

Sustainable Cannabis Fair has full slate of events

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The Sustainable Cannabis Fair is rapidly approaching and those who are interested should make note of it on their calendars and clear their schedule. Growing cannabis is having unintended and negative effects upon the natural resources and environment of the Valley, but with a little knowledge and determination, high quality, high yield cannabis can be grown in a sustainable and cost effective manner.

The fair, hosted by the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (IVSWCD) and the Cave Junction farmers market, will take place Sunday, May 7, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Jubilee Park and, if successful, will be held annually. The event will be family friendly with no drugs or alcohol permitted and it will be free for the public to attend. In addition, it has been confirmed that there are door prizes to win for those who attend, including a \$600 value excavation job by Mark Camp.

There will be five speakers, four workshops, plus a great many vendor booths and informational tables. The speakers and workshops will address topics such as: cultivating the health of soils, preventing runoff with efficient irrigation, salmon-friendly fertilizers, "organic-style" certification and pest management, and the mayor of Cave Junction, Daniel Dalegowski, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

"Some growers use methods that allow excess fertilizer and water to run-off their grow site," Tracey Brandt, IVSWCD conservation technician, said. She continued by explaining that this behavior unintentionally runs fertilizer laden water off into streams or down into the

ground water and needs to be addressed. "I think that conservation and preserving water quality is something that everybody can get behind," Brandt said before continuing, "The people who are having an impact could just be doing it from a lack of awareness."

According to Brandt, running fertilizer off into natural water sources can harm aquatic ecosystems, among other things, because the subsequent algae blooms decrease the water's oxygen levels to a point that the native species have difficulty thriving.

Chris Hall, chairman of the board of the Cave Junction Farmers' Market, said that Grandma Aggie, the eldest member of the Takelma Tribe, will be the keynote speaker. Hall also added that Peter Gendron, president of the Oregon SunGrown Growers' Guild will make a speech and that there are additional speakers; namely Ashley Preet-Sacket of the Ethical Cannabis Alliance, Andrew Black, founder of Certified Kind and Chris Van Hook, founder of Clean Green Certified.

Additionally, the band Fire Your Boss will be playing at the event and myriad of vendors, including food vendors, will be selling their wares. Renting a booth will cost \$10 and vendors can register at www.ivswcd.org. Since the event is happening soon, registering sooner, rather than later, is preferred.

"We also anticipate needing additional volunteers for day-of tasks," Brandt mentioned. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact the IVSWCD at tracey@ivstreamteam.org or by calling 541-592-3731.

"It can definitely be more affordable to grow in a sustainable way," Brandt concluded, "You can spend less money on fertilizers, pesticides, soil and water."

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