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Spring Gardening Day

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Please come join us for our SPRING GARDENING DAY (SGD)! This year we are offering sixteen 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 speakers, The Fabulous Beekman Boys, Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Dr. Brent Ridge, will be speaking from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.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 \$30.00 per person for two sessions and the keynote address, \$15.00 for one session and the keynote address, or \$15.00 for the keynote address only. 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 Friday April 6, 2018.** Alternately, you can register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Garden2018event_210.

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 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 14th at C-GCC.

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 Extension Education Center in Hudson at 518-828-3346 x209 or email Emily at ew387@cornell.edu.

Please bring your confirmation to Registration on Spring Garden 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. When Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Dr. Brent Ridge bought the Beekman Farm in upstate New York in 2008, they didn't just start a farm, they started a movement. Known best as "The Fabulous Beekman Boys" from their hit television reality show, the duo has put their stylish stamp on seasonal living. Their farm and surrounding community serves as the inspiration for their lifestyle brand, "Beekman 1802." Their latest cookbook, *A Seat at the Table: Recipes to Nourish Your Family, Friends, and Community*, is based on the tradition of food at the center of community and includes more than 115 recipes that embody the traditional story of stone soup, in which everyone brings together their small piece to the pot to create something much greater than its parts.
- 12:00–1:30 p.m. Session 2
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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

SESSION 1

Rain Gardens9:00 - 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.

Roses, Roses, and More Roses!9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Abbey Block Cash, Master Gardener Volunteer

Consider establishing a rose garden if you enjoy the beauty of these flowers and want to impress your neighbors and friends! This session will provide you with a step-by-step process of creating and maintaining healthy rose beds. We will also reflect on recent warming trends and its impact on roses, as well as investigate frequently posed questions/facts/oddities regarding roses.

Together – we can dig deeper!

The Versatile Herb9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Susan Charbonneau, Master Gardener Volunteer

Want to grow some cool plants that can spice up your meals, add texture and fragrance to your garden, and lend distinction to your bouquets? Check out the delectable herb. Adaptable and delicious, herbs are a colorful, fragrant addition to almost any garden setting. This class will introduce some of the many herbs that usually flourish in our area. It will include: tips on plant selection based on your garden site; how to prepare your soil; examples of formal and informal designs for use in gardens and in containers; and how to incorporate herbs into an established setting. Also included are collection and storage suggestions as well as recipes and ideas for using these versatile plants. Rosemary cookies anyone?

Birding 101, Moving Beyond the Birdfeeder9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Kathryn Schneider, ornithologist and author

This class will look at the difference between birdwatchers and birders. You will learn how to choose the right binoculars for birding and how to use your binoculars to see the things that are important for bird identification. We will show you how to identify birds using traditional field guides and **Merlin**, a free smart phone app from the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. By entering observations into eBird, Cornell's online database for bird sightings, birders can store their bird records and contribute data to cutting edge scientific research. Discover how to connect to the birding community. Participants are encouraged to bring their binoculars, smart phones, apple IDs, passwords, etc. to the workshop so we can download apps.

Vegetable Gardening 20189:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presenter: JoAnn Condra, Master Gardener Volunteer

Want to grow fresh vegetables this year but don't know where to begin? This workshop will give you the helpful information you need. Topics will include site preparation and soil adjustment. We will discuss how to start seeds from home: what plants grow best in the northeast; weed management; pest and disease control; and much more.

Summer Flowering Bulbs9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Jean Thomas, Master Gardener Volunteer

Need help demystifying those intimidating packages of bulbs that show up in the Spring Garden Centers racks? We will discuss choosing, planting, growing and storing.

Garden Thugs: Dealing with Invasive Plants9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Tim Kennelty, Master Gardener Volunteer

Invasive species can harm plants and animals where you live by outcompeting native species and reducing biological diversity. Learn how to identify and control invasive plants in your garden. The top local invasive plant species will be covered as well as an introduction to how to report invasives using the iMapInvasives app.

Backyard Chickens: Getting Started9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presenters: Aurora Manuel and Jacquelyn Hayden, Master Gardener Volunteers

Raising chickens on a small scale is becoming more and more popular as people want to know where their food comes from. The benefits are not only nutritional, with delicious eggs, but hens can also help in controlling pests such as ticks. Their manure makes for a great fertilizer and your eggs could also be a source of income!

We'll talk about what to do when buying, feeding and housing your first chick. We'll also discuss different breeds, how to keep them safe from predators, and a whole lot more. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions from two experienced chicken owners.

SESSION 2

Container Gardens12:00 - 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 Dream12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Presenter: 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 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 Garden12:00 - 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 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 Beekeeping12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Presenter: Linda Aydlett, Master Gardener Volunteer

Thinking of becoming a backyard beekeeper but are not sure where to "beegin"? If so, 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 get started, costs involved, where to get bees, tips for working with bees, the beekeeper's calendar, and answer any questions you may have about the inner workings that keep the hive humming along. You'll come away with a list of local, regional and online resources to tap for help, including local beekeeper associations with mentoring programs.

Attracting Birds and Butterflies to your Garden with Native Plants12:00 - 1:30 p.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.

Micro Greens12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Presenter: Dorian Hyland, Master Gardener Volunteer

Test your interest in growing microgreens and explore what you need to plan, make the soil, and choose seeds, and how to grow microgreens so you can have these nutritious greens on your table regularly. Learn how to schedule their growing, how many types of vegetables can be grown, and sow a starter pack to take home.

Landscaping Design for the Conscientious Gardener using Permaculture Techniques 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Presenters: Joan Satterlee and Robin Stapley, Master Gardener Volunteers

Joan and Robin will discuss traditional guidelines for establishing a beautiful landscape with consideration for the environment using Permaculture techniques. What is it? Why is it so important? What simple steps can make a difference in your garden's productivity and make it easier to grow?

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Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Registration Deadline: Friday, April 6, 2018

Please enclose \$30 per person for the morning or \$15 for each single session selected. The fee to attend just the keynote speech by the Beekman Boys from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. is \$15. Return with your check payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension SGD, 479 Route 66, Hudson, NY 12534. For additional information, contact the Extension Education Center in Hudson at 518-828-3346 x209. Alternately, you can register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Garden2018event_210.

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