

## January 2012 Class schedule Portland Nursery - 5050 SE Stark

Sat Jan 7 1pm Rainwater Harvesting with Vern Nelson

Portlanders get rainwater aplenty through the winter; collecting it is one way to turn that bounty from a liability to an asset. Learn about how to plan and assemble the appropriate rainwater harvesting system for your needs.

Sun Jan 8 1pm Indoor Herb Gardening with Laura Altvater of Portland Nursery

Don't have much room outside? Dream of having fresh herbs at your fingertips in the kitchen? This class will highlight which herbs are easiest indoors and what supplies you will need to be successful.

Sat Jan 14 1pm Your Garden Plan with Abigail Pierce

Get your gardening organized this year! It may be too cold and wet to dig, but that's just what makes it a good time to get your planning done and set up that valuable tool: your garden journal. Abby will teach you how to map your garden, observe sun and water patterns and other tips and resources to get your garden plan off to a strong start!

Sun Jan 15 1pm Vermiculture: the Art of Working with Worms with Katie Gwynn of Portland Nursery

If your main source of compostable materials is the kitchen, there's a great alternative to outdoor compost bins: a worm bin! Katie will talk about how to get a worm bin running right, and keep the little workers happy. Worm castings make great fertilizer, and the worms themselves are intriguing to children and adults alike.

Sat Jan 21 1pm Orchids 101 with Michael Jenne of the Oregon Orchid Society

What's the number one secret of keeping your orchids happy? Knowing what orchid you have and where they're from. Orchids are marvelously diverse, and beautifully adapted to very specific habitats. Michael can help you understand what sort of surroundings (humidity, temperature, light, potting medium) will best simulate the orchid's happy place.

Sun Jan 22 1pm Build Your Own Terrarium with Genevieve Layman

Terrariums are where horticulture meets diorama building! Learn to create a little ecosystem in a glass case and how to keep it healthy. Genevieve will talk about materials, lighting, moisture, and choosing the right plants for the magical little green scene you'll make and take home. \$30 materials fee. (10 person limit)

Sat Jan 28 1pm Facts About Bats, with Cris Hein of Bat Conservation International

There are several native bat species in the Pacific Northwest that are pest devouring dynamos. Once you learn about how helpful they are in the garden you'll want them in your garden too! Come learn basic facts about this often misunderstood, fascinating creature.

Sun Jan 29 1pm Introduction to Mason Bees with Steve Mulvaney of Portland Nursery.

Mason bees are non-aggressive North American bees that emerge in the spring and do a great job of pollinating early spring flowers – like those on your fruit trees. Steve will talk about the supplies and techniques you can use to attract and make them at home in your yard.