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## School of Ranch October Newsletter: Bombs! Boo-Boos! Brews! Oh My!

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October. Days get shorter. Sleeves get longer. And School of Ranch decides, hey, let's launch like a zillion new workshops - Making wildflower bombs, truly communicating with your horse, preparing an Oktoberfest feast, first aid for trailer riders, using local herbs to take your cooking to another level, getting your trees and yards ready for winter, and more.

Let's get into it! Time is fleeting and winter's nipping at our heels!

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### School of Ranch News

**'Tis In Season.** Let's face it. How many of us join CSA's and don't know what to do with all those parsnips. Fret no more! We're super-psyched to announce a partnership with Central Oregon Locavore to present a new series on cooking using local in-season ingredients with celebrity chef and author Suzanne Landry. Once each season we'll teach you how to make the most of the best stuff being harvested in Central Oregon. Coming this winter!



**Help Our Seniors Keep Their Animals.** School of Ranch is trialing a program to help seniors in our community keep their horses, goats, pigs and chickens in exchange for mentoring people interested in the same. Carol Fox, who teaches our Goat Cheese workshops, is looking to mentor someone through the goat husbandry process end to end in exchange for getting some help with the work it entails. She'll get to keep milking the dream, so to speak, and someone will get first hand experience with goat rearing, and the warm fuzzies of helping someone to keep doing what she loves. Let me know if you are interested and I'll connect you with Carol.

**Free Programs Through Awesome Partners!** We're now in partnership with Sisters Farmers Market and the Deschutes Public Library to bring you free versions of our workshops. Next up for the library is on Dec 8, making infused vinegar, a great gift idea! Tickets are free but limited. Registration opens 30 days before the event. Sign up [here](#) for an alert. And

on Oct 27, our second free program with the Sisters Farmers Market will cause quite a stir - making bombs - Wildflower Bombs that is! We're the guest stars on Oct 27 at the last market of the year along with our partner, Worthy Environmentals.

## School of Ranch Current Workshops

**NEW! October 5. "Creating a High Desert Eden."** Discover how to transform your arid landscape into a lush haven with our "Creating a High Desert Eden" workshop. And take home wildflower bombs you make to plant at home! Led by expert gardener Beth Covert, this comprehensive session covers innovative water management techniques, soil enhancement strategies, and plant selections tailored for dry climates. Join us to learn practical, sustainable methods for creating a thriving garden even in challenging conditions.

**Price:** \$40

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

**Location:** Powell Butte

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



**October 5. "Eureka! Introduction to Rockhounding."** Rockhound? Gem curious? This workshop will teach you about the various Oregon collectible stones! We'll cover how to find them and what to do with them when you bring them home. Go home with maps that show where to find the good stuff. You'll learn what geologies to look for, the telltale signs of cool finds and how to tell rocks apart.

**Price:** \$40

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

**Location:** Redmond

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

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

**Location:** Redmond

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

**NEW! October 12. "Being Herd: Learn to Communicate With Your Horse."** Horses Speak. Wouldn't it be Cool to Understand? Ever wonder how to get your horse to respond calmly and to focus on tasks at hand? In this workshop led by Lucinda Baker, you'll explore how horses perceive their world and how you can communicate with them more effectively. This workshop introduces you to Horse Speak, based on Sharon Wilsie's work, with a touch of science from the Equine Mandala. This clear, funny, and story-filled workshop will bring Horse Speak to life.

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

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

**Location:** Heartspace Horse Sanctuary

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

**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>



**October 26. "Practical Welding for Ranch and Farm."** You always wanted to weld, right? This workshop teaches the basics - prep, setup, safety, and MIG welding. After our three-session program you will be able to do farmer welding, fix stuff around your property, make some simple, practical things and more. Sessions held in a professional welder's shop. Small group, max of 6. The program is three 3-hour sessions for one price. We'll the group will set the schedule for the second and third session at the first.

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

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

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

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

**NEW! October 27. "Making 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>

**November 3. "Intro to Goat Cheese Making."** Become a Goat Cheese Whiz!

Unlock the secrets of homemade goat cheese with our upcoming workshop at School of Ranch! Join us for a hands-on class where you'll learn to transform fresh goat milk into delicious chevre, a creamy and flavorful cheese that's surprisingly easy to make and delicious goat milk. This workshop is perfect for anyone interested in artisanal food crafts and using locally sourced foods.

**Price:** \$40 -- **One ticket Left!!!**

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

**Location:** Redmond

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

**NEW! November 14. "Ouch! Wilderness First Aid for Horseback Riders."** Are you prepared for backcountry horseback riding emergencies? Join us for an essential Wilderness First Aid course designed specifically for horseback riders. Whether you're handling a sprain, fracture, or head injury, this workshop will provide hands-on training and practical skills to manage emergencies until help arrives.

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

**Time:** 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Location:** Bend

**More:** <https://schoolofranch.org/w-rider-first-aid>



**November 16. "Motor Madness for Fearless Women."** Put another notch in your tool belt! Cast steely glances at your mechanic! Get that old thing working again, and we're not talking about your partner! Build the skills to tackle maintenance and repairs with confidence. From lawnmowers to chainsaws, learn to diagnose, perform tune-ups, and troubleshoot common problems. Enjoy a welcoming space for women to embrace their mechanical prowess! Sign up now!

**Price:** \$75 - **Only two tickets left!**

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

**Location:** Redmond

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

## 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 anything until you accept the workshop date once scheduled.

**NEW! "Intro to Herbal Medicine."** Curious about natural remedies? Want to make your own herbal medicines at home? In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to extract medicinal properties from herbs and create your own infusions, decoctions, tinctures, salves, and syrups. Perfect for beginners and those looking to deepen their knowledge, this workshop will empower you to harness the healing power of herbs safely and effectively. Plus, you'll take home a salve and syrup made during the session.

**Price:** \$40 + \$20 for supplies

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Bend/Redmond

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

**"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

**Price:** \$125

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

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Bend

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

**"Practical Carpentry for Ranch and Farm."** In this small-group, hands-on, three-part workshop series you'll be guided step-by-step through the process of building with wood.

**To Schedule:** Only **one** more pre-registrant needed to schedule!

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

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

**Location:** Northwest Bend

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

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

**Price:** \$125

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

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Redmond

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



**"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>

## Workshops, News and Announcements From Friends

**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/>

**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>

**Saturday, Oct 5, Noon-6:00pm, StirrUp Purpose Open House - "Flannel Fling!"**

60575 Billadeau Road, Bend 97702. Free! Come join the fun at Central Oregon's newest equine assisted program - StirrUp Purpose, providing purpose and healing through meaningful equine experiences. There will be presentations about their Military Veteran, Hippotherapy, and Therapeutic Horsemanship programs. Enjoy food trucks, live music, horse activities, backyard games and more. See the property, meet the horses and hear from program participants and partners. Fun for the whole family! More info at [www.stirrupurpose.org](http://www.stirrupurpose.org) or on Facebook.

**October 11th, Think Wild Presents "Bat Box Building Workshop".** October is bat appreciation month! Come learn how to create your own bat nest box to support local bats and avoid property damage. A well-located bat box can decrease conflicts with these insect eaters while preserving the benefits of their presence. With guidance, attendees will build and leave with their own bat box and knowledge of how the construction and placement influence the way bats will perceive and use it.

**Price** \$100 suggested donation

**Time** 1pm - 3pm

**Location:** Big Sky Park & Sports Complex – South Picnic Shelter (Near Neff Rd.), 21690 NE Neff Rd, Bend, OR,

**Get details:** <https://tockify.com/events/w/detail/86/1728676800000>

**October 15 & 16. Deschutes Public Library and SAGE present, "Civic Resilience: Bridging Divides Post-Election."** Engage in a non-partisan panel discussion on how to work across differences. With a focus on building resilient communities, three local experts in civics and community building will share their thoughts on how community members in our region can move forward and work together after the election, regardless of the results.

**Price:** Free, but registration required

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Location:** 10/15: Deschutes Children's Foundation in Redmond; 10/16: East Bend Library

**Get Details:** 10/15: <https://dpl.libnet.info/event/11693980>; 10/16: <https://dpl.libnet.info/event/11607100>

**October 17. HDEFA hosts Bingo at Spider City Brewing.** Join HDEFA for a fun night of Bingo and surprises at Spider City Brewing!

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

**Tickets:** Free

**Location:** Spider City Brewing, 1177 SE 9th St, Bend

**October 19. The VFW presents, "Red, White and Blue Benefit Fundraiser."** Join the VFW for music, raffles, food and fun!

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Location:** VFW Hall in Redmond

**Price:** Pre-sale \$40 for adults \$15 for youth.

**Get Details:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/red-white-blue-celebration-benefit-tickets-89182666567>

**October 23. HDFFA Farm-to-Table Dinner at Terra Kitchen.** Join us for an unforgettable Farm-to-Table Dinner on Wednesday, October 23 at Terra Kitchen! Enjoy a seasonal menu crafted from fresh, local ingredients, with the option to enhance your experience with a wine pairing. Guests will have the opportunity to hear from local farmers, winemakers, and chefs, who will share their stories throughout the evening. Tickets are limited to just 38 people, so reserve your spot today!

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

**Location:** Terra Kitchen, SCP Hotel, 509 SW 6th St. Redmond

**Tickets:** \$65 each | \$30 for optional wine pairing

**Get Details:** <https://hdffa.org/store/Farm-to-Table-Dinner-at-Terra-Kitchen-p691361306>

**October 25th. Central Oregon Locavore presents their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Harvest Feast & Fundraiser!** Get ready for a spooktacular evening October 25th at Hanai Community Center! Feast on a mouthwatering farm-to-table dinner, made with the freshest local meats and produce from Well Rooted Farms and artisan breads by Luce Bakehouse and Mill Fire Baking. Bid on unique local goods, wellness treatments, and travel packages, sip mystical herbal teas with the Green Witch, make sense of your future with a tarot reading, find the hidden speakeasy and bring your sweet fang for our famous Dessert Dash. Wear your best costume—prizes are brewing. This fundraiser supports Locavore's mission to boost local food security and sustainable farming. Every dollar raised goes back into our community, ensuring fresh, healthy food grown right here in Central Oregon by your local hardworking farmers is accessible for all.

**Price:** Tickets start at \$115.

**Time:** Door open at 5:30pm

**Location:** Hanai Community Center, 62430 Eagle Rd, Bend

**Get Details:** [Sign up here.](#)

**October 25: Classical Music Concert Featuring Jim-Isaac Chua.** Sisters Habitat for Humanity presents, "A Classical Evening with Jim-Isaac Chua," showcasing the renowned pianist's exceptional artistry and pianistic mastery. This concert offers a unique opportunity to experience a night of classical music while supporting our community-focused mission. If you appreciate exceptional piano performances, join us for an enchanting evening filled with beautiful melodies.

**Price:** \$10 - \$20

**Time:** 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Location:** Sisters High School Auditorium, Sisters

**Tickets:** <https://bendticket.com/events/jim-isaac-chua-10-25-2024/tickets>

**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 and get 20% off Workshops!

School of Ranch is a volunteer run 501c3 nonprofit. We hire skilled community members to teach practical and artisan skills. Our mission is to educate, help our workshop leaders grow their businesses, and to create common ground for people regardless of politics, beliefs, age or background. Join School of Ranch, support our mission and earn 20% off all workshops for the coming year. Such a deal! [Join School of Ranch.](#)

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