

# Spring programs blooming at Jacksonville Community Center

BY JULIE RAEFIELD

Like the flowers springing from the earth and migrating birds returning to the valley, the Jacksonville Community Center (JCC) has all kinds of activity flourishing in the spring months. New classes focused on creative and enriching activities for youth and adults are on tap, including music, arts, crafts, wellness, and nature exploration—and more are being added continuously.



Instructor Lori Grable leads beginning yoga classes on Friday mornings.

JCC serves adults and children of all ages, and we welcome residents of our entire area, including the Applegate Valley, Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Phoenix, Talent, Rogue River, Gold Hill, and other communities in the valley.

Here is a sampler of this spring's sessions as of publication; check [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org) for registration and information on other activities that will be added later in the spring.

### Youth programs

We are pleased to be offering the array of children's programs listed below. Plans are also under way for youth cooking classes and toddler-pre-K playdates. (For updates, visit the JCC website at [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org).)

- Beginning Youth Ukulele (ages 7-12): 2-3 pm March 13. \$5
- Youth Arts and Crafts (ages 6-12): 2-3 pm March 2. \$5
- Bumble Bee B&B with Pollinator Project Rogue Valley (ages 3+): 11 am-noon March 16. \$5 per child.
- Youth Arts and Crafts (ages 6-12): 2-3 pm April 10. \$5
- Beginning Youth Ukulele (ages 7-12): 2-3 pm April 17. \$5
- Worms and Composting with Bugs-R-U's (ages 3+): 3:30-4:30 pm April 22. \$5

### All ages

From noon-3 pm Sunday, April 21, the center is sponsoring a free Earth Day Family Celebration with nature-based crafts, educational displays, and a wildflower walk.

### Single session adult classes and activities

A series of free "house concerts" featuring local musicians throughout the year is planned. Sponsored through grant funding, the concerts will provide an alcohol-free environment for music appreciation for the whole family.

New classes are listed below:

- Adult Introduction to Ukulele: 4:30-5:30 pm March 5. \$7
- Introduction to Quilt Making Series: 11 am-1 pm March 6, 13, 20 and 27. \$7 per class plus \$60 materials cost.
- Craft: Mosaic Flowers for Home or Garden: 11 am-1 pm April 17. \$7 plus \$18 materials cost.

### Ongoing adult wellness programs

JCC offers ongoing weekly wellness classes intended to promote healthy



A garden mosaic class for adults is slated for April 17 at JCC.

activity and social connections. The weekly classes currently include:

- Line Dancing for Fitness: 1-2 pm Mondays. \$7
- Flow Yoga: 5:30-6:30 pm Mondays. Check our website for cost.
- Gentle Chair Yoga: 9:30-10:15 am Wednesdays. Check our website for cost.
- Tai Chi and Qi Gong: 9-10 am (8:45 for first timers) Thursdays. \$7
- Beginning Yoga: 10:30-11:30 am Fridays. \$7

**Facility rentals.** JCC supports our communities by offering advance reservation rentals of our great room, catering kitchen, and cottage at affordable rates for anyone in our region. Check the rental section of our website for information at [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/rent-a-space-2](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/rent-a-space-2).

**A community of givers.** JCC receives no dedicated support from city, county, or state funds. Our generous community members keep us operating through financial donations, volunteer hours, facility rentals, and paid class fees. We are always seeking additional philanthropic support from those who wish to see our communities and region reach their best potential. Donations are gratefully accepted online at [jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/donate](http://jacksonvillecommunitycenter.org/donate).

Online registration for JCC activities is highly recommended and, in some instances, required. For those needing help or having technical issues with the registration process, call the center at 541-702-2585 and leave a voicemail to receive personal assistance.

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# A Place-inspired Space

An open house to inspire and support Applegate vacation rental hosts

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Close your eyes and imagine one of your favorite travel memories. Was it unwrapping an Egg McMuffin at McDonalds in Anytown, USA? Scrimmaging for a Frappuccino at Starbucks? Bedding down at a Motel 6 along Interstate 5?

I doubt it. Chances are, it was a time when you felt the distinct sense of place or—to borrow a French wine term—a sense of "terroir." Terroir—all the variables that imbue an experience or product with a distinct sense of place. Loosely applied, it's the way a poblano pepper might invoke the heat of Mexico. Or the way Peruvian flute music seems to contain in its very sound the mountainous acoustics of the Andes.

On April 24, Destination Applegate, a working group of A Greater Applegate (AGA), will celebrate our own valley's terroir at the Place-Inspired Space event at Wooldridge Creek Winery's vacation rental. The rental will be staged with Applegate-made products of all kinds.

The goal of the event is to inspire our local vacation rental hosts to feature local goods in their accommodations.

Imagine the kitchen stocked with local wines and Oshala Farm bedtime tea. On the pillow? A "Mighty Mint" chocolate truffle from our local Supernatural Chocolate company. In the morning? A Pennington Farms tayberry turnover at the breakfast table.

It doesn't stop with food and drink. Maybe a suggested setlist, or CDs from one of our local musicians, like Fyah Harp, and walls adorned with the work of local metal artist Kris Albro, or one of Corbin Brashear's whimsical fiber pieces.

And the bookshelf? A collection featuring local authors, like the Applegate

Poets' anthology, one of Diana Coogle's books, and Tomi Hazel Vaarde's Social Forestry book. And, of course, the place should be stocked with maps of our local hiking trails and history sites!

The accommodation at Wooldridge Creek is the perfect setting for the Place-inspired Space event. The cabin-style dwelling is very "Oregon" and situated in woods just behind the tasting room. Winery owners Ted and Mary Warrick arrived on the land in the late 1970s in a Volkswagen van and lived in it while they built the spacious log cabin.

This Place-inspired Space event speaks to the Applegate Valley Vision, an 89-page document that outlines the goals and needs expressed during the listening sessions AGA conducted throughout the valley in 2019-2021. During those meetings, residents expressed a desire to support our local economy by managing tourism in a way that is low-impact, sustainable, community-led, and attractive to diverse visitors. The Destination Applegate working group has been meeting to brainstorm strategies to carry out this vision. A Place-inspired Space is one of those ideas, and Travel Southern Oregon awarded the group a grant to support the event.

Showcasing local products in our vacation rentals not only highlights our local businesses but also provides visitors with an experience to remember and inspires them to return!

The April 24 event at Wooldridge Creek's cabin will last from 5:30-8 pm and feature sips and nibbles. Stay tuned for details! Email me with your ideas and questions!

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## We want to hear from you!



If you eat, grow, buy or sell food in the Rogue Valley, we're looking for your input!

The 2024 Community Food Assessment seeks to understand the experiences of those who participate in the Josephine and Jackson County food systems. Your anonymous answers to this 10-15 minute survey will help shape the Rogue Valley Food Action Plan and the future of food and agriculture in the region over the next ten years and beyond.



You'll be invited to enter to win a Rogue Valley Foodie Staycation!

Enter for a chance to win raffle prizes, including a one-night stay at the Ashland Springs Hotel!



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