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# MEMBER NEWS



CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH COMMUNITY

## OEC Springin' Leaks!

Our first Volunteer Garden Crew Day of the season occurred on a rainy and cold day on Wednesday, April 13. Hopefully the weather will get better for everyone. We were able to accomplish pruning some woody shrubs, slug removal, burlapping a bed, weeding, turning the compost pile and transplanting some plants from our straw bale.



**Save the Date** – May 1<sup>st</sup> – Neighborhood Dinner with Allium Bistro in West Linn, OR. To make a reservation for this lovely Sunday dinner which helps support the Organic Education Center go to their website at [www.alliumoregon.com](http://www.alliumoregon.com) or call at 503.387.5604

There is still plenty of time to work your vegetable garden and incorporate some Tilth worthy garden tips. Consider joining us this spring at the following classes: Pre registrations required. Go to our website at [www.tilth.org](http://www.tilth.org) to sign up.

- April 27, 'Intensive Vegetable Gardening' at Luscher Farm in Lake Oswego, OR
- May 4, 'Grow a Bountiful Garden' at Faubion School in NE Portland
- May 18, 'Container and Vertical Vegetable Gardening' at Faubion School in NE Portland
- May 26, 'Straw Bale Gardening' at Luscher Farm in Lake Oswego, OR

### Garden News

The soil temperatures are slowly beginning to warm up, we reached 51 F in mid March and are still hovering around 53 F. Next week, we are planting some new Raspberry canes, hopefully some of our potatoes if the soil dries out a bit and a few new perennials in our Forest Garden. Our two intensive beds with lettuce, cilantro, kale and broccoli varieties are doing quite well, though they do appreciate protection from our carefully placed floating row covers.

## Invite a Friend

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### Plate & Pitchfork Spring Events



Plate & Pitchfork hosts dinners and events that highlight local and sustainable food. The OEC has been a beneficiary of these events for several years. Visit [P&P partner spotlight](#) for the OEC.

This year, P&P are adding some spring events to their usual summer dinner series. Read more about [Plate & Pitchfork](#)

### Straw Bale Bonanza



Wet. Wet. Wet. After weeks of rain, the OEC finds themselves in a holding pattern. The soil is far too wet to prep, and the few beds that were covered and/or mulched in January for early spring planting, have since found themselves occupied by greens, peas, onions and more.

Read more on the [OEC's wet weather](#).

### Oregon Tilth's Comments to the NOSB - April 2011



Oregon Tilth's comments to the NOSB pertaining to Chlorine Materials, Corn Steep Liquor, Animal Welfare, and Animal Handling and Transport have been posted online as well as a link to the April 2011 meeting agenda and proposals!

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