



MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER 2025 TRAINING COURSE

AGENDA

APRIL - AUGUST 2025



TIME: VARIES- ZOOM & IN-PERSON

Registration Required

Course Fee: \$100

DATE & TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Wednesday, April 30th 6 - 8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6:30 Introductions in person & Brief Final Action Projects Explanation 6:30-7:30 - Community Gardens, Community and Volunteer Engagement, and Adult Learning 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Donna Alese Cooke, Cornell University Horticulture Specialist and Educator
Wednesday, May 7th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6:15 - Questions 6:15-7:30 Soil Health, Amendments, and Understanding Soil Analysis Reports 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Joseph Amsili, Soil Health Specialist with Cornell University
Saturday, May 10th 9am-1pm IN-PERSON CLASS (SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corning Community Garden Tour and Discussion. Site Assessments & Soils Workshop. Bring your own garden soil to evaluate pH. 	Stuart Sammis, Steuben MGV & Corning Community Gardens Manager
Wednesday, May 21st 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30 Setting up the Vegetable Garden- Planning for Success 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Steve Reiners, Vegetable Specialist with Cornell University
Saturday, June 7th 9 am – 1pm – IN-PERSON CLASS (SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seed starting and growing under lights Veg family sort Garden planning Community Food Pantry Garden- seed starting, TBD. 	TBD
Wednesday, June 11th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6:15 - Questions 6:15-7:30 Finger Lakes PRISM Invasive Plants – ID, removal, gardening, and impact on the environment. 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Samuel Beck-Anderson, Director of Invasive Species Program or other Invasive Educator/Coordinator
Saturday, June 28th 9 am – 12 pm – IN-PERSON CLASS (SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Botany, ID strategies Propagation Pests Exclusion 	Group Activities

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Schedule subject to changes. Emails will be sent with homework requirements as necessary.

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Wednesday, July 9th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-6:15 - Questions • 6:15-7:30 Pesticides & Safety – Addressing Pesticide Options as an MGV & How to Read Pesticide Labels • 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Dan Wixted & Michael Helms from the CCE Pesticide Safety Education Program
Wednesday, July 16th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30 Plant Pathology • 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Graduate students of Plant Pathology under Dr. Chris Smart, Cornell University
Saturday, July 26th 8am-1pm IN-PERSON CLASS (SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • @ CCE Bath Office 8-11 Insects, IPM and plant pathology examples • Travel to Site 11-11:30 • 11:30-1 pm Site Visit – Pest Scouting- how does a u-pick farm manage pest and deer damage. 	TBD
Saturday, August 9th 9am -12pm IN-PERSON CLASS (SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • @ MGV Tess McKinley’s Home • “The Art of Flower Gardening” - Tour • Colors and Design Considerations in landscaping & cut flower production. • Learn how to make a bouquet/centerpiece – selecting color, size, textures. 	Tess McKinley, Steuben MGV
Wednesday, August 13th – 5:30-8 pm In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-minute presentations of each person’s FINAL ACTION PROJECT • Completion Certificates 	Group Activities
Wednesday, August 20th 5:30-8 pm In-Person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-minute presentations of each person’s FINAL ACTION PROJECT • Completion Certificates <p>** 1 or 2 classes of final presentations will be held at the CCE Bath office depending on the number of students by the end of the course.</p>	Group Activities

