

About Speakers' Bureau

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County Speakers' Bureau has lively and informative presentations that are specifically designed to meet the needs of our county. Master Gardener Volunteers and Extension Educators are available upon request to speak to your group. These volunteers are involved in many aspects of educational outreach year round, and are trained to provide accurate and timely information on a variety of gardening topics and environmental issues.

Registration Information

Speakers Bureau presentations are booked on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact us at least 4-weeks prior to your event. You will be contacted when your event is confirmed.

To arrange for a presentation, contact our office at (845) 429-7085 or rockland@cornell.edu.

You can also find the Speakers' Bureau Conformation form on our website.

Cost

There is a fee of \$85.00 per presentation. We offer presentation series at a reduced cost: \$150 for two presentations, \$225 for three presentations. Most presentations are approximately 1 to 1.5 hours with time for Q&A afterward.



Training Program

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is a nationwide educational program, and in New York State, consists of a corps of volunteers who are trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening.

Master Gardeners are volunteers from the community who enjoy gardening, and use their horticulture skills and expertise to educate others. In return for their training, Master Gardener Volunteers donate their time teaching the community about gardening and the environment. Each volunteer agrees to give back 100 hours of service over a two year period, and then continue in the program as a certified Master Gardener Volunteer.

For more information on MGV training & programing, contact our office.

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<http://rocklandcce.org/mastergardenvolunteers>



Master Gardener Volunteer
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Speakers' Bureau Presentation Topics

Herbs

- Lavender: An ancient herb that belongs in your garden
- Herb Gardens

Fruits and vegetables

- Raised Beds for Vegetable Gardens
- Understanding Wine
- Crops in Pots- Growing Vegetables in Containers
- Edible Landscaping
- Year-round organic vegetable gardening

Ornamental Horticulture

- Ornamental grasses
- Using Annuals and Perennials in Your Garden
- Gardening in the Shade
- Growing Roses in Rockland County
- Winter Container Gardening
- Container Gardening for Spring and Summer
- Flowering Bulbs from Spring to Fall

Eco-friendly gardening

- Native Plants for Your Garden*
- Managing Weeds and Common Invasive Plants in Home Gardens
- Compost: Gardener's Gold
- Trash to Garden Treasure
- Identifying Native Plants in a Rockland Park
- Bee Friendly Backyards

Indoor Horticulture

- Caring for Winter Holiday Plants: Amaryllis, Poinsettia, and Christmas Cactus*
- Table-Top Gardens: Bonsai, Terrariums, and Kokedama
- Decorating with Houseplants
- Growing and Caring for Indoor Plants
- Orchids
- Starting Seeds Indoors and Outdoors

Garden design

- Dealing with Wildlife in Your Backyard*
- Reclaiming a Backyard from the Hudson River
- Pruning
- Using Stone and Pavers in Your Landscape
- Garden Design for Beginners
- Putting the Garden to Bed
- Starting a Garden from Scratch

An * indicates that the presentation is new to the
Speakers' Bureau topic list.



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Master Gardener Volunteers, and participants at one of the 2014 Speakers' Bureau Floral Arranging, Thanksgiving Cornucopia Arrangement Class.

"Your Master Gardener Volunteer is an excellent speaker, had a nice PowerPoint presentation and gave very good suggestions. Thank you to the Cooperative Extension for providing this great service."

- Joanne McNally, Manager of
Public Relations at Valley
Cottage Library