

WHAT IS THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM?

The Master Gardener Program is a nationwide volunteer program that provides educational programs on horticulture topics.

Throughout New York State, Master Gardeners are trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening.

Master Gardeners are neighbors who teach their neighbors about such topics as:

- Landscaping
- Houseplants & Herbs
- Composting & Soils
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Plant diseases
- Birds
- Beneficial & harmful insects
- Integrated pest management
- Nuisance wildlife management
- And much more!

Master Gardeners are an integral component of a county's Extension program. The projects and functions carried out by Master Gardeners are based on the educational objectives of the local Extension initiatives.

In Genesee County Master Gardeners volunteer in the following ways:

- ◆ Staff the Consumer Helpline
- ◆ Work with community gardens
- ◆ Conduct gardening workshops
- ◆ Staff a booth at local Farmer's Markets
- ◆ Judge 4-H exhibits at the County Fair
- ◆ Host the Garden Gala and Harvest Gala
- ◆ Conduct Home Diagnostic Visits

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer? Contact Jan or Brandie to get on the class waiting list.

Garden Talk

FREE monthly garden series. We will hold a variety of topics on the 1st Thursday of the month (*except July*) February through November.

Bring your lunch and join us from 12:15pm to 12:45pm. Registration is not required.

April 4: Composting Basics

May 2: Hell Strip Plantings

June 6: Native Plants for Butterflies

August 1: Sensory Gardens

September 5: Growing Garlic

October 3: Autumn Décor Demo

November 7: Gardens of England

Questions: 585-343-3040 ext. 101

Location for all dates: Genesee County Cooperative Extension, 420 East Main St., Batavia, NY 14020



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For more information about this and other Cooperative Extension programs, please contact:

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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling Jan at 585-343-3040 x132 at least 5 days prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.

Genesee County Master Gardener



Catch the Gardening Bug Spring 2019 Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Genesee County



Spring 2019 Series "Catch the Gardening Bug"

Join the Master Gardeners for delicious desserts, coffee and tea.

Held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County, 420 East Main Street in Batavia from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Cost is \$10 per class (unless noted otherwise) & pre-registration is required. Class size is limited.



Registration

Register by completing the form below and mail a check payable to: **CCE of Genesee**

~OR~

Stop by the Extension office located at 420 East Main Street in Batavia to register and pay by cash or check.

2019 Catch the Gardening Bug Series

- Invaders Amongst Our Trees*
(March 26) **FREE**
- Awesome Plants for Shady Sites*
(April 4) **\$10.00**
- Kitchen Gardens*
(April 16) **\$10.00**
- Fun with Compost*
(April 25) **\$10.00**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

County: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please mail this registration form and check to:

CCE of Genesee County
Attn: Brandie Waite
420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020

Invaders Amongst Our Trees

Tuesday, March 26 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Get a DEC Foresters perspective on which invasive species are threatening our landscape trees and forests, from Emerald Ash Borer to Oak Wilt. We'll also talk about some new threats on the horizon.

Register by March 22. FREE



Awesome Plants for Shady Sites

Thursday, April 4 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Shade gardens can offer cool relief on hot, sunny days. While flowers offer flash, plants with attractive foliage offer season-long color. If you are looking for shade plants other than hostas and pachysandra, we'll show you a variety of awesome plants to add to your shady sites.

Register by March 29.

Kitchen Gardens

Tuesday, April 16 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Learn the history of what came to be known as Kitchen Gardens. Find out what settlers to "the New World", especially New York, planted in their kitchen gardens and why. Hands on activities to help you start thinking about how you would plant your own kitchen garden.

Register by April 12.

Fun with Compost

Thursday, April 25 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Has your compost pile got you down? We'll cover the basics of two ways that can turn your vegetable scraps into plant food; either by the traditional method of creating a pile outdoors or by using worms indoors.

Register by April 19.



Spring Garden Gala

Saturday, May 18, 2019

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Join the Genesee County Master Gardeners for their Spring Garden Gala! There will be a plant sale featuring indoor and outdoor plants, the majority of which are grown by Master Gardeners. We will also have a geranium sale and a Chance Basket Auction. Bring in a sample of your soil for FREE pH testing.

Plant Sale begins promptly at 10 am on the front lawn of the Cooperative Extension building, 420 East Main Street, Batavia. The Chance Basket Auction drawing starts at 12:30 pm.



Have a Gardening Question?

Ask a Master Gardener!

They may be reached by calling:

585-343-3040, ext. 127

Monday through Friday from 10 am until Noon; or stop in our office at: 420 East Main Street, Batavia.

They may also be contacted by e-mail at: **genesemg@hotmail.com**