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**School of Ranch Newsletter: September...Raise a Beer to Bomb's Away...**

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The smoke is finally gone (at this writing), but School of Ranch is still smoking! We have a ton of new workshops this month, including Oktoberfest at Worthy Brewing and Making Wildflower Bombs at the Sisters Farmers Market! But first...

Thanks for making our fund-raising effort a success! We raised nearly \$3,000, helping us secure a grant from The Roundhouse Foundation. Your contributions and the grant allow us to continue to bring you so many high quality workshops, and to fulfill our mission of building community and creating common ground for people in Central Oregon regardless of politics, age, background or belief. We are an all volunteer organization.

We need your support. If you haven't joined or contributed, there's still time! Membership is \$100 and earns you 20% off all workshops for a year. [Contribute.](#)

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## School of Ranch News

**Come and Get it - September 2, 4pm.** Someone donated a shop full of equipment, tools and lumber to School of Ranch. Come and take what you want for any contribution you want to make. Plumbing tools, wood and metal working equipment, tools and gear of all shapes and sizes. This Monday, September 2 @4:00pm at 3753 NW 25th St. in Redmond. Get stuff! Save money! Help School of Ranch!

**Putting the We in Team.** Three members of our Equine Leadership Council - Cathy Springman, Monee Gagliardo, and Patrice Spryka - have formed the Equine Leadership Team and taken over the creation and production of our equine workshops. They have some great ideas in process - Backcountry Rider First Aid, Trailer Fundamentals and more. These volunteers are an example of what makes Central Oregon such an amazing place!

**Bombs Away!** Wildflower Bombs that is. We're the guest stars on Oct 27 at the last Sisters Farmers Market of the year. Come Join SoR's Beth Covert and Worthy Environmental's Lisa Sanco. Visitors will make wildflower bombs - wildflower seeds in a meatball-like concoction of clay and other biodegradable matter. Guerrilla gardening at its best!

## School of Ranch Current Workshops

**September 14. "DIY Electric."** Having problems with your electrical system? Outlets obsolete? Working with an old structure? Build basic DIY electric skills and restore power and light safely and easily with this hands-on workshop. Learn troubleshooting steps, how to fix small problems, and when it's the right time to call an electrician. This one-session workshop will have you working safely with electricity in a snap, not a zap! **Only two tickets left!**

**Price:** \$125

**Time:** 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**Location:** Northwest Bend

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-electric>



**September 17. "Practical Carpentry for Ranch and Farm."** September 17. "Practical Carpentry for Ranch and Farm." Become self-reliant! In this small-group, hands-on, three-part workshop series you'll be guided step-by-step through the process of making a structure from wood. This series offers hands-on training in skills that will last a lifetime. **Only two tickets left!**

**Price:** \$375 for a three-session workshop

**Time:** 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**Location:** Northwest Bend

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-carpentry>

**September 22. "Soap Making Basics."** There's nothing like handmade soap. In this workshop, you'll make eight bars - gentle enough for your face, strong enough for your hands, fierce enough for your dishes (if yours are anything like mine, you need fierce!). Better, you'll make bars that seem to last forever. Join Elly Jocham, owner of The Soap Dish, and learn to hand make fantastic soap safely at home. Bonus! Take home a kit with the key tools you need! **Only one ticket left!**

**Price:** \$90 + \$30 for a take-home soap making kit

**Time:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Location:** Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-soap-making>

**NEW! September 26. "Nixing Noxious Weeds."** Join us for this comprehensive workshop in partnership with *The Crooked River Weed Management Area*. This hands-on session is designed for anyone looking to improve their land by tackling noxious weed invasions. Participants will gain the knowledge and tools necessary to identify and combat invasive weeds, set realistic management objectives, and develop an integrated plan of action.

**Price:** Contribute-what-you-can

**Time:** 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**Location:** Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-weeds>





**NEW! October 12. "Fall Yard Tune-Up."** Transform your yard into a fall oasis with our "Fall Yard Tune-up" workshop, tailored for Central Oregon residents. Led by Scott Mallory, this hands-on session will guide you through essential maintenance activities including pruning trees, shrubs, managing persistent weeds, and preparing for winter. Get the most out of the beautiful fall season!

**Price:** \$40

**Time:** 10:00am to 1:00pm

**Location:** Powell Butte

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-yard-tune-up-1>

**NEW! October 22. "Cooking With Local Herbs."** Experience the joy of cooking with local herbs in a fun, interactive setting. Suzanne Landry, author and celebrity chef, will teach you how to prepare two delicious dishes. You'll gain insights into international flavor families and essential spices for your kitchen, all while learning to balance the five basic flavors in your meals. This workshop is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their skills and enjoy the vibrant flavors of fresh local herbs. Sign up today and let Suzanne Landry transform your cooking!

**Price:** \$40

**Time:** 5:30pm to 8:00pm

**Location:** Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-herbs>

**NEW! October 24. "Oktoberfest! How to Make Sausage, 'Kraut and Mustard."** Get ready to bring the flavors of Oktoberfest into your home! Join Worthy Environmental and School of Ranch for a demonstration workshop where you'll learn to craft your own sauerkraut, summer sausage, and mustard—three essential elements of any authentic Oktoberfest feast. Whether you're a seasoned chef or just starting out, this workshop offers something for everyone. Led by food preservation expert Beth Covert, you'll leave with the skills and recipes to impress at your next gathering. Ticket price includes food samples and a beer!

**Price:** \$40

**Time:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Location:** Worthy Brewing, Bend

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-oktoberfest>

**NEW! October 27. "How to Make Wildflower Bombs."** Join us for a unique and eco-friendly workshop sponsored by The Sisters Farmers Market where you'll make wildflower bombs—biodegradable balls made of clay and wildflower seeds. These "bombs" are designed to be tossed into areas where flowers might grow, helping to beautify the landscape and provide essential habitats for pollinators. Led by expert gardener Beth Covert and Lisa Sanco from Worthy Environmental, this hands-on workshop is perfect for anyone interested in supporting the environment in a fun and creative way.

**Price:** Contribute-What-You-Can

**Time:** 10:00am to 2:00pm

**Location:** Sisters Farmers Market

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-flower-bomb>



## School of Ranch On Demand Workshops

On Demand Workshops are ready to go! We need a few people to pre-register to schedule them. Pre-registration ensures that we have enough attendance to run the workshop. If you want a workshop to happen, pre-register. It's free! You won't be charged until you accept the workshop date once scheduled.

**NEW! "Fence Building Essentials."** In these two immersive, hands-on workshops you'll learn the essential skill of fence building. We're offering two workshops, one on building braces, and the second on stringing wire and maintenance.

**Price:** \$125 per workshop (take either or both!)

**To Schedule:** Three more pre-registrations!

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Tumalo

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-fence-essentials>

**"Power Saws for Fearless Women."** Get your blades on! Learn chainsaw, skill sawzall! Super popular!

**Price:** \$125

**To Schedule:** Two more pre-registrations!

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-power-saws-fearless>

**"Practical Welding for Ranch and Farm."** You always wanted to try welding, right? Here's your chance to learn to weld in a safe, welcoming environment. Limited to 6 participants per session.

**Price:** \$375 for the three session program + \$60 materials fee

**To Schedule:** Two more pre-registrations!

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Powell Butte (address upon registration)

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/lp-welding-long>





**"Eureka! Introduction to Rockhounding."** Nothing Cooler Than Finding a Gem in the Wild! Rockhound? Gem curious? Sign up!

**Price:** \$125 + \$10 materials fee and a take-home kit

**To Schedule:** Scheduling now!

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-rockhounding>

**"Motor Madness for Fearless Women."** This hands-on course provides a supportive environment where you'll learn essential skills to tackle maintenance and repairs with confidence by working on small engines.

**Price:** \$75

**To Schedule:** Two more pre-registrations!

**Time:** 10:00am to 1:00pm

**Location:** Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-engine>

**"DIY Maintenance for Ranch, Farm and Home."** Learn to take care of basic home repair at this hands-on workshop!

**Price:** \$99

**To Schedule:** Two more pre-registrations!

**Location:** Redmond/Bend

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-basic-home-repair>

**"Introduction to Spoon Carving."** Join us and make a beautiful, rustic stirring spoon using hand-made tools while taking your first steps at this rewarding and calming activity.

**Price:** \$110 + \$10 materials fee

**To Schedule:** One more pre-registration!

**Location:** Bend/Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-spoon-carving>

**"Introduction to Goat Cheese Making."** Unlock the secrets of homemade goat cheese! You'll learn to transform fresh goat milk into delicious chevre, a creamy and flavorful cheese that's surprisingly easy to make.

**Price:** \$40

**To Schedule:** Five more pre-registrations!

**Location:** Redmond

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-goat>



## Workshops, News and Announcements From Friends

**Sundays in September (Sept 8, 15, 22, 29). Brasada Ranch Harvest Dinner and Music Series in Support for High Desert Food and Farm Alliance.** Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Brasada Ranch and the Cascade Mountain Range, The Harvest Dinner Series is an exceptional culinary event led by Executive Chef Karl Holl. Celebrate the bounty of the season with a menu crafted with the freshest locally sourced ingredients from local artisans, all prepared and served over an outdoor spitfire. Wild Rye is proud to be partnering with the following local farms, ranches, and purveyors to source our fresh ingredients: Boundless Farmstead, Groundwork Organics, Anderson Ranches, Nine Peaks Farm, Well Rooted Farms, and Rainshadow Organics.

**Price: \$68/person (\$10 from each ticket will support HDFFA)**

**Location: Wild Rye at Brasada Ranch**

**Tickets:** [Link](#)

**Sundays, June - October: Visit Sisters Farmers Market!** Experience the bounty of Sisters country! Browse fresh produce, locally raised meats, seafood, artisan food products, and find the perfect handcrafted gift from local makers. Live music, kids activities, and more!

**Price: FREE**

**Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Location: Fir Street Park, 150 N Fir Street, Sisters, OR**

**Get Details:** <https://www.sistersfarmersmarket.com/>

## September 11. Building Belonging: The Science of Connecting in a Lonely World

We're experiencing what the Surgeon General calls an "epidemic of loneliness." The costs are enormous – social isolation reduces job and academic performance, increases mortality rates, and is as dangerous as smoking 15 cigarettes a day! Fortunately, science can guide us in building a sense of belonging for ourselves and those around us. Join



Citizens4Community and Scott Crabtree, Co-Founder and Chief Happiness Officer at Happy Brain Science, for a workshop exploring ways to address our "crisis of connection."

**Price:** Free; registration requested

**Time:** 5:30-7:00 PM; light dinner provided

**Location:** Sisters Fire Community Hall – 301 S Elm St., Sisters, 97759

**Learn more:** <https://citizens4community.com/events/building-belonging-sept-24>

**September 21. Happy Trails Horse Rescue presents, "OPEN BARN DAY!"**. Come see what we are all about!

Learn about our Mission! Visit the Herd of Adoptable Horses! Tour the Ranch and see what we have going on! Snacks and Beverages will be available! Kids activities will be here too!

**Price:** FREE

**Time:** 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

**Location:** Happy Trails Horse Rescue, 18929 Couch Market Road, Bend

**Get Details:** [www.happytrailshr.org](http://www.happytrailshr.org)

**October 4th-8th. The Roundhouse Foundation presents, "Pigment + Place."**

Are you ready for the world to become your palette? This workshop will introduce you to the vibrant world of natural pigments. You'll learn how to ethically forage pigments from the earth — rocks, flowers, roots, bark, bones — and how to transform these materials into any type of paint or ink. This course will include demonstrations, guided conversation, guided foraging outings, creative prompts, and time for individual and group creation and reflection. You'll leave with a shared palette sourced from the Sisters bioregion and the skills to continue this practice on your own.

**Price:** \$475 (includes materials cost)

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Location:** Sisters

**Get Details:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pigment-place-workshop-tickets-857329013157?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

**Join the Oregon Pasture Network!** The Oregon Pasture Network (OPN) invites new members to connect with a thriving community of 83 producers, managing a combined 9,847 acres in production. If you're actively engaged in pasture production and seeking a supportive network for learning and growth, look no further. Apply today and unlock the benefits of OPN membership!

Get Details: <https://oregonpasturenetwork.org/join/>

Free Membership perks include:

- Exclusive educational opportunities including classes, member pasture walks, virtual office hours, peer-to-peer learning sessions, and more!
- Access to our member forum where you can ask your questions to our network of qualified professionals
- Inclusion in our online pasture product guide
- A monthly newsletter with important news and grant opportunities

## Join School of Ranch

School of Ranch is a 501c3 nonprofit. We hire skilled community members to teach practical and artisan skills. While our product is education, our purpose is to create common ground for people regardless of politics, beliefs, age or background. As Americans, we have much more in common than politicians on both sides and the media want us to believe. It starts with common ground: We all can agree that if the gate is broken, you need to be able to fix it. Support our work. Join School of Ranch.

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