

COLESTIN VALLEY BUZZ

May/June 2005

FIRE INFORMATION & FUN DAY

- ▶ See your new 4 wheel drive engine “4413”
!!
- ▶ Partake of community BBQ and Fire Plan Q&A !!
 - ▶ Equipment demonstrations !!
 - ▶ Try out the hoses – lights – sirens !!

Say hello to YOUR Fire Department



June 18th Saturday
Hilt Community Church

11-Noon
Q & A about our
newly completed
Colestin Hilt Community
Wildfire Protection Pla

Noon-4
FESTIVITIES

EXTRAVAGANZA!

Home Remedies for Your Garden from Sharon Lovejoy

You don't have to buy expensive and sometimes poisonous products to banish weeds, harmful insects and fungus from your garden. Here are 11 cheap, safe alternatives using common household items...

PESTS

- Adhesive tape** Wrapped around your hand with the sticky side out, adhesive tape (any type) is a handy device for taking pests off plant leaves.
- Elmer's Glue** White glue works like a liquid bandage to seal cuts in plants such as rosebushes after you've pruned them. If large cuts aren't sealed, they can attract harmful insects or organisms that can cause infection.
- Empty film container** Fill the container with a mixture of one teaspoon of borax (boric acid) to 10 teaspoons of pancake syrup. Put the cap on, and punch an ant-sized hole in the lid. The result is an effective "ant motel" that traps some ants and lets others carry the toxic mixture back to their nests. Caution: Don't use this where pets or young children can reach it.
- Grapefruit rinds** Set them out at night as lures for slugs and snails, which are especially destructive to seedlings. In the morning, put the filled rinds in the trash.
- Hot red pepper powder** Cabbage, broccoli and related vegetables are vulnerable to many types of insects, including cucumber beetles and leaf-hoppers. To protect the plants, spray them weekly with a mixture of two tablespoons of hot red pepper powder, six drops of liquid soap and one gallon of water,
- Mirror and yardstick** A small mirror attached to a yardstick with an adhesive such as Goop lets you reach far into the garden to detect insects, such as mealy-bugs, which often lurk under leaves.
- Soy sauce** Mix equal parts of soy sauce and canola oil in an empty sardine can or any other low-sided container to attract earwigs, destructive bugs that also have a nasty bite. Set out the traps at night, and throw them away in the morning so they don't harm butterflies and other beneficial daytime insects.

WEEDS

- Grapefruit knife** The curved, serrated blade is more effective than any weeding device I've tried for container and small gardens. You can easily remove shallow-rooted weeds without harming plants.
- Helpful** Make weeding a top priority early in the season, when weeds are young and easier to pull.
- Vinegar** To kill broad-leafed weeds, spray white or apple cider vinegar on them, preferably during the hottest sun of the day. Cover any nearby plants with newspaper to shield them from the spray.

FUNGUS AND MILDEW

Baking soda Tomato and potato plants are particularly susceptible to fungal infections.

Spray early in the growing season with a mixture of one teaspoon of baking soda, one tablespoon of mineral or canola oil and one gallon of water.

Milk Mix one cup of milk to nine cups of water to make a spray that rids plants of mildew.

Apply twice a week.

SPRAYING SECRETS

Test homemade sprays on a portion of the plant before applying it to the entire surface.

Monitor the plant's response for a few days to check for burning.

If a spray calls for soap, use only a mild one. Try Dr. Bronner's, Fels Naptha or any pure castile soap available in health-food stores.

Prevent sunburned leaves by applying sprays early in the morning and never when the temperature is above 85 .

Wear rubber gloves when using any sprays containing peppers, alcohol, citrus concentrates, mint oils or anything else that could irritate the skin. When spraying in breezy conditions, wear eye and nose protection.

Excerpted from *Bottom Line/Personal*. Sharon Lovejoy is a gardening expert who frequently lectures and appears on PBS. She is author of several books on gardening, including *Trowel & Error: Over 700 Shortcuts, Tips & Remedies for the Gardener* (Workman). www.sharonlovejoy.com

Dear Mt. Ashland Access Rd. Clean-up Crew,

A big "thank you" to everyone who participated in our road clean-up on Saturday. Despite unsettled weather, about 25-30 dedicated volunteers showed up and did a great job cleaning up the road. Volunteers from the Mt. Ashland Association, Mt. A Ski Hosts, Polaris Surveying, various community members and a great showing from the residents living along the road, were out in force with bright yellow trash bags in hand, braving the elements from rain to sleet and snow. We picked-up over 50 bags of trash so the road looks great....at the moment. We ended the day with a BBQ at the lodge, just in time for the sun to come out!

Special thanks to Jack Sutherland and Lisa Buttrey for organizing their neighborhood for this bi-annual event, and again to everyone who lent a hand! Also, special thanks to Chuck and Laurel Biegert from the Mt. Ashland Inn for setting up a table of treats for our volunteers.

We plan on another pick-up day in the Fall. I'll keep everyone posted! It is always a pleasure to work with dedicated volunteers as yourselves.

Have a great spring and summer!

Sincerely,

Ty Hisatomi

NIGHT TRAINS, DAY TRAINS

Nancy J. Bringham

From the recesses of the night
came a hollow, mournful howl –
a sound of loneliness lumbering along the rails.
I shivered in the corner cot
of my grandmother's creaky house
where branches scraped the window
like fingers clawing to get in.

In the light and safety of summer sun,
We put pennies on the track
and shrieked with delight to hear
the jaunty whistle announce its approach.
The engineer leaned out his window,
waved, and we waved back
thinking smugly of our flattened pennies.

Now, on the mountain
high above the valley floor,
amid the coyote yelps
and the solemn call of the owl,
the train's muffled grumble rises in the night,
wrestling through our window,
like the first groan of an earthquake.
And I shudder deep in down
until all is quiet again.

But when the Siskiyou mountains
sparkle under winter sun,
I smile to hear the first blast
of joy as the train pokes its head
out of the dank tunnel, beaming
its pleasure, escaping into the wild
wilderness, away, away.

F.Y.I.

Welcome to a New Neighbor!

Hi, my name is Ami Linden and I am moving into the Coleston. I just wanted to let people know that I am available for work in the valley. I have a lot of different things I can do, such as; haircuts in your home, house-cleaning, organizing, pet-sitting, painting (creative or just walls), and gardening projects. Give me a call if you have a need--leave a message with Mouna at 488-1469 and I will call you back. (I have great references too) Thanks

Check It Out!

Bookmark the Fire Department's website, www.crfd.org. Always chock full of community and fire news and safety info. Many thanks to Betsy Bradshaw.

Upcoming Events

IRIS VIEWING AND GARDEN PARTY

Potluck at Indigo Rays' * Sat June 11th, 2 PM til dark * call 482-4939 for directions

The Garden is open to everyone from May 28th – June 18th. Call first or just stop by.
Feel free to enjoy time in the garden and view the irises even if Indigo isn't around.

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