CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an educational program of Cornell University, which offers programs within Westchester County. Its mission is to disseminate research-based, factual, unbiased information to the general public. The Master Gardener Volunteer program provides extensive training to individuals who then donate their volunteer time in assisting Cooperative Extension to reach specific audiences.

Master Gardener Volunteers:
• Conduct The Home Gardening Lecture Series
• Conduct Site Visits for homeowners
• Provide a Speaker’s Bureau
• Renovate and care for demonstration gardens at Hart’s Brook Park, John Jay Herb Garden, Lenoir Preserve, Muscoot Farm, and historic Sherwood House
• Write articles for media outlets and Westchester County Horticultural News
• Staff information booths at farmers’ markets and public events.
• Write the weekly gardening columns in The Journal News
• Mentor school gardens and educate youth about gardening
• Provide education to community gardeners
• Educate homeowners in proper gardening techniques through public programming

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DIRECTIONS TO LOCATIONS

Directions to Will Library, Yonkers Public Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
South on Sprain Brook Parkway to Tuckahoe Road East (2nd Tuckahoe exit). Take Tuckahoe Road to Central Park Avenue (Route 190). Turn right onto Central Park Avenue. Get in left lane to make U-Turn at traffic signal and a left into jug handle (additional parking here) to go North on Central Park Avenue. Will Library parking lot is on right (just past green sign that reads Tuckahoe Road).

Directions to First Congregational Church
210 Orchard Ridge Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
From Saw Mill Parkway (N or S) take Chappaqua Exit 33 (Readers Digest Road). Follow uphill about ½ mile to Route 117 (Bedford Road). Turn Right. Continue about ½ mile, then turn right onto Orchard Ridge Road. Make an immediate right into church driveway.

From Interstate 684 (N or S) take Exit 4 (Bedford, Mt. Kisco). Turn onto Route 172 (Bedford/South Bedford Road) toward Mt. Kisco. Follow until Route 172 intersects with Route 117 (Bedford Road). Turn Left onto Route 117 and follow past Reader’s Digest. Continue about ½ mile then turn right onto Orchard Ridge Road. Make an immediate right into church driveway.

Directions to Anthony Veteran Park
11 Olympic Lane, Ardsley, NY 10502
From the Saw Mill Parkway (N or S) take Exit 17 (Dobbs Ferry/Ardsley). Turn East onto Ashford Avenue at light (left from North and right from South). Proceed two lights and turn left on Route 9A North. Next turn right onto Heatherdell Road. Continue approximately 1 mile and then turn left onto Olympic Lane. Go to Multipurpose Building (at top of hill).

Directions to Bakwin Estate
335 Croton Dam Road, Ossining, NY 10562
Bakwin Estate is located on Route 134 (335 Croton Dam Road), Ossining, NY between the Taconic State Parkway and Route 9A.
From Route 9A (N or S) take Route 134 East approximately 1.5 miles. The estate entrance is on the left flanked by two stone pillars. Mailbox (#335) is on the right.
From the Taconic State Parkway (N or S) take Route 134 West approximately 1.4 miles. The estate entrance is on the right flanked by two stone pillars. Mailbox (#335) is on the left.

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Michael Ruggiero captures the essence of garden creativity and will discuss best use of annuals. He will focus on plants with exciting forms that display statuesque shapes and spectacular perfumes. He will share his professional tips for using color, harmony and contrast. Michael will present design ideas for beds, borders and containers that are gardener-friendly to create inspiring home displays.

Michael Ruggiero, a renowned horticulturist, teacher and lecturer, retired as senior Curator of NYBG. He was responsible for building the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden and numerous garden collections. He has written three books and co-authored Annuals with Style: Design Ideas from Classic to Cutting Edge.

**TREES CARE: RIGHT TREE RIGHT PLACE**

*Wednesday, February 14, 2018* 10:00 AM-12:00 noon

First Congregational Church, Chappaqua, NY 10514

Speaker: Ken Almstead

Ken Almstead will discuss the importance of planting the right tree in the right place for public safety, tree health, species diversity and wildlife habitat. Arborist Almstead will emphasize the right species for the location, checking for girdling roots, understanding maturity factors and proper after care.

Ken Almstead is an ISA-certified arborist, CEO of Almstead Tree & Shrub & Care Company and winner of the ISA’s “2017 True Professionals of Arboriculture Award.” Ken is a graduate of Syracuse University School of Management, studied at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Cornell University and NYBG. He is serving his second six-year term on the Board of Directors of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ken has been Chairman of the CCE Horticulture Committee for the past decade.

**BIRDS, BEES AND BEAUTIFUL NATIVE PLANTS**

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018* 10:00 AM-12:00 noon

Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center, Ossining, NY

Speaker: Donna Lassiter

Donna Lassiter will discuss how to create a habitat for birds, bees and a diversity of wildlife by growing beautiful, hardy native plants. She will showcase species that thrive in a variety of conditions and their benefits for the environment as well as cultural tips for growing them with success.

Donna Lassiter is a Master Gardener Volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County. She is committed to promoting a healthy environment and grows over 90 species of native plants in her home gardens. Donna serves on the board of Saw Mill River Audubon where she manages the design and maintenance of the butterfly-hummingbird garden at Pruyn Sanctuary in Chappaqua.

**ORCHIDS EVERYWHERE**

*Wednesday, March 14, 2018* 10:00 AM-12:00 noon

Yonkers Will Library, Yonkers, NY 10710

Speaker: Joyce Tomaselli

Joyce Tomaselli has grown orchids for over 35 years. She will show that beautiful native orchids can grow where you least expect them and orchids from other continents can be grown successfully in our homes. Joyce will explain the history of orchids and propagation techniques. She will highlight orchid species most suited to our homes and gardens.

Joyce Tomaselli is the Community Horticulture Resource Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County. Her work involves coordinating volunteer Master Gardeners and their outreach programs at events such as the Dutchess County Fair. She creates and delivers educational programs on gardening, home composting, invasive species and is responsible for the monthly newsletter "Dutchess Dirt."

Joyce Tomaselli is a trained Orchid judge and member of the American Orchid Society. Joyce has written articles for New York Botanical Garden and numerous garden collections. She has been appointed to the board of the New York Botanical Garden and co-founded the NYC Orchid Society.

**GUIDED TOUR OF THE BAKWIN ESTATE**

*Wednesday, June 6, 2018* 10:00 AM-12:00 noon

Bakwin Estate

Ossining, NY 10562

Guides: Ed Impara and Cathy Beauregard

No-Walk Ins - 10:00 AM Arrival OR 11:00 AM Arrival

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Mr. Bakwin has an intense interest in horticulture and is a dedicated supporter of NYBG, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy and Teatown Lake Reservation. Ed Impara and Cathy Beauregard, both graduates of NYBG, create and maintain the gardens.

**ESSENTIAL PERENNIALS FOR TERRACES, PATIOS AND SMALL SPACES**

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018* 10:00 AM-12:00 noon

Anthony Veteran Park, Greenburgh, NY 10502

Speaker: Ruth Rogers Clausen

Ruth Rogers Clausen’s illustrated talk will convince you that small spaces need not demand small plants! She demonstrates designing limited garden spaces with perennials, enabling plants to pull their weight each season. Ruth recommends plants with appealing foliage and attractive seed heads that keep the garden fascinating without using “two-week wonders.”

Ruth Rogers Clausen trained in horticulture at Studdley College in England and received her MS in Botany from Kent State University, Ohio. She co-authored Perennials for American Gardens and wrote Dreamscaping. She has written articles for New York, Brooklyn, Missouri and Chicago botanical gardens. She will offer her book for sale.

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