



# LAVENDER NORTHWEST

## Summer Quarter 2025 Newsletter

### Lavender Northwest Invites You To Enjoy Lavender All Year Round!



#### It's here! It's now! Lavender Season 2025 in the Pacific NW

The **photo to the left** shows the first flowers breaking out of their bud casings on early-blooming *L. angustifolia* 'French Fields' at RavenCroft in Oregon's North Willamette Valley.

The **photo below** comes from the Eastern Washington region where *L. angustifolia* 'Folgate' brought out the bees at Down by the River Lavender in Wenatchee.

The lavender bloom season always starts with cultivars of *L. angustifolia*, followed within a few weeks by the taller *L. x intermedia* cultivars, often called lavandins. Your opportunity to see the beautiful blooming fields, to participate in lavender festivals and other events, and to cut your lavender bundles starts NOW, and will end within a few weeks. The different microclimates of the Pacific Northwest do affect the bloom times, so be sure to check with specific farms for optimal times to visit.

Click [LAVENDER U-CUT](#) to search for opportunities to cut your own lavender in your area.

Click [LAVENDER FARMS](#) to search for local farms and businesses that are open to the public for visits.

Click [LAVENDER EVENTS](#) to see some festivals and other lavender-focused events hosted by LNW members' farms and businesses.



In general, the [LNW MARKETPLACE](#) offers many ways to find the kind of lavender products or experience you may be wanting in your specific area.



## SAVE THE DATES

Summer Quarter  
Online Member Meeting  
Thursday, August 21  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Speaker: Beth Hammerberg  
[Down By The River Lavender](#)

Beth will be sharing her expertise in lavender product development, just in time for you to put her advice to work at your own farm or business.

Logged-in members may view the August 21 event details [HERE](#).

## ALSO FOR THE CALENDAR

Autumn Quarter In-Person  
Regional Member Meetings  
Saturday, October 18

Keep an eye on the Event Horizon in the LNW website's Members Only section. As it becomes available, we will post information about locally-oriented gatherings sponsored by the individual LNW Regions.

## The Lavender Essential Oil Showcase Returns!

Mark your calendars: During the **Willamette Valley Lavender Festival**, July 12-13, 2025 in Newberg, Oregon, *Lavender Northwest* and the *Chehalem Cultural Center* will host the **Lavender Essential Oil Showcase 2025**. The event recognizes the accomplishments of small-scale essential oil distillers and the growers of the lavender used in distillation. The goals are to enhance public awareness of Northwest lavender essential oil producers, and to provide direct access to their fragrant creations. There is much to see and experience at the *Willamette Valley Lavender Festival*, but do take some time to visit the **Showcase** display.



Click [HERE](#) to check out the Festival website.

## FEATURED LAVENDERS

*Lavandula angustifolia*  
'Beechwood Blue',  
'Blue Ice'  
'Purple Treasure'

Submitted by Chris Mulder,  
[Barn Owl Nursery](#)

These lavender cultivars were selected in the UK and were acquired from Simon Charlesworth, of Downderry Nursery, Ltd. Each of these lavenders stand out for their flower color and compact growth habit.

These cultivars grow between 2' x 3' in



height and width and can be planted to create tidy, compact borders in the garden and in large containers for a deck or patio.

They were brought to the Pacific Northwest by Andy and Melissa Van Hevelingen of Van Hevelingen Nursery in Oregon. These plants are available in limited supply this year.

All of these lavenders are hardy in USDA Zones 5-8 and start blooming in late spring and early summer in the Pacific NW. They can be used for fresh and dried bouquets, and for craft and culinary applications.

The **photos** are credited to Downderry Nursery. From **top-to-bottom**, they show: **'Beechwood Blue'** - dark violet flowers  
Click [HERE](#) to read more.

**'Blue Ice'** - light blue-white flowers  
Click [HERE](#) to read more.

**'Purple Treasure'** - purple-blue flowers  
Click [HERE](#) to read more.



## CULTIVATION TIPS

"What is that white foamy stuff clinging to my lavender?!"

Don't panic. Benign spittle bug foam appears often on lavender plants, even before the bloom period starts.

Click [HERE](#) for a quick overview on this minor nuisance.

## MEET THE FARMER

Cliff & Michelle Curtis  
**Elkhorn Peak Lavender**  
Baker City, Oregon

For this installment, we introduce Cliff and Michelle Curtis of Elkhorn Peak Lavender Farm in Baker City, Oregon. Cliff is an active member of Lavender Northwest and currently serves on the Board of Directors as the Central Oregon & Southern Idaho regional representative.



*PC Cliff Curtis*

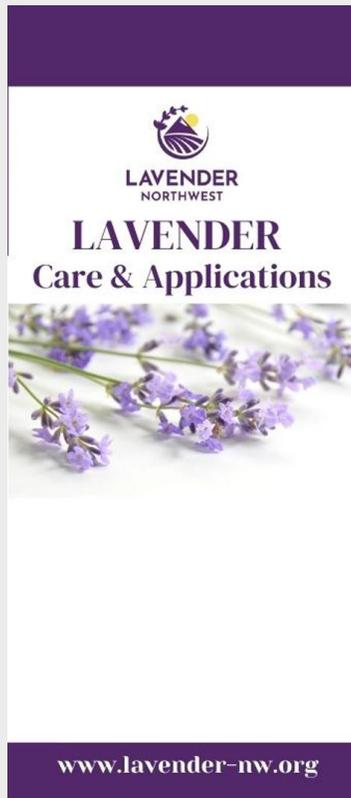
### **How did you choose your farm's name?**

Elkhorn Peak is an 8931-foot cap in the Elkhorn Mountains right behind our property.

### **How long have you been growing lavender?**

We planted our first 100 plants as a "Test Plot" in 2016 to see how they would endure our winters. Snow is welcome as it helps insulate the plants from the bitter cold. When I wrote this reply, the outside temperature was -16° F. We planted 'Grosso' starts that first year and had a good snow season. We did, however, encounter a surprise issue....voles! Lost 19 plants to voles. ....19%! Luckily, the voles were at the high end of a population cycle,

and while we still lose some to voles, it isn't nearly as bad.  
Click [HERE](#) to read more.



### IT'S LAVENDER BLOOM TIME! BUT THEN WHAT?

Among the new products for 2025 is our **Lavender Care & Applications Brochure** which are available at many LNW members' farms and businesses. It's a succinct but highly useful guide to the care of lavender plants in the Northwest, and has many suggestions for lavender uses. **Ask for it!**

[www.lavender-nw.org](http://www.lavender-nw.org)



### SOMETHING SAVORY & VERY NORTHWEST

Most lavender aficionados are keenly aware of the diverse uses of culinary lavender **buds**. Yet, often overlooked is the powerful flavor profile of lavender **stems**. Michelle Lowe of [Lowe's Lavender Farm](#) suggests you try out this tasty LAVENDER GRILLED SALMON - click [RECIPE](#).

### NEED SOMETHING SWEET & LAVENDERY TO FINISH A MEAL ON A WARM SUMMER EVENING?

Submitted by Pam Baker of [Little Lavender Farm](#)

How does this sound: **Strawberry Lavender Ice Cream**  
Take a look at this article and recipe from CookCraftLove.com:

[STRAWBERRY LAVENDER ICE CREAM](#)

**HOW ABOUT A REFRESHING COCKTAIL FEATURING LAVENDER?**

We found a couple thirst-quenching cocktails posted on

Claire Dieterich's **For the Love of Gourmet**.

For those who envision strawberries and lavender doused with champagne:

[STRAWBERRY LAVENDER CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL](#)

For gin-lovers who can appreciate accents of lavender, grapefruit and peach:

[LAVENDER HAZE COCKTAIL](#)

There are many delicious options for using fresh and dried culinary lavender to enhance the flavor of a variety of foods and beverages. The Pacific NW offers many choices of Northwest-grown culinary lavender to pair with the summer's bounty of fresh berries and fruits.

When you visit NW regional lavender farms in person and online, look for Northwest Lavender culinary products that are available.

Try some of our LNW members favorite lavender recipes posted on their websites. Ask for the Lavender Beverage & Drinks Recipes and Lavender Dessert Recipes brochures that are available from many LNW members.

Discover the sweet and savory uses for culinary lavender.

## LAVENDER CREATIONS

### Lavender Sheaf/Centerpiece

Submitted by

Michelle Lowe, [Lowe's Lavender Farm](#)

Dried lavender bundles provide opportunities for countless craft projects, such as this gorgeous focal piece. Round up the required lavender or lavandin bundles from your own garden or from one of our member growers who offer fresh or dried bundles.

Then, click [HERE](#) for more details and instructions on assembling the sheaf and caring for it.

Enjoy, and impress your friends!



## IN THE NEWS

### *Notice for Lavender Growers and Enthusiasts*

#### **Oregon Farmstand and Farm Use Issues**

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), has initiated a rulemaking process to make some changes to how farm stands operate in Oregon.

For years farmers across the state have struggled to understand when and how the law applies, and the differences in enforcement and permits between counties.

The staff from Friends of Family Farmers (FOFF) is grateful for the opportunity to bring the community's voice into the discussion. The rulemaking advisory committee (RAC) is looking to gather input from farmers about the changes they want to see to the way the state permits farmstands.

There will be a survey on the key points coming out in July and a public comment opportunity in September to weigh in on.



#### **Oregon State University Online Summer Offerings**

OSU has wonderful resources. Check out the many educational opportunities listed on these websites.

The public comment and consultation period for this rulemaking will close on November 7, 2025.

To receive meeting notifications for this rulemaking, subscribe to Farm and Forest Modernization Program GovDelivery notices. For more information about Friends of Family Farmers email: Audrey Comerford, Agritourism Coordinator, Oregon State University OSU Extension Service [Audrey.Comerford@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Audrey.Comerford@oregonstate.edu)

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/find-us>

<https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/gardening-and-agriculture-online-programs>

<https://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/agricultural-tourism>

For Washington state farmers:  
<https://agr.wa.gov/departments/business-and-marketing-support/small-farm/the-green-book/running-a-successful-farm-business>

## Find Lavender Northwest Members, Events, and Products

There are several places on the [Lavender Northwest website](#) where you will find information about our members' lavender farms, businesses, and services in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

When you go to the Lavender Northwest website, you will discover many of the outstanding lavender resources that our Northwest regional members have to offer.

You can start your search by clicking [Access Lavender](#) and then going to:

[Find a Member](#) - see LNW Professional [Members' Profiles](#)

[Lavender Happenings](#) - see the [Events](#) our members attend or offer on their farms

[Lavender Marketplace](#) - see [Members' Products and Services](#) that they offer.

You will find LNW members' websites and their online stores, the farms and stores that are open to the public, farms that offer u-pick lavender, lavender plants, essential oils, and many more NW Lavender, culinary and fragrant lavender products. Some of our members are wholesale providers, culinary specialists, and product creators.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Have you thought about being a member of Lavender Northwest?

[Join Us](#)

Visit our website for more information: [lavender-nw.org](http://lavender-nw.org)

## STAY CONNECTED!

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Do you have a recipe or photo you'd like to share? Please send them our way. We'd love to include them in the Quarterly LNW newsletters.

Contact: [info@lavender-nw.org](mailto:info@lavender-nw.org)

And finally, dear readers...

*"Happiness radiates like the fragrance from a flower  
and draws all good things towards you."*

*~ Maharishi Mahesh Yogi*



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