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San Juan County Master Gardener Program

The San Juan County Extension Service will offer 40 hours of intense training in Horticulture in exchange for 40 hours of volunteer time teaching and helping others about gardening. There will be a \$40.00 materials fee.

The training will begin Friday, January 20, 2006 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, and will continue each Friday through March 24. Classes will be held at the San Juan County Fire Operations Center (next door to the Extension office), 209 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec. Topics will include insect identification and control, xeriscape, ornamentals and trees, fruits and vegetables, botany, soils, fertilizers, pruning, pathology, weed identification and control, conifers and pesticide safety.



These sessions will be taught by a variety of specialists from New Mexico State University and local professionals.

You may pick up an application at the San Juan County Extension Office, 213-A South Oliver Drive in Aztec or call (505) 334-9496 for more information. There are openings for 25 in the class. Application deadline is Tuesday, January 10, 2006.



San Juan Ag Water Users Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the San Juan Ag. Water Users will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2006 in the Bloomfield High School Auditorium starting at 6:30 pm.

Tentative Agenda:
Navajo Nation Water Settlement
1975 San Juan Basin Re-adjudication
Sharing of Shortages

It is important that each ditch is represented at this meeting.

The annual dues for the San Juan Ag. Water Users Association, from each Ditch Association, are \$150.00 per year and are payable no later than February 13, 2006. Your association should also designate your voting delegate at that same time. Dues and voting delegate information may be mailed, or hand delivered, to the San Juan County Extension Office.

San Juan Basin Beef Symposium



This year the Beef Symposium will be held in Durango at the Fairgrounds on March 7th, 2006. It includes an array of good topics, speakers and lunch. Registration is \$20.00. Registration information will be mailed out next month. Mark your calendars.

Pesticide Applicators Workshop

The Ornamental and Turf Workshop will be held March 9th at McGee Park in Farmington. There will be concurrent sessions, one for Continuing Education Units and one for Certification and Training. This is set up for both Commercial and Public Applicators. Cost is \$30.00 per person at the door with no pre-registration required. Mark your calendar and watch for further information to be sent out next month.



Four Corners Weed Symposium



The annual Four Corners Weed Symposium will be held March 2nd in Farmington at the Civic Center. There will be six New Mexico C.E.U.'s available for the conference. Topics will include Integrated Weed Management; Weed Control in Turf and Ornamentals; Natural Herbicides: Truth or Fiction; Controlling Russian Olive and Salt Cedar; Chemical Update; Industry Update and Re-vegetation. Registration information will be sent out in February.

Bio Diesel Workshop

Bio Diesel is certainly a buzz word around. San Juan County Extension and our Extension partners in Southern Colorado will be hosting a Bio Diesel Workshop on February 23rd in the Arriola, Colorado community center. Topics will include Oil Seed Production; Local Research Results on Yields and Inputs, Cultural Practices, Bio Diesel, Economics and Importance of Bio Diesel. Registration will be \$20.00 which includes lunch.

Horse Symposium

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 25th to attend Horse Symposium to be held at McGee Park in Farmington. Topics will include training, nutrition, health care, tack, grazing management, hoof care, and much more. More information and registration forms will be available in February.



Four States Agriculture Exposition

Plans are under way for the 24th annual Ag Expo, scheduled for March 9, 10 and 11, 2006 at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds. On top of exhibits, demonstrations, clinics and contests, they are expanding their booth space to connect regional producers and marketers of traditional, natural and organic food and fiber and value-added products along with hand made items with the public. Booth space for the event can be obtained by calling Bobbie Fustafson at 970-565-8192.

Farm and Ranch Improvement Funds



The San Juan County FRIF Committee will be taking applications for Sagebrush Control on Private and State Land. If approved, cost share is 50% of the cost. There is a limited amount of monies available for other range improvement items. Applications are available here at the Extension Office.

Private Applicator Renewal

For those of you who have a Private Applicator License to enable you to buy restricted use pesticides, the following rules apply for renewal. Your license is good for 5 years, and at the end of the five years you need (5) C.E.U.'s to automatically renew your license. Without the five (5) C.E.U.'s during the five-year period you must re-test to receive your new license. If you don't want to re-test, you will need to attend meetings that offer accredited C.E.U.'s within the 5-year time frame. These include the Ornamental and Turf Workshop, Weed Symposium and Commercial Pesticide Applicators Workshop. If you wish to re-test, please call and set up a time to test here in the office. Plan on about an hour to take the test. If your license expires December 31, 2005 the fee is \$15.00 if you re-test.



New Mexico State Forestry Seedlings Available

Bare root and containerized tree seedlings for the use of windbreak plantings are available again this year from the New Mexico State Forestry Division. Bare root seedlings are \$38/50 while the one season containerized seedlings are \$49/49 trees and two season containerized are \$54/30. New Mexico residents must own at least one acre of land to be eligible for the program. Order forms are available on line at www.nmforestry.com or are available here at the Extension Office.



WE WISH EACH OF YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



** Dates to Remember **

January

- 10 Deadline for Master Gardener Applications
- 20 Master Gardener classes begin

February

- 21 San Juan Ag. Water Users Annual Meeting
- 23 Bio Diesel Conference

March

- 2 Four Corners Weed Symposium (6 C.E.U.'s)
- 7 Four Corners Beef Symposium
- 9 Pesticide Applicators Workshop
- 9-11 Ag Expo
- 25 Horse Symposium

April

- 1 Four Corners Bull Test Sale – Hesperus

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