19C
Commercial Truffle Cultivation in Western Oregon
1:30 - 3:00pm

Oregon is among the world’s few regions blessed with wild culinary truffles and suitable climates and soils for agricultural production of European truffles. Rudimentary methods for truffle cultivation in orchards have existed for two centuries in Europe, but with development of modern methods, 80-90% of French truffles are now grown in orchards of inoculated trees. Truffle cultivation success is spreading throughout the world, but though the U.S. is the largest market for truffles, there are at present just a handful of North American orchards in production. Learn about climates, soils, orchard establishment, production costs and markets for truffles cultivated in Western Oregon. If you have bare land with well drained soils, a warm aspect and available irrigation water, truffles may work for you.

Instructor: Charles Lefevre, Founder, New World Truffieres, Eugene, OR.

LATE AFTERNOON CLASSES
Class Block D—Beginning at 3:45 pm

3D
Naked Tree Planting (aka Reforestation)
3:45 - 5:15pm

You know you want to—and some of you have to plant trees. This course includes the stripped-down, bare-bones-basics when it comes to reforestation planting. This class is NOT about getting dirty and learning how to plant trees—it IS about all the stuff you need to think about if you are going to plant trees. In the classroom we will consider seedling species and stock types, site preparation and follow-up care and which tools and special equipment are recommended. A running tally of costs will be shown as part of comparing the various options you might consider—so you will not lose your shirt and wind up planting trees naked.

Instructor: Tim DeLano, Extension

4D
Working Safely in Your Woodland
3:45 - 5:15pm

This class will help you prepare for a safe work session in your woodland. We’ll discuss planning for your work day in the woods. Some common injuries that occur in the woods will be discussed and taking simple precautions to help prevent them. You will also learn what basic medical supplies to have on site should an injury occur and what can be done until more capable medical assistance arrives. A first-aid supply list will be provided.

Instructor: Jim Schreiber, CCFFA Board Member, Woodland Owner, Beavercreek, OR.

5D
Victory Gardens of Yesterday and Today
3:45 - 5:15pm

Join us as we sit back, relax, and engage our brains to learn about how gardens of our forebears were planted for nourishment at a time when our country was struggling. There is much to learn from this grand, national community project of the past.

Instructor: Elizabeth Howley, Horticulture Faculty, retired, Clackamas Community College—and dirt digger, Oregon City, OR.

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Forestry and Natural Resouces Agent, Oregon State University, Oregon City, OR.

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6D
So, You Want to Sell the Tree Farm?
3:45 - 5:15pm
This session will provide the important concepts and considerations for land owners who desire to sell their woodland or others who are interested in the marketplace. Generally, woodlands represent a substantial value for owners. Time spent in gaining this knowledge can be very beneficial. We cover the issues involved through a step-by-step analysis of each stage of the process, tips for addressing important issues, and what questions to ask.

Instructor: Mark Willhite, Forester/Broker, World Forest Investments, Sandy, OR.

7D
Fruit Tree Pruning and Restoration
3:45 - 5:15pm
Do you have an overgrown fruit tree that could use some attention, but you’re not sure where to start? Whether you simply want to improve the aesthetics of an old fruit tree on your property, or bring that tree back into production, this class will set you on the path to improved understanding of what your tree needs. We’ll review fruit tree biology, discuss different pruning goals and methods, and examine tools of the trade. Hands-on pruning classes will be offered by the instructor in the weeks following Tree School. Contact Extension staff or instructor for details.

Instructor: Nick Bezzerides, Arborist and Owner, Sense of Place Permaculture, LLC, Clackamas, OR.

8D
Helping Fish Make a Comeback in Oregon’s Forest Streams
3:45 - 5:15pm
After years of stream restoration and fish enhancement in forest streams, how are the fish doing? What difference are the restoration projects making and what can forest owners do to continue helping the comeback? Attend this session to hear the story, share your experience, and learn what you can do to protect and enhance fish habitat in your local stream.

Instructor: Dave Stewart, Fisheries Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program, Clackamas, OR.

9D
Goods from the Woods
3:45 - 5:15pm
Explore the different potential products on your property, see examples and tips on how and how not to market your products. Success stories and collaborative techniques will be discussed.

Instructor: Neil Schroeder, President, Oregon Woodland Cooperative, Scholls, OR.

10D
Cost Share and Tax Incentive Opportunities
3:45 - 5:15pm
Finding financial help to implement conservation and stewardship practices on a woodland or rural property can often mean the difference between getting work done—or not. Several state and federal sources of financial and technical assistance are available. Learn about grants, cost-share and loan programs to help plant trees, control weeds, protect soil and water, reduce fire risks, thin your forests, and prepare management plans.

This panel discussion will help you learn about available resources to help you manage your property successfully.

Panel: Eann Rains, Conservation Investment Coordinator, Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District, Oregon City, OR; Kris Homma, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon City, OR; Liz Ruther, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Clackamas, OR; and Cindy Kolomechuk and Beth Boedigheimer, Oregon Department of Forestry, Molalla, OR.
11D
Truffle Dog Demo
3:45 - 5:15pm

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED. Just how do you find truffles? Come to this class to discover why dogs are the best option for finding truffles hidden under the forest floor. The class is taught by a dog training professional. You will learn the beginning steps of how to train your dog to find truffles. Learn about which type of dog makes “the best” truffle dog. You will have an opportunity to observe demonstrations of dogs finding hidden training aids as well.

Instructor: Jeannine May, KPA-CTP, Owner/Trainer Pacific Truffle Dogs, Oregon City, OR.

Jeannine May & Isis

Jeannine May, who joins us for the first time at Tree School 2014 teaching a Truffle Dog class and demo, says of herself—“I’m a dog person and have been since I was 12. As a 4-H Club kid I had a guide-dog puppy. And since then, dogs have always been a part of my life and occupation.” Now, as a certified dog trainer and judge, she and her dogs have competed successfully both locally and nationally. At Tree School 2014, two of her dogs will demonstrate their “nose training” as truffle finders. “Isis,” pictured above with Jeannine, started truffle training at 8 weeks and was finding truffle bait by 4 months. Currently, at 18 months, she is a hard worker and even has “clients” from Estacada to Peedee, OR. No ordinary pup, this fuzzy faced youngster is a registered Lagotto Romagnolo. Her mother, also a working truffle dog, came from Italy—a leading producer of culinary truffles. Jeannine says of her canine work and interests, “I hope my dogs will help assist in making Northwest truffles well known and financially competitive with European truffles. Dogs find the best truffles—which are the tasty ones with the strong aroma—that wholesale for $20 to $80 an ounce!”

12D
People, Water and the Willamette River Basin—Looking into the Future
3:45 - 5:15pm

Water in Oregon’s Willamette River Basin is one of the most intensively managed resources in the world. The Willamette is the 13th largest river in the United States and the Basin is home to over 70% of Oregon’s human population. We will discuss how anticipated changes in population, demographics, our perceptions of water, weather patterns, industries, and land uses might impact and be impacted by water. Our class will explore the Willamette Basin from a water resources perspective, highlighting the findings of the Willamette Learning and Action Network, a unique “co-learning” project involving many researchers and stakeholders engaged in using, managing and studying water in Oregon. Beyond the traditional model of researchers as the conduit of knowledge, we recognize that residents of the Willamette River basin, such as you, are experts in your own right, with much to contribute to understanding water resources and how to anticipate and plan for changes in the future.

Instructor: Tom Norby, Owner, Trout Creek Tree Farm, Corbett, OR.

13D
Confessions of a Christmas Tree Farmer
3:45 - 5:15pm

New to Christmas tree farming or wondering if you should get in the game? Then this class is for you. Participants will learn about starting a Christmas tree farm from an experienced, independent, Christmas tree grower. The course will span a decade in the life of a farm, including setting goals, planting, and marketing, all the way through your first harvest. The class is meant to help newer growers think about issues that aren’t always obvious, and provide a chance to learn from the mistakes and successes of an experienced grower. Come prepared to ask questions and leave with plenty of food for thought.

Instructor: Tom Norby, Owner, Trout Creek Tree Farm, Corbett, OR.

14D
Backpack Sprayer Operation and Calibration
3:45 - 5:15pm

If you own a backpack sprayer or are thinking about purchasing one in the near future, this course will help you become more familiar with the maintenance, operation and calibration of your sprayer. Learn how to minimize the amount of chemical wasted from over-applying and help ensure you get the control of weeds and brush you are looking for. We will go over different ways to calibrate your sprayer so the time spent gives you the desired results. A manual sprayer is a basic tool that performs a crucial role in weed and brush maintenance. There are some key methods that can be used when applying chemicals using this versatile type of equipment.
The course will also discuss ways to minimize chemical drift so you only apply on the target you are trying to control while protecting your crop. ODA pesticide certification credits pending.

**Instructor:** Chal Landgren, Professor and Extension Christmas Tree Specialist and Oregon State University, Aurora, OR.

### 15D

**Two-Cycle Engine Repair**

3:45 - 5:15pm

Our handy but sometime troublesome 2-cycle power equipment has, over the years, become increasingly complex. You may have even had to replace one or more carburetors because of fuel damage. This class will cover both the basic and the required maintenance that will keep your power equipment starting and operating in top form. The three usual problem areas—air filter maintenance, fuels and fuel treatments, and chain sharpening—will be covered in detail. You will learn not only about safety equipment and attire but there will also be an important starting procedure demonstration. This class, taught by a repairman with a lifetime of experience, has the potential to save you both time and money as well as extending the useful life of your equipment.

**Instructor:** Eric Tromlitz, Owner and Mechanic, Wrench on the Run, Oregon City, OR.

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16D
Riparian Buffers for Your Forest or Farm
3:45 - 5:15pm

Do you have a stream on your property? Ever wonder about the best way to manage the area adjacent to your creek? Would you like to learn more about native trees and shrubs that will grow well in riparian areas? This class will begin with the benefits of managing streamside environments properly, and how to proceed with restoring riparian areas that are in less than perfect condition. Topics will cover common invasive weeds along streams and how to eradicate them, proper plant selection, and methods to help slow bank erosion. We will also touch on other stream related projects that may be of interest to landowners, such as fish habitat improvement projects. Cost share and funding opportunities that help financially with implementing riparian conservation practices will also be discussed. ODA pesticide certification credits pending.

Instructors: Jenne Reische, Riparian Specialist, and Katey Gelet, Conservation Assistant, Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, Oregon City, OR.

17D
Your Property Taxes and Your Forestland
3:45 - 5:15pm

Property is generally valued and taxed based on real market value or what that property would sell for in the real estate marketplace. Oregon’s property tax system has some different twists and turns. The Oregon Legislature also established several special assessment programs that help reduce property taxes for forestland owners who manage their property primarily for the purpose of growing and harvesting trees. Join us and learn a little more about how Oregon’s property tax system works. What is the difference between real market value and assessed value? Which forestland programs are available to you and how is forestland valued? Learn how to apply for programs, what property qualifies, and how to reduce your taxes. Bring the questions you’ve always wanted to ask and we will provide answers.

Instructors: Bob Vroman, County Assessor, and Tony Hunter, Senior Appraiser, Clackamas County Assessor’s Office, Oregon City, OR.

18D
The Case for Increased Stewardship of Federal Forests
3:45 - 5:15pm

Land management on federal forests directly affects family forest owners, touching on issues ranging from reduced risk to wildfire and insects to log markets. Community-based collaborative groups have demonstrated an ability to build agreement for land management activities on federal forest lands. Both the Mt. Hood and the Siuslaw National Forests have used a specific provision to fund watershed improvement projects on adjoining and downstream private lands from federal timber. This session will cover a range of topics, including the basics of community-based collaboration, examples of restoration projects on private forests funded by Federal timber receipts, and juicy details on the ODF Federal Forest Health project.

Instructor: Mike Bondi, Extension Regional Administrator, Oregon State University, Oregon City, OR.

19D
Soil Health and Well Being
3:45 - 5:15pm

This is our “advanced” soils course and is designed to explore the current research topics and knowledge concerning soil productivity. Most forest managers and Christmas tree growers know how important the soil and its productivity are to their success. But, land management practices can have negative impacts on this important resource. Find out which practices are potentially most detrimental to soil physical, chemical and biological properties—and what you can do to maintain soil health and well being.

Instructor: Mike Bondi, Extension Regional Administrator, Oregon State University, Oregon City, OR.