

**Saturday, March 3, 1–2:30pm      Raising Chickens in the City**

If you are curious about raising chickens in the city but aren't quite sure what to expect, this is the class for you! Join expert Peter Porath, of Oregon Peeps Unlimited, and get all the information you need to successfully raise these friendly-feathered creatures from chicks to chooks. Pete will discuss the differences between breeds, various feed choices, habitat and shelter needs, and great tips and tricks for keeping your chickens happy, healthy and laying.

**Sunday, March 4, 10–11:30am      Bonsai Series/Lesson 2: Formal & Informal Upright Styles**

Join bonsai expert George Bowman, Store Manager at Portland Nursery–Division, for the 2nd bonsai class in the 4–part series. Through live demonstrations and “trees in training” displays, George will talk about the classic formal and informal upright bonsai styles. He will also discuss proper tree selection, pruning, wiring and potting. Although this class is focused on outdoor bonsai, the styles apply to indoor bonsai as well.

**Sunday, March 4, 1–2:30pm      Veggie Gardening 101**

If you are excited to grow your own food but have little to no experience, this is the class for you! Jen Aron, of Peaceful Gardens, will discuss the basics of soil amending, crops selection, plant spacing & timing, watering, lighting needs, and much more! With her years of experience, she will demystify growing your own food and share her tips and techniques for beginner success!

**Saturday, March 10, 11–12:30pm      Controlling Weeds & Pests in the Veggie Garden**

Vegetable gardening comes with its fair share of weed and pest problems. Join experienced garden Tim Lanfri, of Community Garden Creators, to learn about controlling and preventing common weeds and pests for a healthy, bountiful harvest! Tim will discuss Integrated Pest Management (IPM), pest & weed ID, and various methods of controlling the undesirables without pesticides or herbicides.

**Saturday, March 10, 1pm      Intro to Medicinal Plants in the Garden**

We have medicine growing all around us, from the cracks in the sidewalk to the corners of our gardens! Join Missy Rohs, of Arctos School of Herbal and Botanical Studies, for an introduction into the world of medicinal plants. From culinary herbs to common weeds, she will explore the use of plants and how they can be made into medicine.

**Sunday, March 11, 10–11:30am Bonsai Series/Lesson 3: Cascade & Semi-Cascade Styles**

Join bonsai expert George Bowman, Store Manager at Portland Nursery–Division, for the 3rd bonsai class in the 4–part series. Through live demonstrations and “trees in training” displays, George will explore the cascade and semi-cascade bonsai styles. He will also discuss proper tree selection, pruning, wiring and potting. Although this class is focused on outdoor bonsai, the styles apply to indoor bonsai as well.

**Sunday, March 11, 1pm      Crop Rotation & Companion Planting**

Take your vegetable garden to the next level. This is a great class for gardeners with a few years under their belt now wanting to dig deeper! Join Portland Nursery's Jolie Grindstaff and learn the benefits of practicing crop rotation and companion planting for the healthiest, happiest plants possible. Jolie will discuss tips and techniques for crop rotation, great crop combinations and methods for interplanting, and strategize about how to rotate crops in small urban garden plots.

**Saturday, March 17, 1pm Natural Spring Lawn Care**

Looking for ways to maintain your lawn in a more sustainable way? Join Lyle Feilmeier, of Collier Arbor Care, and learn how to naturally keep a healthy and beautiful lawn. Lyle will go over the seasonal needs of your lawn, the best products to use, and give some great tips for achieving a more sustainable lawn! Lyle Feilmeier is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist with Collier Arbor Care.

**Sunday, March 18, 10–11:30am Bonsai Series/Lesson 4: Forest, Grove, Raft & Landscape Styles**

Join bonsai expert George Bowman, Store Manager at Portland Nursery–Division, for the final bonsai class in the 4–part series. Through live demonstrations and “trees in training” displays, George will explore the miniature forest, grove, raft and landscape bonsai styles. He will also discuss proper tree selection, pruning, wiring and potting. Although this class is focused on outdoor bonsai, the styles apply to indoor bonsai as well.

**Sunday, March 18, 1–2:30pm Seed Starting: From Packet to Planting**

Join Jen Aron, of Peaceful Gardens, and learn all about seed starting. Jen will cover everything from how to select your seeds to planting your starts outside. She will discuss tips and technique for indoor seed starting, lighting and fertilizing requirements, hardening off your seedlings, amending your planting beds and much more!

**Saturday, March 24, 11–12:30pm Planning & Planting for Year–Round Harvest**

If you are interested in harvesting fresh vegetables every month of the year, this class is for you! Join Tim Lanfri, of Community Garden Creators, to learn great planning and planting techniques for growing food year round! Tim will discuss making a planting plan, timing your plantings, succession planting, fall and winter growing techniques, and how to maximize your harvest without a greenhouse.

**Sunday, March 25, 11–12:30pm Vegetable Gardening for Beginners**

In this introductory level workshop, Tim Lanfri, of Community Garden Creators, will discuss the basics of soil amending, crops selection, plant spacing, timing you plantings, selecting the best varieties, watering, and much more! Tim will demystify growing your own food and share his tips and techniques for beginner success!

**Saturday, March 31, 11am Improving Your Soil with Amendments**

Learn how to create the ideal soil to grow healthy and happy plants! Claudia Groth, of Whitney Farms, will talk about the essentials of soil preparation and amending. Using hands–on tools, Claudia will discuss the various forms of amendments, the soil food web and microbes, as well as different soil needs for plants grown in containers. She will offer great pointers on how to turn compact, clay soils into rich, nutrient–filed earth!

**Saturday, March 31, 1–2:30pm Pollinating with Mason Bees**

Discover how these non–aggressive, hard–working mason bees pollinate apple, cherry and other fruit trees and increase your harvest, even in the cold and wet of early spring! Brenda Calvert, of Halfmoon Farms, will walk you through setting up nesting boxes and blocks, the benefits to your garden or home orchard, and the minimal yearly maintenance and supplies involved in keeping mason bees.