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Local CSU Extension Programs

2022 Colorado Master Gardener Program

We are taking applications for the 2021/2022 Colorado Master Gardener Program (local Volunteer Track). Although all core classes are all online to work on when it's best for you, we will have a few locally focused and hands-on learning labs to supplement the online classes!

- Classes begin the week of January 10th and end April 30th, 2022.
- The cost of the program is $200. There are scholarships and a 50% discount for county and CSUE staff.
- More information and applications are online: https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/about/become-a-colorado-master-gardener-2/
- Registration will close on December 17th! We need time to do interviews and process.
- Questions? Call or email Yvette.Henson@colostate.edu or 970-708-4786

Colorado Master Gardeners do their volunteer service with us locally in the San Miguel Basin Extension Office! We love working with our Master Gardeners to put on local programs, work together in our local research gardens, coordinate the SMB Regional seed library, help clients solve their plant problems, etc.

There is also a non-volunteer track for $530 and short courses for $195 that don't have a volunteer commitment. Information is at the link.

Restoration Agriculture Development

ALSO, you don't want to miss this on-farm, hands-on workshop Restoration Agriculture Development on November 19th-21st at Melanie and Bodies farm site, 619 Main, Nucla, Colorado.

Part of the conference will be at the community center in Nucla. See RAD's Facebook page for more information about their philosophy and practices.
https://www.facebook.com/restorationagriculture/

Mark Shepard, author of Restoration Agriculture and Water for Every Farm, with the assistance of Jake Takiff from Cedar Springs Farm in Paonia, will be conducting this workshop focused on site planning, building swales on contour (learn to use the laser level) in broad area acres, flagging swales, etc. for perennial planting of nuts, fruit, berries, etc. and integrating perennial plants or annuals.

This link gives all the information https://restoringagriculture.com/optin11633618028010

There is a discounted price of $197 (normally $397) for people from San Miguel Watershed communities. The code for the discount is NUCLA. There are also scholarships available for some folks that need more help than this price. Registration comes with breakfast and lunch and one dinner. Mark Shephard's book "Water for Every Farm" will be available to every local who signs up. This program is sponsored by WEEDC (West End Economic Development Corporation).

Email Melanie Eggers at meggers73@gmail.com with any questions you may have!

San Miguel County was awarded a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to enhance the counties Payment for Ecosystem Services program (PES). The PES program seeks to compensate agricultural landowners who use or implement practices that improve soil health, conserve water and mitigate climate change. This article gives an overview: https://www.telluridenews.com/news/article_568afcd8-33ff-11ec-b3f9-6b10a3a56c2d.html For questions or to apply, see the grant page at San Miguel County https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/697/PES---CWCB-Grant and/or Chris Hazen at The Terra Firm 970-708-1221.

Join 4-H Now by Enrolling Online

San Miguel Bain 4-H enrollments are “NOW” open. For questions about clubs or projects, call us at 970-327-4393. Follow the re-enrolling or new enrollment instructions on 4-H Page - https://sanmiguel.extension.colostate.edu/new-2020-2021-4honline-tips-for-4-h-enrollment/
You can enroll at co.4honline.com

Check out our new Website Address

https://sanmiguel.extension.colostate.edu/

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