



SPRING GARDEN FAIR

2016 Exhibits Center Participants

Clackamas County Resource Conservation & Solid Waste. The Office of Sustainability is expanding. They will cover Master Recycling (a program much like Master Gardeners sponsored by their office), natural gardening and composting

Clackamas County Fair, Floral Department. Exhibitor Handbooks and entry criteria information will be available for those interested in taking part in the Floral and Gardening portion of the 2015 Clackamas County Fair. Opportunity awaits in our annual August Clackamas County Fair Floral Bounty display. Single treasured floral specimens, potted plants, floral design, and even a people's choice award in our newer recycled garden category, offer multiple diverse areas to take part. An Oregon Extension Master Gardener booth on site, along with presentations during the week of the Fair, and an annual Plant Sale sponsored by the Oregon Nurserymen Association, make the Floral Department an exciting place to those who love the art of gardening.

Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District (Native Plant Trailer). **Mobile native plant garden trailer located outside 4-H Hall/Exhibit Building.** The mobile garden features several microclimates with varying levels of water and sunlight exposure designed to replicate conditions that any landowner may deal with in their landscaping. Plants are also grouped to showcase species that attract pollinators, fare well in a riparian buffer zone, and/or thrive with little water. The mobile garden is accompanied at events by knowledgeable staff that provide landowners with information about the benefits of native plants and less-toxic gardening and supplement that information delivered verbally by providing viewers with take-away items iterating the benefits of native plants, using fewer pesticides, and practicing water-efficient gardening. (Information available inside the building as well.)

Clackamas County Vector Control. **Located outside in Master Gardener Booth in front of Row F/G.** The Clackamas County Vector Control District is responsible for control of flies and mosquitoes within Clackamas County. The goals of the District are to limit the number of vectors thus reducing annoyances and the likelihood of vector borne disease for persons living in the District.

End of the Trail Pioneer Garden. The End of the Oregon Trail Pioneer Garden began with a heritage rose garden which was planted in 1992. The site now includes a demonstration kitchen garden with vegetables and herbs representing varieties grown by early settlers in Oregon. There are also apple trees, grapes, hops, and flowers. The kitchen garden showcases the sustainable gardening practices used by the pioneers and it serves as a teaching tool for the public. In addition to planting and maintaining the garden, Master Gardeners make educational presentations to student groups and other visitors to the site.

Grow an Extra Row-Giving and Learning Garden. Grow an Extra Row is a project of the Clackamas County Master Gardeners. The chapter rents several garden plots at Clackamas Community College. Volunteers plant and harvest more than one ton of produce annually for donation to local food banks.

Home Orchard Society. This non-profit organization is dedicated to assisting both novice and expert fruit growers, preserving heirloom fruit varieties, and promoting the science, culture and pleasure of growing fruit at home.



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Hopkins Demonstration Forest. A 140-acre, privately-owned forest, open to the public. Providing self-guided exploration, tours, workshops, and education progress for students, teachers and the public, they are supported with volunteers from the Metro Area Master Gardeners and OSU Extension service.

The Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN). A non-profit trade association that represents nearly 900 individual nursery stock producers, retailers, landscapers and related companies serving the nursery and greenhouse industry. Visit the booth to learn about Plant Something Oregon and pick up your free Retail Nurseries & Garden Centers map.

OSU Extension Service. The parent organization of the Master Gardener Program, Oregon State University Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that strengthen communities and economies, sustain natural resources and promote healthy families and individuals.

Portland Dahlia Society. The Portland Dahlia Society is a non-profit organization for people in the greater Portland area who grow dahlias. We promote and encourage interest in growing and showing dahlias. The club has been in existence since 1928 and is affiliated with the American Dahlia Society. At each of our monthly meetings an educational program is held with the goal of every member learning something new and encouraging the development of a stronger network of dahlia mentors and newer growers. Dahlia tubers are sold each year at the Clackamas County Master Gardener Spring Garden Fair and at spring club meetings. In 2016 our annual show will be held at Oakes Park in Portland on August 27-28.

Portland Metro Beekeepers. A non-profit organization dedicated to the well-being of honey bees and to the field of beekeeping, apiculture, research and education.

Children's Activity Center. Children can participate in a "take-home" activity — planting seed and/or plants. They can play with a felt board of flower parts and bugs, learn about gardening activities they can do at home. Other fun activities such as seed identification, how to make a bug bath and more.

Spring Garden Fair Raffle. Raffle tickets on sale for hourly prizes. Enter to win garden plants, products and art provided by the vendors of the fair. Donated prizes will be displayed. Raffle results will be posted.

Ask-a-Master-Gardener Clinic. Certified OSU Master Gardeners are available to answer gardening questions; also includes informational displays and handouts.

pH Soil Testing. The public can bring soil samples for testing. Hours for submitting samples are Saturday, 9:00-4:00 and Sunday, 9:00-3:00. Samples are limited to 4 per person.

Coffee Thyme. There will be a coffee vendor in the building plus seating is also available for those who purchase food at the outdoor Good Thyme Food Court, just outside on the Main Lawn.