2019 Winter Lecture Series
All Classes are held at CCE Ulster County’s Education Center
232 Plaza Road (Hannaford Plaza), Kingston, NY
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

February 28: Start Seeds Right - Seed Starting and Winter Sowing
Join the Master Gardeners and learn the logistics of seed starting and winter sowing. Starting seeds properly can make or break your entire growing season! Learn our best tips and tricks for starting seeds indoors. Winter sowing is the process of planting seeds in plastic containers, putting the containers outside for the winter and forgetting about them until the seedlings emerge in the spring. Yes, it really is that easy. Take home your very first one to try!

Dona Crawford has been the Master Gardener coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Ulster County for the past fourteen years. Folks call her the bug lady. She is a regular columnist for the Times Herald Record.

March 14: Composting: It’s Good for the Environment and Your Garden
Did you know that about 30% of the trash deposited in landfills is made up of food scraps and yard waste? Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. The benefits of using compost, “Gardener’s Black Gold”, in your gardens is legendary. You will be introduced to three composting systems during this presentation: traditional outdoor composting, indoor Bokashi composting, and Hugelkultur, a method of composting woody debris that is not suitable for other uses.

Barbara Bravo has more than 30 years-experience gardening where the wildlife is plentiful and where she continues to learn peaceful co-existence. Her garden was featured on the Saugerties Secret Gardens Tour. She has been a Master Gardener Volunteer since 2005, a Garden Coach and Coordinator of Garden Day, an annual CCE educational event for gardeners. She has lectured on many topics. When not in the garden, she may be found working in her studio creating handmade tiles, nature inspired pottery and collage.

March 28: Houseplant Help
Growing houseplants is a great way to start gardening, while enhancing the beauty of your home and creating an environment of health and well-being. This lecture will provide information on types of houseplants, growth requirements, identification and treatment of common diseases and pests, as well as ongoing maintenance tips. Whether you want a few special plants or an indoor oasis, this lecture will give you the tools you need.

George Volpe started gardening on the roof of his Queens apartment over 40 years ago, and increased his garden space and knowledge every time he moved. Today he tends more than a half-acre of gardens on land that once grew little more than poison ivy. George spent many years teaching a plant care education program to people with disabilities. He is a Master Gardener Volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Registration Form – 2019 Winter Lecture Series  Deadline to register is the Monday before each class
Please check desired sessions and send or drop off this form with payment to CCE Ulster County Attn: Master Gardener Program, 232 Plaza Road, Kingston, NY 12401.
Questions? Contact Dona at 845-340-3990 ext. 335 or email dm282@cornell.edu.

| Name________________________________________________     _____ Seed Starting     $15.00
| Phone _______________________________________________ _____  Composting     $15.00
| Email________________________________________________ _____ Houseplants     $15.00
| Address______________________________________________
| City__________________________ State ______ Zip_________ _____ All Three                   $40.00

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