

April workshop explores ways to attract wildlife to your property

If you are a rural resident, farmer or small landowner and are interested in learning how to attract birds, frogs, beneficial insects, and other types of wildlife to your property, plan to attend a workshop - Attracting and Managing Wildlife on Your Property - April 8 at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham.

You will learn how to inventory and assess your existing wildlife habitat, determine the kinds of wildlife that are now using your habitat, learn what kinds of habitat different types of wildlife prefer, learn how to design and establish new habitat, how to maintain your habitat and know if it is successful. Workshop sessions include:

- Wildlife habitat - why should I care? A review of Willamette Valley habitat types, factors leading to the loss of habitat, benefits of habitat restoration and sources of financial assistance for habitat development.
- Steps to successful habitat restoration. Learn how to evaluate your existing habitat and wildlife resources, land characteristics, use of soil maps, impacts of wildlife on current land uses, wildlife habitat preferences, habitat variety, wildlife food, water and shelter needs.

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- Tracking wildlife usage in your habitat. Learn tracking techniques to identify what kinds of wildlife are using your habitat.
- Developing site specific plans. How to design your habitat to encourage wildlife usage,

American Heritage party sets meeting in Clatskanie

The American Heritage Party of Oregon has scheduled a public meeting Feb. 19, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., for members and other interested citizens.

Bob Ekstrom of Scappoose, statewide chairman of the party, announced that with the addition of Michigan and Hawaii, the party now has access to

Special meeting to consider resignation of Banks councilor

The Banks City Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22, to consider the resignation of Councilor Evelyn Maller and determine how her replacement will be selected.

The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. in Banks City Hall.

learn techniques of habitat establishment including what plants to use, site preparation and where to get technical assistance.

- Habitat monitoring and evaluation. How to monitor and evaluate your habitat development to know if it is successful. Habitat maintenance and care, habitat establishment record keeping, dealing with weeds and other problems that may arise after establishment. Natural plant succession and pioneer species
- Field tour. Optional tour looking at wildlife habitat development projects at the Mt Hood Community College Campus

will be available from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to see examples of successful wild habitat development.

The program will start at 8:00 a.m. with registration and seminars beginning at 9:00 a.m. Cost for the day-long workshop is \$30 per person, which includes lunch, breaks and a large resource packet. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Mount Hood Community College, 491-6979. Registration deadline for the workshop is Friday, March 31.

from the party's presidential and vice-presidential nominees, Howard Phillips and Joseph Sobran.

For more information, call Joseph Burkhardt at 503-629-5231.

states with 270 electoral votes.

"We plan to be on the ballot in all 50 states for this year's general election," Ekstrom said, "and are now gathering the signatures required to put our candidates on Oregon's November ballot."

At the Feb. 19 meeting, Ekstrom and Paul Deparrie will discuss the party's progress and show a video message

Banks FFA alumni schedule meeting

The next meeting of the Banks FFA Alumni will be Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vo-Ag classroom at Banks High School. Everyone is welcome, and you don't have to be a past member of any FFA chapter to join.

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