

## Master Gardeners announce free plant clinic, summer classes, and demonstration gardens

Summer's here and now's the time to take advantage of the many helpful programs and services provided by the Jackson County Master Gardener Association. Here are some of the association's most popular offerings:

### Garden questions? Ask the experts. The plant clinic saves gardens in distress.

"What's wrong with my tomatoes?"  
"How can I keep these bugs off my roses?"  
"Help! My favorite tree is dying!"

Questions like these are a way of life for the Master Gardeners who staff the Plant Clinic at the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Office.

The Plant Clinic's mission is to be the ultimate authority in diagnosing and solving home garden problems, both large and small. Through a rigorous training program, Plant Clinic volunteers serve the local gardening community as expert diagnosticians. They can discover what ails your garden—and then offer advice on how to fix it.

As representatives of OSU's extension service, their recommendations are based on proven, science-based research, as well as their own considerable experience as gardeners. And if they can't find the answer, they'll get it from OSU's resident professional research staff.

Best of all, this valuable information and advice is free. The Plant Clinic can answer your questions and solve your problems—and it won't cost you a penny.

The Plant Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 10 am - 2 pm through October 31.

Call: 541-776-7371 ext. 204  
Website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/ask-an-expert>  
Visit: Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center  
569 Hanley Road, Central Point

### Get inspired. Visit the demonstration gardens on Hanley Road.

The demonstration gardens on the grounds of the OSU Extension Service are a valuable local resource, where you can see organic methods and sustainable garden designs put into practice.

You'll get ideas and inspirations for how to design your own garden, and transform your yard into a welcoming outdoor room. You'll also discover new techniques and ways to think about gardening that will help make your home garden easier and more sustainable.

The demonstration gardens are designed and planted by certified Master Gardeners, and are maintained by apprentices seeking certification as Master Gardeners.

Free, self-guided tours are available at more than 20 themed gardens on the grounds of the OSU Extension Center, 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, Oregon. Call 541-776-7371 for garden hours and more information.

Here are just a few of the popular gardens you can explore:

- Native Plants Garden
- Water-Wise Garden
- Lavender Garden
- Compost Garden
- Kitchen Gardens



- Rain Garden
- Shade Garden
- Succulent Garden
- Culinary Herb Garden
- Wildflower Garden
- Rose Garden

**Learn “insiders’ secrets” to successful gardening in southern Oregon.**

Each year the Jackson County Master Gardener Association hosts a series of Saturday and evening classes for the public at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 569 Hanley Road (between Jacksonville and Central Point).

Presented by top local professionals, authors, experts and instructors, these sessions provide practical, hands-on demonstrations, followed by individual question-and-answer opportunities.

You’ll benefit from a wealth of experience with local problems and solutions. These classes are more helpful than online resources—and more useful in your own home situation – because they’re all presented from a unique, southern Oregon perspective.

Here are a few of this season’s topics:

**Pest Management for Organic Gardens**

Thursday, June 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Move away from conventional chemical solutions to more sustainable and earth-friendly gardening practices. Discuss integrated pest management strategies for organic gardens.

**Beyond Tomatoes and Petunias**

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Interested in cultivating unusual plants? This class provides a fascinating look at alternatives for Southern Oregon gardens.

**Winter Veggie Gardens**

Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Learn how to enjoy your garden year-round. Topics include garden maintenance, seed starting, frost protection, and varieties of herbs, vegetables and ornamentals that grow here all winter.

**This is NOT the Pacific Northwest**

Thursday, July 18, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Discover the many drought-tolerant plants that thrive in the unique climate of Southern Oregon. Includes natives and rare varieties.

**Extending the Growing Season**

Thursday, August 8, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

How to design, build and use greenhouses, hoop houses and cold frames that extend the growing season for many plants.

**Winter Produce Storage**

Thursday, August 22, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Learn tips and tricks for preserving your garden’s bounty without canning.

Admission is \$5.00; free to Master Gardeners. For information and registration, call 541-776-7371. Or visit <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/>.

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