

## Community Calendar

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Open meeting every Wednesday at 7 am at the Williams Community Church Fellowship Hall on East Fork Road in Williams. This meeting is open to those who have a drinking problem and have a desire to stop drinking, and also to anyone interested in the Alcoholics Anonymous program of recovery from drinking.

**American Association of University Women (AAUW) Grants Pass Branch** meets monthly from September through May. Days, times, and locations vary. All those who hold an associate of arts, baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university are welcome to join. Contact Velma Woods at woods@grantspass.com or 541-956-5287, or Marianne Dwyer at readandshop@yahoo.com or 541-479-4041. Visit our website at <http://aauwgrantspass.org> and see us on Facebook.

**Applegate Christian Fellowship.** For service times, call 541-899-8732 24 hours/day.

**Applegate Fire District Board of Directors** meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Station 1, 18489 North Applegate Road at 7:30 pm, except for the months of March, April and May, which are held at Headquarters, 1095 Upper Applegate Road. For more information, call 541-899-1050.

**Applegate Food Pantry,** located behind Ruch School, is open most Mondays from 11:30 to 1 pm. Call Arlene at 541-951-6707.

**Applegate 4-H Swine Club** meets on Tuesdays following the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. For more information, contact Charles Elmore at 541-846-6528 or Barbara Niedermeyer at 541-846-7635.

**Applegate Friends of Fire District #9** meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station at 1095 Upper Applegate Road at 6 pm. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bob Fischer 541-846-6218.

**Applegate Library** is open Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Storytime is Tuesday at 2:30 pm. 18485 North Applegate Road.

**Applegate Neighborhood Network (ANN)** meets the last Wednesday of every month at the Ruch Library. All interested persons are welcome to attend. ANN is a community organization dedicated to protecting, preserving, and restoring the Applegate watershed. For more information about ANN, call Duane Bowman, 541-899-7264.

**Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council** meets the fourth Thursday of the month at the Applegate Library. For more information call 541-899-9982.

**Applegate Valley Community Grange** meets the second Sunday of each month for a potluck and a business meeting. Call 541-846-7501 for times. 3901 Upper Applegate Road.

**Applegate Valley Garden Club** meets at 1:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month from September through May. For meeting locations and programs, call Sandra King at 541-899-9027 or Betty Lou Smith at 541-846-6817.

**Food & Friends Senior Nutrition Program** invites local seniors (60-plus) to enjoy a nutritious, hot meal served at 11:30 am Monday through Friday at the Jacksonville IOOF Hall at the corner of Main and Oregon Streets. A donation is suggested and appreciated. Volunteers help serve meals or deliver meals to homebound seniors. For information about volunteering or receiving meals, call Food & Friends at 541-664-6674, x246 or x208.

**Friends of Ruch Library Board of Directors** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Ruch Library. All are welcome. 541-899-7438.

**Grants Pass Nordic Ski Club** meets on the first Thursday of the month, November through April, at Elmer's, 175 NE Agness Avenue, Grants Pass, at 6 pm. Ski outings are on Saturdays. Listings are on the snow phone at 541-592-4977.

**Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation** meets the second Wednesday of January, April, July and October at 6 pm at Applegate Fire District Station 1, 18489 North Applegate Road. For more information, go to [www.gacdc.org](http://www.gacdc.org).

**Josephine County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** meets Thursdays at 6 pm. For meeting information, call 541-474-6840.

**Ruch Library** is open Tuesday from 11 am to 5 pm, Thursday from 1 to 7 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. Storytime is Tuesday at 11 am. 7919 Highway 238.

**Sanctuary One** is open to the public for farm tours every Wednesday and Saturday, 10:30 am to noon. Minimum donation is \$10. Reservations are required. Call 541-899-8627 or email [info@sanctuaryone.org](mailto:info@sanctuaryone.org).

**Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association** meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the OSU extension. For more information, please contact [sobekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:sobekeepers@gmail.com).

**T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets every Monday morning at Applegate Church, 18960 North Applegate Road (at the corner of Highway 238). Weigh-in starts at 8:30 am; the meeting starts at 9:00 am. Come join us!

**Williams Creek Watershed Council Meetings:** fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Williams Creek Fire Station. The Public is welcome. For more information, call 541-846-9175.

**Williams Grange Pancake Breakfast,** second Sunday of each month, 8:30 to 11 am, followed by the Bluegrass Jam, 11 am to 1 pm. Closed July and August. 20100 Williams Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

**Williams Grange #399 Business Meeting,** second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. 20100 Williams Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call 541-846-6844.

**Williams Library** is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm. Stories, crafts and skill-sharing every Tuesday at 3:45 pm and Saturday at 2 pm. All ages welcome at free programs by local volunteers. Free Wi-Fi 24/7. 20100 Williams Highway near Tetherow Road. For more information, call Danielle Schreck at 541-846-7020.

**Williams Rural Fire Protection District** meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Williams Fire Department.

**Women Helping Other Women (WHOW)** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10036 Highway 238 (Gyda Lane) at 6:30 pm for a potluck meeting to plan work parties at each other's homes. New members are welcome. For more information, call Thalia Truesdell at 541-899-8741 or Sioux Rogers at 541-846-7736.

**Wonder Neighborhood Watch** meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, Wonder Bible Chapel, 11911 Redwood Highway, Wilderville.

## Learn the secrets of successful gardening and woodland management

### Master Gardeners announce 2014 spring class schedule

Each year the Jackson County Master Gardener Association hosts a series of classes for the public at the Oregon State University Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center (SOREC) Auditorium, 569 Hanley Road (between Jacksonville and Central Point).

Presented by top local practitioners, experts and instructors, these sessions provide practical, hands-on demonstrations, followed by individual Q&A opportunities.

You'll benefit from a wealth of experience with local problems and solutions because all presentations are from a unique, southern Oregon perspective.

For information and registration, call 541-776-7371 or visit <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/>.

Upcoming classes include:

• **Rose Pruning**  
**Saturday, March 1, 9 am – 12 noon**  
Admission \$15 (free for Master Gardeners)

Rose anatomy, rose care, pruning tools and 10 principles for pruning roses will be discussed. The class will conclude with outdoor, hands-on practice, so dress for the weather and bring your own gloves, clippers and loppers. Instructor: Ron Bombick, Master Gardener.

• **Fruit Tree Grafting**  
**Thursday, March 13, 7 – 9 pm**  
\$35 admission includes three grafted starts. Class limited to 25. You must prepay and pre-register by March 11.

Learn how to create your own apple tree or save grandpa's favorite apple tree. The techniques and tools for grafting

fruit trees will be taught. Class members will choose apple tree varieties to make a minimum of three grafted starts to take home. Instructor: George Tiger, retired OSU Extension faculty.

• **Ready, Set, Grow! A Day for Beginners**

**Saturday, March 22, 8:30 am – 4:15 pm**  
\$10 per class or \$30 for the entire day.

**8:30 – 10—Soil and Water for Beginners.** Instructor: Bob Reynolds, urban horticulturist, Master Gardener coordinator.

**10:15 – 11:45—Vegetable Gardening for Beginners.** Instructor: Carol Oneal, Master Gardener, "Green Scene" columnist.

**Lunch break** (on your own)

**1 – 2:30—Annuals and Perennials for Beginners.** Instructor: Stan Mapolski, "The Rogue Gardener" TV and radio host.

**2:45 – 4:15—Seed Starting for Beginners.** Instructor: Jane Moyer, Master Gardener.

• **Made in the Shade**  
**Thursday, April 3, 7 – 9 pm**  
Admission \$10 (free for Master Gardeners)

The benefits and challenges of gardening in the shade, designing a great looking shade garden, and the best plants for shade in this area, including many that are deer-resistant. Instructor: Sherri Morgan, Master Gardener.

• **Tried & True Flowers and Veggies for Southern Oregon**  
**Monday, April 14, 7 – 9 pm**  
Admission \$10 (free for Master Gardeners.)

Growing conditions in the Rogue Valley are unique! Learn which varieties work best. Instructor: Stan Mapolski, television and radio host, "The Rogue Gardener," KTVL and KMED 1440.

### Woodland Stewardship: How to Get the Most Out of Your Forested Property

Instructors: Max Bennett, forestry agent, OSU Extension Center, plus Master Woodland Managers, and guest instructors.

Do you own a tract of forestland or some woods around your home? Would you like to learn how to take care of it, restore it, or improve it? Are you concerned about maintaining the health of your trees and reducing wildfire risks? Would you like to improve your property values, or habitat for wildlife? Do you want to harvest timber for sale or utilize forest products for farm use? If the answer to any or all of these questions is yes, these classes are for you!

Woodland Stewardship is a series of six classes that provides an overview of concepts and practices of forest stewardship for woodland properties from 5 to 50 (or more) acres. It is designed for owners who are just getting started with woodland management as well as more experienced owners who are looking for new ideas and approaches.

**About the class:** This is a practical, field-based class; we will be outside, rain or shine. Field activities will take place on woodland properties around the area. You will see what other landowners are doing and learn from them. Bring comfortable shoes or boots, rain gear, sun protection, and water. Although the class will not be physically demanding, we will be taking short walks through the woods.

**Grants Pass-based classes: Friday mornings 8:30 – 11:30 am,** March 14, 21; April 4, 11, 18; May 2. Call 541-476-6613 to register for the Josephine County class.

**Central Point-based classes: Friday afternoons 1:30 – 4:30 pm,** March 14, 21; April 4, 11, 18; May 2. Call 541-776-7371 to register for the Jackson County class.

**Cost: \$50 for all six classes or \$10 per individual class.** Feel free to attend individual sessions, but attending all six is recommended for best results. Fee covers instruction, handouts, and other materials. Pre-registration is required.

**Weekly topics are:**

**March 14:** Getting started: Overview of forest and tree care on small to large acreage.

**March 21:** Maintaining a healthy forest: thinning, stand improvement, insect and disease concerns.

**April 4:** Protecting your home and property from wildfire.

**April 11:** Tree selection, planting and care; native plants.

**April 18:** Wildlife, weeds and water.

**May 2:** Putting it all together: Plans, where to go for more help.

For more details, see the SOREC website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/Forestry>.

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### More SOREC Classes

- **Growing Agripreneurs** Farmer Incubator Program, April 1–October 31
- **Summer Care of Grape Vines** Saturday, May 10, 9 am – 12 noon
- **Landscaping with Native Plants** Wednesday, May 14, 7 – 9 pm
- **Small Space Garden Design** Thursday, May 29, 7 – 9 pm

Send your calendar information to [gater@applegater.org](mailto:gater@applegater.org).  
Be sure to keep the Gater updated  
with any changes to your listing.