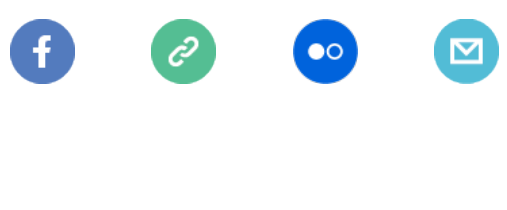


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Date: November 14, 2023

Farm Succession Planning & Working Lands Easements

The Sauvie Island Community Association (SICA) and Oregon Agricultural Trust (OAT) staff are offering a workshop this Thursday evening at the Sauvie Island Grange (14443 NW Charlton Road) about succession planning related to rural/agricultural land throughout Oregon. SRN residents are welcome to attend and learn about these tools and strategies available to landowners of larger and small holdings.

Details:
What: Sauvie Island Farm Succession Planning & Working Lands Easements
When: Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 7- 9pm
Where: [Sauvies Island Grange](#) 14443 NW Charlton Road

From the fields of the Willamette Valley to the ranches of eastern Oregon, over 37,600 farms and ranches are vital to Oregon's economy, way of life, and to the landscapes we love.

Yet as a generation of producers nears retirement, almost two-thirds (10.5 million acres) of Oregon's agricultural land will change hands in just 20 years. Meanwhile, beginning farmers and ranchers find it increasingly difficult to afford and access agricultural land.

The future of Oregon's rural communities, open spaces, natural resources, and food systems depends on how this land changes hands and whether it remains available for economically viable agricultural production.

Please join us at this workshop lead by Oregon Agricultural Trust (OAT) staff, hosted by Sauvie Island Community Association, to understand the basic concepts and tools of ranch and farm succession planning including starting the conversation, family or non-familial succession and working through obstacles and how these efforts provide access to land for the next generation of ranchers and farmers. [Register here!](#)

Oregon Agricultural Trust (OAT) is a statewide agricultural land trust designed to address the interrelated challenges of ag land loss, farm and ranch succession, and access to land for the next generation. OAT partners with farmers and ranchers to protect agricultural lands for the benefit of Oregon's economy, communities, and landscapes.



HOLIDAY ARTS FAIR @ Skyline Grange 11/18 & 11/19
This is a great opportunity for early holiday shopping while supporting our local artisans selling their wares. This annual event is organized by the Skyline Grange Artisan Committee.

WHEN: Saturday-Sunday, November 18 & 19, 2023
TIME: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WHERE: 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.
VENDORS:

- Animalia! (handmade one of a kind animal dolls & coloring books)
- Claire's Essentials (homemade plant-based skincare products)
- Dawn Helm Photography (fine art photography of wildlife, landscape & city)
- GreenStitch (handmade journals, paper cut holiday ornaments & calendars)
- Helvetia Honey (honey products, bees wax & hand felted items)
- Ingalls Glass (fused glass fun & festive glass décor)
- Irie Vibe Farm (herbal tinctures, biters & tonics)
- Jennifer Jasaitis (sculptural & functional ceramics)
- Luz Jewelry (jewelry created with natural gems, sterling silver & gold plated materials)
- Oregon Heartwood (a woodworking collaboration making functional & decorative items using native woods)
- Pincus Pottery Studio (functional pottery, including cups, bowls & plates intended for daily use)
- rcmceramics (handbuilt ceramics)
- Piss n' Vinegar (artisan jams, jellies & spreads)
- Sally Water Art (watercolor paintings of birds & landscape; Giclee prints of bird paintings, greeting card sets, fine print cards, stickers, puzzles)
- Second Site Yard Art (birdhouses, small planters & bird baths made of recycled wood, metal & glass)
- Silver Essence Studio (unique handmade jewelry from precious stone & crystal. New metal pieces)
- Susan Still (mixed media jewelry of vintage game pieces, fibers, & beads; also mixed media assemblages)
- Tim's Woodworking (wood turned bowls & other objects made of wood)

- RAFFLE**
- There will be a raffle to win handmade items donated by the Artisans and gifts from local businesses.
 - Raffle proceeds will help fund community art activities organized by the Grange Artisan Committee.

CAFÉ GRANGE

- Serving beverages, light breakfast & lunch of scrumptious soups & salad bar. Proceeds go to Skyline Grange's Capital Improvement Fund.

NOTE: Restrooms & Café Grange are accessible only by stairs.

WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP @ Skyline Grange 11/26
The holidays are fast approaching, so join us for a fun and festive afternoon workshop as you craft your own beautiful holiday wreath. No experience necessary! Susan Still and Judy Flynn will guide you through the process.

WHEN: Sunday, November 26, 2023
TIME: 1-3 p.m.
WHERE: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

- DETAILS:**
- Supplies, greens, and cones are provided,
 - You are encouraged to forage your garden for special additions (hydrangeas, nardina, skimmia, boxwood, etc)
 - Bring pruning shears if you have and bring gloves

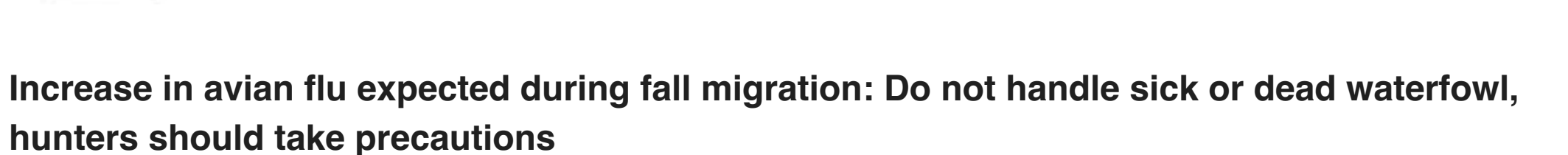
COST: \$25 for non-Grange Members & \$20 for Grange Members. Materials are provided.
REGISTER: Registration is required since space is limited. Email skylinegrange894@msn.com to register, include your name, address, phone number and email. Deadline to register is Monday, November 20, 2023.
PAYMENT: Send check made out to "Skyline Grange" to 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland, OR 97231 or call Rachael at 503.621.3423 to arrange payment by Venmo or credit card.

Increase in Avian Flu During Migration Season
There have been increased reports of diseased and sick birds in many of our favorite places such as the walking paths around Hillsboro Library. Following is good information from ODFW to help keep our farm and migratory birds as safe as possible.

What do to if you encounter groups of sick or dead birds
Do Not Handle: ODFW veterinarians recommend that you do not handle wildlife that is sick or found dead. If it is necessary to dispose of a carcass, use a shovel or wear impermeable gloves, wash hands with soap and water and change clothing before having contact with domestic poultry or pet birds.
Report: ODFW asks that members of the public report groups of sick or dead wild birds to the Wildlife Health lab at 866-968-2600 or wildlife.health@odfw.oregon.gov. ODFW staff are monitoring and tracking continued mortalities. Samples may be collected in cases of large groups of dead birds or when multiple different species are involved. Typical symptoms in wild waterfowl include cloudy eyes, head shaking, swimming in circles, and incoordination.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, humans appear to be at low risk for infection with the current H5N1 strain. More info can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/avian-in-humans.htm>

Following is ODFW's press release on avian flu:



Increase in avian flu expected during fall migration: Do not handle sick or dead waterfowl, hunters should take precautions

November 2, 2023

SALEM, Ore. – Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been circulating in wild birds in North America since December 2021 and continues to be detected in waterfowl in Oregon. More detections are expected during this fall and winter as waterfowl migrate through Oregon or spend the winter here.

An increase in cases and mortality, especially among cackling geese, is already being seen at Staats Lake in Keizer. Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove and multiple wildlife refuges and locations where geese are congregating in the valley.

The current strain of the virus (H5N1) was first detected in Oregon in May 2022. Unlike previous outbreaks of HPAI in 2005 and 2014-15, this strain of the virus did not disappear by the following spring. The H5N1 strain continues to circulate in wild birds and is also infecting backyard poultry flocks. Waterfowl are the natural host of avian influenza and increased spread is occurring during waterfowl migrations.

During fall 2022, most mortality in wild waterfowl occurred in cackling and snow geese, however the virus is also commonly detected in wild ducks that had been harvested by hunters.

Although many Low Pathogenic strains of Avian Influenza naturally occur in wild waterfowl, detections of highly pathogenic strains in wild birds are less frequent. Typically, HPAI does not cause large-scale mortality in wild waterfowl or other groups of wild birds but often causes severe illness and death in domestic chickens and turkeys.

However, the current H5N1 strain has caused increased mortality for wild waterfowl (especially geese), shorebirds, raptors and scavengers such as vultures. Currently, there have been 7,476 confirmed detections in 136 species of wild birds throughout the U.S. This strain has also been detected in 15 mammalian species including scavenging carnivores such as coyotes, foxes and skunks that have likely fed on infected birds.

Wildlife managers continue to monitor for the disease by testing birds found dead and sampling live birds and birds harvested by hunters for presence of the virus.

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Typical symptoms in wild waterfowl include cloudy eyes, head shaking, swimming in circles, and incoordination. However, HPAI can occur in dabbling duck species that show no signs of disease. These are the carrier host species that spread the virus to other birds and wetlands. Infected wild mammals may be found sick, dead or acting neurologically abnormal after consuming an infected bird and should also be reported.

ODFW veterinarians recommend that you do not handle wildlife that is sick or found dead. If it is necessary to dispose of a carcass, use a shovel or wear impermeable gloves, wash hands with soap and water and change clothing before having contact with domestic poultry or pet birds.

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What hunters need to know
Hunters may come in contact with infected waterfowl during the hunting season and should always practice the following safe bird handling and cooking techniques, especially this season due to HPAI:

- Do not harvest birds that are obviously sick or found dead.
- Wear rubber or latex gloves when handling and cleaning game birds.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke or touch your face when handling birds.
- Keep the game bird and its juices away from other foods.
- Thoroughly clean knives and any other equipment or surfaces that touch birds. Use a solution of one third cup of chlorine bleach per one gallon of water.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after handling birds (or with alcohol-based hand products if your hands are not visibly soiled).
- Cook all game meat thoroughly (up to at least 165° F) to kill disease organisms including bacteria, viruses and parasites. Use a food thermometer to ensure the inside of the bird has reached at least 165° F.
- Do not feed dogs raw meat, organs or other tissue from harvested waterfowl.

Falconers are advised to avoid hunting waterfowl and other waterbirds during the HPAI outbreak because of the risk it presents to raptors. HPAI is killing raptors that come into contact with infected avian prey or carcasses.

Danger to domestic poultry
This strain of HPAI (H5N1) is also deadly to domestic birds (chickens, turkeys, Guinea fowl). The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) strongly encourages backyard poultry producers to prevent contact between their birds and wild birds. Any sick domestic birds should be reported to the State Veterinarian's office at 1-800-347-7028 or Akh hotline@oda.oregon.gov

ODFW is part of the State of Oregon's multi-agency response to HPAI, along with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Health Authority and the US Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS). For information on avian influenza in domestic birds, visit ODA's website: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/for-grams/animalhealth/feeds/ivestockof/animaldisease/pages/avianinfluenza.aspx>

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Skyline Grange Artisan Holiday Sale
When: Sat.-Sun., November 18-19, 2023 10am – 4pm
Details: Local artisans selling their handcrafted goods of all kinds including pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps, paper art, woodworking craft pieces, glass artwork

Wreath-Making Workshop
When: Sunday November 26, 2023 1-3 pm
Details: Deadline for registration is October 22, 2023.
WHERE: Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.
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REGISTER: Registration is required since space is limited. Email skylinegrange894@msn.com to register, include your name, address, phone number and email. Deadline to register is Monday, November 20, 2023.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors Board Meetings: 2nd Thursdays; Contact sm@smpdx.org for location
Grange Meetings: 2nd Mondays; Contact SkylineGrange894@msn.com to confirm
NET Meetings: Contact SkylingRidgeNET@gmail.com

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We welcome classified ads from individuals, families, and home-based businesses within the SRN boundaries. Ads are limited to 50 words, and be sure to include your contact information. Send them to newsline@smpdx.org and indicate how many times you want your ad to run.
Prices for Newsline ads are as follows:
Families & individuals: First issue is free, then \$5 for each additional repeat of the same ad.
Home-based businesses: \$7.50 per Newsline issue.
Commercial/business: \$10/issue.
Please pay for your ad in advance by making a check payable to Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc. to our Treasurer, Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland 97231. Be sure to indicate which Newsline ad you are paying for.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors, Inc Website
<https://www.smpdx.org/>

About Skyline Ridge Neighbors
SRN is a neighborhood association serving much of unincorporated northwest Multnomah County and some adjacent areas within the city of Portland. (<https://www.srnood.org/boundary-map.htm>) SRN is registered as a neighborhood association within Multnomah County, registered as a non-profit public benefit corporation with the State of Oregon and approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the IRS Code. SRN is operated by volunteers and with donated funds entirely.
If you would like to donate to SRN in support of its activities, such as this free Newsline service and the publication of its quarterly Skyline Ridge Runner, send your donation to "Skyline Ridge Neighbors", c/o Rachael Brake, 14109 NW Rock Creek Rd., Portland OR 97231. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

About the Newsline
Skyline Rural Watch Newsline is a part of Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN) and has been produced since June 1994 as a means to communicate neighborhood information. The Newsline is produced by Laurel Ehnert (editor).
The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local events, upcoming events, and other news pertinent to the area. If you have information you would like considered for the Newsline, you may do so by e-mailing the information to newsline@smpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501.
You can subscribe to the Newsline at SRNPDX.org [Get the Newsline](#) tab.

About the Ridge Runner
The Skyline Ridge Runner is a free quarterly publication mailed to approximately 1400 households in rural northwestern Multnomah County, Oregon. A color version is also distributed via email subscription and is posted on website srrnood.org website. It is published by Skyline Ridge Neighbors (SRN), an all-volunteer nonprofit neighborhood association, as a public service to provide news and information to residents.
If you have any ads, calendar listings, news items, stories, letters, photos, etc. that you would like to submit for publication, please email them to advertising@smpdx.org. Or call Marie at (503) 621-3687 to let her know you're going to send something to the Ridge Runner. Please note that the Ridge Runner may not reach mailboxes until the middle of the month of publication (April, July, October, January). Deadlines for all ad submissions are the 15th of March, June, September and December.

Calendar
Skyline Ridge Neighbor, Inc Regular Board Meeting: The SRN board meetings are routinely held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom information please reply to this email.
Find the community calendar here: <https://www.srnood.org/page/04calendar.htm>

Resource Directory
As a service to neighbors, SRN publishes a listing of local government agencies and businesses in the [Skyline Resource Directory](#). Follow the links in this section to view its contents and learn how to add a business or agency listing. Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.
Community Links
Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET): SkylingRidgeNET@gmail.com
Skyline Grange: <https://skylinegrange952.org/>
Forest Park Conservancy: [http://www.forestparkconservancy.net/site.asp/](http://www.forestparkconservancy.net/site.asp)
Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>
Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonla.org/>
West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmcwd.org/>
Skyline School: <http://www.spsd.k12.or.us/schools/skrfst/>
Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.org/>
Lincoln High School: <http://www.lhs.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

