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### Cornell Country BBQ Celebrates CCE Master Gardeners

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, NY— Cornell University’s recipe for barbeque chicken goes back to 1955. This recipe, used for many Sullivan County chicken barbeque fundraisers, is famous for its simple ingredients and bold flavor. The traditional preparation method includes slow grilling chicken halves to perfection, basted in layers of the “secret” sauce.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEESC) is celebrating its Master Gardener Volunteers at the annual Cornell Country BBQ & Live Auction, to be held Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the White Sulphur Springs Fireman’s Park on Shore Road in White Sulphur Springs. This event is rain or shine, under a covered pavilion. Chicken has been donated by Hudson Valley Foie Gras.

Master Gardener Volunteers spend hundreds of hours giving back to their community and Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is honoring their valuable dedication to horticultural education and lifelong learning.

The public can take out the farm-fresh dinner from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, or sit down at 5:30 pm to enjoy an old-fashioned, outdoor evening of live Americana music by Little Sparrow, 50/50 drawings, and good company! Live and silent auctions of homemade and home grown items from the Hudson Valley will begin at 6:15 pm, with something – and price points – for everyone.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Walk-ins welcome! Non-refundable payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit; online at [www.sullivancece.org](http://www.sullivancece.org), over the phone at 845-292-6180, or at the Liberty office on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road.

Proceeds from the Cornell Country BBQ & Live Auction fundraiser will go towards providing education and technical assistance to farmers, families, and youth across diverse audiences in Sullivan County. Additional donations for CCEESC programs are appreciated.

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The Master Gardener Program is a national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county Cooperative Extension office to expand educational outreach throughout the community by providing home gardeners with research-based information.

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