



Ronnie Budge

Ronnie's first garden was a window box over a fire escape in New York City, where she learned that portulaca can survive 2 weeks without water and that marigold flowers produce seeds just like the ones that come in the packets. She first heard the word "compost" at nature study camp, where she was taught to pile weeds from the camp's vegetable garden off in a corner. But it wasn't until she moved to Southern Oregon in 1971 that she attempted to garden in earnest. For the next 40 years, the results of her efforts could most charitably be called "mixed." Then in 2011 she took the Jackson County Master Gardener™ training course at the OSU Extension Service, followed by 4 years mentoring in the Master Gardener Practicum. Finally her perennial beds have something blooming in them 11 months of the year, and her vegetable garden and small greenhouse overflow with more produce than she and her husband can possibly eat!

Program Descriptions

STARTING VEGETABLES FROM SEEDS

No need to buy transplants when you can grow your own, including varieties not readily found in local nurseries.

WHAT TO DO WITH A HOME GREENHOUSE

Should you buy a greenhouse? How can you get more use out of the one you have?

CHOOSING DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

Even if you live in deer country, you can have a beautiful garden by choosing the right plants.

DIGGING AND DIVIDING PERENNIALS

What to do when plants get overcrowded and stop looking their best, and how to make more of your favorites.

HARVESTING TIPS

When to pick vegetables for maximum flavor and nutrition. Learn which crops must be used or processed as soon as possible and which are more forgiving.

FALL BULBS

How to plant daffodils, tulips, and other bulbs for beautiful flowers in the spring.