

Feb/March 2012

Class Schedule

Portland Nursery, Stark St.

Each class will be approximately 1 hour long followed by a question and answer session. Classes fill quickly so to register please visit our website at www.portlandnursery.com. All classes are free unless otherwise noted.

Sat, Feb 4 1pm **Keeping City Chickens**
with Sarah Mooney

Chickens make great accomplices in your efforts to produce food in your backyard, adding fertility, eating pests, making eggs, and providing entertainment – all for relatively little effort. Learn how to select breeds that will fill your needs, set up appropriate accommodations, and deal with questions like what to do with a chick that turns out to be a rooster, and what it takes to get meat from your flock.

Sun, Feb 5 1pm **Get Ready for Veggies** with Corina Reynolds of Portland Nursery

It's chilly and wet out, but it's finally time to start planning for your veggie garden! Corina will walk you through deciding what will work in your space, picking varieties, scheduling rotations and prepping your beds so you can have a productive season.

Sat, Feb 11 1pm **Pesticide-free Pest Control** with Glen Andresen of Metro

Discover effective, nontoxic ways to tackle weeds, pests and plant diseases. See how a few simple steps for preventing problems early on can save a lot of work later. Learn the latest techniques for managing problems safely, and find out where to go for reliable information. You can make your yard beautiful and safe for children, pets, wildlife and waterways.

Sun, Feb 12 1pm **Seed Starting for Kids** with Gwen Severson of Portland Nursery

In this fun and educational class, kids can learn about how seeds germinate and how (and why) to start plants from seed and care for them. They'll take home some potted up seeds and instructions for nurturing them. **Limit 12 kids (must be accompanied by an adult).**

Small Fruit Series with Ken Whitten of Portland Nursery

The shrubs and vines of these tasty berries and fruits are key elements in an edible landscape plan. Learn about the needs and qualities of different varieties that do well in this area, and how they can make your garden beautiful as well as providing tasty fruit for fresh eating or preserving. Classes in this series can be taken separately. Note special time for these classes.

Sun, Feb 12 11am **Blueberries and Strawberries**

Sun, Feb 19 11am **Brambles, Gooseberries, and Currants**

Sun, Feb 26 11am **Grapes and Kiwis**

Sat, Feb 18 1pm **Intro to Fruit Trees** with Bill Wilder of Portland Nursery

Come learn about selecting appropriate fruit trees for your needs and your garden's design. Bill will share a wealth of knowledge about the trees' soil, water, light, air, pollination and fertilization needs to help you plant and care for your tree successfully.

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Sun, Feb 19 1pm **Backyard Honeybees 101** with Brian Lacy of livehoneybees.com

Honeybees can be a wonderful addition to a garden, increasing the productivity of your fruits and veggies, providing animation and music in your flower beds, and of course offering a bit of healthful sweetness to the tally of your garden's production. Learn to successfully give bees a home at your home. Brian will cover siting, permitting, the four seasons of bees, as well as harvesting honey, wax, pollen and propolis.

Sat, Feb 25 1pm **Summer Bulbs in your Garden** with Margie McDonald

From fluffy banks of cheery little dahlias to towering, fragrant lilies, summer bulbs can fill many niches in your garden and your vase. Margie will talk about when and how to plant the bulbs and care for them to get their best performance. She'll also cover design strategies to make them work with the rest of your plants for a spectacular floral summer.

Sun, Feb 26 1pm **Easy Orchids as Houseplants** with Michael Jenne of the Oregon Orchid Society

Orchids are wildly diverse, but did you know some are easier to grow than others? In our climate, only a very few are outdoor plants; so many people grow them as houseplants or in greenhouses. Michael will give a basic introduction to choosing and growing the easiest orchid varieties for home success.

Sat, Mar 3 1pm **Outdoor Bonsai** with Henry Sjoblom

Come create your own outdoor bonsai with Henry, an experienced bonsai enthusiast. He will share his tips on how to select and train your plants. **Class fee \$30; limited to 12 people. Please bring gloves and pruners.**

Sun, Mar 4 11am **Basics of Seed Starting** with Corina Reynolds

Starting your garden plants from seed can save you money, let you try varieties that are unavailable as starts, and importantly - let you start growing things while it's still too cold to put them outside.

Sat, Mar 10 1pm **Being Successful with Roses** with Greg Hulbert of Portland Nursery

Learn to plant, care for and feed this classic, romantic garden mainstay. Greg will give you what you need to know about rose culture to fill your garden with blossoms.

Sun, Mar 11 1pm **Year-Round Veggie Gardening** with Polly of Pumpkin Ridge Gardens

Polly has been providing vegetables year round to her CSA subscribers for decades. Come learn about the best timing, dependable varieties and other tips so you can do the same in your garden.

Sat, Mar 17 1pm **Medicinal Plants in the Garden** with Gradey Proctor

Join us for a class on the common medicinal plants that are easily grown in Northwest gardens. In fact, some may already be living in your yard! He will discuss the plants' healing properties and ways in which these garden herbs can be processed for medicine.

Sun, Mar 18 1pm **Edible Container Gardening** with Maggie Stuckey, author of [The Bountiful Container](#)

For those with limited space, for convenience and ease, or just for the beauty of it, putting edibles in containers is a great idea! Maggie literally wrote the book on it, and she will share ideas and tips to move beyond a tomato in a pot to some creative and lovely container gardens. We'll raffle off the example pot to a class attendee.

Sat, Mar 24 1pm **Supercharge Your Soil** with Gisele Schoniger of Gardner & Bloome

Come learn how easy it is to have a healthy, bountiful garden! Organic gardening expert 'G' Schoniger will share how to build your soil with compost, mulch, and organic fertilizer so that you can have an easy-to-maintain garden overflowing with delicious produce and beautiful flowers. G's approach is engaging and passionate, and you are guaranteed to be entertained!

Sun, Mar 25 1pm **Kids' Container Planting** with Gwen Severson of Portland Nursery

Introduce kids to the fun of making living arrangements with this hands-on class. We'll get a little dirty, and each child will take home a little planted project to care for. **Class fee \$20; limit 10 kids, accompanied by adults.**

