Happy Retirement Jordis!

OSU Extension bid a bittersweet farewell to Metro-area OSU Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator Jordis Yost. Jordis retired in July after 22-years. She started her adventure (career) with OSU by taking the Master Gardener training in 1992 with her husband Michael. Jordis believed so strongly in the power of community-based outreach and engagement that she applied for a job with the MG program in 1996. Since then, she has supported thousands of volunteers in the Master Gardener training and volunteer experience.

Jordis has embodied the spirit of community and volunteerism during her tenure with OSU. Patience, a sense of humor, and purpose-driven investment of time and energy are just some of the traits that Jordis has brought to her work. Jordis also served in volunteer support roles for the Master Recycler, Master Watershed Stewards, Master Food Preservers, and Metro Natural Gardening programs along the way.

Jordis has guided and educated Master Gardeners with her delightful sense of humor, levelheaded perspective, kindness, and grace. We are immensely grateful to Jordis for her dedicated service, hard work, and steadfast commitment to OSU Extension, the Master Gardener program, and Master Gardener volunteers. We wish her a wonderful retirement!

Marcia McIntyre
Master Gardener Program

Say Hello to our YouTube Channel

Video is increasingly used to promote the programs we offer at Clackamas Extension and share the information we teach. Between videos we produce and drone shots and videos produced by OSU, Clackamas County, OregonLive and more, we wanted to create a library to house and share these valuable news items and lessons. Our new YouTube Channel can be found at Clackamas Extension with playlists for each program. Let us know if you have a video to share.
Harvest Dinner Continues to Grow

This year’s annual Harvest Dinner at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora, (NWREC) in late September was another huge success.

The event attracted 256 attendees this year. This is an increase in attendance by 15 percent. Governor Kate Brown and her husband attended for the second year in a row. For the first time, the Harvest Dinner included OSU’s President Ed Ray.

A total of 24 community sponsors—area businesses and agencies—came together to provide all of the funding for the event by purchasing table seating and bringing guests.

“This has become quite an event for us at NWREC and for agriculture in the north Willamette Valley. As we become a more significant event drawing more and more people—as well as, dignitaries—folks are wanting to join our celebration of agriculture and the important work OSU is doing in the community to support farming,” said Mike Bondi, NWREC Director and creator for the event.

A synopsis of the event with photos and captions is expected to be posted within the next week. Watch the NWREC and Clackamas Extension websites for the link.

And, don’t miss next year’s event. It IS the place to be!

Michael Bondi
Extension Regional Administrator

Back to School for Nutrition Education

This fall, the SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Program is back in action in a number of schools. We are teaching Discover MyPlate to Kindergartners at Trost Elementary, Molalla Elementary, Sandy Grade, River Mill, and Clackamas River Elementary schools. We are also teaching second graders with the Serving Up MyPlate curriculum in the same five schools. Copies of both curricula are available for free to any teacher in the U.S. from the Food and Nutrition Service, and can be found here: www.fns.usda.gov.

Middle School students at Estacada Middle School will have the option again this fall to join in the Kids in the Kitchen program to learn cooking skills and many healthy recipes. We’ve already been to most of our Back-to-School evenings with healthy recipes to share, and we’ll be in cafeterias and at other family events throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about any of our program options for your school, please get in touch with Katlyn Axmaker at Katlyn.axmaker@oregonstate.edu.

Erin Devlin
Family & Community Health Faculty
New Forestry Education Program Coordinator

Rose Clarke, the new Forestry Education Program Coordinator, started work at Clackamas Extension on September 18. Growing up in SE Portland, Rose got an early start in outdoor natural resource education at the Environmental Middle School. She entered her freshman year at OSU as a biology major, thinking to go into veterinary medicine. But she caught the botany bug in a plant pathology class and went on for a dual degree in Botany/Biology. Her work experience includes five seasons as a Field Instructor with Multnomah County Outdoor School and two years with Extension in Minnesota, supporting groups of professionals and volunteers on natural resource projects. Rose has a reputation as an excellent communicator and coordinator, just what is needed this fall as she joins the team to put together Tree School 2019.

“I’m really looking forward to learning and spending time in these beautiful forestlands and connecting with this community,” said Rose.

Glenn Ahrens
OSU Extension Forester

Get Growing! Become a Master Gardener!

Are you passionate about gardening? Do you want to get the real dirt on tried-and-true gardening practices? Are you interested in sharing your science-based knowledge as a volunteer community educator?

Then the OSU Extension Service has the program for you! Become an OSU Master Gardener™ volunteer and get growing from the ground up!

Registration opens in early November for the metro-area OSU Master Gardener Training Program. Training takes place in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Classes begin in February 2019 and consist of a combination of in-person classes, online content, and hands-on workshops, followed by 56 hours of volunteer service.

Dig deeper, cultivate a healthy garden and a healthy community by becoming an OSU Master Gardener Volunteer. For registration information, go to: www.metromastergardeners.org

Marcia McIntyre
Master Gardener Program

Extension Education Center Update

We are currently in the permitting process with the City of Oregon City for the new Extension Education Center.

Construction document preparation is moving forward including detailed planning for the kitchen, Master Gardener Clinic, and outdoor facilities like the teaching greenhouse, outdoor education pavilion, and showcase gardens. The goal is to have all detail planning complete before the end of the year and ready for advertising construction contracts.

Ground breaking is still anticipated later in the spring, 2019—and coming right up!

That means the “Quiet Phase” of the private fundraising is in full-swing. Also, we are developing a new Clackamas Extension Education Center website to share project information, architectural renderings, timelines and fundraising information. The website will allow us to provide real times project updates and news. We are still in the process of fine-tuning the content, but feel free to take a sneak peak at https://clackextensioned.center.

Finally, a new Extension Education Center tri-fold brochure is available at the Extension office and for public events and presentations. Feel free to request copies and help us share with the community.

Michael Bondi
OSU Regional Administrator
Future Events

October:

4-H Enrollment Packets Available: The enrollment packets will be available in the Extension office and online. Contact Jan Williams or Wendy Hein 503-655-8635.

4-H Tack and HEARTH Sales: Saturday, October 20 starting at 8:00 am at the Clackamas County Event Center. Everyone welcome. Admission is $1 and parking fees apply. Contact Jan Williams or Wendy Hein 503-655-8635.

Food Preservation and Safety Booth: Sunday, October 21 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Milwaukie Farmers Marker. Family Food Educators will be on site to share the best ways to preserve the bounty. Contact Kelly Streit 503-557-5885.

Producing and Marketing Christmas Boughs Workshop: Wednesday, October 24 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Beavercreek. Registration required. Contact Glenn Ahrens 503-655-8631.

4-H Master Shooting Sports Leader Training: October 27-28 at the Canby Rod & Gun Club. Participants learn how to work with 4-H groups on shooting sports projects. Contact Trisha Applebee 503-650-3132.

November:

Selling Logs Symposium: November 2-3 at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Registration is required and fees apply. Contact Glenn Ahrens 503-655-8631.

Healthy Celebration Booth: Saturday, November 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Estacada Public Library. SNAP-Ed will have a booth promoting healthy foods for celebrating. Contact Erin Devlin 503-557-3131.

Community Forestry Day: Saturday, November 10 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Contact Peter Matzka 503-655-8631.

Office Closed: Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day.

4-H Awards & Recognition Night: Saturday, November 17 starting at 6:30 pm at the Clackamas County Event Center. This is a celebration of accomplishments and contributions of 4-H youth and volunteers. Contact Wendy Hein 503-650-3122.

Office Closed: November 22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

December:

Community Forestry Day: Saturday, December 8 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Contact Peter Matzka 503-655-8631.

Office Closed: Thursday, December 13 for an all-day staff meeting.

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by two weeks before the event to the contact person listed on the event.

This publication will be made available in accessible formats upon request. Please call 503-655-8631 for information.