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Gardening, Get Good At It

“2018 Spring Gardening Seminar”

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Hello Everyone! My name is Vickie Minor and I’m a Master Gardener with the OSU Extension Service. Are you like me and you’re looking for those first spring buds or maybe you want to start planting but you’re not sure about the timing? If so, come spend a Saturday with other like-minded people and get the scoop on gardening in Central Oregon!

The Master Gardeners are putting on their 29th annual Spring Gardening Seminar on April 21 in Redmond at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. There are four different time blocks, with four different classes in each one and the schedule this year looks great!

If you’re new to gardening or you’re just new to the area, these classes may interest you:

Intro to Vegetable Gardening – a great class for beginners or anyone learning to garden in our climate

Central Oregon Climate and How It Relates to Gardening – essential to successful gardening here!

The Ruby Red Jewel of the Summer Table (those luscious tomatoes)

Home Grown Goodness – this one covers the vegetable varieties that work here

Tree Selection for Central Oregon

How to Have a Flower Garden – not a critter salad bar (or how to coexist with the deer!)

Irrigation for High Desert Gardens and

Turf Grass Maintenance

For experienced gardeners and those with other interests, there’ll be classes on:

Growing Tree Fruit

Pruning Like a Pro

Perfect Plants for Brown Thumbs – translation: Cactus

Cold Climate Clematis (yes! you can grow it here!)

Bring on the Cold! Freezing Your Harvest

Straw Bale Gardening and

How Gardening Will Save the World

There will also be a class on Growing Succulents in Containers and in this one, you’ll plant something you can take home with you. How fun!

To register, go to the Central Oregon Master Gardeners ™ website - GOCOMGA.COM (***spell out***) and click on the Spring Gardening Seminar flier. The entire list of classes is right there, as well as registration information. If you don’t want to use a computer, call the OSU Extension office at 541-548-6088 to get information on how to register.

Registration is open until April 14. You can register for the entire day or just for a few classes. If you sign up for the day, that will include four classes and you get a great lunch. If your schedule is tight, you can sign up for just one or two classes. We will also take registrations at the door, provided the classes are not already full. Again - registration closes April 14 so don’t delay as classes fill up quickly!

The classes start at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Lunch is from 11:30 AM – 1:00. Each class lasts 90 minutes and there are half hour breaks between classes.

There will also be a garden market with plants, books, worm castings, landscape products a silent auction and more. The Master Gardeners will be staffing a plant clinic table so if you have questions you want to ask, there will be someone around to help you. There will also be row cover and soil thermometers for sale, if you need them. Between the breaks and lunch, you’ll have plenty of time to shop and talk!

All classes and the lunch will be in the Middle and South Sisters buildings at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Check in at the Middle Sisters building to get your registration packet, your silent auction bid number, and any other information you’ll need for the day. There will be signs posted and people there to help get you to the classrooms.

This is a great seminar to get you ready for gardening this year. So remember – it’s on April 21 starting at 8:00 AM. For complete details on cost and classes, you can call the OSU Extension Office at 541-548-6088 or go online to the GOCOMGA.com website. That’s G-O-C-O-M-G-A.com.

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