



North Mountain Park Nature Center

PROGRAM CALENDAR Winter—Spring 2010

All programs will take place at **North Mountain Park Nature Center** unless otherwise indicated
Classes may be canceled due to insufficient enrollment or other reasons. If this occurs, a full refund will be issued in two to three weeks

Pre-registration is required for all programs 7 days in advance, unless otherwise indicated.

* **Project FeederWatch**

Ages 10 & up | Alternate Saturdays; Dec 5, 19; Jan 2, 16, 30; Feb 13, 27; Mar 13, 27; 9—10am | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Volunteers

Preschool Puppet Theatre

Ages 3 to 5 | 2nd Friday of each month; Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14; 10:30—11:45am | \$5 per child N MT Park Puppeteers

Winter Bird Walk

Sat, Jan 9, 8:30—10am | Free | Vince Zauskey

Family Greeting Cards Workshops

Paper Marbling, Printmaking, &/or Collage

Ages 6 & up with an adult | Days: Sun | Session 1: Paper Marbling, Sun, Jan 10 | Session 2: Printmaking, Sun, Jan 17 | Session 3: Collage, Jan 24 | Time: 2—4:30pm | The Grove, Otte/Peterson Room | \$10/session (1 adult & 1 child; \$5/each add'l child) | Rebecca Slosberg

Reclaim the Rain

Ages 15 & up | Wed, Jan 13, 7—8:30pm | \$10 | Pam Lott

Crafting with Gourds

Ages 12 & up | Sat, Jan 16, 1—3pm | Pioneer Hall | \$10 (includes materials)

Natural Cleaning Products

Ages 13 & up (younger children may register at no extra charge if accompanied by an adult) | Thu, Jan 21, 1—3pm | Pioneer Hall | \$10 (includes materials)

Hawks, Masters of Flight

Ages 12 & up | Thu, Jan 21, 7—8:30pm | \$5 | Dick Ashford

Garden Planning for Vegetables

Ages 18 & up | Sat, Jan 23, 10am—2pm | Pioneer Hall | \$35
Louisa Lenz-Porter

Herbal Living

Ages 15 & up | Sat, Jan 23, 11am—2pm | \$40 | Karen Tassinari

* **Seed Swap**

All ages welcome | Wed, Jan 27, 7—8pm | Free

Willow & Rattan Basket Workshop

Ages 15 & up | Sat, Jan 30, 10am—4pm | The Grove Gym | \$65
Louisa Lenz-Porter

Sustainable Landscape Practices

Ages 17 & up | Tue, Feb 2 to Mar 2, 6:30—8:30pm \$60 for the series
Bonnie Bayard

The Bionic Energy Project

Ride your bike... Generate power...

Ages 10 & up | Wed, Feb 3, 7—8:30pm | 5pm | Robert Coffan & Austin Riba

* *No pre-registration required*

All about Owls

Ages 10 & up | Thu, Feb 4, 7—8:30pm | \$10 | Vince Zauskey

Winter Twig Identification

Ages 16 & up | Sat, Feb 13, 10am—12:30pm | \$10 | Kristi Mergenthaler

Introduction to Permaculture

Ages 12 & up | Wed, Mar 3, 7—9pm | \$10 | Cynthia Care

Pine Needle Basketry and Introduction

Ages 14 & up | Sat, Mar 6, 9:30am—4pm | \$35 | Sue Yamins

Rainstorming

Integrating Rainfall into Your Landscape

Ages 14 & up | Mon, Mar 8 to 29, 6:30—8:30pm | \$48
Kerry KenCairn

Permaculture Tactics & Techniques

Ages 12 & up | Wed, Mar 10, 7—9pm | \$10 | Cynthia Care

Shade Tree Pruning

Ages 14 & up | Sat, Mar 13, 9am—noon | \$35 | Casey Roland

* **Spring Garden Work Party**

Ages 10 & up | Wed, Mar 17, 10am—noon | Free

Starting a Kitchen Garden Using Raised Beds

Ages 12 & up | Sun, Mar 28, 1—3pm | \$10 | Jennifer Ewing

Wildflower Walk in Strawberry Hill Park

Ages 10 & up | Wed, Apr 7, 4—5:30pm | Meet at the corner of Scenic & Logan Drive | \$5 | Dr. Frank Lang

"Birdify" Your Garden!

Habitat Landscaping for Birds

Ages 10 & up | Thu, Apr 15, 7—8pm | \$5 | Klamath Bird Observatory Staff

Biking the Greenway to Taste Wild Edibles

Ages 10 & up | Wed, Apr 21, 4:30—6pm | Meet at the Dog Park with your bike and helmet | \$5

Spring Wildflower Walk/Oredson-Todd Woods

Ages 12 & up | Sun, Apr 25, 10am—noon | Meet at the Oredson-Todd Trailhead | \$5 | Jim Duncan

* **Rogue Valley Earth Day & Bird Day**

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Gardening, the Common Sense of It All

Ages 12 & up | Sat, May 1, 10am—noon | \$10 | Jennifer Ewing

Leave No Trace

Ages 10 & up | Sat, May 15, 1—4pm | \$20 | Karin Burroughs

Ashland Parks & Recreation Refund Policy and Program Descriptions

For a complete description of the Ashland Parks & Recreation **Refund Policy** and **program descriptions**, visit www.ashlandparksandrec.org, view the Ashland Parks & Recreation Guide or call 541.488.6606

Volunteer Profile



Friends & Volunteers of the Nature Center The Heirloom Garden Committee

Upper Left Picture (Left to Right):

Jean Arrago, Darlene Fenwick, Viki Ashford, Susan Lander

Lower Right Picture (Left to Right):

Gena Goddard, Peggy Smith, Evren Sturdevant, Lyn Levin

Not Pictured:

Mary Anne Wallace, Jan Limb, Pirkko Silfwersvard, Donna Rhee, Peggy Newman

Over 10 years ago, a volunteer committee of Ashland Garden Club members designed and created an Heirloom Garden located in front of the Nature Center at North Mountain Park. Inspired by the turn-of-the-century farmhouse (Nature Center), the design was based on the American Victorian Garden with a more informal style used by the early northwestern pioneers. The committee members also helped to research and develop informational signs and booklets for the education of garden visitors.

Today this amazing volunteer committee continues their commitment to maintaining this beautiful and historic tradition of heirloom gardening, investing much skill, labor and care throughout the year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the Nature Center staff, and all the visitors who enjoy the beauty of the garden year round.

Annual Contributions

Once a year we invite community members to show their support for the N MT Park Nature Center by making a tax-deductible contribution of any amount. Donations help fund special projects and programs, including annual free events (Rogue Valley Earth Day, Bear Creek Festival, Rogue Valley Bird Day), wildlife restoration and monitoring and educational exhibits pertaining to local natural and cultural history.

Please make checks payable to Ashland Parks Foundation and mail in the enclosed envelope. **Thank you!**

Note: While we still encourage our readers to go PAPERLESS, this winter/spring issue will be direct mailed to everyone so that you will have the opportunity to make your annual contribution to the N MT Park Nature Center using the enclosed envelope. Your support is greatly appreciated!

-Nature Center Staff

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Volunteers Needed...

- OUTDOOR SERVICE
Assistant Service Learning instructors
- INTERPRETATION
Seamstress needed to sew children's pioneer costumes

Canned Food Drive...

Bring your canned food items to the Nature Center this holiday season. Food donations will be accepted through the 4th week in December.

Upcoming Events...

Rogue Valley Earth Day

Saturday, April 24 at ScienceWorks.

This outdoor event admission is free and will take place from **11:00am to 4:00pm**. For more information visit www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net or call 541.488.6606.



Rogue Valley Bird Day

Saturday, May 8, at N MT Park. This outdoor event is free and will take place from **8am to noon**. For more information visit www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net or call 541-488-6606.



"Promoting greater community awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the local natural environment and fostering stewardship through educational programs and activities"



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