

# Great gardens start with Winter Dreams

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Mark your calendar: Next summer begins in November!

Make plans today to attend the Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens Symposium sponsored by the Jackson County Master Gardener Association on November 3, 2012. Now in its 14th season, this daylong event brings the region's leading gardening authorities together for a lively exploration of topics and issues that challenge gardeners throughout the Applegate Valley.

For many area gardeners, Winter Dreams is the most eagerly anticipated educational experience of the year—a meeting of the minds with offerings for gardeners at any level of expertise. In addition to learning from scholars, researchers and renowned practitioners, the symposium is a great opportunity to rub shoulders and swap ideas with fellow gardeners.

You'll be immersed in a learning environment where science-based practices and state-of-the-art thinking are seasoned with generous doses of local garden lore and priceless hands-on experience.

Enrollment includes your choice of four 90-minute classroom sessions plus a catered gourmet lunch where you can chat informally with the experts and other local gardeners.

It's as easy as it is rewarding: Just choose the topics of interest to you. Then reserve your spot by calling 541-776-7371. Or email robert.reynolds@oregonstate.edu.

Summer Dreams takes place at the RCC-SOU Higher Education Center in downtown Medford and parking during the event is free. For detailed class descriptions, visit <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/mg>.

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## Class Listing for the 2012 Winter Dreams Symposium

The class list is subject to revision. For an updated class list and detailed class descriptions, visit <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/mg>.

- Pretty as a Picture: Garden Photography
- Introduction to Irrigation System Design
- Attracting Birds to your Garden
- Residential Landscape Design from Concept to Implementation
- The Wonders of Pollination
- Color in the Ornamental Garden
- The Wide World of Orchids
- Seed-Saving Techniques
- Enjoy Food from your Garden and Local Sources Year-round
- Preserve your Own Lawns and Ground Cover
- Hardscape: Design and Build
- Composting for Small Gardens
- Landscaping with Native Plants
- Growing Roses in the Rogue Valley
- Vegetables: Easy and Delicious!
- From Romaine to Radicchio and Beyond: Growing Fall and Winter Harvests
- Mediterranean Gardens
- Home Greenhouse Gardens
- A Bee-autiful Garden: The Fascinating History of Humans, Bees, Flowers and Food
- Square-Foot Gardening
- Year-Round Flowers
- Choosing and Caring for Fruit Trees in the Valley
- The Care and Pruning of Wisteria
- How to Identify Woody Landscape Plants
- Natural Form Shrub Pruning, Getting away from Gumdrops
- Preventing and/or Treating Gardening Aches and Pains
- Carnivorous Plants
- Grow Great Blueberries
- Tools: The Cutting Edge

### What:

The 14th Annual Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens Symposium

### When:

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

### Where:

RCC/SOU Higher Education Center  
101 South Bartlett Street, Medford

### Cost:

\$40 fee includes four 90-minute sessions—plus lunch.  
Downtown Medford parking is FREE.



## Highlights of the 2012 Winter Dreams Symposium

In addition to popular favorites such as vegetables, perennials, roses, trees, birds and bees, you can also stay current on these timely topics:

### A Future Rogue Climate: Master Gardening for the Change

Alan Journet, a professional ecologist and conservation biologist, addresses the threat to our natural systems posed by current climate disruptions and how we can mitigate the inevitable.

### The Science of GMO

Gail Langellotto, PhD, explains the current science as well as popular misconceptions around this hot-button issue. She studies ecological relationships as a geneticist at OSU's Department of Horticulture.

### A Year in the Life of a Locavore

Master Gardener Jane Moyer shares her personal quest to "eat local." Her monthly diary is a practical, humorous, firsthand look at the limits and possibilities of regional food sourcing.

### To Till or Not to Till?

That is the question addressed by Stan Mapolski (aka "The Rogue Gardener"). Stan's Saturday call-in show is heard weekly on KMED 1440 from 9 - 10 am.

### Gardening with Children (Parts I, II and III)

Susan Muller, Tracy Harding and Rebecca Slosberg share projects and ideas about keeping our families involved—and our futures green—one happy child at a time.

### Composting and Soil Amendments (Basic & Advanced)

Biodynamic composter Denny Morelli shows how to transform ordinary garden trimmings into rich, custom-blended soils. The fine art of alchemy is alive and well.

### Is Your Thumb Blue? Water Efficiency Starts with You!

Julie Smitherman, water conservation specialist for the City of Ashland, discusses conservation, garden planning and the potential for using gray water for home gardens.

### Plants that Can Hurt You

Medford dermatologist Jeri Mendelsen, noted authority on travel medicine, discusses the dangers of toxic plants and what to do in case of a plant emergency.

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