

Cornell Cooperative Extension
of Columbia and Greene Counties presents

Spring Gardening Day

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Columbia-Greene Community College



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Columbia & Greene Counties



Notes:

Please come join us for our SPRING GARDENING DAY (SGD)! This year we are offering 12 ninety-minute classes in two sessions. Each registrant can select two classes to attend, one from each time slot. The first session runs from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; the second from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During arrival and break times you are invited to talk with Master Gardeners. The Master Gardeners will have light refreshments for purchase during the registration and the break. Of course you are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

The cost of the program is \$20.00 per person for the entire morning or \$10.00 per class if you wish to attend only one session. Please indicate this type of attendance on the registration form. Please complete the registration form and return it with the appropriate fee payable to Cornell Cooperation Extension, 479 Route 66, Hudson, NY 12534. It can be dropped through the mail slot in the main office door anytime. However, it must reach us by Monday, April 15.

If you wish to register more than one person, please PRINT their name, as well as yours, in the appropriate class boxes which they are signing up for and be sure to include their daytime phone number and the registration fee.

If you do not hear from us, you can assume you received your first choice for all sessions. Please pick up your class and room assignments between 8:30 and 9:00am on Saturday morning, April 20, 2013 at CGCC. In case of inclement weather, please tune to WHUC Radio (1230 on your AM dial) or call Columbia-Greene Community College at 518-828-4181 that morning regarding possible cancellation. If cancelled, your registration fee will be refunded. Pre-registration is required for the program, however, we will try to accommodate walk-ins but class offerings, as well as handouts, may be limited.

Invite a friend, neighbor or relative and make a day of learning fun for all! For additional information, call the CCE Education Center in Hudson at 518-828-3346 or email Donna Peterson, Program Educator, at dmp234@cornell.edu.

Please note that the college is handicapped accessible. CCE provides equal program opportunities.
If you have a special need related to program participation, please contact CCE 518-828-3346 in advance.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Sign in and pick up room assignments, enjoy refreshments in cafeteria/student center
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Session I
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Session II



CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Session I

Assessing Your Home and Property for Environmental Risks9:00 - 10:30

By: Theresa C. Mayhew, Extension Resource Educator

This workshop will look at the various environmental risks that lurk inside and outside your home. Areas that will be covered include drinking water well management, household wastewater (septic systems), household waste (including hazardous waste) and storm water management. Yard and garden care as it impacts conservation and pollution prevention will also be discussed. Find out what you can do to protect the health of your family, your community and the environment.

Birds in the Garden Are Like Icing on a Cake.....9:00 - 10:30

By: Constance Mondel, Master Gardener Volunteer

Garden helpers who often sing, who wear exquisite colored raiment and have lots of energy are certainly an asset. Invite and welcome the birds. The surprise is how much planning to attract birds' impacts the garden landscape design in a positive way. The "why" and "how" to attract birds are the subjects of this presentation.

Chickens in the Backyard9:00 - 10:30

By: Mick Bessire, Extension Resource Educator

Chicken production in the region is increasing, mostly in the form of fairly small, backyard flocks. Whether it's for meat, eggs, insect control, companion animals, or combination of these – raising chickens is fairly easy, mostly fun, doesn't require large acreage or capital outlay, and in certain cases, can even be profitable. Learning curves occur in every new undertaking, and the chicken business sure enough has several curves, humps, and some speed bumps along the way. It is the intent of this program to help introduce the learner to the art and science of raising chickens, and hopefully will help straighten out some of the learning curves, and flatten the path to their objectives in raising chickens.

Introduction to Invasive Species9:00 - 10:30

By: Richard Burstell, Program Educator

Invasive species are one of the most serious issues facing North America in the 21st Century. This session will discuss invasive pests that are approaching the area as well as some that are already well established. We will also very briefly discuss some of the famous pests of the 20th century like Chestnut blight and Dutch Elm Disease.

Starting Your Farm Dream.....9:00 - 10:30

By: Steve Hadcock, Senior Resource Educator

Are you interested in starting a farm business or have you recently started one? Do you have questions about planning a farm start-up such as who do I register with to become a farmer? Do you have questions about what forms and regulations farmers have to complete and/or comply with? These questions and more will be answered during this class on how to improve your chances of success in starting or operating a farm business. Steve will also share a variety of resources available to help you on your journey to starting or enhancing your farm business. A variety of handouts will be provided.

Trees and Shrubs9:00 – 10:30

By: Susan Scheck, Master Gardener Volunteer

(For new, established and gardens in progress). This talk, accompanied by a slide presentation showing photographs of selected trees and shrubs, will introduce both well-known and unusual plants. I will talk about plant selection and the requirements of each plant, as well as their special features, ultimate size and needs with respect to care and maintenance. Planting advice will also be discussed.

Session II

Ecological Lawn Care11:00 - 12:30

By: Gerhard Weber, Master Gardener Volunteer

Learn how to establish and maintain a lawn in an ecological way. The class will cover such topics as cool season grass characteristics, soil, fertilizer, pH adjustments and watering and how much to manage weeds, pests and disease in an environmentally acceptable manner.

Gardening With Herbs11:00 – 12:30

By: Susan Charbonneau, Master Gardener Volunteer

Adaptable and delicious, herbs are a colorful, fragrant addition to almost any garden setting. This class will discuss some of the many herbs which usually flourish in our area. It will include tips on selecting the right plants for your garden site, preparing your soil, examples of formal and informal designs, and ideas on adding herbs into already established gardens. Many are easy to grow....that means after planting your herb garden, instead of needing to work in it, you could be sitting in it sipping a glass of your own home grown lemon verbena iced tea on a sultry August afternoon.

How to Be a Healthy and Happy Gardener.....11:00 – 12:30

By: Gloria Kadish, Master Gardener Volunteer

This program will help the avid gardener understand how to train for gardening chores. We will discuss exercises and warm ups, body mechanics and ergonomic tools. You will learn how to prevent repetitive injuries while working in the garden, the pros and cons of raised beds and containers, and much more. With proper gardening techniques you can spend the evening dancing after a day of digging!

No Dig Organic Gardening11:00 – 12:30

By: Jonathan S. Hoen, Master Gardener Volunteer

“When I plant, I do not disturb the soil. It really is just nature working for itself.”

No-Till or No-Dig gardening is a method of preserving the natural integrity of the soil by protecting soil structure, promoting biological activity, and preserving soil fertility. With no-till gardening once the bed is established the surface is never disturbed. Amendments such as compost, manure, peat, lime and fertilizer are “top dressed” where they will be pulled into the subsoil by watering and the activity of the subsoil organisms. In this class we will explore the “Why” and “HowTo” of No-Till organic gardening.

Some of the Plants You Love Can Hurt You11:00 – 12:30

By: Anna Kadish, Master Gardener Volunteer

Many decorative garden plants are poisonous to gardeners and their pets. Which are these? What to do about them and how to protect yourself?

Vegetable Gardening for 201311:00 - 12:30

By: Joann Concra, Master Gardener Volunteer

Want to impress your friends with tomatoes and peppers grown in your garden this year? This workshop will give you helpful information on vegetable growing in the Northeast. Topics will include such things as site preparation, seasonal maintenance, crop selection and much more.



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Registration Form

(Please print)

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Session 1 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. <i>Choose 1</i>	Session 2 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. <i>Choose 1</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Assessing Your Home and Property for Environmental Risks	<input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Lawn Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Birds in the Garden are Like Icing on a Cake	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening with Herbs
<input type="checkbox"/> Chickens in the Backyard	<input type="checkbox"/> How to be a Healthy & Happy Gardener
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<input type="checkbox"/> Starting Your Dream Farm	<input type="checkbox"/> Some of the Plants You Love Can Hurt You
<input type="checkbox"/> Trees and Shrubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Gardening for 2013

Registration deadline is Monday, April 15

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