cost: $5  Master Gardeners  
Take a guided tour of the Extension grounds to check out bulbs and blooms in our demonstration gardens.

Thurs. April 21  Southeastern Forests in the US  7:00pm  Cost: FREE  Ed Reilly, Small Woodlands  
Take a trip to the southeast coast of the country and learn about some very different forests and forest management. See what forest landowners in another corner of the country are doing on their land to harvest timber and protect ecosystems.

Tues. April 26  Native Plant Walk on the Sterling Ditch Trail  9:00am-12:00pm  Cost: $15  Rachel Werling, OSU Extension  
We will walk the easy 4.1 mi. Bear Gulch to Tunnel Ridge section of the historic and beautifully diverse Sterling Mine Ditch Trail, learning many native plants along the way. (Limited to 15 participants) Pre-register by April 22.