

## Calendar of Events

January 6, 2026  
- February 24, 2026

### Gearing Up for Gardening

**Corvallis-Benton County Public Library**

**645 NW Monroe Ave**

**Corvallis, OR 97331**

**12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST**

Benton County Master Gardener Association, 541-713-5000

bentonmg@oregonstate.edu

*Kick off the new year with practical gardening wisdom at Gearing Up for Gardening, a free weekly series at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Local experts share practical gardening tips every Tuesday from January 6 to February 24. Bring your lunch, bring your questions, and learn something new. Whether you are a beginning or seasoned gardener, all are welcome.*

<https://www.bentonmg.org/gearing-up-for-gardening>

January 6, 2026  
- February 7, 2026

### Art That Gives Back

**The Arts Center**

**700 SW Madison Ave**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**12:00 PM - 05:00 PM PST**

Jessica Lleras, Development Manager, 541-757-8068

jessica\_lleras@oldmillcenter.org

*A Fundraiser for Old Mill Center at The Arts Center*

*Art That Gives Back is an exhibition featuring abstract artworks by Tom Mayers, a Corvallis-based painter, artist, and photographer.*

*Mayers' work explores color, movement, and emotion through layered, textural abstract paintings that invite viewers to bring their own memories and interpretations into the experience. His art reflects energy, rhythm, and the unseen forces that shape how we experience the world.*

*This exhibition bridges creative expression and meaningful community impact. Through the artist's generosity, all proceeds from artwork sales will benefit Old Mill Center, helping advance their work with children and families in our community.*

*Stop by The Arts Center to experience this inspiring collection!*

January 29, 2026  
- March 5, 2026

### Launch Your Business in 6 Weeks!

**LBCC: Albany Campus, Luckiamute 116**

**6500 Pacific Blvd. SW**

**Albany, OR 97321**

**04:30 PM - 06:00 PM PST**

Small Business Development Center, 541-917-4929

sbdc@linnbenton.edu

*Be your own boss! This 6-part class takes you from napkin idea to business plan. Get the tools to help you evaluate your idea, identify your customer, price your product, pick your legal structure, and more. Includes individual coaching. Inquire about scholarships!*

February 5, 2026

**Exclusive Film Screening: How to Poison a Planet**  
**Whiteside Theatre**  
**361 SW Madison Ave**  
**Corvallis, OR 97333**  
**06:30 PM - 09:00 PM PST**  
**OSU Engineering Events, 5417377151**  
**Engineering.Events@oregonstate.edu**  
*Presented by the College of Engineering and the Clean Water Technology Initiative*

*Across the globe, access to clean water is threatened by population growth, climate change, industrial and agricultural pollution, and other pressures. Join us for an exclusive film screening of the award-winning documentary *How to Poison a Planet*, followed by a panel discussion with field experts and stakeholders.*

*This groundbreaking film examines the use and spread of PFAS and other fluorinated compounds — human-made "forever chemicals" that never break down and now contaminate waterways, farmland, and communities worldwide, including the drinking water of 200 million Americans.*

*With behind-the-scenes access to the largest litigation involving drinking water in American history, *How to Poison a Planet* investigates how the use of a product as seemingly harmless as firefighting foam, has resulted in the contamination of communities all over the world. Spanning from the heart of New York City to a small First Nations community in Australia, the film exposes one of the most widespread environmental disasters in human history.*

*This film is not rated, but recommended for those ages 15+ due to mature content.*

February 9, 2026

**Community Drop-in Grief Support Group**

**Lumina Hospice**

**720 SW 4th Street**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**05:30 PM - 07:00 PM PST**

**Carla Gabrielson, 541.757.9616**

**grief@luminahospice.org**

*This is an open, drop-in support group for anyone in the community who is grieving a death of someone they care about. Join a network of fellow grievers and explore a different topic each session. There is no commitment, just join us when you need support. Examples of topics: what is helpful and unhelpful in grief, listening to your instincts, how to outwardly express grief, and coping with grief during the holidays. Contact our Bereavement Coordinator to learn more or register by emailing [grief@luminahospice.org](mailto:grief@luminahospice.org) or calling 541.757.9616.*

February 10, 2026

**Greeters: Downtown Vitality Taskforce**

**The Plaza**

**425 SW Madison Avenue**

**Corvallis, OR 97330**

**08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST**

February 10, 2026

**Free Family Caregiver Support Group**

**Grace Center for Adult Day Services**

**980 NW Spruce Ave**

**Corvallis, OR 97330**

**01:00 PM - 02:30 PM PST**

**Briana Hendricks, (541) 754-8417**

**Office@gracecenter-corvallis.org**

*The Free Family Caregiver Support Group is facilitated by Erin Mitchell, a Licensed Professional Counselor who provides compassionate guidance to caregivers who may be feeling overwhelmed. The group centers on shared discussion, mutual support, and the opportunity for caregivers to connect through lived experience.*

*The Grace Center Family Caregiver Support Group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and is open to all family caregivers, whether or not they utilize Grace Center services.*

**Respite Care Available**

*Free respite care is available from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. during the support group. If the individual receiving care is not currently enrolled at Grace Center, advance notice is required so staff can review care needs. Grace Center reserves the right to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether non-enrolled individuals are an appropriate fit for the respite program.*

*To arrange respite care during the support group, please contact the Grace Center office in advance at 541-754-8417.*

*This caregiver support group is partially sponsored by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments.*

February 10, 2026

**Caregiver Connections Drop-in Support Group**

**Lumina Hospice**

**720 SW 4th Street**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PST**

**Naomi Hirsch, 541.757.9616**

**caregiver@luminahospice.org**

*Caregiver Connections is a drop-in support group that meets at Lumina every second Tuesday of the month, from 10:30 am to 12 pm. The purpose of this group is to provide a format for sharing common experiences and for supporting one another along the difficult path of caregiving. Open to all family caregivers in our community regardless of type of illness or prognosis. Groups are open to anyone regardless of current or prior hospice participation. No registration required. Questions? Call us at 541.757.9616 or email our Caregiver Support Program Coordinator at caregiver@luminahospice.org*

February 11, 2026

**Galentine's Day Flower Arranging Workshop at 2Towns**

**2Towns Cider Taphouse**

**33930 SE Eastgate Cir,**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**05:30 PM - 07:00 PM PST**

**Pami, 5419950885**

**countylineflowers@gmail.com**

*Guests will learn how to create stunning floral arrangements from Pami Monnette, owner of County Line Flowers, a florist in Philomath.*

*Date: Wednesday, February 11th*

*Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM*

*Location: Hosted by 2 Towns Ciderhouse*

*Cost: \$55 per person (includes flowers, vase, and instruction)*

*Proceeds: Net proceeds go directly to the artist*

*This workshop is perfect for flower enthusiasts of all skill levels. Come ready to design, create, and take home your beautiful bouquet!*

*This event is ages 21+*

*This event is upstairs.*

**Lunch & Learn - Marketing That Doesn't Suck**

**Corvallis Chamber of Commerce**

**420 NW 2nd St**

**Corvallis, OR 97330**

**11:30 AM - 01:00 PM PST**

**Marketing That Doesn't Suck**

*How to build your business with marketing ideas that don't suck the life out of you—or the money out of your bank account.*

*This class is for business owners who are tired of marketing that feels exhausting, awkward, or expensive—and want a better way forward.*

*Drawing from real-world experience building businesses from scratch, this class focuses on low-cost, high-impact marketing strategies rooted in human connection, clarity of message, and community presence. Participants will learn how to generate momentum without paid ads, gimmicks, or tactics that feel inauthentic.*

*Rather than chasing trends, this class teaches simple, repeatable ideas that work for small and local businesses—especially those looking to grow through relationships, referrals, and reputation.*

*Attendees will leave with practical ideas they can use immediately, a clearer understanding of what marketing actually works for them, and renewed confidence that growing a business doesn't have to feel soul-sucking or financially draining.*

**Tim Rist**

*Tim Rist is an interesting character. Somehow, despite his outrageous and eccentric personality, he has been trusted by over 700 families over the last 12 years to broker their real estate goals, including the City of Corvallis. He is also a real estate developer, founder of Discover Oregon Real Estate and D( )RE Developments. He brings over a decade of strategic investing experience in both business and real estate, with a focus on sustainable, people-first growth.*

*Tim is also a lifelong Corvallis community member—born at Good Sam a graduate of Oregon State University at age 19, and currently raising his family in Corvallis. His work is deeply rooted in the belief that strong local businesses are the backbone of healthy communities.*

*Before real estate, at just 17 years old, Tim started building and scaling a painting business from the ground up using grassroots marketing—with no ad spend, no paid leads, and no marketing budget. That early experience shaped how he later grew real estate teams, brokerages, and development projects by relying on his 10C approach rather than expensive or flashy marketing tactics.*

*Today, Tim is known for teaching practical, human-centered approaches to growth that help businesses gain traction without burnout, hype, or unnecessary spending.*

**Pricing:**

**Members: \$15**

**Members Lunch Included: \$25**

*Nonmembers: \$25*

*Nonmembers Lunch Included: \$35*

*\*all event are non-refundable\**

February 12, 2026

**Caregiver Connections in Albany at Mennonite Village**

**Mennonite Village Lakeside Center**

**2180 54th Avenue SE**

**Albany, OR 97322**

**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PST**

**Naomi Hirsch, 541.757.9616**

**[caregiver@luminahospice.org](mailto:caregiver@luminahospice.org)**

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February 17, 2026

**Greeters: Assistance League**

**Assistance League**

**547 NW 9th St**

**Corvallis, OR 97330**

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February 18, 2026

**Women In Business: Julie Manning, Small Steps, Major Impact: Everyday Steps Toward a More Purposeful Life**  
Courtyard by Marriott Corvallis  
400 SW 1st Street  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST  
*Small Steps, Major Impact: Everyday Steps Toward a More Purposeful Life*

*In a world where our days feel busier than ever, it can be hard to develop a true sense of purpose, whether it's within the workplace or outside of it. But meaning often comes from small, intentional choices. Acts of service, community involvement, and volunteerism can foster greater fulfillment and strengthen our connection to others.*

*Join us to explore how simple actions can boost well-being and an everyday sense of joy.*

*Pricing (lunch included):*

Members: \$30

Nonmembers: \$35

*\*all events are nonrefundable\**

*Julie Manning*

*A dynamic leader and lifelong community champion, Julie Manning spent more than 30 years leading communications, marketing, and community health promotion at Samaritan Health Services. A former mayor of Corvallis, she earned the Oregon Mayors Association Leadership Award of Merit and served on statewide boards including the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments. Today, Julie continues to give back through service on the Oregon State University Board of Trustees and the Oregon Community Foundation Board of Directors. Named Corvallis' Junior, First, and Senior First Citizen, she exemplifies how purpose and volunteerism can create lasting community impact.*

February 19, 2026

**Business After Hours - Fullerton Wines**

Fullerton Wines  
804 NW Buchanan Ave  
Corvallis, OR 97330

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM PST

*Business After Hours is a great way to connect with fellow chamber members and also promote your business. This month we will be hosted by our friends at Fullerton Wines one of Corvallis' own local wineries! Join us for a glass of wine and create a new Chamber connection.*

*Pricing:*

Members: FREE

Nonmembers: \$10

*\*all events are non-refundable\**

February 21, 2026

**Special Olympics Oregon Unified Champion Schools - Regional Basketball Competition**  
**Dixon Recreation Center & McAlexander Fieldhouse - Oregon State University**  
**425 SW 26th St**  
**Corvallis, OR 97331**  
**09:00 AM - 05:00 PM PST**  
**Kirby MacDevitt (Marion), 3108939807**  
**kmarion@soor.org**  
*Join us in Corvallis at either Dixon Recreation Center or McAlexander Fieldhouse for the Special Olympics Oregon UCS Regional Basketball Competition! Unified Champion Schools (UCS) brings together students with and without intellectual disabilities to be change agents in their communities so that everyone can have an authentic participatory and competitive experience in school-based activities. Training & competing together, UCS Basketball teams bring inclusion to sport.*

*Join us as a spectator, or as a volunteer! Volunteer opportunities include:  
Scorekeepers & Timers: Operated the game clock, keep track of rosters and points scored, and update the scoreboard.*

*Individuals Skills Competition Support: Set up & support skills stations, including dribbling, passing, & shooting*

*Lunch Support: Accept delivery, organize, and deliver lunches to delegations.*

*Awards Support: Prepare and present ribbons, medals and pins at awards ceremonies.*

*No experience required, families welcome!*

*Link to*

*register: [https://cervis.soor.org/acts/console.php?console\\_id=0079&console\\_type=event&ht=1](https://cervis.soor.org/acts/console.php?console_id=0079&console_type=event&ht=1)*

February 24, 2026

**Corvallis Emerging Professionals @ Back to the 90's Retro Arcade**

**Back to the 90's Retro Arcade**

**451 SW Madison Ave**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**05:30 PM - 07:00 PM PST**

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*This months event will be hosted by Back to the 90's Retro Arcade from 5:30-7:00pm.  
See you there!*

February 24, 2026

**Greeters: CNC Wood Cutters**

**YMCA - Albany**

**3201 Pacific Blvd SW**

**Albany, OR, OR 97321**

**08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST**

February 25, 2026

**Fund Your Small Business: Panel + Pizza**

**LBCC: Corvallis Campus, Benton Center 204**

**757 NW Polk Ave**

**Corvallis, OR 97330**

**12:00 PM - 02:00 PM PST**

**Small Business Development Center, 541-917-4929**

**[sbdc@linnbenton.edu](mailto:sbdc@linnbenton.edu)**

*Show me the money! Hear from an insider panel of local funders from banks to community lending partners about what loans, grants, and funding opportunities exist for your small business. Free pizza provided. Registration required.*

February 26, 2026

**Travel Talks webcast: Travel to OSU's Campus Arboretum with Dan Blanchard**

**<https://bit.ly/2026TravelTalkFeb26>**

**05:30 PM - 07:00 PM PST**

**Kate Sanders, 5417372351**

**[Travel@osualum.com](mailto:Travel@osualum.com)**

*Take a virtual tour of Oregon State's Corvallis campus arboretum with Travel Talks: Thursday, Feb. 26, at 5:30 p.m. PT.?Horticulture Instructor and Living Plant Collections Curator Dan Blanchard, M.S. '24, will lead an exploration of the rich history and regional significance of this living museum spread across 423 acres. Hear how trees and woody plants create beauty, sustainability and a welcoming environment for learning and recreation at OSU — and get to know some of the most significant and storied plants and trees lining the Corvallis campus. Register for the free webcast, hosted by the OSU Alumni Group Travel program, at <https://bit.ly/2026TravelTalkFeb26>.*

March 3, 2026

**Greeters: Beaver Town Movers**

**Corvallis Museum**

**411 SW 2nd St.**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST**

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March 10, 2026

**Travel Talk: Guided Wine Tasting with Professor Elizabeth Tomasino**

[https://oregonstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WsW1\\_yTUTI6mBXykzbiV7Q#/](https://oregonstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WsW1_yTUTI6mBXykzbiV7Q#/)

05:30 PM - 07:30 PM PST

Kate Sanders, 5417372351

Travel@osualum.com

*Enhance your appreciation for wine and prepare yourself for unforgettable travel experiences with a free Travel Talks webcast on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. PT.*

*Sip from a curated list of wines as you learn about their unique characteristics with Professor Elizabeth Tomasino, an internationally recognized expert in flavor and sensory analysis. Connect with fellow enthusiasts as you deepen your knowledge of Bordeaux and the Basque Country, regions known for their rich culture, cuisine and exceptional varietals.*

Register now: [ForOregonState.org/TravelTalks](http://ForOregonState.org/TravelTalks).

*Then, put your new skills to use on an OSU Alumni Group Travel tour to Bordeaux and the Basque Country in April 2026, accompanied by Tomasino and College of Agricultural Sciences Dean Staci Simonich.*

March 14, 2026

**Special Olympics Oregon - Corvallis Regional Basketball Competition**

**Dixon Recreation Center & McAlexander Fieldhouse - Oregon State University**

**425 SW 26th St**

**Corvallis, OR 97331**

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM PST

Kirby MacDevitt (Marion), 3108939807

kmarion@soor.org

*Join us at Oregon State University at Dixon Recreation Center and McAlexander Fieldhouse for the Special Olympics Oregon Corvallis Regional Basketball Competition, one of three regional basketball competitions around the state. Athletes will be competing in the individual skills competition, 3v3 matchups, and 5v5 matchups. Have fun supporting & celebrating athletes in your community as a spectator or as a volunteer.*

*Volunteer opportunities include:*

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March 17, 2026

**Greeters: Old Mill Center for Children & Families**

**Old Mill Center for Children & Families**

**1650 SW 45th St**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST**

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March 24, 2026

**Greeters: New Business Generations**

**Corvallis Museum**

**411 SW 2nd St.**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

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March 31, 2026

**Corvallis Emerging Professionals @ Old Mill Center**

**Old Mill Center**

**1650 SW 45th Place**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**05:30 PM - 07:00 PM PST**

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March 31, 2026

**Greeters: Mid-Willamette Trans Support Network**

**Mid-Willamette Trans Support Network**

**260 SW Madison Ave, Suite 110, Corvallis, OR**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST**

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April 7, 2026

**Greeters: Jackson Street Youth Services**

**Corvallis Museum**

**411 SW 2nd St.**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST**

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April 14, 2026

**Greeters: Union Home Mortgage**

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**2851 NW 9th St, Corvallis OR**

**Corvallis, OR 97330**

**08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST**

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April 21, 2026

**Greeters: WaFd Bank**  
**Community Lending Works**  
**2525 SE Third Corvallis**  
**Corvallis, OR 97333**

08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST

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April 23, 2026

**Linn-Benton Community College Career Fair**

**Linn-Benton Community College-Activity Center**

**6500 Pacific Blvd. SW**

**Albany, OR 97321**

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM PST

Tracy Bates, 541.917.4780

batest@linnbenton.edu

*Linn-Benton Community College annual career fair brings employers and job seekers to share information about open roles and career paths. Attendees can speak directly with employers, submit resumes and if time allows, interview.*

April 28, 2026

**Corvallis Emerging Professionals @ Benton County Museum**

**Benton County Museum**

**411 SW 2nd St**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

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April 28, 2026

**Greeters: Starker Forests**

**Starker Forests Office**

**7240 Philomath Bl.**

**Corvallis, OR 97333**

08:30 AM - 09:30 AM PST

*Starker Forests is celebrating their 90th anniversary! Joins us for a very special Greeters to celebrate Starker Forests, learn about their history, and all they do for our community. Congratulations Starker Forests*

September 19, 2026

**TEDxCorvallis**

**Ashbrook Independent School**  
**4045 SW Research Way**  
**Corvallis, OR 97333**

**07:00 PM - 08:30 PM PST**  
**Emily Bennett, 541-766-1050**  
**ebennett@ashbrookschool.org**

*Ashbrook Independent School is proud to host TEDxCorvallis (TEDTalk) on September 19, 2026. This free community event will bring together expert speakers from a range of fields to share ideas worth spreading. Seating is limited.*

April 2, 2028

- April 27, 2029

**Leadership Corvallis Alumni Membership**

**Leadership Corvallis**  
**420 NW 2nd Street**  
**Corvallis, OR 97330**

*The Leadership Corvallis experience is intended to extend beyond the graduation of each class.*

*There are many ways for alumni to stay involved with the organization.*