



Autumn Quarter 2026 Newsletter

Lavender Northwest Invites You To Enjoy Lavender All Year Round!

Sleeping Beauties: Easing Your Lavender into Dormancy

The stunning sight and scent of long rows of blooming lavender is now a pleasant summer memory. As autumn settles in and day length shortens, lavender (*Lavandula*) shifts its biological focus from lush foliage and bloom production to cold survival. Proper autumn management ensures your field survives sub-zero temperatures, winter desiccation, and soil-borne pathogens.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



PC: RavenCroft

RELATED INFORMATION

Click to get useful advice for:

[Autumn Planting of Lavender](#)

[The importance of Pruning](#)

[Cultivating Lavender - Part 2:
Maintaining](#)





PC: Chuck Stiff

SAVE THE DATE

The 2026 AUTUMN REGIONAL Member Meetings

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2026

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM PST

SouthWestern Quadrant:

RavenCroft

Mulino, OR

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026

Time: 12 Noon - 4 PM PST

NorthWestern Quadrant:

Synnøve Lavender Farm

Kent, WA

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Additional activities on Oct 23 & 25.

NorthEastern Quadrant:

Crockett Road Lavender Farm,

Milton-Freewater, OR

Lavender Northwest members informally meet near their farms to discuss the 2026 lavender season, trends in their lavender businesses, new ways to use NW-grown lavender, local cooperation, and marketing ideas for the 2027 season.

CAPTURE THE SEASON'S BOUNTY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

As autumn crispness approaches the region, Pacific Northwest growers have wrapped up another vibrant harvest, carefully processing the 2026 crop into potent essential oils, soothing hydrosols, and fragrant dried buds and bundles. For savvy gift-shoppers looking ahead to the holiday season, this is the prime moment to reach out directly to local farms for truly special, handcrafted creations—think lush dried wreaths, rustic swags, everlasting bouquets, artisanal soaps, and rich lotions. Because lavender products are at their absolute best when obtained close to their production dates, sourcing these small-batch treasures fresh from the harvest ensures you are giving the purest, most aromatic magic the Pacific Northwest has to offer.



Find a nearby lavender product maker by searching [HERE](#).

PC: Ed Mulder



RESILIENCE IN THE FIELD:

Reflecting on the 2026 Season

As 2026 harvests and distillations wind down, our thoughts remain with our member farms across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana that faced significant challenges from regional wildfires, extreme heat, and severe smoke. In many growing regions, hazardous air conditions forced difficult operational decisions during what should have been peak bloom—leading to reduced farm visits, canceled field events, disrupted market schedules, and altered harvest routines to keep crews safe.

Despite these mid-season hurdles, our grower

community has once again demonstrated incredible resilience, adaptability, and mutual support. We encourage all of our members and patrons to continue supporting our regional farms through autumn on-farm sales, online orders, and community markets as we close out a challenging season together.

PC: Grants Pass Tribune

FEATURED LAVENDERS

The Double-Bloomers

Chris Mulder & Michael Lemmers
Barn Owl Nursery & RavenCroft

While most gardeners anticipate a single, glorious summer harvest, select cultivars of English lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*) have the genetic potential to deliver a rewarding "second bloom" in late summer and early autumn. Unlocking this late-season flush depends on intentional post-harvest care: harvesting the initial flower spikes early in the season, promptly shearing spent stalks to halt seed development, and maintaining consistent moisture, light nutrients, and abundant sunlight while temperatures remain warm—with notable differences in how in-ground beds versus container plantings respond. To explore the science behind repeat blooming, fine-tune your pruning techniques, and discover which proven cultivars offer the most reliable second harvest, read our [full description](#) on the *Lavender Northwest* website.

Click [HERE](#) to access a selection guide for **Second-Blooming Lavenders**.



Lavandula angustifolia 'Sharon Roberts'
Second-bloom 2026 / PC: RavenCroft



MEET THE FARMER - EAST

Gene & Julie Conrad
Blooming Joy Farm
Ronan, Montana

Lavender Northwest is delighted to highlight **Blooming Joy Farm**, owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Gene and Julie Conrad. An engineer by profession, Gene has the ability to design efficient systems and creatively solve problems --- an incredible asset to the farm. Julie has a lifelong love of growing plants and practicing animal husbandry. She is the farm's visionary, developing educational programs, community experiences, and products that reflect holistic living and connection to the land.



PC: Blooming Joy Farm

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



MEET THE FARMER - WEST

Tiff Pippin
Spry Mountain Lavender LLC
Rainier, Oregon

Meet Tiff Pippin, the sole owner and primary caretaker of **Spry Mountain Lavender LLC**. As Tiff reflects: "Lavender farming began during a time when I was craving something slower, more grounding, and real. I wanted work that connected me to the seasons and gave me a sense of purpose

at the end of the day. Lavender drew me in because of its quiet strength and gentleness, surviving harsh weather, poor soil, and long stretches of waiting. As I learned to care for the plants, I found myself changing too."

PC: Spry Mountain Lavender LLC

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

IN THE KITCHEN WITH LAVENDER

LAVENDER BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE

This easy crumble recipe is made with fresh blackberries, whole grain oats, and the herbal touch of culinary lavender. The basic recipe has been adapted to enhance that hint of lavender we're all craving alongside seasonal berries. Thanks to the

magic of shared aromatic profiles, lavender and blackberries are a natural pairing. And who doesn't love a comforting crumble?!

PC: urbanbakes.com

Click [HERE](#) to see the ingredient list and instructions.



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

CRAFT PROJECT

LAVENDER & MOSS DECORATIVE POTS

Highlighting dried lavender bundles in an attractive way need not involve fussy or complicated crafting techniques.

For your long-stemmed dried bundles, Michelle Lowe (of Lowe's Lavender Farm) describes a simple project using readily available materials. You will be pleased to tuck this fragrant, eye-catching reminder of summer into a corner of your home.

For materials and instructions, click [HERE](#)

CENTRAL OREGON

Lavender Festival

FREE
ENTRY

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 AM
TILL
3:00 PM



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TERREBONNE
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Windy Ridge
LAVENDER & FLOWERS



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Kellie's Cakes • Kook'i • SWEET Little Flower Farm
Curry Family Bakery • Mamma's Yarn • Sour Patch Tats
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centraloregonlavenderfestival.com

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IN THE NEWS

For Lavender Growers and Enthusiasts
Rules and Regulations for Farm Sales

Link for [Oregon Farm Sales](#)

[OSU Small Farms Business Planning](#)

Link for [Washington Farm Sales](#)

Link for [Idaho Farm Sales](#)

LNW members in Idaho should consult with
the Department of Agriculture.

Link for Montana.gov

Oregon State University (OSU)
Extension Land Steward Program
Oregon State University offers a variety of affordable, educational online and in person classes throughout the year.

Link: oregonstate.edu/program/all/land-steward/events



Dried Lavender in Autumn Harvest Basket Arrangement
PC: Pelindaba Lavender

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

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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

And finally, dear readers...

"Let your garden reach out to you even within your home.
May it fill you with the wonder of nature's endless variety,
and the powerful force of living things."

~ Welleran Poltarnees



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