

# Landscaping course focuses on being fire aware

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension will offer a free course for landscape professionals on March 17 from 8am-3pm at the Peppermill in Reno.

It will provide information on how landscaping design and materials play a crucial role in reducing the threat of wildfire to homes. The course is part of the Living With Fire Program, and is offered in conjunction with the International Association of Fire Chiefs Wildland-Urban Interface Conference.

Topics include an introduction to wildland and local fire behavior, the influence of residential landscape features on firefighting, ignition resistance of landscape building materials, good and bad plant choices for high fire-hazard areas and more.

Participants who complete the course will gain continuing education credits; those who pass a written exam will receive a certificate of completion in Living With Fire for Landscape Professionals, and will have their names posted on the Living With Fire website and on a list distributed at local events or upon request.

To register for the course, contact Sonya Sistare at [sistares@unce.unr.edu](mailto:sistares@unce.unr.edu) or (775) 336-0271 by March 9.