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Josephine County Master Gardeners plant starts for the Food Bank's new farm garden in the club's greenhouse at the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Hunger-fighting effort taking root

After the Josephine County Master Gardeners emptied out the club's greenhouses at the Oregon State University Extension Service by selling their plants in April, they turned to a new project.

On May 3, Master Gardener volunteers planted about 170 trays of cucumbers, melons and squash seeds for the Josephine County Food Bank's new farm garden. The project was led by David James, who's part of the Food Bank board, and who

donated the supplies for the project.

"If they all germinate, there should be over 4,000 plants," says Pat Siler of the Master Gardeners. "The plan is for us to germinate and water the plants during this month. They will move to the Food Bank farm on June 1 to be planted."

Gardeners with questions about donating produce for the hungry can call the Food Bank at 541-479-5556. **HG**

— Edith Decker

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and operated a modular drip irrigation system. Free for Master Gardeners, otherwise \$5. Call 541-476-6613 for information.

Mini Rose Seminar, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Chet's Garden Center, 229 S.W. H St., Grants Pass. Tips on choosing, planting and caring for roses. For information, call 541-476-4424.

MAY 21-22

Buck Canyon Gardens Peony Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Buck Canyon Gardens, 180 Buck Canyon Road, Cave Junction. See peonies and irises in full bloom. Call 541-592-6115 for information.

MAY 22

Herb Walk, 10 a.m. to noon, Frog Farm, 9044 Takilma Road, Cave Junction, Herbalist Debbie Lukas will take people on a walk exploring wild and domesticated herbs. Cost is \$10 to \$20. Call Lukas at 541-592-3386 for information.

MAY 26

D'Vine Vegetables, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., auditorium, Oregon State University Extension Service, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass. Barb Finch will cover increasing production, vine management, growing conditions and propagation. Free for Master Gardeners, otherwise \$5. Call 541-476-6613 for information.

MAY 27

Safe and effective chain saw use. 1 p.m., Oregon State University Extension

Service, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass.

Learn the basics of operating and maintaining a chain saw. Cost is \$5. Preregister by calling 541-476-6613.

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Beginning Bonsai, noon to 3 pm in the garden of instructor Rachel Winters. Learn how to create and take care of a bonsai the easy way following sustainable principles.

The hands-on workshop includes how to choose the best tree, how to train the roots and top and how to keep the bonsai happy yearround. \$30 for the class. Bonsai starts and pots are available for sale. See www.siskiyougardens.com. To register, call 541-476-6243. Directions to the nursery will be given at registration.

JUNE 4-5

Buck Canyon Gardens Peony Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Buck Canyon Gardens, 180 Buck Canyon Road, Cave Junction. See peonies and irises in full bloom. Call 541-592-6115 for information.

THROUGH SUMMER

Master Gardener Plant Clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Oregon State University Extension Office, 215 Ringuette St. Get free assistance with garden questions and problems and insect identification. Call 541-476-6613 or email josephinemg@oregonstate.edu. **HG**