

# PORTLAND NURSERY **March 2017 Class List for 9000 SE Division St 97266**

See [www.portlandnursery.com](http://www.portlandnursery.com) for full class list and to register online! Classes Free unless Otherwise Noted.

## **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 11am -12:30pm What to Do in the March Vegetable Garden with Robyn Streeter of *Your Backyard Farmer***

Get the dirt on year-round vegetable growing in this monthly talk about vegetable gardening in the Pacific Northwest. Robyn will cover seasonal topics to help you improve your vegetable gardening skills and draw from their education and collective years of hands-on experience.

## **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 1pm We Love Insects! ...at Least Some of Them... with Marc Scheidecker**

Every vegetable gardener knows that bugs, pests, and insects will always be around to some extent. That being said, we need to know how to keep their populations under control, like maybe just one or two of them each? This class will look at integrated pest management (IPM), the critical importance of prevention, and using covers. We will also focus on good monitoring methods.

## **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 11am – 12:30pm Flower to Fruit: A Botanical Understanding of the World with Grady Proctor from *The Arctos School of Herbal & Botanical Studies***

Join Grady as he teaches basic concepts of botany. Take some time to appreciate the beauty of the flower and its importance to the natural world. In this hands-on class, we will be dissecting flowers to learn their basic anatomy, their role in producing the food we eat, and a greater appreciation of the intricacies and interconnectedness of life.

## **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 11am Raising and Caring for Mason Bees with Brenda Calvert of *Half Moon Farm***

Do you want to increase your fruit tree production? Of course you do! Introducing mason bees into your landscape can dramatically increase your pollination, especially during our soggy spring when honey bees aren't very active. Bee expert, Brenda Calvert, will walk you through setting up nesting boxes and blocks, discuss the benefits of mason bees, and discuss the minimal yearly maintenance & supplies involved in keeping your hard-working friends happy. Bring cash or checkbook if you'd like to shop Half Moon Farm's honey and candle selection.

## **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm Intro to Basic Beekeeping with Brenda Calvert of *Half Moon Farm***

Are you a honey fan? Interested in "growing" your own? Join bee keeping expert, Brenda, as she explores the fundamentals of backyard beekeeping. She will discuss the different styles and supplies needed to start your own colony, organic techniques, and how to get the most out of your honey production. Plus: get a chance to taste honey from Half Moon Farm! Bring cash or checkbook if you'd like to shop Half Moon Farm's honey and candle selection.

## **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1pm The Disease Triangle! (no, it is not in Bermuda) with Marc Scheidecker**

Gardeners and agriculturists know that three elements (like a triangle) need to be present for pests and pathogens to ruin our crops. If only two elements are present our veggies will be ok. But, they won't be if all the elements are there. The month of March usually is the start of problems with disease and pathogens so come on in and learn how to avoid the Bermuda, uh, I meant the Disease Triangle! And go home better prepared to increase the health of your vegetable garden.

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 11am – 12:30pm Celebrate the Spring Equinox  
with Holly Pruett, *Life-Cycle Celebrant* & Terrie Burdette, *Portland Nursery***

During this season of resurrection, Holly Pruett will teach you about Spring Equinox traditions around the world. She'll then help you to set your intentions for the life you wish to nurture as we walk the nursery for foraged plant material to use in our own hand built springtime altar swag. Swag construction will be led by Portland Nursery landscape designer *Terrie Burdette*. Join us in welcoming Spring! Class limited to 12 students. Please dress for weather, bring hand pruners, gloves and any elements you'd like to incorporate into your altar swag. \$10 materials fee.

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 11am Hands On Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening Series  
– every fourth Saturday of the month at 11am**

Join Portland Nursery's *Tiffany Garner* in a monthly series held right outside at our own raised vegetable beds. Dress for the weather & learn what to do with your own raised beds, when you should be doing it & the proper techniques so you can work smarter, not harder. From cold frames to compost & seeds to starts you will learn and grow alongside our fabulous vegetable gardener, Tiffany.

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 11am Organic Vegetable Gardening 101  
with *Jolie Donohue, The Gardening Goddess***

If you are excited to grow your own food but have little to no experience or you are new to gardening in the Portland area, this is the class for you! Jolie will discuss the basics of organic edible gardening including site preparation, crop selection based on site elements, planting and care techniques. With her two decades of gardening experience, Jolie will demystify growing your own food and share her tips and techniques for beginner success!

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm Organic Vegetable Gardening 102  
with *Jolie Donohue, The Gardening Goddess***

Take your vegetable garden to the next level. This is a great class for gardeners with a little experience under their belt now wanting to dig deeper! Join Jolie Donohue, The Gardening Goddess (insert link please to [www.jolieannndonohue.com](http://www.jolieannndonohue.com)) and learn the benefits of practicing crop rotation and companion planting for the healthiest, happiest plants possible. Drawing from two decades of gardening experience, Jolie will discuss tips and techniques for crop rotation, great crop combinations and methods for inter-planting, and strategize about how to rotate crops in small urban plots.