The Horticulture Department at Clackamas Community College this winter will offer a variety of workshops, symposiums and classes for home gardeners, as well as classes for professional licensing. A roundup of short courses and workshops during winter term 2014 follows:

- **Basic Pruning:** Mondays, Jan. 6, 13, 27 and Feb. 3 from 1 to 4:50 p.m. in Clairmont, room 133. This hands-on, one credit course includes instruction on pruning trees, shrubs, groundcovers and vines. It covers tools and equipment used for various pruning practices. Tuition and fees are $120.50.

- **Orchard Care Seminar:** Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the McLoughlin Auditorium. This half-day seminar provides information about winter care of fruit-bearing plants and features local experts covering a variety of fruit growing techniques. Co-sponsored by the Home Orchard Society. Information: www.homeorchardsociety.org. Fee is $15.

- **Herb Growing and Gardening:** Saturdays, Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1. This one-credit course meets from 8:30 to 11:50 a.m. in Clairmont, room 118. Students will study herb plants, including propagation and garden use. Tuition and fees: $120.50.

- **Waterwise Landscaping Practices:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 6 to 7:50 p.m. in Clairmont, room 117. Explore ways to incorporate water efficiency into standard business practices including business retention, new business and water conservation practices for residential and commercial clients. This workshop qualifies for Irrigation Association CEUs. Fee is $20.

- **Fruit Tree Pruning:** Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 to 11:50 a.m. at the Home Orchard Society Arboretum at CCC. The class features demonstrations and practice of pruning methods appropriate for a variety of fruit trees. The class is cosponsored by the Home Orchard Society. Fee is $10.

- **Pesticide Laws & Safety in Spanish:** Fridays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 8 to 11:50 a.m. in Clairmont, room 133. Course covers plant protection methods for weed, insect and disease control. Instruction on laws and regulations related to safety, handling and storage of pesticides, as well as techniques for product selection, applicator safety and
environmental protection. Prepare and test for the Oregon Pesticide Laws & Safety exam. Fee is $120.

- Conifer Grafting: Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. in Clairmont, room 118. Workshop covers hands-on practice using side-veneer grafts on several conifer species. Instruction on how to sharpen your knife, prepare rootstock and basic aftercare procedures. Fee is $60.

- Hypertufa Trough Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 2:50 p.m. in Clairmont, room 117. Hands-on instruction on how to make hypertufa containers for the garden or for housing plants on a patio, balcony or deck. Fee is $35.

- Fruit Tree Grafting (Beginning and Intermediate): Saturday, Feb. 22, in Clairmont 118. These three workshops (two beginning and one intermediate) provide hands-on experience for grafting fruit trees. Co-sponsored by the Home Orchard Society. Two beginning Fruit Tree Grafting workshops are offered: from 9 to 10:20 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. The intermediate Fruit Tree Grafting workshop is from 12:45 to 2:05 p.m. Fee is $15 per workshop.

- Pesticide Applicator in Spanish: Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. in Training Center, room 102. This course provides a review of the safe use of pesticides: protective equipment, mixing, loading, spraying, storage, transportation and application equipment. Recertification credits are available. Fee is $35.

- Pesticide Core Training: Friday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 4:50 p.m. in Clairmont room 133. This workshop provides training required by the Oregon Department of Agriculture for the re-certification of the Private Pesticide License. This workshop is designed for individuals who intend to maintain a current ODA Private Pesticide License. Fee is $40.

For more information about horticulture offerings at CCC, please contact the Horticulture Department by phone, 503-594-3292, or email or visit the department's website.

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