



# North Mountain Park Nature Center

## PROGRAM CALENDAR Winter/Spring 2013

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. Page numbers below are referenced to the program descriptions in the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide—[www.ashland.or.us/recguide](http://www.ashland.or.us/recguide)*

### Preschool Puppet Theatre

2nd Fri; Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10; 10:30—11:45am  
Ages 3—5 | \$6/child | Pamala Joy & North Mountain Park Puppeteers | Pg 30

### Project FeederWatch

Alternate Sat; Dec 22; Jan 5, 19; Feb 2, 16; Mar 2, 16; 9—10am | Ages 10 & up | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society Volunteers | Pg 30  
Pre-registration NOT required

### Winter Bird Walk

Sat, Jan 12, 8:30—10am | Free | Vince Zauskey | Pg 30

### Identifying and “Dating” Common Everyday Artifacts

Wed; Jan 16, 23, 30; 7—8:30pm | \$20 (3 classes) | Jeff LaLande | Pg 31

### Weaving a Twin-Bottom Egg Basket

Sat, Jan 26, 10am—5pm | Ages 15 & up | The Grove | \$85 | Louisa Lenz-Porter | Pg 22

### Herbal First Aid: Topical Care

Sat, Jan 26, 1—5pm | Ages 16 & up | Vitalist School of Herbology, 340 A St #7, Ashland | \$40 | Jon Carlson | Pg 31

### No Lawn! Then What?

Tue, Jan 29, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 16 & up | \$15 | Bonnie Bayard | Pg 17

### Attracting Birds to Your Backyard ~~Cancelled~~

Sat, Feb 2, 10am—12pm | Ages 10 & up | \$5 | Offered by the Northwest Nature Shop | Pg 31

### Seed Swap

Tue, Feb 5, 7—8pm | Free | Pg 17 | Pre-registration NOT required

### The Rose

Sat, Feb 9, 9:30am—12pm | Ages 14 & up | \$25 | Padme Blackwolf | Pg 17

### Mammals of Southern Oregon ~~Cancelled~~

Sat, Feb 9, 1—2pm | Ages 3 & up (under 7 must be accompanied by an adult) | \$7 (no chg for accompanying adult) | John Jackson | Pg 31

### Happy Eggs

Wed, Feb 13, 7—9pm | Ages 8 & up | \$15 | Cynthia Care | Pg 17

### Seasonal Care for the Home Garden ~~Feb 23~~

Sat, Feb 16, 10am—12:30pm | Ages 15 & up | \$30 | Padme Blackwolf | Pg 18

### Espalier Pruning: Creative Production in Slim Places

Wed, Feb 20, 7—8:30pm | Ages 15 & up | \$10 | Julie Gates | Pg 18

### Experiments in Drought-Tolerant Landscape Techniques

Tue, Feb 26, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 16 & up | \$15 | Bonnie Bayard | Pg 18

### Pine Needle Basketry ~~Full with large waitlist~~

Sat, Mar 2, 9:30am—4pm | Ages 14 & up | \$40 | Sue Yamins | Pg 23

### Worms & Composting for a Greener Planet

Sat, Mar 9, 1—2pm | Ages 3 & up (under 7 must be accompanied by an adult) | \$7 (no chg for accompanying adult) | John Jackson | Pg 18

### Seed Starting & Plant Propagation

Sat, Mar 16, 10am—12pm | Ages 12 & up | \$12 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 19

### Building & Using Raised Beds

Sat, Mar 16, 1—3pm | Ages 12 & up | \$12 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 19

### Natural Spring Cleaning

Sat, Mar 16, 2—4pm | Ages 13 & up (younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult) | Pioneer Hall | \$12 | Kari Gies | Pg 19

### Spring Garden Work Party

Wed, Mar 20, 10am—12pm | Free | North Mountain Park Staff | Pg 39

### Birding Interstate 5

Lecture: Thu, Mar 21, 6:30—8:30pm; Field Trip: Sat, Mar 23, 8:30am—3pm  
Ages 13 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 32

### Exploring Ashland Parks’ Trails

Tue, Apr 2, 7—8:30pm | Ages 10 & up | \$5 | Jeffrey McFarland | Pg 32

### Streamside Gardening

Thu, Apr 4, 6—7:30pm | Ages 10 & up | \$7 | Rachel Werling & Lori Tella | Pg 19

### Wildflower Walk in Strawberry-Hald Park

Wed, Apr 10, 4:30—6pm | Ages 10 & up | Meet at the top end of Logan Drive | \$7 | Linda Chesney | Pg 32

### Lithia Park Wildflower Walk

Sat, Apr 13, 10am—12pm | Ages 10 & up | Meet in the parking area across from the intersection of Winburn Way and Granite St (near the Lithia Brinkworth area) | \$7 | Sasha Joachims | Pg 32

### Preserve the Bounty

Sat, Apr 13, 10:30am—12:30pm | Ages 12 & up | \$7 | Jackie Greer | Pg 20

### Recycling: Where Does it Go & Why?

Wed, Apr 17, 6:30—8pm | Ages 13 & up (younger children must be accompanied by an adult) | Free | Risa Buck | Pg 20

### Birding for Beginners

Sat, Apr 20, 8:30—10:30am | Ages 10 & up | \$10 | Shannon Rio | Pg 33

### Rogue Valley Earth Day

Sat, Apr 20, 11am—4pm | Ages 10 & up | ScienceWorks | Free | Pg 37  
Pre-registration NOT required |

### Arbor Day Tree Walk

Thu, Apr 25, 6:30—7:30pm | All ages (children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult) | \$5 | Rachel Werling & Anne Thayer | Pg 33

### Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk in Lithia Park

Sat, Apr 27, 10am—12:30pm | Ages 13 & up | Meet at the front lawn entrance to Lithia Park | \$25 | Jon Carlson | Pg 33

### Birds & Bird Nests

Sat, Apr 27, 1—2pm | Ages 3 & up (under 7 must be accompanied by an adult) | \$7 (no chg for accompanying adult) | John Jackson | Pg 33

### Graywater—Laundry to Landscape

Tue, Apr 30, 7—8pm | Ages 15 & up | \$10 | Pam Lott | Pg 20

### Plein Air Landscape Painting

Sat, May 4, 10am—1pm | Ages 12 & up | \$15 | Jeanine Moy | Pg 23

### Rogue Valley Bird Day

Sat, May 11, 8am—12pm | Free | Pg 36 | Pre-registration NOT required  
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The North Mountain Park Nature Center is located at 620 N Mountain Avenue in Ashland  
 For more information, call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606 or visit [www.NorthMountainPark.org](http://www.NorthMountainPark.org)

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE



*Lia McKinney*

Lia McKinney is a garden volunteer at North Mountain Park. Her love of growing and cooking organic food for family and friends makes her an ideal candidate for tending to the North Mountain Park gardens, where she took the lead role in planting and caring for all that was grown in the greenhouse last spring and for planting and caring for the beautiful annual bed.

Lia also volunteers at Ashland's KSKQ 89.5

Community Radio. When asked what she likes about volunteering at the park... "The people, plants and wildlife!" If you are interested in volunteering at North Mountain Park come in, call or check out the 2013 Spring Work Party. It's a great way to get started! -Details of this spring's work party can be found on page 39 of the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide.

## ROGUE VALLEY BIRD DAY—MAY 11 8AM TO NOON



Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), which celebrates one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird—its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. The theme this year is the "Life Cycle of Migratory Birds: Conservation Across the Americas." This theme will focus on what birds are doing at various times of the year (nesting, migrating, overwintering) and the importance of conservation efforts along every step of their journey. **Join us on Saturday, May 11, from 8:00 am to noon to celebrate!** Enjoy... Wildlife Images

exhibits, guided bird walks, shade-grown coffee, and a bird-calling contest for all ages. This outdoor event is admission-free and takes place at North Mountain Park, 620 N Mountain Avenue, Ashland. For more information visit [www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net](http://www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net) or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Once a year we invite you to show your support for the North Mountain Park Nature Center by making a tax-deductible contribution. Donations help fund special projects and programs, including annual free events (Bear Creek Salmon Festival, Rogue Valley Bird Day) and educational programs and exhibits pertaining to local natural and cultural history.

**Please use the cut-out below, make checks payable to the Ashland Parks Foundation** and mail to:  
 North Mountain Park Nature Center, 620 N Mountain Ave, Ashland, OR 97520—Thank you!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to the Ashland Parks Foundation

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**c/o North Mountain Park Nature Center**  
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## GREEN LIVING TIPS

### GROWING GREEN

There is nothing "greener" than living plants and in this Ashland Parks & Recreation Guide you will find many opportunities to experience the joy of gardening and gain information about plants before the growing season even begins. Find ways to incorporate sustainable gardening practices into your outdoor living space and grow and preserve your own local food. From classes in landscape design to plant propagation, or from specialized pruning techniques to learning to build a raised bed, you can hone your gardening skills and knowledge without even getting dirty. Or consider celebrating Arbor Day by joining a guided



*Photo Courtesy Pam Lott*

tree walk or exploring Ashland's parks for wildflowers or medicinal plants with an expert instructor. Don't miss the annual Seed Swap on February 5 at the North Mountain Park Nature Center.

To find course information or to register for any of these plant-related classes, go to [www.ashland.or.us.recguide](http://www.ashland.or.us/recguide) and look for the leaf symbols in front of the class titles.

For easy access to information on water conserving landscaping you can also check out the Ashland Conservation Division's Water Wise Landscaping Guide at [www.ashlandsaveswater.org](http://www.ashlandsaveswater.org).



*Look for this leaf symbol in the Ashland Parks & Recreation Winter/Spring Guide for "growing green" classes!*

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