

2011

February 14, 2011

Soil Enhancements, Heather Havens, general manager of Concentrates

Do you want to know the difference between organic and Chemical fertilizers? Maybe you want to know the best temperature for best results of soil enhancements. Heather will help us understand soil management and the intricacies of organic soil amendments and conventional fertilizers.

Heather has a BS in Agriculture from OSU, specializing in Organic and Natural Soil Management. Since 1997 she has been advising gardeners and farmers at Concentrates.

March 14, 2011

Rare Plant Research, Burl Mostel

Burl Mostul founded Rare Plant Research, a specialty nursery, in 1987. In the early years the nursery focused on plant research, collector plants and varieties new to science. About ten years ago the nursery shifted focus to garden plants and now Burl travels the world looking for new plants as well as developing new hybrids for Northwest gardeners. South Africa is well-known for its diversity and richness of plants, and plant explorer Burl Mostul is just the person to show us this wondrous part of the world. Join Burl for a visual trip to South Africa, starting in Cape Town and traveling the "Garden Route" through the Drakensberg mountain range to Johannesburg and Pretoria. Along the way, we will view myriad gardens and native plants. Burl has lived his dream for over 20 years. Rare Plant Research started as a hobby, becoming a vocation and the wholesale nursery business of today.

April 11, 2011

Master Gardener Jean Natter, Debunking Garden Myths

Gypsum helps clay soils; coarse stuff in the bottom helps drainage; pruning paint heals tree wounds; and coffee grounds are acid. Right? Well, perhaps not. Let's talk facts and dispel the myths.

Jean was certified as an OSU Master Gardener volunteer in 1999. Since 2001, she has been the instructor for various subjects during Annual Training for new Master Gardeners. Early on she taught Soil and Household Arthropods. During more recent years, she has been teaching Entomology, Plant Disease, Household Arthropods, and Diagnostic Clinics.

May 9, 2011

Hopkins Tree Farm, Tim DeLano, OSU Extension Service

Hopkins Demonstration Forest (HDF) is a 140-acre privately-owned forest open to the public for self-guided exploration, tours, workshops, and education programs. It includes a network of over 3 miles of hiking trails. Forests Forever, Inc. operates HDF as an accessible example of sustainable forestry, which provides woodland products, fish and wildlife habitat, and experiential learning opportunities.

Tim Delano has partnered with OSU Master Gardeners to create a native plant display garden at the entrance to the property. Master Gardener Carol Koshkarian has led the effort along with a team of Master Gardeners and local nursery consultants in the development of the garden. Together Tim and Carol will share their experiences at HDF and the many opportunities it has to offer.

Tim Delano is an OSU Extension Service Community Outreach Educator stationed at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest, near Oregon City. Tim has served in this capacity since March 2003. "This is a dream job for me. I combine my teaching and interpretation skills with my experience and knowledge of forestry. I enjoy both my office in the forest and being active in the local schools and business community."

June 13, 2011

Golf and the Environment, David Phipps, Stone Creek Golf Course

Are golf courses protecting the environment and promoting wildlife conservation? What makes Stone Creek Golf Course so special? Can we apply the same principles to our own lawns? Can we have a "Golf Course Quality Lawn" without wasting resources? Learn how the golf industry is using new technologies to protect the environment and how they are doing more with less. David Phipps, superintendent at Stone Creek Golf Course will talk about his environmental program and tell you why it has been recognized as one of the most environmentally friendly courses in the country. He will also offer some of his turf grass expertise and help you apply it to your own lawns.

David Phipps is a golf course superintendent where he oversees maintenance at Stone Creek Golf Club as well as the North Clackamas Ball Park. Prior to his 20 years of golf course maintenance experience he was a landscape manager for Northwest Landscape Industries. During his career at Stone Creek, David has been recognized for his environmental achievements including appearances on The Golf Channel; CNBC's People, Planet, and Profit; and Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Think Out Loud". He has received numerous awards including the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District, "Cooperator of the Year" and the 2008 National Environmental Leaders in Golf Award presented by GCSAA and Golf Digest. David holds a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in Turf and Landscape Management.

September 12, 2011

Ornamental Grasses in the Landscape, Carolyn Kolb, Wind Dancer Garden

Carolyn Kolb of Wind Dancer Garden will share other hints on how to grow and care for ornamental grasses in your garden -including selection, planting and pruning. Carolyn will be selling some of her beautiful Wind Dancer grasses both before the meeting and during the break.

Carolyn Kolb is a landscape designer who specializes in grasses. She and her husband, Larry, own Wind Dancer Gardens in West Salem, where they have been raising ornamental grasses since 1999. They now grow over 100 varieties of grasses, phormium, and bamboo, concentrating on plants that thrive in our climate and are not invasive. Their home, nursery and beautiful display garden are located on 1 1/2 acres overlooking Salem. It's a must see nursery for avid gardeners, and autumn is a great time to check out grasses because their inflorescence is at its peak.

October 10, 2011

From Ampelopsis to Zauschineria - Finding Meaning in Botanical Names, Diana Reeck, Collector's Nursery

Did you know Aster comes from the Latin word for "star" and Campanula means "little bell," each name describing the flowers' shape? "Botanical names are not just there to confuse us," says Diana Reeck of Collector's Nursery. "Knowing their meanings not only helps us remember but also makes the names come alive."

Diana Reeck, co-owner of Collector's Nursery in Battleground, Washington, is an amateur plant breeder whose passions include erythroniums, small-flowered clematis and epimediums. She is also an avid plant explorer and her adventures have taken her throughout the Pacific Northwest and, indeed, as far as China.

November 14, 2011

New Rhododendrons You Should Get Know, Mike Stewart, Dover Nursery

Mike Stewart of Dover Nursery will talk about his favorite shrub – rhododendrons. His emphasis is on growing varieties of rhododendrons that he considers being of very high quality. He grows over 1000 varieties of rhododendrons, and he will talk about his favorites at our meeting.

Mike and his wife, Maria, are owners of Dover Nursery for 34 years. Mike is active with the Oregon Association of Nurseries, the Rhododendron Species Foundation, and is past president of the American Rhododendron Society. Mike is a co-author of The Pacific Coast Rhododendron Story.

December 12, 2011

Horticulture Case Book - Psychiatric and Medical Disorders in the Garden, Maurice Horn, Joy Creek Nursery

A humorous look at nurseries and their customers in the consumer age. Gardeners, growers, and the media are not exempt in this gentle roast of "the world of gardening".

Joy Creek Nursery was founded in 1992 by co-owner Maurice Horn after years of being frustrated by an inability to find the plants he wanted and reliable information about them at local nurseries. What started out as a mail-order nursery soon grew to include both retail sales and garden design and installation. The nursery occupies about seven acres of a forty acre farm