CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an educational program of Cornell University, which offers programs within Westchester County. Its mission is to disseminate research-based, factual, unbiased information to the general public. The Master Gardener Volunteer program provides extensive training to individuals who then donate their volunteer time in assisting Cooperative Extension to reach specific audiences.

Master Gardener Volunteers:
- Conduct The Home Gardening Lecture Series.
- Conduct 3 R’s - Weeks for homeowners.
- Provide a Speaker’s Bureau.
- Renovate and care for demonstration gardens at Hart’s Brook Park, John Jay Herb Garden, Lenoir Preserve, Muscoot Farm, Saw Mill Audubon Pruya Demonstration Garden, and historic Sherwood House.
- Write the weekly gardening column in The Journal News and articles for other media outlets.
- Staff information booths at farmers’ markets and public events.
- Mentor school gardens and educate youth about gardening.
- Provide education to community gardeners.
- Educate homeowners in proper gardening techniques through public programming.

Cover Photo: Bloodroot, Sanguinaria canadensis by Yvonne Lynn

Directions to Will Library, Yonkers Public Library, 1506 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
South on Sprain Brook Parkway to Tuckahoe Road East (2nd Tuckahoe exit). Take Tuckahoe Road to Central Park Avenue (Route 100). Turn right onto Central Park Avenue. Get in left lane to make U-Turn at traffic signal and a left into jug handle (additional parking here) to go North on Central Park Avenue. Will Library parking lot is on right (just past green sign that reads Tuckahoe Road).

Directions:
- St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church Parish House, 382 Cantitoe Road, Bedford, NY 10506
  From I-684 (North or South), take Exit 4. Turn onto Rte. 172 East towards Bedford. At the traffic light where Rte. 22 joins 172, turn left and continue to follow 22 North 2.7 miles through Bedford Village. Church will be on the right.
- Directions to Anthony Veteran Park, 11 Olympic Lane, Ardsley, NY 10502
  From the Saw Mill Parkway (N or S) take Exit 17 (Dobbs Ferry/ Ardsley). Turn East onto Ashford Avenue at light (left from N and right from S). Proceed two lights and turn left on Route 9A North. Next turn right onto Heatherdell Road. Continue approximately 1 mile and then turn left onto Olympic Lane. Go to Multipurpose Building (at top of hill).
- Directions to First Congregational Church, 210 Orchard Ridge Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
  From Saw Mill Parkway (N or S) take Chappaqua Exit 33 (Readers Digest Road). Follow uphill about ¼ mile to Route 117 (Bedford Road). Turn Right. Continue about ¾ mile, then turn right onto Orchard Ridge Road. Make an immediate right into church driveway.
- Directions to Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center, 299 North Highland Ave (Rte 9), Ossining, NY 10562
  From the center of the village of Ossining, take Rte. 9 (N. Highland Ave.) North approximately 1 mile. The entrance is on the left before Eagle Bay Condominiums.
- Directions to Catherine Ludden property, 1 Crosshill Road, Hartsdale, NY 10530
  From Route 287 (E or W), take Exit 4, Knollwood Road (Rte. NY100A). Head south approx. 1.8 mi. toward Hartsdale. Turn right at Ridge Road. Turn left in approx. 1.2 miles onto Topland Road. Turn right onto Crosshill Road. #1 is on the left.
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**2020 Home Gardening Lecture Series**

**ABCs of Rock Gardening**
Wednesday, January 29, 2020
10:00 AM-12:00 noon
Yonkers Will Library, Yonkers, NY 10710
Speaker: Michael Wilson

Michael Wilson will give us a slide presentation covering the successful culture of alpine plants in the New York/New Jersey area. Alpine ecology gives an understanding of native habitat, while building and maintaining explains growing alpine plants at low elevations. The Compendium of plants gives a list of plants that perform well.

Michael Wilson is the Horticultural Laboratory Technician for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County and is an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Studies at Ramapo College of NJ. Michael is a member of the North American Rock Garden Society and has served as chair and vice chair. He was responsible for the rock gardens at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum and also grows alpine plants at home.

**Climate Change and Hope**
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
10:00 AM-12:00 noon
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Parish House, Bedford, NY 10506
Speaker: Jack Kozuchowski

Jack Kozuchowski will discuss the challenge of climate change and weather in our area and their impacts on gardening. Jack is committed to educating the public about growing alpine plants at home.

Jack Kozuchowski received a BS degree from Syracuse University and a MS from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He is an accomplished speaker and author. Jack is a CCE Master Gardener Volunteer and has also volunteered at NYBG in the Family Garden. Ann Edmonds is the Horticultural Laboratory Coordinator at Chappaqua, NY 10514

**Rain Gardens**
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
10:00 AM-12:00 noon
First Congregational Church, Chappaqua, NY 10514
Speaker: Ann Edmonds

Ann Edmonds will show us how to transform an occasionally flooded space into a beautiful landscape. Rain gardens, only a few inches deep, hold water for just a day or so. Plants in a rain garden slow the rate of stormwater run off, reduce flooding, erosion and provide food and habitat for wildlife. This presentation will cover location, site preparation, appropriate plants and how to care for the rain garden.

Ann Edmonds is a CCE Master Gardener Volunteer who has also volunteered at NYBG in the Family Garden. Ann is a lifelong avid flower and vegetable gardener. She has extensively planted her own yard, a neighbor’s vegetable garden and a church flower garden. Ann volunteers at the CCE Vegetable Demonstration Garden at Hart’s Brook Park and Preserve in Hartsdale, NY.

**EDIBLE LANDSCAPE**
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
10:00 AM-12:00 noon
Mariandale Retreat & Conference Center, Ossining, NY 10562
Speaker: Amy Kesavan

Amy Kesavan presents edible landscaping and will transform the way you view and use your land. She emphasizes breaking from the traditional garden design which separates food and ornament plants. Amy demonstrates harnessing the beauty of edibles through seamless integration.

**Guided Tour of Catherine Ludden Garden**
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
10:00 AM-12:00 noon
Anthony Veteran Park, Greenburgh, NY 10502
Guides: Catherine Ludden

No-Walk Ins – 10:00 AM Arrival OR 11:00 AM Arrival

Catherine Ludden’s garden is a remarkable example of a property transitioning from exotics to natives. The challenging site has been transformed through hardscaping and design into a serene and charming property. There are shady and sunny areas, a rain garden, a collection of spring ephemerals and specimen trees. Most of the garden is level width easy access. A small hillside portion has steep paths.

Catherine Ludden is a knowledgeable and charming guide with an infectious enthusiasm for native plants. Catherine is on the board of the Native Plant Center at Westchester County College. By registering for this program I consent and authorize CCEWC permission to use my name, likeness, image, voice and/or appearance for inclusion in CCEWC publicity materials. I hereby release CCEWC and Cornell University from any and all liability, claims or causes of action. I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older.

**Directions to Venues See Reverse Side.**

*Landscape Architect Health, Safety and Welfare Credit Hours have been awarded. See registration form for details.

**Registration 2020 Home Gardening Lecture Series**

**Lecture** | **Cost** | **Total**
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**ABCs of Rock Gardening** | $18 | **Climate Change and Hope** | $18
**Rain Gardens** | $18
**EDIBLE LANDSCAPE** | **2.0 LA HSW CREDIT HRS.** | **SPRING FLOWERS: BEAUTY WITH A PURPOSE** | **2.0 LA HSW CREDIT HRS.**
**SELECT ONLY ONE/NO WALK-INS** | **1.0 LA HSW CREDIT HRS.**
**Guided Tour of Ludden Property** | **11AM ARRIVAL**
**Guided Tour of Ludden Property** | **10AM ARRIVAL**
**ENTIRE SERIES AT DISCOUNTED PRICE** | **$90**
**TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Walk-Ins $20 (space permitting)

Pre-registration must be accompanied by check and received at least one week prior to the lecture to receive the pre-registration price of $18.00. For further information, call 914-285-3590.

Make checks payable to: Cornell Cooperative Extension Westchester County. Mail to: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Attn.: Home Gardening Lecture Series, 3 West Main Street, Suite 112, Elmsford, NY 10523