



Jackson County Master Gardener™ Program Special Classes and Activities

**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, varmints, wildlife, worms, “how to” books, arts and crafts, cookbooks, canning and preserving, wine and winemaking, health and all children’s books. Please, NO magazines. Drop off at O.S.U. Extension Service.

**Saturday May 8, 9 am - 12 pm
SUMMER CARE OF GRAPE VINES
Chris Hubert, Quail Run Vineyard**

Learn the most important grape management techniques after pruning. The proper summer management of grape vines includes early season shoot thinning, controlling head suckering, training vine growth for the rest of the season and controlling crop load. Class will take place outdoors in the vineyard. Come dressed for the weather. This class qualifies for Master Gardener re-certification.

**Thursday May 13, 7-9 pm
DESIGNING A FLOWER BED
Bonnie Bayard, Landscape Architect**

Planting design considerations and how to put plants together to create a pleasing and effective design will be discussed. How to use the Sunset Western Garden Book in planning a design will be taught. Bring large cuttings of flower bed plants you already have and a copy of the Sunset Western Garden Book if you have one. This class qualifies for Master Gardener Re-certification.

There is a fee of \$5.00 per 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. 541-776-7371.

To learn more about Jackson county Master Gardener Association go to: <http://extension.orst.edu/sorec/mg>.

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.

Jackson County Master Gardeners Spring Fair 2010

Beautiful spring has reached our valley again and with spring comes the 31 annual Jackson County Master Gardener Spring Fair, May 1 from 9 am to 5 pm and May 2 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Jackson County Expo Center in Central Point.

This year we want to encourage you to “GROW YOUR OWN” and you will find thousands of plants from veggie starts to trees and shrubs as well as garden tools for sale by over 150 vendors.

There will be 12 free classes offered to help you LEARN HOW. For your enjoyment, a wine tasting pavilion will tempt you to sit awhile and enjoy some of the wonderful wines made here in the Rogue Valley. The Spring Fair is the largest event of its kind between Portland and San Francisco and is organized and operated solely by volunteers of the Jackson County Master Gardener Association.

Admission is just \$3, children under 12 are free and parking is free. Please, no pets allowed. Proceeds help fund the many Master Gardener community outreach educational programs.

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Voices of the Applegate in Spring

Voices of the Applegate Community Choir had a wonderful winter session with director Tami Marston ending with two concerts: One at the Historic Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville on March 19 and another at the Applegate River Ranch House on March 21.

We are starting up again with a new director, Cyrise Beatty, who will be commuting from Ashland to lead our rehearsals, at the Applegate Community Church. Two rehearsals on April 5 and April 12 will be on Mondays at the Applegate Community Church and after that we will rehearse on Wednesday evenings at the Applegate Library at 7:00 pm until June 9 with a concert on June 13, celebrating the beginning of summer.

We always welcome new choir members, and would especially like to have more men sign up for the bass and tenor sections. Our spring session begins on March 29 and rehearsals will last until June 9 with a concert on June 13. The venue and time for the concert will be announced soon.

The charge for the twelve week session is only \$50, and no audition is required. For more information call Joan at 541-846-6988.

Joan Peterson
541-846-6988

Jackson County Waste Diversion Days Properly dispose of household paints and chemicals

**Free Latex Paint Drop-off
April 30 and May 1, 8 am to 4 pm**

Drop off your household latex paints for proper disposal.

Remember: household latex paints only; this event is not open to business waste or oil based paints. Need some paint? Check out the free re-use table.

Jackson County Drop-off sites:

- Rogue Disposal & Recycling transfer station, 8001 Table Rock Road, White City, 541-779-4161
- Recology Ashland Sanitary Service transfer station, 3000 N. Valley View Road, Ashland, 541-482-1471

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off • May 7-8, 8 am to 4 pm

Bring your household hazardous waste to Rogue Disposal Transfer Station, 8001 Table Rock Road. Cost is \$5.00 per vehicle. Trade in your mercury thermometer for a digital one at no charge. Acceptable items include: cleaning supplies, batteries, pool and spa chemicals, lead and oil-based paint, paint removers, wood preservatives and light ballasts. Do NOT bring: fluorescent bulbs, medical or biological waste, explosives, radioactive materials, ammunition, commercial or industrial waste, asbestos, 55 gallon drums, propane tanks, fire extinguishers or other metal tanks. For more information, contact Rogue Disposal at 541-779-4161 or www.RogueDisposal.com.

For Josephine County dates contact Southern Oregon Sanitation, 541-479-5335 or Allied Waste Services of Grants Pass, 541-479-3371 for dates, times and locations.

Recycle more at home and work: Find the Jackson County Recycling Directory online at www.jcrecyclingdirectory.org.



Southern Oregon Celebrates Earth Day Saturday, April 24, 11 am-4 pm at ScienceWorks in Ashland

Free Outdoor Admission

Rogue Valley Earth Day is our region’s annual festival for discovery and inspiration towards shaping healthy, sustainable lifestyles and building community.

Over 70 exhibits will share information about ways to shape earth-friendly lifestyles, covering topics of energy and water conservation, transportation alternatives, waste prevention, land and water conservation, and wildlife preservation. Visitors can discover the benefits of supporting local farmers, learn how solar electricity works, see how to start a compost pile, sign up for renewable energy programs and learn about sustainable landscaping.

This outdoor celebration features live entertainment throughout the day. Hamfist, a lively acoustic ensemble, performs everything from jug band jazz, classic country, power pop and contemporary Americana. “Jack and the Greenstalk,” a performance of Ashland Children’s Theater motivates the audience to recycle more and save energy. Le Cirque Center of Ashland awes the crowd with circus arts on aerial silks and hoops, and Dancing People Company performs striking modern dance.

Grab a delicious bite to eat from one of the local food vendors: Ashland Food Coop, Pennington Farms, Pangea Grills & Wraps, Katrina Tamales, and Little Shop of Bagels. This is a family-friendly event, hours of children’s activities, crafts and games will amuse children of all ages. Please help make the event ZeroWaste by bringing your own beverage container.

ScienceWorks is located at 1500 E. Main Street in Ashland. For more information, visit www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net or call 541-488-6606.



Applegate Food Pantry



Applegaters!

The Applegate Food Pantry is accepting donations of food and cash as well as CLEAN clothing and bedding.
Please contact Arlene or Claude Aron at 541-846-0380.

Checks should be made to “Applegate Access.”
The address for donations is:
Applegate Access
P.O. Box 1692, Jacksonville, OR 97530

Thank you for all your donations.