

VENDOR NEWS



It's the 25th Annual Spring Garden Fair!

We're celebrating our 25th year, several ways!

With each admission, visitors get a special free raffle ticket. Each day 3 winning tickets will be drawn. The lucky winners will get (five) \$5 coupons to spend at any vendor's booth at the Fair. If you receive one of these coupons as payment, you'll be reimbursed by our treasurer. Check your vendor packet for details.

As a special "Thank You" to our vendors, we'll hold another drawing each afternoon in the vendor hospitality area. Look in your vendor packet for details and the free Vendor raffle ticket.

And we will also have "green" bags for sale to commemorate our 25th year. They will be very handy to help our customers carry their purchases!

★ ★ Look around the Fairgrounds for signs with 25 fun & interesting FACTOIDS ★ ★



We have 3 groups returning to offer Plant Taxi service to your customers! North Marion FFA, Ackerman Junior High art class, and Canby High Leadership class will be fundraising for their respective programs. They provide their own carts and insurance. Only these groups may provide taxi service.

REMINDER

- Canopies are great in case of too much rain or sun... it's Oregon!
- Bring lots of bills and change for \$20's. The ATM will be in full swing!
- Bring boxes for your customer's purchases
- Aprons with your business name and pockets can be a real step saver.
- Great Signage!!! (scientific & common names, growing conditions, price and your information)
- Business Cards and Flyers for post fair sales
- Post your Nursery/Business name in BIG LETTERS so shoppers can easily identify you. That way they can remember you and come back for more.
- Be sure to include your booth information on your Raffle Items so shoppers and winners can find you to buy more!
- There will be food vendors, but bringing drinks and food is always a good idea. Sometimes it hard to get away from those buyers!!!
- Make friends and be patient with your fellow vendors. Lots of referrals happen at the Fair.
- Smile... it's contagious!



TIME LINE

- 10 AM **Friday**- VENDOR PACKETS will be available to pick up at Vendor Registration
- 11 AM- 8 PM **Friday**- gates open for Set-Up
- 6 AM **Saturday**- gates open to vendors.
- 8:30 AM **Saturday**- all vehicles clear the grounds
- 9 AM- 5 PM **Saturday**- show open to the public
- 5:30-8:30 PM **Saturday**- gates open to vendors to restock
- 6 AM **Sunday**- gates open to vendors.
- 8:30 AM **Sunday**- all vehicles clear the grounds
- 9 AM- 4 PM **Sunday**- show open to the public
- 4:15 PM~ **Sunday**- gates open for teardown.
- 8 PM **Sunday**- gates are closed



NEW PLANT INTRODUCTIONS

This year new plant varieties will be on display among the vendor booths where the food concession booth previously was located. The move will double the display space and increase the new variety visibility in 2009.

If you are a grower introducing a new plant variety, consider donating one or two plants of each variety to the New Introductions area. The plants won't be sold, but will part of a very-fun, exciting silent auction. If you use a plant broker, they may be interested in donating some of the new plants they are introducing to the nurseries. There is no charge for the growers and the brokers and we supply the company signage.



Send your customers to the **10-MINUTE UNIVERSITY**

for some short classes and tips on how to make their new plants thrive. We will be talking about Pruning Basics, Container Planting, Hanging Baskets, Vegetables, Herbs, Planting Tips and Annuals and Perennials."

✓ PLANT CHECK ✓

Only the person who owns the plant can check it in. Owner information is necessary to code and receipt the plants. *Thanks*

THE POTTING STATION RETURNS!

Your customers can bring their newly purchased plants by, purchase a container and Master Gardeners will happily pot their newly purchased plants in Black Gold at no charge! We are located by the Raffle. Working together to make customers happy!



We post the list of Vendors on our website, so customers can always find you. Be sure to let us know if your contact information changes www.clackamascountymastergardeners.org



VENDOR & MASTER GARDENER BREAK ROOM

HORNING HALL (JUST TO THE WEST OF THE MAIN GATE)
8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

FREE COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA, JUICE AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED IN A RESTFUL AND RELAXING ATMOSPHERE.

NICE CLEAN BATHROOMS FOR YOU TOO!