

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 Rachel 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.

March 5: Soil Blocking for Starting Seeds

April 2: Get your Garden Ready for Spring

May 7: Common Gardening Mistakes

June 4: Spotted Lantern Fly

August 6: TBA

September 3: TBA

October 1: Easy Preserving

November 5: Tips for Growing Orchids

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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Batavia, NY 14020
Open weekdays, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

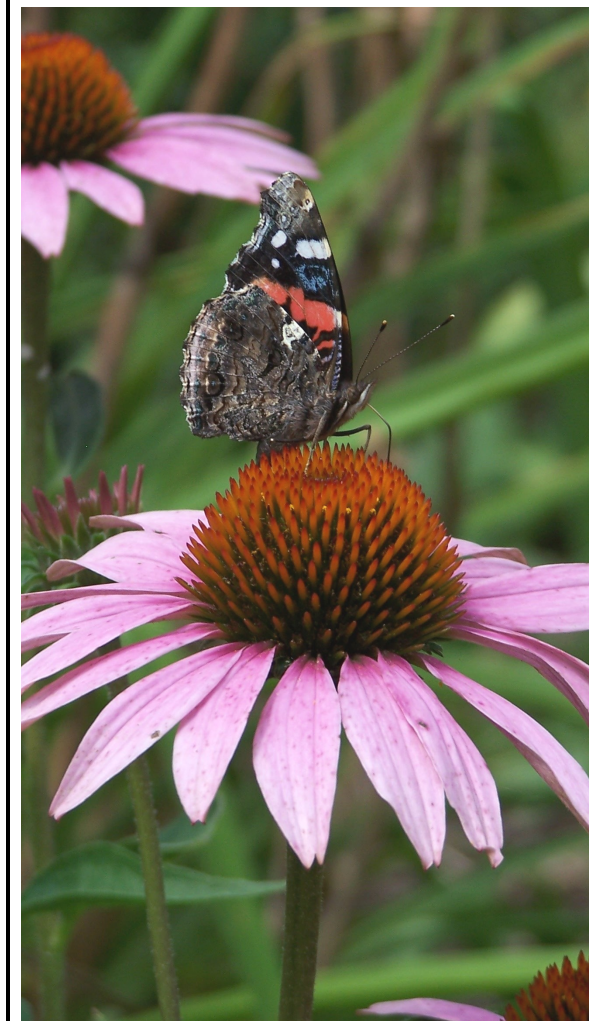
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Genesee County Master Gardener



Catch the Gardening Bug Spring 2020 Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Genesee County



Spring 2020 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.

2020 Catch the Gardening Bug Series

- ☐ *Seed Starting 101*
(March 31) **10.00**
- ☐ *Oh Canada!*
(April 7) **\$5.00**
- ☐ *Everybody Loves Hostas!*
(April 22) **\$10.00**
- ☐ *The Power of Flowers In Your Garden*
(April 29) **\$10.00**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

County: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please mail this registration form and check to:

CCE of Genesee County
Attn: Rachel Savinski
420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020

Seed Starting 101

Tuesday, March 31 - 6 to 8 pm.

Starting plants from seed is a great way for gardeners to take their hobby to the next level. There's something incredibly satisfying about seeing a plant blooming in your garden or harvesting a vegetable from a plant that you once held as a tiny seed in your hand. It also opens the door to thousands of new varieties that you may never find at the local nursery. Starting your own seeds can be intimidating, but with the right tools and timing, seed starting is remarkably fun and easy.

Register by March 25.



Oh Canada!

Tuesday, April 7 - 6 to 8 pm.

Come travel across Canada and enjoy a variety of their public gardens - tulips in the spring in Ottawa, summer in the prairies, fall in Vancouver and winter at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Ontario. Inspiration abounds!

Register by April 1.



Everybody Loves Hostas!

Wednesday, April 22 - 6 to 8 pm.

Hostas have lush foliage and are usually grown for their impact in the shade garden. Even better, these perennials are reliable, easy to grow and readily available. We will discuss the different types of hostas and how to best grow them; diseases, division and more. Lavish photos will show different hostas as well as ideas for landscaping. Be careful! What starts out as just one or two plants can quickly grow into a passion for collecting.

Register by April 15.



The Power of Flowers In Your Garden

Wednesday, April 29 - 6 to 8 pm.

Supporting pollinators is a key conversation point in the gardening community. Join the discussion on developing a garden rich in biological diversity that supports pollinators indigenous to our region. The presentation will look closely at key garden elements that support the birds, bees and butterflies that pollinate our gardens.

Register by April 22.



Spring Garden Gala

Saturday, May 16, 2020

10 am to 1 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:
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