BEGINNING BEEKEEPING III * Jackson/Josephine, Auditorium

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Instructors: Bee Girl
Beginning Beekeeping III is the third class in the series for beginning beekeepers in 2012. This class will highlight honey extraction and overwintering. Bee Girl will discuss how much honey you can safely remove from your hives, and options for extracting. She will also discuss how to evaluate your hives for winter preparedness and steps to take in the fall to ensure a healthy colony in the spring. For more information, contact Maud Powell at (541) 776-7371 ext. 208. Register on-line or by calling (541) 776-7371.

INTRODUCTION TO PASTURE MANAGEMENT * Josephine, Auditorium

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Instructors: Elizabeth Murphy and Maud Powell, OSU Small Farms
This class is for people with small acreage. Topics to be discussed are developing pastures, improving existing pastures, weed control and fertilization. Students will also be given a simple formula to determine how many animals their acreage will support. Pre-registration is required; call 541-476-6613. For more information, contact Maud Powell at (541) 776-7371 ext. 208. Register on-line or by contacting Lorena at (541) 476-6613.

GET YER GOAT EDUCATION DAY * Jackson, Auditorium

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Instructors: Extension faculty, professionals and seasoned goat owners from around the state, this one day event covers everything goat-related, from milking to parasites, vet care to breeding, nutrition to soap making. A beginner and advanced track of workshops will run all day. Cost includes a locally catered lunch and publications. For more information, contact Maud Powell at (541) 776-7371 ext. 208. Register on-line or by calling (541) 776-7371.

GOAT CHEESE MAKING CLASS * Jackson, Classroom

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Instructors: Gianaclis Caldwell of Pholia Farms
This all-day goat cheese-making class. Participants will learn the entire process of cheese production. Lunch and materials provided. Class size is limited to 20 students, so pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Maud Powell at (541) 776-7371 ext. 208. Register on-line or by calling (541) 776-7371.

FARMER TO FARMER FIELD DAY * Fort Vannoy Farms, Grants Pass

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Instructor: Bob Crouse Farmer
Commercial growers are invited to join an agritourism tour and discussion at Fort Vannoy Farms in Grants Pass. Fort Vannoy offers a destination farm stand, corn maze, pumpkin patch, pumpkin cannon and zip line. Farmer Bob Crouse will guide a tour, a discussion will follow. The Small Farms program is offering these quarterly gatherings to provide opportunities for commercial growers to meet on-farm and exchange ideas and information. Directions and details will be emailed to registered participants. Register at 541-776-7371 ext 208.
EXPLORING THE SMALL FARM DREAM * Josephine, Auditorium

Date(s) Day Time Cost
11/08, 15, 29/2012 THURS 5-8 PM $50.00 REGISTER ON LINE

Instructors: Maud Powell & Shaina Bronstein, OSU Extension Small Farms
This three evening course provides an opportunity for people interested in starting a new farm to assess the feasibility of their small farm dream. During the classes, participants will learn about their water rights and soil classes, consider lifestyle factors, consider various enterprises, learn how to conduct market research and examine current and potential resources and skills. The final class culminates in informal presentations by each participant. Cost of the class includes course binder. For more information, contact Maud Powell at (541) 776-7371 ext. 208.

LAND CONNECTION CONFERENCE * RCC

Date(s) Day Time Cost
11/10/2012 SAT 6-8 PM $15.00

Save the date for the Southern Oregon Land Connection Conference scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 in Medford. Over the next 20 years, it is estimated that 400 million acres of farmland will change hands. This conference will focus on giving land owners and farmers the tools to work together. It will also highlight what is happening at a national and local level in terms of agricultural land preservation policy.

This event is presented by Thrive with funding from the city of Ashland.
Co-sponsored by the OSU Small Farms Program and Friends of Family Farmers. For more information or to register, call 541-488-7272 or email info@thriveoregon.org.

SOIL TEST INTERPRETATION * Jackson, LIBRARY

Date Day Time Cost
12/13/2012 THURS 5:30-9 PM $10.00

Instructor: Elizabeth Murphy, Soil Scientist and OSU Small Farms Faculty
Advanced class – limited to ten commercial farmers with soil test reports. This class provides an in-depth look at soil test report data to manage fertility programs for small to medium scale farms. We will use each farmer’s soil test report to closely examine soil test methods and the accurate and meaningful interpretation of results to guide the development of a comprehensive fertility management and soil testing program.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN FARMERS * SOREC & LOCAL FARMS

Date(s) Day Time Cost
ONCE A MONTH VARIES VARIES $20.00 per year

Women farmers are invited to join this group for workshops, farm tours and networking! Upcoming events include beekeeping, tool sharpening, seed saving, wine tasting and mushroom farming classes.
Call: 541-776-7371 ext 208 to sign up!

GROWING FARMS-Successful Whole Farm Management.....Offered in January

Mondays, January 28th-February 25th, 2013 with two additional fields days.
Growing Farms workshops provide beginning farmers with the tools and knowledge needed to manage the biological and financial risks of farming.

The 8 week course is intended for people in their first 5 years of farming, people seriously considering starting a farm business, and people considering major changes to their farm. It includes both classroom and field sessions taught by OSU faculty, experienced farmers, and other agricultural professionals. Participants gain the skills needed to assess their resources and develop a whole farm plan.