



North Mountain Park Nature Center

PROGRAM CALENDAR Fall 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 Fall Recreation Guide—www.ashland.or.us/recguide

Vermi Worm Composting

Sat, Sep 6, 2:30—4:30pm | 13—Adult | \$Free | Meet at the Recycle Center in Ashland (park in street and not in center) | Pre-registration is NOT required | Rhianna Simes | Pg 16

Preschool Puppet Theatre

2nd Fri, each month (excluding Oct); Sep 12, Nov 14, Dec 12
10:30—11:45am | 3—5yrs | \$6/child | NorthMountainParkPuppeteers | Pg 24

Summer Saturday Morning Bird Walks

Sat, Sep 13, 8—9am | Free | Local bird volunteers | Pg 24

Introduction to Mushroom Cultivation

Sat & Sun, Sep 13 & 14, 10am—2pm | 16—Adult | \$40; optional \$10 paid to instructor for mushroom culture/grow bag | Meet at the Sporulate Learning Farm, 790 Tolman Crk Rd in Ashland
Nils Nelson | Pg 16

Gardening When Water is Scarce

Tue, Sep 16, 6:30—8:30pm | 10—Adult | \$20 | Cynthia Care | Pg 16

Demonstration Garden Tour

Wed, Sep 17, 9:30—10:30am | 10—Adult | Free (*a donation to the Nature Center is appreciated*) | Pg 16

Attracting Clinging Birds: Acrobats of the Bird World

Wed, Sep 17, 6:30—8:30pm | 10—Adult | \$10 | Laura Fleming | Pg 24

Ashland PaintOut

Sat, Sep 20, 8am—1pm; Reception: 5—7pm | 10—Adult | \$15
North Mountain Park & Lithia Park | Pg 27

Afro-Cuban Shakers

Sun, Sep 21, 1—4:30pm | 12—Adult | \$50; includes all materials
Patty Aulik | Pg 27

Fall Planting for Drought

Wed, Sep 24, 7—8:30pm | 10—Adult | \$20 | Christie Mackison | Pg 17

Salmon Spiral & Water Wishes Community Art Project

Sun, Sep 28, 1—4pm | All ages welcome | Free | Nature Center staff
Pg 27

Birds of the Rogue Valley

Wed, Oct 1, 6—7:30pm | 10—Adult | \$10 | Shannon Rio | Pg 24

A Rogue Climate for the Valley

Thu; Oct 2, 9, & 16; 7—9pm | 12—Adult | \$10 for the series
Dr. Alan Journet | Pg 25

Bear Creek Salmon Festival

Sat, Oct 4, 11am—4pm | Free—Details on other side

Getting the Most Out of Your Water

Wed, Oct 8, 6—7:30pm | 10—Adult | \$5 | Lori Tella | Pg 17

Green & Solar Tour

Sat, Oct 11, 9am—3pm | 16—Adult | \$10 | Meet at the front of the Ashland Civic Center, 1175 E Main St | Pg 22

Mushrooms in the Wild

Sat, Oct 11, 9am—4pm | 13—Adult | \$30 | Nils Nelson | Pg 17

Beautiful Birds, Beautiful Words

Wed, Oct 15, 6:30—8:00pm | 10—Adult | \$10 | Shannon Rio | Pg 25

Eco Art Found Sound

Sun, Oct 19, 1—3pm | 7—Adult | \$16; includes all materials
Patty Aulik | Pg 27

Bear Creek Restoration Work Party

Sat, Oct 25, 10am—Noon | All ages welcome | Coyote Trails Nature Center, 2931 S Pacific Hwy in Medford | Pg 29

Recycled Collaging to Focus Your Life

Sun, Nov 2, 1—5pm | 6—Adult | \$30; includes all materials
Anna Edmondson | Pg 28

Hawks!

Tue; Nov 4, 11, & 18; 7—8:30pm | 11—Adult | \$25 for the series
Dick Ashford | Pg 25

Project FeederWatch

Alternate Sat; Nov 8, 22 & Dec 6, 20 (continuing through March, 2015);
9—10am | 10—Adult | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society volunteers
Pg 25 | Pre-registration is NOT required

Recycled Paper Beads

Sun, Nov 9, 1—5pm | 10—Adult | \$30 | Anna Edmondson | Pg 28

Creating Recycled Paper Bead Stars

Sun, Nov 16, 1—5pm | 10—Adult | \$30 | Anna Edmondson | Pg 28

Make Your Own Fire Cider

Sat, Nov 22, 2—4pm | 10—Adult | \$15; plus \$5 supply fee paid to the instructor | Christine Yee | Pg 17

Natural Holiday Wreaths

Fri or Sat, Dec 5 or 6 (two classes offered), 1—3pm | 9—Adult | \$20
Nature Center staff | Pg 28

Bear Creek Watershed Exploration Days

Watch for the Bear Creek Watershed Exploration Days which will kick off in early fall, with a full calendar of events aimed at raising awareness about the Bear Creek Watershed. Learn more about Watershed Exploration Days at...www.BearCreekSalmonFestival.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

Susan Sullivan



"I adore the staff! Everyone including all the other volunteers who I have met, are so warm and welcoming and share the same sense of mission and values to help create a positive learning experience for kids and adults. It is a joy to work with such a competent, creative and supportive group of people."

Susan Sullivan is new to Ashland and a new volunteer at North Mountain Park, but that hasn't stopped her from whole-heartedly jumping in and helping out with the school field programs. In April, 2014, she began reviewing the curriculum standards for the program and then assisted in teaching, "History of the Rogue Valley." Susan also helps out with cleaning tasks in the Nature Center, weeding in the gardens at North Mountain Park or other parks in Ashland. She is also a regular volunteer at the Tudor Guild and the Britt Festival.

Less than a year ago, Susan moved to Ashland from Portland. For over 20 years she dreamed of living in Ashland. She was drawn to the climate and unique small-town character of Ashland. She loves outdoor activities such as gardening, kayaking, biking, hiking, camping, skiing and birding. She takes pleasure in cooking, reading and all of the arts... opera, theatre, classical and eclectic performances.

Bear Creek SALMON FESTIVAL

SAT, OCT 4,
11 AM - 4 PM

Free Annual Event,
First Saturday
in October

"WATER... make every drop count for salmon"

- Outdoor Mini Workshops
- Live Entertainment
- Figgy's Food Truck Concession
- Fun Activities for All Ages

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Join us in welcoming...

Brigette Cooke

our new receptionist!

Brigette is an avid gardener, loves children and green living. She's already fitting right in! Come say hello at the front desk.

GREEN LIVING TIPS

Using Water Wisely

Congratulations to Ashland citizens who have been voluntarily conserving water during this record-breaking drought! Those efforts have greatly reduced the City's daily water consumption and have as of this publication date, forestalled mandatory curtailment measures.

Several classes included in this newsletter (and listed below) can help you stretch and recycle water in your home and garden. The annual Ashland Green and Solar Tour will also feature homes that utilize water-saving fixtures and irrigation systems. For more information about these programs or to register call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541.488.6606 or go to www.ashland.or.us/Register.

For the City of Ashland Conservation Division water saving tips visit www.ashland.or.us/waterwise.

Thank you for helping to use water wisely now and in the future!

- Gardening When Water is Scarce
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- Fall Planting for Drought
Wednesday, September 24, 7—8:30pm
- Getting the Most Out of Your Water
Wednesday, October 8, 6—7:30
- Ashland Green and Solar Tour
Saturday, October 11, 9am—3pm

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Volunteer for the Bear Creek Salmon Festival...

You can help with event set-up on Friday, October 3 or with many fun activities on Saturday, October 4.

Volunteer Field Program Instructors Needed...

Share nature with kids this fall, and teach local K—5th grade students about Geology of the Rogue Valley. Don't know much about geology? You can learn something new and pass it on! Training (and lunch!) provided on September 9, followed by practice teaching.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth at lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us for more information and to sign up.



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