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Le Tour des Plants

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Fall is an amazing time to live in the Northwest, but did you know it is actually the best time to garden? Our soils have been warming up all summer and the rains are just about to begin. This amazing combination is perfect for planting, and will jump start your plants this coming spring.

With this understanding, from September 12 through the 20th, more than 30 garden centers and nurseries from all over the Willamette Valley have come together to create the largest garden center and nursery tour, called Le Tour des Plants. Le Tour des Plants celebrates fall gardening.



This 4th Annual Le Tour des Plants will include more than 100 events throughout the nine day event. Events include garden tours, new plant introductions, educational seminars and workshops for every level of gardener, as well as cooking classes and wine tasting. Plus every participating garden center or nursery is offering wonderful discounts so you can enjoy every part of your fall gardening.

The best part is that it is free. "Le Tour des Plants is a free, fun self-guided excursion for gardeners that we created to inspire fall gardening among new and avid gardeners alike," said Ann Murphy, director of marketing for OAN. "The week is filled with a bounty of information, activities and money-saving specials. As summer winds down, Le Tour des Plants is a great way to explore our area garden centers, specialty nurseries and display gardens and soak up new ideas from some of the Northwest's leading gardening experts. Plus you can get out and enjoy our great fall weather. Le Tour is a perfect activity for groups of friends and families to do together."



To participate and get more information you can go to www.LeTourDesPlants.com, or go to your local garden center that is participating and pick up the Le Tour des Plants publication. The publication includes all the information about the events, a map to the different locations so you can route out your trip, and the amazing discounts at each location.

The Le Tour des Plants publication also includes a Le Tour Passport. When you stop at a participating location you can have your passport stamped. At the end of the event turn your passport in at your last location and you will be entered to win a prize.

So go ahead and let your summer wind down, as you gear up for fall and join us for Le Tour des Plants.