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Skyline Rural Watch Newsline

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Date: January 31, 2021

Skyline Ridge Neighbor, Inc Regular Board Meeting:

Next scheduled meeting is: 2/09/2021
The SRN board meetings are routinely held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom login information please reach out to Emily at ebemilybennett@gmail.com

SKYLINE GRANGE #894

2 NATIVE PLANT SALES @ SKYLINE GRANGE

This is our 16th year of plant sales and it is double the fun with 2 native plant sales this year. Due to the pandemic, both native plant sales will be by **PRE-ORDER ONLY**, with no in-person sales. Scheduled pick-up only. Also, for the second pandemic spring, we will not be able to offer our usual selection of non-native fruit-bearing, ornamental and shade trees and shrubs. Skyline Grange is located at 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

MARCH 6-7 NATIVE PLANT SALE

This small sale offers 17 native plant species in limited quantities. Most are bareroot tree seedlings or plants in plugs or bandpots. Most should be planted right away, so we are not waiting for the larger April Sale to offer them. All species from licensed nurseries.

PRE-ORDER DEADLINE: Pre-orders must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 26.

CURBSIDE PICK-UP: Saturday, March 6 (1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
Sunday, March 7 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

SOLD-OUT as of Jan. 29 at 4 p.m.:
Rose Checkmallow, Kinnikinnik, Tall Oregon Grape, and Vine Maple (available at April Sale in different sizes and prices from different sources)

STILL AVAILABLE as of Jan. 29 at 4 p.m.:
11 Western Columbine, 4 Grand Firs, 240 Douglas Firs, 3 Columbian Larkspur, 20 Big-leaf Lupines, 11 Madrones, 12 Showy Milkweed, 27 Oregon Sunshine, 40 Will. Valley Ponderosa Pines, and 4 Serviceberries.

DOWNLOAD PRE-ORDER FORM & PLANT DESCRIPTIONS at www.skylinegrange894.org.

APRIL 10-11 NATIVE PLANT SALE @ SKYLINE GRANGE

This large Sale will offer over 125 native plant species. By this time, many plants that are normally dormant during the winter should be up and ready for purchase. We offer wildflowers, grasses, ferns, shrubs and trees – all native to the Pacific Northwest. Scheduled pick-up times.

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CURBSIDE PICK-UP AT THE GRANGE: Saturday, April 10 (1 – 4:30)
Sunday, April 11 (9 – 4)

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WANTED: PLASTIC PLANT TRAYS

Donate clean plastic trays to Skyline Grange for its Native Plant Sales. Donate trays only, no pots. Leave them at the front door of the Grange at 11275 NW Skyline ideally by February 23. Thanks. Questions, email skylinegrange894@msn.com.

The folks organizing the Skyline Grange Native plant sale are quite knowledgeable in native plants and habitat and I'm sure will be able to answer any questions you have. If you'd like some more reading on this topic, I've pulled [WMSWCD website info](#) on native plants for you.



Native Plants

A native plant is indigenous to a specific location. This includes trees, flowers, grasses and other plants that are naturally found (or have existed for many years) in the area.

Incorporating native plants throughout your landscape benefits local wildlife and fosters biodiversity. Not only are native plants preferred by native birds, bees and other wildlife, they are adapted to local soil and climate conditions. That means they require less water and polluting "inputs" such as fertilizers and other industrial chemicals. Native plants installed around farm crops attract and support native pollinators.



We have lots of information on how to incorporate native plants into your landscape, whether it's on your farm or in your forest, along your stream or in your garden. We can make suggestions on the best plants for specific climate conditions and identify options that will attract pollinators to your land. Check out this chart for a listing of plants for pollinators: [Pollinator Plants and Bloom Periods](#). Another helpful publication is the [Native Plants for Willamette Valley Yards booklet](#). The [Native Plant Database](#) at East Multnomah SWCD is a great resource. Also check out the [Portland Plant List](#) and visit our [Landscaping with Native Plants](#) page. If you're interested in creating a habitat-friendly yard and garden, we also like referring folks to the Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP), which helps guide and certify native gardens. You could even reach the "gold standard" for healthy habitats. Visit the [BHCP](#) page to learn more.



A relatively new movement, called meadowscaping, has gained ground in the past decade. Meadowscaping is the process of replacing lawns with native bunch grasses and wildflowers that attract native wildlife. Visit

our [Meadowscaping](#) page for more information. We are pleased to announce the completion of the area's first publication on meadowscaping, [The Meadowscaping Handbook: Designing, Planting and Managing an Urban Meadow!](#) It was compiled as part of a collective effort by the Pacific Northwest Urban Meadowscaping working group and includes the data on local prairie research and the experiences of regional ecologists and landscape professionals. Click [here](#) to order a copy of The Meadowscape Handbook. This publication can be downloaded for personal or individual use. No reproduction or copying of this book can be made without expressed written consent of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.

If you have native white oak habitat or want to develop it on your land, we recommend a great new publication, [Conserving Oregon White Oak in Urban and Suburban Landscapes](#). If you have questions about adding oak to your landscape, contact our Senior Conservationist [Kammy Kern-Korot](#).

The [Native Seed Network](#) has lots of great information on local species and suppliers.

For more information on native plants and to see plant lists for your garden or landscape, visit our library.

Calendar

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Find the community calendar here: <http://www.srnpdx.org/calendar.html>

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 Grange: <http://www.srnpdx.org/grange.html>
- Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>
- Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linntoncommunitycenter.org/>
- Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonna.org/>
- West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://wmswcd.org/>
- Skyline School: <http://www.ops.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>
- Skyline School PTA: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/>
- Lincoln High School: <http://www.ops.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

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 Erhardt (editor) with help from Miles Merwin, Libby Merwin, and Sen Speroff.

The Newsline depends on you as a source of accurate information about local crimes, 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@srnpdx.org, or leaving a message at (503) 621-3501. Urgent, timely items (crimes, lost pets) should be emailed to alert@srnpdx.org. If you would like more detailed information about any item on the Newsline, request that information & SRN will e-mail it to you if available.

You can [subscribe to the Newsline](#) at the Skyline Ridge Neighbors website, SRNPDX.org. Tell your neighbors about this free Newsline service.

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. 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.

