

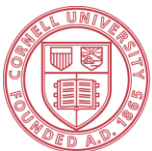
Cornell Cooperative Extension of  
Columbia & Greene Counties Presents



# Spring Gardening Day

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Columbia-Greene  
Community College



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Columbia-Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, NY

*Saturday, April 1, 2017*

Please come join us for our SPRING GARDENING DAY (SGD)! This year we are offering fifteen 90-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 to 10:30 a.m., the second from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Our keynote speaker, Peter Bowden, well-known Capital Region gardener and writer, will be speaking from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. During arrival and break times you are invited to talk with Master Gardeners Volunteers. 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 \$25.00 per person for the entire morning or \$15.00 per class if you wish to attend only one session. Please indicate your choice(s) 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 Friday, March 24.** You can also register (and pay via PayPal) online [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/springgardening2017\\_210](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/springgardening2017_210)

If you wish to register more than one person, please PRINT their name, as well as yours, in the appropriate class boxes 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 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 1 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. 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 x100 or email Emily at [ew387@cornell.edu](mailto:ew387@cornell.edu).

**Please bring your registration confirmation on Spring Gardening Day.**

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*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

- 8:30–9:00 a.m. Sign in and pick up room assignments, enjoy refreshments in cafeteria/student center
- 9:00–10:30 a.m. Session I
- 10:45 – 11:45 p.m. Peter Bowden, the most well known gardener in the Capital Region of New York, has been writing gardening articles since the mid-1980s. Over 35 years of experience in the retail garden center industry, as well as a life-long love of gardening, make Peter's anecdotes worth the read, every time. Not only are these articles filled with pertinent information for the North American gardener, they are also packed with amusing stories, crammed with societal insights, and peppered with poignant points of practical procedures for the home gardener.
- 12:00–1:30 p.m. Session 2

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## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### **SESSION 1**

#### **Rain Gardens.....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: Michael Slattery, Master Gardener Volunteer*

Rain gardens are a beautiful way to protect water quality! They are gardens that are designed to soak up rain water from roofs, driveways and patios. Rain gardens look like regular flower gardens but when it rains, a rain garden fills with a few inches of water and allows the water to slowly filter into the ground rather than running off to the storm drains. Compared to a patch of lawn, a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak into the ground. They also add beauty to neighborhoods and provide wildlife habitat. This presentation will provide the basics of residential rain garden function, design and installation. Handouts will be provided.

#### **Vegetable Gardening for 2017 .....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: JoAnn Condra, Master Gardener Volunteer*

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

#### **Gardening Tips: Fast & Furious .....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: Dr. Abbey Block Cash, Master Gardener Volunteer*

What do I know about gardening that you may not? What do YOU know about gardening that I don't? Let's begin by exploring eclectic gardening tips, provided by CCE MG Volunteers, in diverse areas including roses, tick borne diseases, annuals, perennials, bulbs, trees, and more. This interactive workshop will impose upon participants to divulge their insights, as well.

**Shade Gardening with Native and Non-Native Plants .....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: Randy Hinz, horticulturalist and nurseryman, owner of Sycamore Garden Center & Nursery*

Add interest and beauty to your shady areas by creating naturalistic plantings of both native and non-native shade and woodlands plants. In this class, we will discuss soil preparation, plant selection and placement as well as some general design principles well suited to shady garden areas. During a PowerPoint presentation, you will discover some lesser known native plants as well as desirable introductions from other countries including bulb and tuber plants, perennials, shrubs, and small trees.

**Gardening With Herbs .....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: 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 working in it, you can be sitting in it and sipping a glass of your own homegrown lemon verbena iced tea on a sultry August afternoon.

**Attracting Birds and Butterflies to your Garden with Native Plants .....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: Tim Kennelty, Master Gardener Volunteer*

Birds and butterflies are some of the most beautiful creatures to grace our gardens. Unfortunately, many songbird and butterfly species are declining. Make your garden a bird and butterfly oasis with practical information about the habitat, native plants and gardening practices that they need to flourish.

**Succulent Terrarium Building Workshop .....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: Alexia Baker, Master Gardener Volunteer*

Curious about succulents? Love terrariums? Join Master Gardener Volunteer Alexia for a hands-on workshop on succulent terrarium building! She will teach you the basics on succulent plant selection, building techniques, maintenance and care. You will leave the workshop with your very own succulent terrarium along with care instructions on how to maintain the beauty and health of your creation!

**This class is limited to a maximum of 10 people and there is an extra \$10 fee payable at registration to cover the cost of materials.**

**Trends in Tick Borne Disease in Columbia and Greene Counties .....9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

*Presenter: Nancy Winch, Master Gardener Volunteer and former Director of Public Health for Columbia County*

Join a discussion on tick borne disease including prevention, treatment, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, resources and contacts. Spring is here! Enjoy gardening and your yard while avoiding Lyme disease and other insects or critters in the environment. Be safe where you live, work and vacation.

## SESSION 2

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### **Container Gardens ..... 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Presenter: Linda Levitt, Master Gardener Volunteer*

Learn how to develop beautiful, sustainable container gardens for your yard. No matter how big or small your property is, there is always room for a container garden. We will discuss the effect of global warming and what plant selections may be the best in light of climate change.

### **Starting Your Farm Dream ..... 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Presenter: Steve Hadcock, CCE Senior Resource Educator*

Are you interested in starting a farm business or recently started one? Do you have questions about planning a farm start-up such as how to register 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.

### **Worm Composting and Build-Your-Own Worm Bin ..... 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Presenter: Devon Russ, Master Gardener Volunteer*

Composting with worms is an excellent way to recycle kitchen scraps and waste paper while producing worm castings, a wonderful addition to garden soil that fertilizes plants and helps ward off plant disease. During the class, there will also be discussion on general composting topics.

**For those who wish to take home their own worm bin and starter population of worms, there will be an additional \$10 fee to cover materials, payable at registration.**

**Creating a Cutting Garden ..... 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Presenter: Maureen Mooney, Master Gardener Volunteer*

Have you had fantasies of having huge and colorful flower bouquets in every room of your home? You can create a separate low maintenance garden that will provide you with beautiful blooms from spring to the first frost. Come and learn about some of the best and most popular annuals and perennials to grow. You will learn about site selection, growing requirements and resources.

**What's the Buzz? Beginning Backyard Beekeeping ..... 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Presenter: Linda Aydlett, Master Gardener Volunteer*

Thinking of becoming a backyard beekeeper, but are not sure where to “beegin”? Then this workshop is for you! Designed for individuals with little or no beekeeping experience, this workshop will cover basic bee biology, equipment needed to start, costs involved, where to get bees, tips for working with bees, the beekeeper’s calendar and answers to any questions you may have about the inner workings that keep the hive humming along. You will come away with a list of local, regional and online resources to tap for help, including local beekeeper associations with mentoring programs, and catalog handouts from a wide variety of beekeeping supply companies.

# Registration Form

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April 1, 2017

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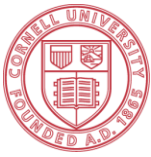
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