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TRAINING GUIDE WRITTEN BY EXTENSION AGENT PROVES USEFUL



A 4-H guide about ranch horsemanship, written by Jim Keyes, agriculture/natural resources Utah State University Extension agent in San Juan County, received a “huge thumbs-up” from Tim O’Byrne, editor of Working Ranch Magazine, and was used at the Western Canada 4-H Leaders Convention in November 2008.

Keyes finished writing the “4-H Working Ranch Horse Program, A Practical Guide” in summer 2008. The manual is being used as an educational supplement for the Utah 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program, started in Utah in 2006 by Scott McKendrick, USU

Extension equine specialist, to teach appropriate ranch horsemanship to rural, as well as urban, 4-H participants.

“Jim’s expertise, shared through the written materials and the many hands-on clinics he presents, have brought new life to the 4-H Horse Program and brought a new clientele to the opportunities available in 4-H,” said McKendrick. “This material is beyond anything else developed to help youth learn the art and science of skills necessary to become and/or stay involved in the future of ranching.”

Keyes received an award for the manual in July 2008 from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents, placing second nationally for learning modules developed by agriculture agents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29-30
2009 Utah Hay and Forage Symposium—
St. George

February 3-4
Ornamental and Turfgrass Workshop—Provo

USU EXTENSION USES TULIPS AS TEACHING TOOL

Utah State University Extension 4-H youths, in partnership with the Thanksgiving Point Institute, are participating in the Tulips Journey North Program where they will visit local elementary schools to teach students about bulbs, weather, climate and gardening.

The youths, along with other young people across the nation, have the opportunity to plant Red Emperor Tulips and record data on when the flowers emerge and bloom. The Web-based project teaches how climate differences affect the tulips when spring arrives.

Students across the Northern Hemisphere will track the growth of the same plant as the season changes from winter to spring, said Corinne Mayberry, USU Extension 4-H youth education manager. They will discover how temperatures, sunlight, geographic location and other variables influence plant growth.

“This is one of my favorite programs as I get to watch young people make scientific observations and have moments of inquiry that really bring this project to life for them,” she said. “The participants become young scientists who can collect data, learn skills and discover evidence that will inspire them later in their lives. And it’s exciting to see interest in the project growing. We’ve heard reports of two schools in Germany that have planted tulips.”



USU EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARDS

Utah State University Extension professionals received national awards at the Galaxy III Conference for Extension Professionals held in Indianapolis this fall.

“Utah State University Extension was well represented at the Galaxy Conference,” said Chuck Gay, associate vice president and associate director for USU Extension. “It is an honor for so many of our employees to receive awards on the national level.”

Darlene Christensen, USU Extension family and consumer sciences/4-H agent in Tooele County, received Distinguished Service Awards for both National Extension Association Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) and National Extension Association 4-H Agents (NEA4-HA). Christensen was also the 1st Western Region Winner for communications — educational publication.

Other USU Extension award winners include Deb Jones, 4-H volunteer development specialist, Continued Excellence for NEA4-HA and Craig Dart, 4-H mentoring specialist, Distinguished Service Award for NEA4-HA. Lauralee Lyons, state 4-H activities coordinator, and Jolene Christian, 4-H youth agent, Davis County, both received NEA4-HA Achievement in Service Awards.

National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) awards were given to Larry Sagers, horticulture agent at Thanksgiving Point, who received the Hall of Fame Award; Troy Cooper, agriculture/youth agent in Duchesne County, who received the Distinguished Service Award; and Clark Israelsen, agriculture agent in Cache County who received the Achievement Award.

Margie Memmott, family and consumer sciences/4-H agent from Juab County, received the Continued Excellence for NEAFCS award and Joanne Roueche, family and consumer sciences agent for Davis County, was the Western Region winner of the Dean Don Felker Financial Management Award.



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ORNAMENTAL, TURFGRASS WORKSHOP



Join special guest speakers and experts from the Utah Pest Plant Diagnostic Lab and USU Extension at the Utah Pests Agent Training Series: Ornamental and Turfgrass Workshop on Feb. 3-4, 2009 in Provo, Utah.

Participants will learn about arthropod and pathogenic pests critical to woody ornamental and turf management in Utah. County agents are encouraged to prepare a five-to-ten minute presentation update on any topic pertinent to the focus of the workshop.

Attendance is limited and preference will be given to Extension personnel. Attendees will receive travel and hotel reimbursement and pesticide continuing education units. Please email your registration to ryan.davis@biology.usu.edu by Dec. 5, 2008.

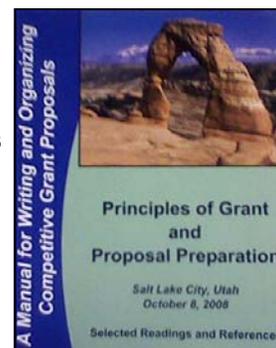
PURCHASE GRANT WRITING MANUAL FROM USU EXTENSION

USU Extension is selling manuals for \$35 that teach how to write winning grants and proposals.

The authors of “The Manual for Writing and Organizing Competitive Grant Proposals,” Thomas A. Fretz and H. Michael Harrington, have presented grant writing workshops to more than 1,500 scientists and Extension professionals over the last three years, including the Western Region Grantsmanship Workshop held in October 2008 in Salt Lake City.

Fretz is the dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, College Park; and Harrington is the executive director of the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors.

For more information or to purchase a manual, contact USU Extension Executive Director of Marketing Scott Boyer at scottb@ext.usu.edu.



TAKE A LOOK AT RECENT EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications Completed in November 2008

[Teaching Risk Management Principles to Livestock Producers Through Production-Oriented Workshops](#)

[Basic Sewing Skills](#)

[Vesicular Stomatitis in Cattle](#)

[Soil Salinity and Ornamental Plant Selection](#)

[Small Acreage Low Flow \(Micro or Drip\) Irrigation System Design and Installation](#)

[Equine Immunity, Vaccination Guidelines, and Recommendations](#)

[Nutrient Content of Camelina Sativa and Feeding Trials in Turkeys](#)

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EXTENSION IN THE NEWS

View a few of many recent articles written by or about Extension

[Thanksgiving Turkey Safety Ideas](#)

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[What Qualities Make a Plant Hard to Care For](#)

[Properly Store Home or Commercially-canned Food](#)

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT EXTENSION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Professional positions within Utah State Extension are currently open and we would like your help in spreading the word. Below is a list of open positions. Please forward this list to anyone you know who might be interested in applying.

Northern Region

[Resident Services/Computer Lab Assistant - Davis County](#)

[4-H Afterschool Junior High Academic Counselor - Tooele, UT](#)

[4-H Afterschool Junior High Assistant Site Coordinator - Tooele, UT](#)

[Extension Assistant Professor and Horticulture Agent - Salt Lake County](#)

Southeast Region

[Middle School Afterschool Mentoring Coordinator](#)

Southwest Region

[4-H Afterschool Site Coordinator - Monroe](#)

[Utah Saves Program Assistant - Garfield County](#)

[Assistant Site Coordinator, YFP Community Program - Iron County](#)

[Mentoring Program Assistant Site Coordinator - Sevier County](#)

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