

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition
SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS CALENDAR
May 2023

*Events for people who want to learn about and get involved with efforts to make
Corvallis and Benton County sustainable communities*

MON, MAY 1 – WED, MAY 31

NATIONAL BIKE MONTH: MAY 2023

May is National Bike Month, celebrated in communities from coast to coast! Show your support here in Corvallis by enjoying May on two wheels. As encouragement for a riding destination, stop by City Hall (M–F, 8 am to 5 pm) to receive your free seat cover and Corvallis bike map!

Contact: Josh.Capps@corvallisoregon.gov

Sponsor: City of Corvallis Active Transportation Group

TUES, MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 (5 – 7 pm)

SOUTHTOWN FARMSTAND AND MARKET

Meet your local farmers and artisans, learn what's in season, and swap gardening and sustainable community living ideas while nibbling on locally made treats. Plants, plants, and more plants available!

At Flicker & Fir, 1465 SE Alexander Ave Corvallis

All vendors accept US dollars, and some accept local currency (HOURS)

Contact: southtownfarmstandmarket@gmail.com, 541-250-0471

Sponsors: Flicker & Fir; The HOUR Exchange

WED, MAY 3 (6:30 – 8:00 pm)

PLANT-BASED DINING CHALLENGE

Did you know that eating just one animal product-free meal per month saves an average of 366 gallons of water, 13 lbs of grain, and 6 lbs of CO₂? Let's gather and support a local restaurant that offers plant-based options.

At Laughing Planet Cafe, 127 NW 2nd Street

Cost: whatever you choose to order.

Contact: Call/Text 541-740-4103 to RSVP

Sponsor: Corvallis Whole Food Plant-Based Support

FRI, MAY 5 (8 pm)

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION: BID FOR KIDS

Old Mill Center's 2023 "Bid for Kids" auction is kicking off with 6 days of online fun! Enjoy browsing and bidding on amazing auction packages right from your phone or computer. You can also make a donation to help local kids and families in need. Bidder registration opened April 24. Visit <https://www.oldmillcenter.org/be-involved/annual-auction/>

Contact: daniel_surfass@oldmillcenter.org; 541-757-8068

Sponsor: Old Mill Center for Children & Families

SAT, MAY 6 (2 – 4:30 pm)

ADULT WORKSHOP: TABLET WEAVING WITH CAROLINE FEYLING

Learn the ancient technique of tablet weaving and make your very own bookmark! In this class, we will learn how to tablet weave backstrap style. Each student will weave a bookmark made of cotton and create a plan for a future tablet weaving project. Suitable for all skill levels ages 12 and up.

\$50 per person.

At The Arts Center, 700 SW Madison Ave, Corvallis, OR

Contact: artslearning@theartscenter.net

Sponsor: The Arts Center

SAT, MAY 6 (5 pm)

"BID FOR KIDS: ROARING 20's STYLE" - DINNER & LIVE AUCTION

Old Mill Center is celebrating the in-person return of its annual fundraising gala -- Roaring 20's style! Enjoy dinner, libations, silent & live auctions, and fun opportunities to help build bright futures for kids. The winner of the [2023 Raffle to WIN A CAR](#) will be announced at the end of the festivities. Join Old Mill for a "roaring" good time by buying your admission tickets at <https://omccf.ejoinme.org/admission>.

At CH2M HILL Alumni Center, 725 SW 26th Street, Corvallis

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MAY 6 – 14

NATURAL AREAS CELEBRATION WEEK

Various events will be offered throughout the week to highlight our local Natural Areas and conservation efforts. Please check [Natural Areas Celebration Week | Corvallis Sustainability Coalition \(sustainablecorvallis.org\)](#) for more information.

Contact: [Contact the Natural Areas Action Team | Corvallis Sustainability Coalition \(sustainablecorvallis.org\)](#)

Sponsor: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Natural Areas Action Team

SUN, MAY 7 (10 am – 4 pm)

CORVALLIS SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

This annual local favorite has something for the whole family! Vendors will offer a wide variety of items for sale, including annuals, perennials, specialty plants, garden art, gifts, ceramics, seeds, edible goods, succulents, herbs and more. Enjoy live entertainment, with music performed by local musicians. Details at sustainablecorvallis.org.

At Arts Center Plaza/Madison Avenue, between 7th & 8th Streets

Contact: serenakapuler@gmail.com

Sponsors: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Food Action Team, Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets, Corvallis Parks & Recreation, and The Arts Center

SUN, MAY 7 (12 noon – 5 pm)

MIDWAY FARMS OPEN HOUSE

Come out to Midway Farms for a day on the farm. Pet the family cow, Fawn, and see all kinds of farm animals. Explore the organic garden. There will be cookies, pastries, tea, coffee, gifts & chocolates available to purchase.

This is a celiac safe event. Open 10-6 daily!

6980 NW Hwy 20, Albany, (541) 740-6141

Sponsor: Midway Farms

MON – FRI, MAY 8 – 12 (12 – 2 pm)

NATURAL AREAS CELEBRATION WEEK: HESTHAVN NATURE CENTER

Visit our Nature Center to see the Museum & the Bluebird Display that honors the conservation efforts led by Elsie Eltzroth & the Bluebird team of volunteers that saved the Western Bluebird in the Willamette Valley. Enjoy walks along the Oak Creek riparian trail & in the meadow to see the spring blooms.

At Hesthavn Nature Center, 8590 Oak Creek Drive, Corvallis

Contact: audubon.corvallis@gmail.com

Sponsor: Audubon Society of Corvallis

TUES MAY 9 (4:00 – 7:00 pm)

OWENS FARM: PAST AND FUTURE

Join Greenbelt Land Trust Director Jessica McDonald on a tour to explore the fascinating history of Owens Farm. Learn about the Knotts-Owens family, their influence in Benton County, uses of the farm over time, and hear about the exciting vision for this property in the future. This tour will include a brief look inside the historic Owens Farm House.

More Info: <https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/owens-farm-past-and-future/>

Contact: mbenotsch@greenbeltlandtrust.org

Sponsor: Greenbelt Land Trust

FRI, MAY 12 (10:30 am – 12 pm)

INTERNATIONAL VISITING FACULTY AND SCHOLAR COFFEE SOCIAL

This event takes place the 2nd Friday of every month except August.

At Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center, 2638 NW Jackson Ave, Corvallis

Contact: info@cmlcenter.org

Sponsor: Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center

FRI, MAY 12 (2 pm)

EXPLORE HERBERT FARM NATURAL AREA

Tour this City-owned natural area on the confluence of Muddy Creek and the Marys River, which includes significant restored wetlands and a great diversity of native plants.

Register/Contact: Dave Eckert, deckert@willamettewatershed.com

Co-sponsors: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Water Action Team and Marys Peak Group Sierra Club

SAT, MAY 13 (8 am – 12 pm)

AUDUBON SECOND SATURDAY FIELD TRIP

Led by Duncan Evered & Caryn Stoess

At Willamette Park – Meet at Willamette Park Shelter, east end of SE Goodnight Ave.

Registration required. Face coverings optional.

Contact: CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com

Sponsor: Audubon Society of Corvallis

SAT, MAY 13 & SUN, MAY 14 (11 am – 4 pm)

ART IN THE GARDEN AND MOTHERS' DAY FESTIVAL

Regional arts, music, free herbal appetizers, food, beer, and wine for purchase at The Thyme Garden Nursery in the Coast Range Mountains. www.thymegarden.com

At The Thyme Garden, 20546 Alsea Hwy., Alsea

Contact: Emily Stimac, 541-487-8671, emilythyme@gmail.com

Sponsor: The Thyme Garden

SAT, MAY 13 (10 am – 2 pm)

GRUBBY GARDENING

Enjoy a fun family gardening event with educational garden presentations, kids plant a free container garden to take home, garden starts/Mother's Day flowers available, craft sale, treats available, and music.

27555 Greenberry Rd. (Corner of 99W and Greenberry Rd.)

Contact: 541-609-8335

Sponsor: Willamette Grange #52

SAT, MAY 13 (1 – 4 pm)

2ND SATURDAY ARTS DAY: ROUND WEAVING FOR WELLNESS

Join us and fiber artist Emily McKenzie to learn how to weave in the round! Leave with a finished piece and enough knowledge to make a weaving on your own. Weaving is a great sensory activity for feeling the positive mental benefits of creative flow.

At The Arts Center, 700 SW Madison Ave.

Contact: artslearning@theartscenter.net

Sponsor: The Arts Center

SAT, MAY 13 (6 – 8 pm)

SPRING SIP & THRIFT

Join us for an evening of spring deals! 10% off of the whole store, complimentary wine, beer and cider for shoppers 21+, raffles and more!

At Heartland Humane Thrift Shop, 411 SW 3rd Street

Contact: thriftshop@heartlandhumane.org

Sponsor: Heartland Humane Shelter & Care

SAT, MAY 13 (7 pm)

BEND THE ARC: SPRING CONCERT BY JUBILATE! – WOMEN'S CHOIR OF CORVALLIS

With our choice of songs and combined voices, we strive to bend the arc of social justice, promote human rights, and encourage reflections about the future of our communities. Join us as we celebrate the spring and honor our commitment to change until all belong.

At First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis

Tickets & details: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bend-the-arc-tickets-620341075857?aff=aff0evvnt>

Contact: president@jubilatechoir.org

Sponsor: Jubilate! The Women's Choir of Corvallis, jubilatechoir.org

SUN, MAY 14 (5:30 – 6:30 pm)

TAP TALK: GARDENING IN A CHANGING WORLD

Climate change is altering the abundance and distribution of pests and pathogens. Learn how to identify and respond to plant insects and diseases using mechanical, chemical, and biological methods for home gardens. To support band programs at Corvallis High School, enjoy tasty food and drink, and Common Fields will donate 10% of dine-in and takeout sales (11 am – 8 pm).

At Common Fields, 545 SW 3rd St. & [instagram.com/500WomenScientists_Corvallis](https://www.instagram.com/500WomenScientists_Corvallis)

Contact/Info: linktr.ee/500WomenScientists_Corvallis

Sponsor: 500 Women Scientists Corvallis

WED, MAY 17 (7 pm)

DISCOVER THE NEW OWENS FARM/JACKSON-FRAZIER WETLANDS HIKING COMPLEX

This webinar explores the planned new natural area/wetland complex that will span from the existing Jackson-Frazier Wetland in Benton County across 99W Highway and four property lines into the Owens Farm Natural Area.

Register: <https://bit.ly/2023frenkelseries3>

Contact: Dave Eckert, deckert@willamettewatershed.com

Sponsors: Marys Peak Group Sierra Club and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

THUR, MAY 18 (5 pm)

THE SEEDS OF PEACE

Enjoy an evening with local filmmaker David-Paul Hedberg as he presents his in-progress film *The Seeds of Peace*. The film shares the story of those spreading a message of peace by planting trees germinated from Hiroshima survivor trees across Oregon.

At OSU's Asian & Pacific Cultural Center, 2695 SW Jefferson Way

Contact: stonebsh@oregonstate.edu

Sponsors: Spring Creek Project; OSU's School of History, Philosophy and Religion; OSU's Asian & Pacific Cultural Center

THUR, MAY 18 (6:30 – 7 pm Social gathering; 7-7:30 ASC meeting; 7:30-8:30 presentation)

AUDUBON PRESENTATION

Bob Beschta will speak on "Trophic Cascades."

At Corvallis Community Center (Oak Room), 2601 NW Tyler Ave. Online option also available.

Contact: audubon.corvallis@gmail.com

Sponsor: Audubon Society of Corvallis

FRI, MAY 19 (7:00 - 8:30 pm – Doors open at 6:30 pm)

DESIGNING COMMUNITIES FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION: ON A BUDGET

Hear local and state transportation experts on how to create a just, safe, healthy, and accessible community with limited dollars. Panelists: Rory Rowan, Corvallis Transportation Division Mgr.; Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President & author of *Roadways for People: Rethinking Transportation Planning and Engineering*; and Brian Ray, Practical Engineering expert/consultant. Moderator: Greg Macpherson, farmer, retired attorney, and OSU Foundation Board member.

At OSU's Learning Innovation Center (LINC) Room 128, 165 SW Sackett Pl, Corvallis. Online on Zoom at:

https://oregonstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ICQINR-KTV6uANDOme5sdQ

Contact: advocacy@mvbc.com

Sponsors: Mid-Valley Bicycle Club and Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Transportation Action Team

SUN, MAY 21 (6:00 – 7:15 pm)

WHOLE FOOD PLANT-BASED SUPPER CLUB

We are vegans, vegetarians, and omnivores who are attempting to eat and/or learn more about the benefits of a WFPB diet. First time attendees do not need to bring a dish. RSVP for more details about our monthly potluck.

Location: Natural Grocers (meeting room), 1235 NW 10th Street

Contact: 541-740-4103 or wfpbcorvallis@gmail.com

Sponsor: Corvallis Whole Food Plant-Based Support

TUES, MAY 23 (5:30 – 7 pm)

CRAFT NIGHT @ C3: MODULAR ORIGAMI & PAPER CREATIONS

Learn how to engage with the art of modular origami! We'll fold pieces of paper and attach them together to form a triangular box or window star! Supplies provided. Best suited for ages 12+, with options for younger ages available.

At Corvallis Community Center (C3), 2601 NW Tyler Ave.

Contact: artslearning@theartscenter.net

Sponsors: The Arts Center, Corvallis Community Center (C3), Corvallis Kiwanis Foundation

MON, WED, or FRI (1 – 3 pm or 7 – 9 pm) *You choose date and time!*

SHIFT TOGETHER: HOME RETROFIT CLINIC

Take action as part of the Sustainability Coalition's newest initiative to rein in climate change – [Shift Together!](#) Nancy Evenson, a retired architect, offers [free home retrofit clinics](#) to help you move along the path toward increased energy efficiency. During a personalized 2-hour session, Nancy will analyze your home's current use of energy and help you identify the most important upgrades and the financial incentives that help you get there.

Contact: retrofit@evensonarchitecture.com

Sponsor: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Energy Action Team