



North Mountain Park Nature Center

PROGRAM CALENDAR Winter/Spring 2014



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

Preschool Puppet Theatre

2nd Fri; Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9; 10:30—11:45am
Ages 3 to 5 | \$6/child | Pg 30

Project FeederWatch

Alternate Sat; Dec 21; Jan 4, 18; Feb 1, 15; Mar 1, 15; 9—10am
Ages 10 to adult | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society Volunteers
Pg 30 | **Pre-registration NOT required**

Winter Bird Walk

Sat, Jan 11, 8:30—10am | All ages welcome | Free | Vince Zauskey
Pg 30 | As with most of our programs, **Pre-registration is required**

Milkweed for Monarchs & Seed Ball Making Workshop

Wed, Jan 22, 7—9pm | Ages 5 to adult (*children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult*) | \$8 | Tom Landis & Gail Saito | Pg 18

Birding Klamath National Wildlife Refuge in Winter

Lecture: Thu, Jan 23, 6:30—8pm; Field Trip: Sat, Jan 25,
7:30am—4pm | Ages 13 to adult | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 30

Recycled Paper Beads

Sat, Feb 1, 10—11:30am | 10 to adult | \$20 | Anna Edmondson | Pg 41

Urban Beekeeping

Tue, Feb 4, 6—8pm | 10 to adult | \$20 | Sarah Red-Laird (aka Bee Girl)
Pg 31

Seed Swap

Wed, Feb 5, 7—8pm | All ages welcome | Free | **Pre-registration NOT required** | Pg 18

Creating Recycled Paper Bead Stars

Sat, Feb 8, 10—11am | 10 to adult | \$20 | Anna Edmondson | Pg 41

Science in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Tue, Feb 11, 6:30—8:30pm | 12 to adult | \$5 | Kristi Reynolds | Pg 31

Edible Landscapes that Taste as Good as They Look

Wed, Feb 12, 7—8:30pm | 16 to adult | \$15 | Kellie Barry | Pg 18

Learning Common Backyard Birds

Wed; Feb 19 & 26; 6:30—8pm | Ages ages welcome (*children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult*) | \$20 | Shannon Rio | Pg 31

Dormant Pruning of Fruit Trees

Sat, Feb 22, 11am—1pm | 10 to adult | \$10 | Casey Roland | Meet at
Glenwood Park (corner of Glenwood St & Ashland St | Pg 18

Worm Composting

Sat, Mar 1, 10—11:30am | 10 to adult | \$12 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 19

Building & Using Raised Beds

Sat, Mar 1, 1—2:30pm | 12 to adult | \$12 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 19

Learn to Install Your Own Greywater System

Part 1/Lecture: Thu, Mar 6, 6:30—8pm | \$25

Part 2/Installation Workshop: Sat, Mar 8, 9am—4pm | \$75 | Location TBA
14 to adult | Malena Marvin | Pg 19

Pine Needle Basketry

Sat, Mar 8, 9:30am—4pm | 15 to adult | \$40 | Sue Yamins | Pg 41

Natural Spring Cleaning

Wed, Mar 12, 6:30—8:30pm | 13 to adult (*younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult*) | \$12 | Libby VanWyhe | Pg 20

Deer-Resistant & Drought-Tolerant Plants for the Rogue Valley

Sat, Mar 15, 10am—Noon | 10 to adult (*younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult*) | \$5 | Christie Mackison | Pg 20

Prune Cane-Growing Shrubs

Sun, Mar 16, Noon—4pm | 15 to adult | \$25 | Julie Gates | Pg 20

Spring Garden Work Party

Wed, Mar 19, 10am—Noon | All ages welcome | Free | Pg 36

Growing Oyster Mushrooms

Sat, Apr 5, 10am—1pm | 15 to adult | \$25 (plus additional \$10 fee)
Mitra Sticklen | Pg 21

Weed Walk

Sat, Apr 12, 10am—12:30pm | 14 to adult | \$22 | Jon Carlson | Pg 31

Recycling: Where Does It Go & Why?

Wed, Apr 16, 6:30—8pm | 13 to adult (*younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult*) | Free | Risa Buck | Pg 21

Explorations with Buckbrush

Sat, Apr 19, 10am—4pm | 14 to adult | \$75 | Jon Carlson & his apprentice,
Harlan Walker-Young | Directions provided upon registration | Pg 32

Rogue Valley Earth Day—Share the Journey

Sat, Apr 19, 11am—4pm | All ages welcome | Free | ScienceWorks | Pg 39
Pre-registration NOT required | www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net

Biking the Greenway to Taste Wild Edibles

Tue, Apr 22, 4:30—6pm | 10 to adult | \$7 | Linda Chesney | Meet at the
Ashland Dog Park with your bike & helmet | Pg 32

Gardening with Edible Mushrooms

Sat, Apr 26, 10am—1pm | 15 to adult | \$25 (plus additional \$10 fee)
Mitra Sticklen | Meet at the Sporulate Learning Farm at 790 Tolman
Creek Rd in Ashland | Pg 21

Arbor Day Tree Walk

Sat, Apr 26, 11am—1pm | All ages welcome (*children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult*) | \$5 | Anne Thayer & Casey Roland | Meet at
the west-side entrance of the Stevenson Union | Pg 32

Spring Wildflower Walk in Oredson-Todd Woods

Tue, Apr 29, 5—6:30pm | 12 to adult | \$7 | Marcia Wineteer | Meet at the
Oredson-Todd trailhead (turn left on Lupine, off Green Meadows) | Pg 33

Finding Balance: Rock Stacking & Dry Stone Arch Building

Sat, May 3, 1—3pm | 8 to adult (*children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult*) | \$20 | Jesse Biesanz | Lithia Park (See Recreation Guide
for exact location) | Pg 31

Rogue Valley Bird Day—Why Birds Matter

Sat, May 10, 8am—12pm | All ages welcome | Free | Pg 38 & details on
other side | **Pre-registration NOT required** | www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net

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

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Liz Landreth

Liz and her husband, George, moved to Ashland in January, 2013 from Sonoma County, just outside of Santa Rosa, California. Liz began volunteering at North Mountain Park in the spring of 2013. George actually discovered the Park during one of his winter house-hunting forays before she moved up, and excitedly announced to her, "I've found the perfect place for you to volunteer!" Liz is happy to say that he was right.



Liz now helps out with the North Mountain Park field education programs, leads tours of the Demonstration Gardens for kids and adults, has taught a compost demo and is an up-and-coming actor on the pre-school puppeteer stage! Liz also volunteers at the ScienceWorks Hand-on Museum whenever needed.

When asked what she liked about volunteering at North Mountain Park, she responded, "Wow, what's not to like? The setting and grounds are beautiful and varied. The staff is a pleasure to work with and appreciate anything I do. The education classes are well constructed, the days are well organized and the fellow volunteers are interesting and fun to work with. They also regularly feed me, another plus."

GREEN LIVING TIPS BETTER BIRD BOX LANDLORDS



Considering all the perils facing native birds, many Ashland residents are installing nest boxes to provide habitat for their favorite species such as Tree Swallows, Chickadees, Nuthatches and Screech Owls.

However, installing nest boxes can sometimes encourage predators, like rats, to take up residency in your back yard.

North Mountain Park has recently solved his problem by employing the right equipment and best nest-box installation practices. Learn the secrets of our 100% bird-occupancy success story. Read the full article online for nest box recommendations: www.ashland.or.us/GreenLivingTips.

ROGUE VALLEY BIRD DAY MAY 10, 8AM TO NOON



Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), which focuses on a most spectacular aspect of the life of a migratory bird—its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. This year's theme, "Why Birds Matter," shares the many ways in which birds matter to the earth, to ecosystems, and of course, to us.

Join us on **Saturday, May 10, from 8:00 a.m. to noon**, to celebrate! Enjoy Wildlife Images exhibits, guided bird walks, 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 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 educational programs and exhibits pertaining to local natural and cultural history and two annual free events: Bear Creek Salmon Festival and Rogue Valley Bird Day.

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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