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

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<td>Thur. January 14</td>
<td>Insect Cycle / Disease</td>
<td>3:00-5:00pm</td>
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<td>Marsha Waite, Master Gardener</td>
<td>Get ahead of emerging insects and diseases this season by learning prevention strategies to grow successfully.</td>
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<td>January 23</td>
<td>Orchard Care</td>
<td>12:30-3:00pm</td>
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<td>Terry Helfrich, Retired Orchardist.</td>
<td>Learn how to successfully grow fruit trees in your home garden.</td>
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<td>Thurs. Jan. 28</td>
<td>Geology of Southern Oregon</td>
<td>6:00-8:00pm</td>
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<td>Jad D’Allura, Ph.D.</td>
<td>The geology of southwestern Oregon is incredibly varied and excitingly vibrant. The rocks speak of a 260 million year history of continental collision with offshore island arcs, a vast inland sea, torrential rivers, and growth of magnificent High Cascade volcanoes.</td>
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<td>Tues. February 2</td>
<td>Raised Beds (Beautiful &amp; Bountiful)</td>
<td>6:00-8:00pm</td>
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<td>John Kobal, Master Gardener</td>
<td>Raised bed gardening is a great way to grow veggies and ornamentals despite soil and pest challenges.</td>
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<td>Sun. February 7</td>
<td>SOSGA Seed Breeding for Organic &amp; Sustainable Systems</td>
<td>4:00-6:00pm</td>
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<td>Bill Tracy, University of Wisconsin</td>
<td>Professor Bill Tracy will discuss opportunities and challenges of seed breeding in organic and sustainable systems. His talk will focus on how small farmers and gardeners can breed their own varieties of seed that are locally adapted to thrive. RSVP required, <a href="mailto:paula.burkhalter@oregonstate.edu">paula.burkhalter@oregonstate.edu</a>. Details will be sent.</td>
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<td>Thur. February 11</td>
<td>Planting for Birds &amp; Pollinators Tour</td>
<td>3:00-5:00pm</td>
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<td>Kari Gies, Master Gardener</td>
<td>Learn about what to plant to attract birds and pollinators in your garden, will include a brief tour of demonstration gardens.</td>
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<td>Mon. February 15</td>
<td>Weed ID and Control in Pastures, Hayground</td>
<td>5:30-8:30pm</td>
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<td>Shelby Filley, Angie Boudro</td>
<td>Shelby Filley, Livestock and Forage Regional Director, presents. We will explore weed biology, ID, monitoring, and matching control methods to specific weeds. Class includes hands-on weed ID activities. Bring a weed sample to share with the group; individual fresh samples in plastic baggie with a slightly moist paper towel and dry samples in individual paper bags.</td>
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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. Feb. 18  
**Great Gray Owl: Helping out one of the World’s Largest Owls in their Native Habitat**  
Steve Thiemann, Author  
7:00pm  
Cost: FREE  
Local photographer and author Peter Thiemann joins us to talk about his experiences observing photographing an important species in the Rogue Valley, the Great Gray Owl. Peter will discuss the project work he and others have done to improve local habitat. Learn about this amazing species and what you can do to help!

**Sat. February 20**  
**Pruning – Grape**  
9:00am-12:00pm  
Cost: $15  
Chris Hubert, Results Partners  
This class is in the vineyard here on the Extension grounds and will show how to prune grapes to maximize health and harvest.

**Thurs. Feb. 25**  
**Weeds 1: IPM (Integrated Pest Management) for the 10 Most Wanted**  
6:00-8:00pm  
Cost: $15  
TBA

**Sat. Feb. 27**  
**Irrigation on the Farm**  
9:30 am-4:30pm  
Cost: $35  
David Mostue, Dunbar Farm  
In one full day, learn the details and upkeep of an irrigation system on-location at Dunbar Farm.

**Tues. March 1**  
**Soil Biology**  
6:00-8:00pm  
Cost: $10  
Scott Goode, Master Gardener  
Life in the soil is intricate and fascinating. Come learn how it helps us improve the health and productivity of our plants.

**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**  
5:00-9:00pm  
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.

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.