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INSTITUTE for NON-PROFITS brings you
Strategies for Fundraising
presented by Sister Peggy Scarano

Learn the pros and cons of a variety of different fundraising methods!

We cover strategic planning, annual appeals, special events; marketing and public relations; planned giving, major gifts, endowments, bequests; and capital campaigns and more!

Tuesday, Nov. 13 & Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Join Us For:

recycling rain water
lunch and learn!

Please join us for a FREE Lunch and Learn on November 14th, sponsored by SUEZ and in partnership with Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority. Participants will learn about recycling rain water on their properties, and rebates offered from SUEZ.

LEARN HOW TO:
• Design a rain garden to reduce the need to water your yard
• Set up a rain barrel and drip irrigation
• Apply for rebates on water-saving devices from SUEZ

This event is open to the public, and RSVP is required. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, November 14 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
CCE Education Center at 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY
RSVP TODAY! (845) 429-7085 | jas946@cornell.edu

ADMISSION IS FREE.
Lunch and giveaways will be provided to all attendees.

Let’s Connect!

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Please contact CCE-RC office if you have any special needs. rockland@cornell.edu | (845) 429-7085
Youth Explore Careers in 4-H Junior Animal Science

From September 27 to October 13, 19 youth in grades 6-8 explored animal science careers and concepts through Rockland County’s first annual 4-H Junior Animal Science Program. After learning about eels and benthic macroinvertebrate identification on September 27 from the Rockland County Soil and Water Conservation District, the youth continued to learn about animal-related careers by traveling to local organizations.

On September 29, the youth visited the Rockland Farm Alliance in New City, where they held chickens, fed goats, pet geese, and observed bee hives as they learned about animal care and sustainable farm practices. In the afternoon, the youth traveled to the Hi-Tor Animal Shelter in Pomona where they toured the facilities and learned about animal behavior, shelter management, and effective animal care.

On October 4, the participants visited the Mounted Police Foundation of Rockland in Wesley Hills, where they fed treats to the horses and learned about horse care, grooming, and behavior. Speaking with Deputy Jim and Police Officers John and Gregg, the youth also learned about the mounted police’s training procedures, responsibilities, and experiences.

On October 11, the participants traveled to Camp Bow Wow in Nanuet, where they toured the dog care facility, interacted with the animals, and learned about dog grooming and handling. The youth were also able to learn about owning/managing a pet care center, including the daily operations and facility design.

The last session of the 4-H Junior Animal Science took place on October 13 at the Trailside Museums & Zoo at Bear Mountain State Park. While at the zoo, the youth were able to prepare bird diets, pet an opossum, watch a bobcat and fox during positive reinforcement trainings, and observe bears consuming a meal. The participants also learned about the various animals at the zoo along with animal rehabilitation, environmental conservation, and zoology careers.

Overall, this program was an exceptional learning experience for the youth. A huge thank-you goes out to all of the organizations who hosted us and to the presenters who dedicated their time to help these youths explore careers and develop skills for the future.

For more information about the 4-H Junior Animal Science Program, contact Kristin Ruggiero at klf37@cornell.edu or by phone at ext. 103
Upcoming Events

To find more information on these and future events, visit our Event Page (RocklandCCE.org/events).

Caring for Winter Holiday Plants: Amaryllis, Poinsettia, and Winter Cactus

Thursday, November 15, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Clarkstown Continuing Education
at Congers Elementary School

This program will begin with a general discussion on selecting and caring for indoor plants. Then, it will demonstrate how poinsettias, amaryllis, and winter cactus can survive beyond the holidays. By carefully placing these plants in the proper indoor environment, they can bloom holiday after holiday. This program is being presented through Clarkstown Continuing Education. Please call the office at 845-639-5628 for more information and to register. You must register in advance and there is a fee for this program.

Dealing with Wildlife in Your Backyard

Thursday, October 4, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library

Deer and other wildlife are a constant threat to your plantings and home gardens. This talk will address the primary wildlife challenges in our area. It will discuss the behaviors and habits of the primary invaders such as deer, rabbits, groundhogs and chipmunks and suggest viable options for limiting their damage.

For the program being presented through Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library. Please call the office at (845) 786-3800 for more information and to register for the program.

Orchids

Thursday, November 29, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
South Orangetown Continuing Education
at Tappan Zee High School

Orchids were once thought to be rare, intimidating plants which were available only to the h Today orchids are less formidable houseplants that are available to all. This presentation will discuss how orchids grow and how the average homeowner can care for them. Answers to the most asked question. "How do I get my orchid to rebloom?"

This program is being presented through South Orangetown Continuing Education. Please call the office at (845) 379-1012 for more information and to register. You must register in advance and there is a fee for this program.

Children’s Library Reading Program

Thursday, November 29, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Suffern Library

They Came from the Root Cellar... All summer they grew underground. Now that it's fall the Rude Roots are digging their way out of the dirt to come find you... Children will meet seven peculiar root vegetables that come out of the ground in autumn. Farmer Karen will whisk them off to rollicking fairy land where root veggies can be very rude in a hands-on storyboard activity. The kids will take an imaginary field-trip to visit the root cellars of yesteryear and then off to see modern farmers use coolers to cool the 'tudes of Rude Roots.

For the program being presented through Suffern Library. Please call the office at (845) 357-1237 for more information and to register for the program.
DEC Provides new K-12 Resources for Invasive Species Education

Calling all educators! Please check out the DEC's new “Invasive Species: K-12 Educator Resources” webpage! On the site, you will find:

- Invasive species curriculum and lesson plans
- Invasive species activities and games
- Other useful invasive species resources for classrooms

http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/114620.html

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All courses take place at CCE Rockland's Education Center at 10 Patriot Hills Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980. The $10 course fee covers both sessions. You may register for individual classes or the full Certificate in Non-profit Sustainability. The full Certificate requires completion of four core courses (totaling 21 classroom hours) and at least 14 hours of elective classes. Participants must attend both sessions of each seminar for credit.

For more information and to register, please contact Jennifer Strianese at (845) 429-7085 ext 117 or jas946@cornell.edu.

Strategies for Fundraising

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Human Resources in a Non-Profit Business

**Wednesdays, November 28 & December 5, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

In this two-session course take a detailed look at your legal obligations to your employees, contractors, interns and volunteers, including: what your organization can do, must do, and is prohibited from doing with employees, independent contractors, consultants, interns and volunteers and much more.
4-H Facilitates Financial Literacy with BOCES Youth Connections

From September 26 to October 11, 4-H Educator Kristin Ruggiero led an 8-hour financial literacy series with 9 young adults involved in the Rockland BOCES Youth Connections Program. Using the curriculum *All My Money: Change for the Better* created by the University of Illinois Extension, the educator led various activities to help participants manage their money and prepare for the future. Through this program, participants learned how to differentiate their needs and wants, set SMART goals, utilize budgeting techniques, avoid fraud, compare/contrast money services, use credit wisely, manage debt, and build a good credit history and score. For more information about the curriculum, go to https://extension.illinois.edu/allmymoney/. To learn about BOCES Youth Connections, go to https://www.rocklandboces.org/adult-education-business-services/youth-connections-program/.

R.P. Connor Students Interact with Nature through 4-H and Project WILD

Every Friday after-school from October 5 through November 9, 11 students at R.P. Connor Elementary School in Suffern have been exploring wildlife and habitats with the 4-H Program. Using the Project WILD curriculum developed by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, youth have been investigating the world around them and taking part in fun, dynamic activities focused on ecosystems and niches, interdependence, changes and adaptations, biodiversity, wildlife issues and trends, and wildlife conservation. Through this 6-session program, participants have completed a habitat scavenger hunt and nature walk, investigated insects and small creatures, and simulated animal adaptations and bioaccumulation. For more information about Project WILD, go to https://fishwildlife.org/afwa-inspires/project-wild/project-wild or contact Kristin Ruggiero at klf37@cornell.edu or at ext. 103

We can help you identify and solve problems involving:

- **Insects** (including Ticks & Bedbugs)
- Other Household & Garden Pests
- **Plants** & Plant Health Issues
- Soil Health Issues & pH Tests
- Almost Any Garden Related Concerns

As Growing Season Ends, so Does Extended Hort Lab Hours

Our Horticulture Diagnostic Laboratory has resumed winter hours (Monday through Thursday, 9AM to Noon) until April 2019. If you are unable to come in with your specimens for identification during those hours, you can always come in during our regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM) and drop off your sample at the front desk. You can call in with your questions at any time and leave a message. Our Horticulture Lab Technician and our Master Gardener Volunteers will respond the next time they are in the lab.
As I thumb through the classifieds of my most recent copy of *The Rock Garden Quarterly*, I notice a plethora of plant societies. On the first page there is an advertisement for the American Penstemon Society. The following page list ads for American Rhododendron Society, American Conifer Society, and the Saxifrage Society. The last page lists the American Primrose Society, Pacific Bulb Society, Cyclamen Society, the Hobby Greenhouse Association, the Scottish Rock Garden Club, and finally the Dwarf Iris Society. There is a society for just about every genus or group of plants. To quote Michael Dirr (1990) from his Manual of Woody Landscape Plants, “There is an American Boxwood Society that “Boxophiles” should consider joining if all other societies are full!”

Over the past growing season, I have written about the more popular plant societies. If you have an interest in a particular plant and want to learn more, you should consider joining a plant society. People join for several different reasons. Some will join a particular society for their seed exchange and a chance to obtain unusual species. For me, I enjoy the rock garden seed exchange because if my germination is successful, I will have high numbers of plants and can put them in natural looking drifts in the rock garden. Others may join for the cultural tips that are often included with newsletters and journals. My wife, Pam, belongs to the North American Lily Society for both the growing tips and seed distribution. Friendships are often formed by actively participating. I met my hiking partner and friend of 25 plus years through a rock garden tour of private gardens. Another quote by Michael Dirr (1990) sums up the experience of belonging to a plant society. “Gardeners are not defined by economics, social status, or education. Their willingness to seek and share dissolves the barriers to forming friendships. The plant becomes the common bond… and all other nuances and quirks seem trivial.”

For further information about plant societies, diagnostic services or insect ID, contact the Horticultural Lab (845) 429-7085, option 3 or Mike Wilson at ext. 110 or email mw767@cornell.edu.