



Chapter Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016, 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

Native Plants: Linda Hardison, Oregon Flora Project www.oregonflora.org/

What constitutes a native plant for gardeners in the Portland metro region? Native to North America? The Pacific Northwest? Or a Douglas Fir forest on Mount Hood? Or the banks of the Clackamas River? Linda Hardison, director of the Oregon Flora Project (OFP), is uniquely qualified to speak on this and offer advice on the use native plants in our gardens. Linda believes calling a plant “native” requires consideration of both time and place. Speaking from the perspective of the OFP, she will introduce us to a myriad of Oregon’s native plants – along with naturalized and exotic species. Together we will learn the context from which these plants arise and gain an appreciation for the biodiversity found in our state.



Linda Hardison has been director of the Oregon Floral Project since 2005. The OFP houses the Oregon Plant Atlas which consists of more than 540,000 records of plant distribution in Oregon. Its extensive photo gallery is a valuable resource for identifying native plants. Linda is instrumental in the recent publication of Volume 1 of Flora of Oregon, a three-volume reference about the plants of our state. Linda earned a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Washington and is a research assistant professor in the Botany & Plant Pathology Department at Oregon State University. *mg education credit

March Program: Monday, March 14, 2016 - Creating Rain Gardens: Scott Buley

Scott will show us why rain gardens optimally use locally available plants, and the trade-off with adapted plants. He also will discuss considerations in engineering rain garden beds for different soils, topography and plants. We will understand what rain gardens can do for the landscape: roadside basins, permeable and pervious surfacing, and how they are better for the environment. *mg education credit www.raingardennursery.com



Green Glove Award: Shawn VanDoren Class of 2013

Shawn learned the ropes as coordinator of the Oregon City Farmer’s Market in 2015 in preparation for taking over the position in 2016. As the market coordinator, Shawn takes care of scheduling volunteers and maintaining the calendar for the market booth. She has also been on the laptop/projector team for the chapter. Shawn is a cheerful and willing chapter member, always pitching in where she can. Thank you Shawn!

2016 Handbooks will be available beginning in February

Please be sure to pick yours up at chapter meetings and events. If you have paid to have yours mailed, look for it in your mailbox by the end of February. If it happens that you cannot pick up your copy and need it mailed, contact FrankWille to make other arrangements.

Garden Discovery Day: Saturday, March 5 from 9 am to Noon

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

10-Minute University™ Classes (25 minutes each) • Displays (9 am – noon)

Soil Testing (9 – 11:30 am) • Ask a Master Gardener Clinic (9 am – noon)

[Click here or see our webpage for more info.](#) Don't forget to share this info with your friends & neighbors!

** all sessions count as MG Education Credit towards your annual recertification*

Upcoming Programs and Events **complete program info*

- **April 11** - Camellias - *Robert Herald*
- **April 30 & May 1** - 32nd Annual Spring Garden Fair
- **May 9** - Grow a Greener Lawn - *Weston Miller*
- **June 13** - Tualatin Valley River Keepers: Brian Wegener
- **July 11** - Field Trip TBA
- **August 8** - Chapter Picnic
- **September 12** - Sex on Six Legs: *Gail Langellotto*
- **October 8** - Fall into Gardening
- **October 10** - Plant Trials & the Results: *Neil Bell*
- **November 14** - Missoula Flood: *Dr. Scott Burns*