in 2005, she became a Master Gardener Volunteer in the 1990s when she lived in Dutchess County. Mary Ann received her instruction from Darryl David in Ulster County with the first MGV group established there.

Mary Ann has a background in secondary science education and in business, is semi-retired, and only wishes there were two growing seasons here. Her favorite quote sums it up: “To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves.” —Gandhi

Session III

Vegetable Gardening 2019—JoAnn Concra

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Everything’s Coming up Roses—Abby Block Cash, Ph.D.

Abby Block Cash has been a MGV associated with CCE Columbia-Greene for 15 years, working in the Hudson office. She recently retired as an educator and Professor from the SUNY system. Although she loves annuals and perennials, trees and bushes, and has a variety of gardening interests, the specialty area where she has developed her strengths is roses. She has offered workshops on roses during yearly CCE Columbia-Greene Spring Gardening Day, given presentations to garden clubs and interested groups, and authored monthly articles on roses as part of the MGV Newsletter.

What’s Bugging You? —David Chinery

David Chinery is an educator with CCE Rensselaer County, where he serves as the horticulturist and Master Gardener coordinator. He earned a B.S. degree in Plant Science from Cook College, Rutgers University, and a M.S. degree in Landscape Horticulture from The Ohio State University. His research projects include work on overseeding turfgrass to reduce pesticide use, techniques to hasten grass seed germination and the use of iron as an herbicide.

Introducing to Composting—Frieda Pearce, Tammy Rusoff Hoen, Kathryn Schneider

Frieda Pearce is a Master Gardener through CCE Columbia-Greene. As her undergraduate minor was botany, she has always been interested in flora, however, her exposure centered around tropical and subtropical species. After many years of teaching chemistry, biochemistry and more recently continuing medical education, she has now reverted to discovering North American habitat its species and their maintenance. She has developed a passion for vegetable gardening, growing more varieties of vegetables and managing their viability without the use of pesticides and repellents. She divides her efforts between Columbia county and Queens County in New York.

Tammy Rusoff-Hoen was raised in Minnesota where she completed her Master’s Degree in social work and spent several years as a psychiatric social worker in Minneapolis’ county hospital. She is now living happily full time and in Ghent, NY. Tammy is entering her 5th year as a Master Gardener. Inspired by her husband Jonathan’s passion for gardening, she ultimately joined him as a Master Gardener. Conveniently, his interests focused on flowers, shrubs and trees while her interests -- health, nutrition and cooking -- were on growing edible plants in their garden. Tammy’s other interests include composting, soils, and landscape design using native plants.

Kathryn Schneider is a Master Gardener and professional ornithologist. Her birding career has included teaching college biology courses, managing a biodiversity inventory program, consulting for government agencies, and writing a book on the birds of the Hudson Valley. A committed conservationist, she is past President of the New York State Ornithological Association, a former member of the Columbia County Environmental Management Council, and a Columbia Land Conservancy volunteer.

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Reinventing Perennials—Robert Clyde Anderson
Robert Clyde Anderson is a garden designer, consultant and writer who found his way to the Hudson Valley after a New York City career in illustration and book design. A native of Louisiana and a lifelong gardener, he has designed and maintained gardens in Columbia County as well as working in area nurseries, most recently at Pondside Nursery in Hudson, NY for five years, and before that at Loomis Creek Nursery in Claverack, NY for eight years. Robert makes his home in Stuyvesant, NY where he maintains a two acre “laboratory” garden that includes shrub borders, a sunny terrace xeric garden, a shady wooded streamside area, a moist meadow area, a kitchen garden and a small flock of chickens.

Session II
The Versatile Herb—Sue Charbonneau
Sue Charbonneau’s introduction to herbs started back when she began growing a few as foundation plants around her newly acquired old house. She was seeking a replacement for the clipped yews that were formerly there and for something that at least looked a bit more historically accurate. At her current old house, herbs are included in the garden beds throughout the property and are often included in the dinner plans or in pass along bouquets. Sue is a Master Gardener Volunteer for CCE Columbia-Greene.

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After the Harvest: What to do with it All—Rebecca Polmater
Rebecca Polmater has a Master’s degree in Bio-medical Anthropology from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She is the current coordinator for the Nutrition, Parenting and Special Projects program area of CCE Columbia-Greene. She has been teaching nutrition education for nine years and has been the food preservation expert for two years.

Soil 101—Steve Hadcock
Steve Hadcock is Team Coordinator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Capital Area Agricultural and Horticulture Program. Steve provides education and technical assistance to agricultural entrepreneurs in a six county region in Eastern NY. He provides education on an individual and group basis to those interested in agricultural entrepreneurship and for those who have been farming for less than 10 years. Steve also educates and assists farmers to identify new marketing opportunities and determine their cost of production.

Designing your Front Yard—David Dew Bruner
David Dew Bruner has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and Fine Arts from LSU and a Masters of Landscape Architecture from University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is an award winning designer, having done many diverse projects such as historic restoration, park design and small scale residential work. He has shown his artwork nationally with commissioned work in many states. He has taught for the past 40 years at institutions such as Columbia University Graduate Program, New York Botanical Gardens and currently at the Berkshire Botanical Garden.

Sequence of Bloom—Mary Ann Iaccino
Growing up on a family owned and operated fruit farm, working side by side with her parents and family makes gardening ingrained in Mary Ann. She will never get tired of saying, “Yes, I grew that!” Gardening has always been something she loves to do and talk about. Mary Ann also enjoys gaining knowledge and making friends who share a passion for gardening. Before moving to Columbia County
What’s Bugging You? — David Chinery

We will take a look at a wide variety of insects which local gardeners may find attacking their plants in 2019. We’ll touch upon a wide variety of bad actors, including bugs, scales, mites, weevils and beetles, which feed on a wide spectrum of trees, shrubs, and flowering garden plants.

Gardening with Natives — Glenda Berman

Native plants are not only beautiful, but they are often more reliable and easier to maintain. Moreover, incorporating native plants into your landscape is a sure way to attract a greater diversity of birds and butterflies to your garden. This course will explore native plant selection and gardening practices with a particular emphasis on attracting and supporting birds and butterflies.

Introduction to Composting — Frieda Pearce, Tammy Rusoff Hoen, Kathryn Schneider

To gardeners, compost is black gold. Compost is generated from biodegradable waste. Amending your soil with compost improves your soil, provides nutrients, helps retain moisture, balances the pH, suppresses disease, and reduces the use of chemicals. In this course, we will cover the biochemistry of composting, what to put in the mix, types of bins, and how to avoid problems. Learn how to generate compost from kitchen scraps and yard waste and manage the process to create piles of this valuable material.

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Non-Stop Plants: A Garden for 365 Days
Expressions commonly heard each September like “the season’s almost over” don’t sit well with Margaret Roach. She has worked for more than 20 years to make her garden in the Hudson Valley-Berkshires area a visual treat every day of the year. Meet the plants and the philosophy that make it happen delivered with a dose of “horticultural how-to and woo-woo”.

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Guarding the Garden from Deer and Other Wildlife—Terese Golden
Wildlife plays an essential role in a balanced ecosystem. However, management of wildlife damage may be necessary when too many of a particular species create economic impacts or health/safety concerns. This session will provide suggestions to help you grow vegetables, flowers and other plants where deer, groundhogs and rabbits eat just about everything. Fencing, repellants and wildlife resistant plants will be discussed.

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Developments in ecology and environmental science over the last thirty years have revolutionized the way we think of using perennials in gardens and landscapes all over Europe and North America. Whether it’s called “The Dutch Wave”, “The New Perennial Movement”, “The New American Garden” or any number of other names, creative gardeners and designers have reinvigorated the use and appreciation of herbaceous plantings worldwide. This talk will present some historical context, an overview of the major concepts involved and an introduction to a few of the most innovative perennial planting designers working today.

Trees and Shrubs with Multi-Seasonal Interest—Randy Hing
The class will be a discussion and power point presentation focused on trees and shrubs, both native and non-native that can be integrated into zone 5 landscapes to add multi-season interest.

Session II:

The Versatile Herb—Sue Charbonneau
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.

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Everything’s Coming up Roses—Dr. Abbey Block
Consider creating 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 successfully maintaining healthy rose beds in Upstate New York. We will investigate frequently posed questions/facts/oddities, regarding roses. Together – we can conquer any problems!