

## Annual Fire District Yard Sale and Future Fund-Raising

Collectively, those of us at the Applegate Fire District – Friends of the Fire District, volunteers and staff would like to thank those who donated items not only for this last year's yard sale, but for all of the yard sales in the past. Donations and proceeds from yard sales have helped purchase equipment for the fire district that couldn't be purchased within the normal budget. Hosting three annual social events for the fire district members and families (a Christmas Party, an Awards Banquet and the Summer Picnic) as well as assisting those seeking Emergency Medical Technician training with tuition scholarships are the other vital ways that the Friends support our Fire District.

The yard sale has been the primary fund-raising effort of the Friends of the Applegate Fire District for many years. The amount of donated items has increased while the amount of funds raised has decreased. At the same time the quantity of items that must be hauled off to the landfill has skyrocketed. (Items that cannot be given to other organizations for use, include clothes etc...) In addition, the amount of time that goes into sorting and handling the donated items has become unmanageable. So it is with deep regret that we will no longer be putting on the annual yard sale. We realize that the yard sale will be missed for many reasons, but the effort that goes into the yard sale is simply no longer beneficial.

Of course the financial reasons for raising funds continue to exist, so we hope to replace the yard sale with another function that might prove to be popular with district patrons: an annual firefighters ball. This event would be held each year in the valley, with pre-sold tickets for dinner. Attendees would listen to music provided by local musicians while dining with friends and neighbors. The evening would culminate with a silent auction.

Again, we want to thank everyone who has helped us throughout the years and we hope you will continue to support our cause as we change how we support the men and women of the Applegate Fire District, who help all of us in our time of need.

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Fire Chief,  
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## OSU Master Gardeners Association Classes and Events

### Jackson County

#### Now to April 28 THE SPRING FAIR BOOK SHACK NEEDS DONATED BOOKS

The Master Gardener Spring Fair Book Shack is looking for used books to help benefit The J.C.M.G.A. Scholarship Fund. We are looking for books on the following topics: gardening and landscape (all aspects), bees, birds, insects, butterflies, rocks, varmint, wildlife, worms, "how to" books, arts and crafts, cookbooks, canning and preserving, wine and wine-making, health and all children's books, videos and video games. Please, NO magazines.

*Please drop your books off at the O.S.U. Extension Office on Hanley Road*

#### Saturday, February 12,

##### 9:00 am-12:00 pm GRAPE PRUNING

##### Chris Hubert, Quail Run Vineyard

The emphasis of this class will be growing grapes in the home garden, especially how, when, and where to prune. Participants will learn terminology that applies to growing grapes, care of grapes, and solutions for common grape problems in the home garden. The class will conclude with an outdoor demonstration on pruning grapes, so dress for the weather. *Qualifies for M.G. re-certification.*

#### Saturday, February 19,

##### 9:00 am -12:00 pm FRUIT TREE PRUNING

##### Terry Helfrich, Professional Orchardist

The emphasis of this class will be growing fruit trees in the home garden, especially how, when, and where to prune. Selection of trees and planting site, tree structure, planting requirements, spacing and tree training will also be discussed. The class will conclude with an outdoor demonstration in pruning fruit trees, so dress for the weather. *Qualifies for M. G. recertification.*

#### Saturday, March 5. 9:00 am-12:00 pm ROSE PRUNING

##### Len Tiernan, Master Gardener

Rose anatomy, rose care, pruning tools, and 10 principles for pruning roses will be discussed. The class will conclude with outdoor practice in pruning roses, so dress for the weather and bring gloves, clippers, and loppers.

#### Tuesday March 8, 7:00-9:00 pm

##### FRUIT TREE GRAFTING

##### George Tiger, ret. OSU Extension Agent

Learn how to create your own apple tree or save grandpa's favorite apple tree. The techniques and tools for grafting fruit trees will be taught. Class members will choose apple tree varieties to make a minimum of three grafted starts to take home. Class qualifies for Master Gardener recertification. NOTE: Class limited to 25. Prepayment of materials fee of \$25 and class fee of \$5 required. See Paula in the Extension Office.

#### Saturday, March 19 READY-SET-GROW, A DAY FOR BEGINNERS

##### 8:30 am-10:00 am SEED STARTING

##### Don Shaffer, Master Gardener

##### 10:15 am-11:45 am VEGETABLE GARDENING

##### Carol Oneal, Master Gardener

##### 11:45 am - 1:00 pm Lunch (on your own)

##### 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

##### Stan Mapolski, Landscaper

##### 2:45 pm- 4:15 pm SOIL AND WATER

##### Bob Reynolds, M. Gardener Coordinator

*NOTE: \$5 per class or 4 classes for \$15/ MG free*

#### Thursday, March 24, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm ANCIENT GRAINS

##### Rebecca Wood, author of Splendid Grains

Rebecca Wood, author of the Splendid Grains cookbook will be the keynote speaker, followed by a panel of local farmers and other local grain experts—and lots of whole-grain tastings throughout. *Cost: \$10 (Master Gardeners included)*

#### Tuesday, April 5, 7:00-9:00 pm DANDY DAHLIAS

##### Christy Hope, Master Gardener

Dahlias are easy and one little tuber can give an abundance of color and happiness. A yearly look at dahlias: varieties/classifications, purchasing, when/where to plant, pests/problems, digging/winter storage will be covered. *Class qualifies for M. G. recertification.*

#### Tuesday, April 19, 7:00-9:00 pm Made in the Shade

##### Cliff Bennett, Chet's Garden Center

This class will cover annuals, perennials, evergreens, and unusual conifers that will thrive in a shade garden. Soils, fertilizers, and insects will also be discussed. *Cost: \$5/MG free. This class qualifies for Master Gardener recertification.*

*There is a fee of \$10.00 per Saturday class and a \$5.00 per Weekday class (unless indicated otherwise). Master Gardeners wearing their badges are admitted free (materials fees still apply). The classes are held at the OSU Extension Center located at 569 Hanley Road, Central Point, Oregon. For questions and/or registration please call 541-776-7371.*

*To learn more about J.C.M.G.A. go to: <http://extension.orst.edu/sorec/gardening>*

*The Master Gardener Program educates local gardeners on the art and science of growing and caring for plants. Trained Master Gardener volunteers extend sustainable gardening information to their communities through educational outreach programs.*

### Josephine County

#### 22nd Annual Home Garden Seminar February 19

The 22nd ANNUAL HOME GARDEN SEMINAR will be held Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm at: ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass. The seminar is sponsored by Josephine County Master Gardeners and RCC. Participants may attend four 90 minute classes for \$20.00 dollars, choosing from a selection of 30+ garden-related topics. Registration will begin January 10 and close February 11. Walk-in registration is welcome at 8:00 am on the day of the seminar, depending on class availability. Early registration advised. Information, forms and class details are available at Josephine County OSU Extension Office, 215 Ringuette St, Grants Pass 541-476-6613, or after January 10, 2011 go to: <http://www.jocomastergardeners.com> or <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/josephine/horticulture/master-gardeners/>

#### Become an OSU Master Gardener Classes start January 13

Have you ever wondered why some people can maintain a beautiful landscape with few pesticides while others are constantly spraying but are never really satisfied with the results? Do you know the real impact of all those garden inputs on the environment and you? Do you just want to learn more about growing plants to give you more confidence around your yard?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions you may want to attend the Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener™ winter training program. The Master Gardener program combines in-depth classes with hands-on volunteer experience learning in plant clinics, gardens, and greenhouses. The purpose of the training is to teach sustainable gardening methods and to prepare you to be a Master Gardener volunteer. As a Master Gardener, you will provide accurate gardening information to Josephine County citizens through our clinic at the OSU Extension office or at organized events throughout the county.

Classes are offered just once a year on Thursday, from January 13 to March 30 from 9am to 4pm with an hour off for lunch. Classes are held at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass. Registration is open now and has limited space. The course costs \$100.

All Master Gardener students agree to complete 70 hours of volunteer service with the program. Volunteer activities include plant clinic, greenhouse, demonstration gardens, school programs, spring garden fair and other activities. Your volunteer hours and activities can be flexible to fit your schedule.

If this program is what you are looking for, then join us. Come down to the OSU Extension Office at 215 Ringuette St. to register and set up an orientation time. Space is limited so register early. If you have any questions about the program, call 541-476-6613

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