



Community Independent Business Alliance

January 2015 Newsletter

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL OFFERS FOR CIBA MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER!

New Members

Welcome to new CIBA Business Member:

◆ Wild Yeast Community Supported Bakery

We are excited to have you join the CIBA family of independent local businesses!

First 2015 Membership Meeting Coming Up

The first CIBA Membership Meeting of the year will be **Wednesday, January 28, at The Corvallis Advocate**. We'll be meeting in the new **Loft Community Room, Upstairs at 425 SW Madison**, from **5:30 – 7:00 pm**. Please note that the door upstairs is on Madison, in an alcove off the sidewalk, just to the west of Einstein's Bagels.

As usual, refreshments will be served and there will be lots of time for networking. Bring a guest who may be interested in joining CIBA. We'll circle up and introduce ourselves and our businesses! Hope to see you there.

Still Time to Take the Annual National Independent Business Survey

But it closes at the end of **Wednesday, January 28!**

This annual survey has provided unique and important data to help groups like CIBA serve you and create national attention for issues of concern to independent business owners. Last year, the survey findings were featured in national and local news stories nationwide.

The [survey](#) should take about 12 minutes to complete and is completely confidential.

The survey is administered by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance. The aim is to find out how independent businesses are faring, whether people are becoming more supportive of independent businesses, and to identify key issues affecting independent businesses on which we can make an impact.

Again, *please help us help you* -- take a moment to complete [this important survey](#) at your earliest convenience this week.

CIBA SCRIP Reminder

CIBA is no longer selling Scrip to local schools and youth groups. However, supporters of those groups may still have scrip they would like to use. If you are a participating business, **please continue to accept CIBA Scrip through the end of this school year**. Our office will continue to refund you for 90% of face value of all CIBA Scrip cards y accept at your business. Thanks!

CIBA Window Clings

We're starting to hear that some members need replacements for their CIBA window clings. They do get faded, don't they? Hold on for now – if the Board decides to do window clings again, everyone will need a new one! We are now Community Independent Business Alliance!

Are there other CIBA/Buy Local First items you would like to see or display? Bag stuffers, CIBA/Buy Local shopping bags, reasons to buy local posters, gift tags, posters stressing Local, magnets with the CIBA website, brochures listing CIBA members, something even more creative we haven't thought about? Let us know – info@corvallisiba.org.

Thanks for Renewing!

Thank you to **Blackledge Furniture, Clarity Wealth Development, Fitzpatrick Painting, Many Hands Trading, Robert L. Mauger, Attorney, Second Glance, Inc.** and **Sibling Revelry, Inc.** for renewing your Business Memberships in CIBA. Your membership dues help CIBA work to keep Corvallis Local & Independent!

Looking Ahead with the 2015 CIBA Calendar

January

1/28 **Membership Meeting** 5:30-7:00 pm
The Corvallis Advocate Loft, Upstairs at
425 SW Madison

March

3/12 **Sustainability Fair & Town Hall meeting**
5:00 – 9:00 pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center

3/25 **Membership Meeting**, 5:30-7:00 pm

May

5/27 **Annual Membership Meeting & Board Election** – 5:30 -7:00 pm

July

7/1 – 7/7 **Celebrate Independents Week!**
Stay tuned for Celebrate Independents Week updates with more activities and events!

September

9/30 **Membership meeting**

November

11/18 **Annual CIBA Holiday Social**, 5:30-7:30 pm

2015 BUY LOCAL FIRST DAY - TBD

Member Announcements & Specials

Garland Nursery Event

Title: **Mary's Peak Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show & Sale**

When/Where: Sat. January 31st – 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / *Garland Nursery, 5470 NE Hwy 20, Corvallis*

What: We are honored to once again host the Mary's Peak Orchid Society for *their Annual Orchid Show and Sale!* Join us for this exceptional day all about orchids. There will be exhibits and judging of an array of incredible orchids. Shop the beautiful and unique orchid varieties, receive expert orchid advice, and bring your own orchids in to be repotted for a fee.

Registration: No registration required.

Cost: FREE, and open to the public.

Live Well Yoga and Pilates Studio Upcoming Events

All yoga events held at the Live Well Studio, 971 Spring Ave, Corvallis. For more information about any of these events, visit www.livewellstudio.com.

Tuesday, January 27: Free Teen Yoga

4:00 p.m. All Teens welcome; all levels. Free.

Friday, January 23: Yoga - Bring a friend for Free!

5:30-6:30 p.m. All levels welcome.

Friday, January 23: Restorative Lullaby Yoga with Johanna

7-8:15p.m. All levels. Drop-in \$18.

Shonnard's Schedules Classes & Events to Prepare for Spring & Summer!

All about Caneberries

Presenter: Darren Morgan

Date: February 4th at 11am

Learn about the different varieties of blackberries and raspberries, their proper care, and how to have the best crop in 2015.

Spraying Fruit Trees

Presenter: Darren Morgan

Date: February 8th at 11am

Learn the proper techniques, timing, and products for fruit tree spraying. Proper care in the dormant season can alleviate disease and insect problems during the growing season.

Pruning Fruit Trees

Presenter: Chris Shonnard

Date: February 14th at 11 a.m.

Don't miss one of our most popular classes of the year, learn all about pruning fruit trees. We'll cover a number of horticultural techniques that control growth, remove dead or diseased wood, and stimulate the formation of flowers. We encourage you to dress warm as we'll be spending a portion of this class outside doing a demonstration.

All about Blueberries

Presenter: Darren Morgan

Date: February 15th at 11 a.m.

We'll be discussing the varieties that are available this year and when they'll be ready for picking. Learn the basics on planting and care to produce the best crop this summer.

Landscape Pruning

Presenter: Darren Morgan

Date: February 22rd at 11 a.m.

Learn techniques to prune ornamental plants in the home landscape. Come away with answers to these common questions.

- Regular pruning to maintain desired size and shape
- Promote healthy, vigorous growth required to flower and fruit
- Plants damaged by insects, disease, or freezing temperatures

Houseplant Repotting Day!

Date: February 25th from 10-2

Drop in anytime between 10am to 2pm on February 25th.

Does your houseplant need a bigger pot or just have the blues? Join us to have your houseplant evaluated and repotted.

2015 Bee School

Presenters: The folks from **Nectar Bee Supply**

Date: February 28th from 9-4

Cost: \$50; box lunch available for additional fee. Registrants will receive digital access to course materials in advance. Registration fees are non-refundable.

Please park in adjacent lot at Fitness Over 50. New and experienced beekeepers alike will benefit from a full day of classes on topics covering installing new packages, bee biology, swarms, and hive management strategies throughout the beekeeping year. This is an event not to be missed!

Whether you are brand new to beekeeping or already have some experience, this year's bee school will equip you with what you need to know to be a successful beekeeper. Get the whole scoop on how to keep bees in our unique Willamette Valley climate from local experts with decades of combined experience.

Come enjoy the day with us and browse our selection of beekeeping equipment and supplies at Nectar Bee Supply's new retail space inside Shonnard's Nursery, connect with your local beekeeping community, order your package bees for 2015, and enjoy a delicious lunch on site (must be purchased in advance).