

Free Gardening Class

BY LAURIE JARMER

Are you planning on growing vegetables in a garden this year? There's nothing quite like eating fresh produce right out of your own garden. Tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, beets, peppers, onions, chard, broccoli, cabbage, kale and even all those zucchinis... taste amazing when it's home grown.

If you are new to gardening or need any help with your vegetable garden, then come to a free gardening class on Friday, April 11 at 7:00 pm. The class is sponsored by Tualatin Community Garden and will be held at Boones Ferry Community Church, 20500 SW Boones Ferry Rd in Tualatin. Tim Lanfri, a master gardener, will be teaching the class. The beginning of the class will be devoted to all the basics of gardening: when to plant what, how to have great soil, how to start seeds indoors or in a cold frame, raised-bed gardening, how to know a good plant start from a poor one, harvesting, pests and many more gardening basics. The second part of the class will be a question and answer format to allow for attendees to ask about their particular situation. Even if you are not new



to gardening you will gain better knowledge to help you produce the best vegetables ever. Tim will have handouts as well as some of his own plant starts and pictures through PowerPoint to demonstrate great gardening techniques.

At the end of the class, there will be a drawing for some gardening tools, seeds, as well as some other resources for gardening. There is no charge for this class. Registration is not necessary. Just show up and enjoy some time with other gardeners in our community. Put this evening on your schedule and come learn to be a great gardener.

We need your help for the second annual Gigantic Plant Sale!

BY CANDICE KELLY

We are beginning the planning for our second annual GIGANTIC Plant Sale, a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels People at our Tualatin Juanita Pohl Center. Our sale will be held this year on Friday, May 16th from 10 to 4pm and Saturday, May 17th from 10 to 3pm in Tualatin Community Park at the Van Raden Center. We will share more details in this publication next month about the times of demonstrations and raffle prizes and the wonderful businesses that step up and help us but this month I wanted to ask YOU for your help. Many of you helped us last year with plants, vegetable shoots, herbs and other wonderful horticultural gems from your gardens and we are looking for your support again this year. If you would like to donate or support this effort please do so by contacting, Del Judy, who is the project manager for our GIGANTIC Plant Sale, at dwjudy@frontier.com and include your phone number so she can email or call you back. She can help arrange pick up or delivery of your generous donation. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Meals on Wheels People operate both the Meal program for homebound seniors as well as lunch at the Juanita Pohl Center, Monday thru Friday 11:45am to 12:30pm. Contact Juanita Pohl Center Supervisor, Matt Saviello, at 503 691-3014 for additional activities available for the Older Adult crowd here in the City of Tualatin. JPC is a co-sponsor of this important event.

So please mark your calendar to join us for this sale, contact Del if you have anything you can donate and look for additional information in next month's Tualatin Life!

"For the Birds" Native Plant Sale

Stop by the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Saturday, April 26, 9-3. 19255 SW Pacific Hwy.

Give your landscape a boost with native plants that provide four times the benefits as non-natives. Our native birds, bees and butterflies have evolved

over about a million years to thrive with native Oregon plants. Among the many plants for sale are wood violets, pink checker mallow, star-flowered sedum, spring lilies, evergreen strawberry, purple penstemon, evergreen huckleberry, mock orange, low Oregon grape. Credit cards, cash or checks accepted.

10 a.m. David Harrelson, historian of the Grand Ronde tribe, will speak about natives' uses of plants and ethno botany. 11 a.m. take a naturalist-led plant walk on the Refuge.



Local Churches Sponsor Community Gardens

BY LARRY MCCLURE

Thirty volunteers just built and filled 20 raised beds at Tualatin United Methodist Church



this spring to meet the increased demand for healthy, locally-grown food. Hilltop Community Garden plots at 20200 SW Martinazzi join those at Boones Ferry Community Church, Christ Community Church and Rolling Hills Church.

plant sale
Scholls Women's Club
Annual Community Fundraiser

Saturday April 12 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday April 13 9:00am-3:00pm

In Beautiful Scholls!
at Groner Elementary School
23405 SW Scholls Ferry Road
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123

Master Gardeners will be
On-Site to Answer Questions
and Offer Guidance!

Thousands of Plants to Choose From!
Fruit Trees, Flowering Trees, Shrubs,
Perennials, Ground Cover, Assorted
Berries, Azaleas, Rhododendrons,
Vegetables, Herbs, and Much More!

The Scholls Women's Club is a
Non-Profit, Community-Oriented
Service Organization. All Proceeds
From Our Plant Sale Benefit
the Scholls Community.

www.schollswomensclub.com

Winona Grange Promotes Home Gardening April 5

BY LARRY MCCLURE

Tualatin's Winona Grange invites k-5th graders and their parents to learn about home gardening on Saturday, April 5. Bring paper egg cartons to start your own seeds using planting mix for seedlings donated by ProGro, a local firm that manufactures garden and nursery soils. The free event starts at 10 a.m. with a demonstration on "Composting with Worms" followed by a lesson on "Good Bugs/Bad Bugs."

Master Gardeners will offer free workshops in the afternoon aimed particularly at adults: "Starting Your Vegetable Garden" at 1 p.m. followed by "Gardening for Bees" at 2 p.m. Free vegetable, flower and herb seeds are available for all who attend.

Tualatin historian Loyce Martinazzi will be providing a brief overview of the historic Winona Grange at 1:45. Home-baked goodies will be available.

Winona Grange is located at 8340 SW Seneca adjacent to the Lake at the Commons. For additional information, contact Carolyn Horne, 503-684-5997.

Neighbors Nourishing Communities

BY CHAD DARBY

The March issue of Tualatin Life described the city's new Neighbors Nourishing Communities nonprofit initiative which encourages anyone with space for a garden bed to share a percentage of their produce with the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry in return for free plants. The Pantry serves between 600-700 families monthly and needs fresh vegetables in particular to supplement canned and frozen foods. Several local businesses have offered space for gardeners willing to tend a plot. For information on how to participate, including how to donate to this nonprofit, contact Chad Darby at neighborsNC@gmail.com.