

# North Mountain Park Nature Center

## PROGRAM CALENDAR Winter/Spring 2011

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 indicated 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri; Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13; 10:30—11:45am | **Ages 3—5** | \$5/child | N MT Park Puppeteers | Pg 14

### \*Project FeederWatch

Alternate Sat (except Dec 26); Dec 11 & 26, Jan 8 & 22, Feb 5 & 19, Mar 5 & 19; 9—10am | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society Volunteers | Pg 14

### Hawks, Masters of Flight

Wed, Jan 12, 7—8:30pm | \$10 | Dick Ashford | Pg 14

### Hand-Woven Basket Workshop

Sat, Jan 15, 10am—2pm | \$37 | Pioneer Hall in Lithia Park Louisa Lenz-Porter | Pg 19

### Herbal Tincture-Making Workshop

Sun, Jan 16 23, 2—5pm | \$30 | School of Herbology, 340 A St, #7, Ashland | Jon Carlson | Pg 22

### Smoke & the Water: Restoration in Ashland's Forested Watershed

Wed, Jan 19, 7—8:30pm | Free | Ashland Forest Resiliency Partnership | Pg 14

### Winter Bird Walk

Sat, Jan 29, 8:30—10am | Free | Vince Zauskey | Pg 14

### Garden Planning for Vegetables

Sat, Jan 29, 9am—1pm | \$35 | Louisa Lenz-Porter | Pg 22

### \*Seed Swap

Wed, Feb 2, 7—8pm | Free | North Mountain Park Staff | Pg 22

### Sustainable Landscape Practices

Wed, Feb 9—Mar 9, 6:30—8:30pm | \$60 | Bonnie Bayard | Pg 22

### ~~Successful Seed Starting~~ **FULL/CLOSED**

Sat, Feb 12, 10am—noon | \$10 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 22

### ~~Pruning Basics for Home Gardeners~~ **FULL/CLOSED**

Sat, Feb 12, 1—3pm | \$10 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 22

### Crafting with Gourds

Sat, Feb 19, 1—4pm | \$12 | Pioneer Hall in Lithia Park | Kari Gies | Pg 19

### Happy Eggs

Tue, Feb 22, 7—9pm | \$12 | Cynthia Care | Pg 23

### ~~Pine Needle Basketry~~ **FULL/CLOSED**

Sat, Mar 5, 9:30am—4pm | \$40 | Sue Yamins | Pg 19

### Creating a Living Willow Structure

Sun, Mar 6, 1—4pm | \$10 | Louisa Lenz-Porter | Pg 15

### Natural Cleaning Products

Tue, Mar 15, 6:30—8:30pm | \$12 | Pioneer Hall in Lithia Park Pg 23

### Spring Garden Work Party

Wed, Mar 16, 10am—noon | Free | Pg 33

### Creating Backyard Wildlife Habitat

Wed, Mar 30, 7—8pm | \$5 | Lori Tella | Pg 23

### Lithia Park Work Party

Sat, Apr 2, 9am—1pm | Free | Meet at Lithia Park Bandshell | Pg 33

### ~~Ukrainian Egg Decorating~~ **FULL/CLOSED**

Sat, Apr 2, 10am—1pm | \$20 | Deirdre Young | Pg 20

### Little Foxes Nature Explore

Alternate Tue; Apr 5 & 19, May 10 & 24; 9:30—11:30am | Ages 3—6 | \$15/child | Michele Pavilionis | Pg 15

### Wildflower Walk in Strawberry Hald Park

Wed, Apr 6, 4—5:30pm | \$7 | Meet at the corner of Scenic & Logan Dr | Linda Chesney | Pg 15

### Edible Garden Design

Thu, Apr 14, 5:30—7pm | \$7 | Tracy Peddicord & Kelly Gustafson | Pg 23

### ~~Tree Climbing Workshop~~ **CANCELED**

Sat, Apr 16, 9am—4pm | \$125 | Tim Kovar | Pg 15

### Spring Wildflower Walk in Lithia Park

Sat, Apr 16, 10am—noon | \$7 | Meet at the Ashland Parks & Recreation office in Lithia Park, 340 S Pioneer St | Jim Duncan Pg 16

### Biking the Greenway to Taste Wild Edibles

Wed, Apr 20, 4:30—6pm | \$7 | Meet at the Dog Park with your bike and helmet, off of Nevada & Helman Streets | Linda Chesney | Pg 16

### \*Rogue Valley Earth Day

Sat, Apr 23, 11am—4pm | Free | ScienceWorks | Pg 30  
[www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net](http://www.RogueValleyEarthDay.net)

### Spring Wildflower Walk in Oredson-Todd Woods

Sat, Apr 30, 10am—noon | \$7 | Meet at the Oredson-Todd trail head (turn left on Lupine, off Greenmeadows) | Marcia Winteer | Pg 16

### Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk

Sat, May 7, 10:30am—1pm | \$25 | Jon Carlson | Pg 23

### \*Rogue Valley Bird Day

Sat, May 14, 8am—noon | Free | Pg 31  
[www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net](http://www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net)

### The Grizzly Peak Fire

Sat, May 21, 9am—3:30pm | \$25 | Dr Atzet | Pg 16

\*Pre-registration is not required for these programs.

For a complete description of the Ashland Parks & Recreation **Refund Policy** and **program descriptions**, visit [www.ashland.or.us/recguide](http://www.ashland.or.us/recguide). Direct online registration is available at [www.ashland.or.us/register](http://www.ashland.or.us/register) — It's easy to do and helps to reduce costs.

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE — *Friends & Volunteers of the Nature Center*



*The staff at North Mountain Parks has provided me with, "wonderful opportunities to improve my English, interact with people, and a great experience in the U.S.!"*

— Kana Hashimoto

Kana Hashimoto moved from Japan to Ashland eight months ago, arriving as an exchange student at Southern Oregon University. She has been volunteering at North Mountain Park for the past five months; involved in preparation for the Native American school programs. Her goals are to someday work for a non-profit organization and volunteer in different parts of the world. She is interested in hunger and environmental issues, even though her major is linguistics.



*"I'm thankful to everyone here (North Mountain Park), and I hope one day I'll use... new ideas (learned at North Mountain Park) to help more people, especially people in my home country."*

— Jinge Sun

Jinge Sun moved to Ashland in July, 2010 from a little city near the east coast of China. She is an exchange student at Southern Oregon University (SOU) in the Environmental Education Master's program. She is interested in educating the public on environmental issues. Jinge has volunteered at North Mountain Park for the past few months helping to prepare materials for the Native American school programs. She also volunteers at ScienceWorks in Ashland, helping with their school programs.

### Annual Contributions

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

**Please make checks payable to Ashland Parks Foundation** and mail in the enclosed envelope. **Thank you!**

**Note:** While we still encourage our readers to go PAPERLESS, this winter/spring issue will be direct mailed to everyone so that you will have the opportunity to make your annual contribution to the North Mountain Park Nature Center using the enclosed envelope. Your support is greatly appreciated!

— Nature Center Staff

### Volunteers Needed...

If you would like to volunteer at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, please contact the Park Department's new Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth...

Direct Line: 541.552.2264

Cell: 541.951.1612

Email: [lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us](mailto:lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us)

### Canned Food Drive...

Bring your canned food items to the Nature Center this holiday season. Food donations will be accepted through the 4th week in December.

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