



THE GARDENING THYMES

SPRING 2019

Message from the *Gardener General...*

Happy Spring to All!!!

I want to start this letter with a huge **Thank You** to all my grafting volunteers. With the initial 65 apple trees that we recently grafted, we have started a unique fundraising opportunity for our garden program. I hope this is something we can continue way into the future.

The garden has come a long way in the 10 years that I have been here at CCE Schuyler. From the Department of Health Grant that got us started to the volunteer base that tends the garden every day, we have grown to more than just a plant garden. Children now play in the very cool **Headstart Garden**, making mud pies and friends. Folks read books and sit in the shade of the overhanging grapes...maybe even reading *The Grapes of Wrath*! Lunch time is a unique experience, dining under the Kiwi arbor with a soft breeze blowing.

The garden is a true reflection of all the amazing things that our volunteers bring to it. It is a true labor of love. Thank you for all that you do!

Roger

COMING EVENTS!

INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENERS CONFERENCE

June 17-21, 2019
Valley Forge Casino
Resort,
Valley Forge, PA

Spring to do list in the CCESC Garden:

Clean-Up

Pruning

Mulching

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

CCE Schuyler County
323 Owego St #5
Montour Falls, NY 14865
607.535.7161

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International Master Gardeners Conference Update

In February Brett Chedzoy, Ag & Natural Resource Educator at CCE Schuyler, submitted a grant proposal to the South Tier Fund for Women on behalf of our Master Gardeners. Should we receive this grant, it will allow up to 4 of our Master Gardeners to attend this wonderful event in June. Grant recipients will be announced at the end of May. Stay tuned for further updates!

[2019 International Master Gardeners Conference](#)



CCE Vegetable Variety Trial Gardens

2019 Theme: New York State, New York Seed

The Vegetable Variety Trial Garden Project (VVTG) is for Cornell Cooperative Extension programs around NYS who are cultivating vegetable demonstration gardens. Our 2019 trial will highlight vegetables and other edibles grown from organic, locally adapted seed produced by Fruition Seed Company in Naples, NY. In addition to the 9-bed design, we'll offer two different 5-bed planting options (all 3 designs will include a pollinator bed).

CCESC is signed up to participate in this program and will be using the 9-bed design. Roger and several of our Master Gardeners will travel to Cornell on May 2nd to pick up our transplants and participate in a day of learning and garden tours. Lunch is included. For more information about the Vegetable Variety Trial click here: [2019 New York State, New York Seeds](#)



23rd Annual Gathering of Gardeners: “Millennial Garden: Savor, Sizzle & Shrub”

Saturday, April 27, 2019,

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

RIT Inn and Conference Center
5257 W. Henrietta Rd., Rochester,
NY 14467



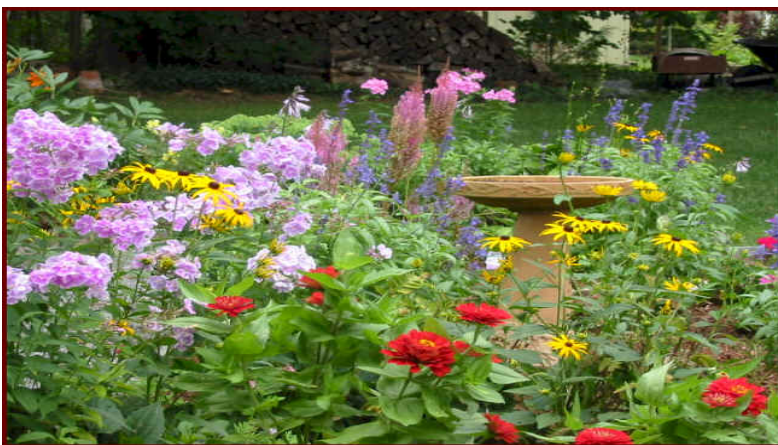
CCE-Monroe County Master Gardener Volunteers welcome you to attend the 23rd Annual “Gathering of Gardeners” symposium.

This year’s national speaker is Brie Arthur. Her talks include ‘The Foodscape Revolution & Perennial Combinations’ and ‘Sizzling Succulents.’

Local speaker Tim Boebel will talk about ‘Today’s Hydrangeas.’

A daylong plant sale in the adjoining parking lot features plant vendors selling unique and unusual plants. It is free and open to the public. In addition to the sale, symposium attendees can to bid on auction items.

Fee \$60 at the door day of the event



For more information:

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Cornell Master Gardener Volunteer Website:

For free access to Cornell's Master Gardener Program click [HERE](#)

Check out this extensive resource of program tools, garden guidance, lessons, and citizen science resources for Master Gardeners.

Reminder! Please don't forget to record your volunteer hours on the monthly sheet in the garden shed.

If you have fresh ideas for the garden, and would like to propose a workshop, work group, feature, or activity for the garden, please contact Roger Ort at (607) 535-7161 or rlo28@cornell.edu.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance!
We value our wonderful volunteers and Master Gardeners.

Benefits that Master Gardeners Bring to the Community

As a Master Gardener volunteer, you are expected to share the knowledge you gained in the training sessions with other gardeners in the community. You can do this by participating in a variety of ways. Every time you answer a gardening question from a friend, you extend the knowledge you have gained. The Cooperative Extension Horticulture Program offers many volunteer opportunities, or volunteers can design their own projects to benefit the community. Volunteer hours are flexible depending on interest and time available. Travel expenses are tax-deductible.

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