

CCE-Monroe is offering the following educational presentations.

The base rate for workshops (whether standalone or part of a series) will now be \$100.

[Click here](#) for Program Fee Structure. Partnering organizations are asked to register participants and email program reminders out to participants 24 hours prior to the start of the program.

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### **Gardening with Native Plants**

Gardening with native plants helps pollinators and other native species. The speaker will describe some of the other benefits of gardening with native plants. Native plants suggestions for sun, shade, wet and dry locations will be provided.

### **Invasive Plants in New York Gardens**

This presentation will cover what an invasive plants are, which invasives you are likely to find in your garden as weeds, how you can control them, NYS's regulations for invasive, and which common garden landscape pests are now considered invasive. It will also provide suggestions for replacing them with native plants.

### **Perennial Gardening**

This seminar covers the key considerations in planning and constructing a perennial garden. It also covers a historical perspective on perennial gardening.

### **Putting Your Garden to Bed**

A great garden starts with great soil! One way to maintain good health and high nutrient content of your soil is by adding garden compost. Composting is more than recycling garden waste or kitchen scraps – it's a way of creating a healthy environment for all organisms. Participants will learn good composting practices to help drive sustainability and production in their garden.

### **Basic Garden Designs**

Learn how to plan your garden from the ground up. You will learn how to recognize your own garden style and incorporate the elements to make it come to life.

### **Gardener's Favorite**

We will discuss some of the most popular vegetables from planting to harvest and how to grow them, their strength and weaknesses as well as ways of incorporating them into your seeding plan to maximize your harvest and your hard work.

### **Poisonous Plants in the Ornamental Garden**

You may be surprised to learn that many of our favorite ornamental garden plants are poisonous and some have fascinating histories. The speaker will provide common sense precautions to safely grow these plants in your garden.

### **Raised Bed Gardening**

This lecture will focus on the key steps to ensure a successful vegetable garden. We will also cover planting and harvesting techniques, the advantages of raised bed gardening and the top 10 vegetables for home gardening.

### **Herbs**

Freshly harvested herbs have better scents and flavors than those which can be purchased in stores and can be grown in practically any space. This presentation will cover growing conditions and ongoing care needed to produce home grown herbs.

### **Organic Gardening**

This is an interactive presentation designed to help you learn how to grow things naturally. Organic lawn care is also included.



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### **Small Space Gardening**

You can maximize your current space, no matter the size. Learn how to use every inch of space whether growing herbs, vegetables or flowers. Get suggestions for container plantings and DIY projects too.

### **All About Dahlias**

Dahlias are a beautiful addition to any garden, learn how to plant and select the right varieties for you.

### **Seed Starting**

Starting seeds is a rewarding late winter/early Spring activity for gardeners. We will cover ways to start your own vegetables, flowers and herb seeds.

### **Basics of Organic Composting**

A great garden starts with great soil! One way to maintain good health and high nutrient content in your soil is by adding compost. Composting is more than recycling yard waste or kitchen scraps – it's a way of creating a healthy environment for all organisms. Participants will learn good composting practices to help increase sustainability and production in their garden.

### **Rochester's Olmsted Parks**

This talk will present an introduction to the life and accomplishments of Frederick Law Olmsted, the pioneer of the modern urban park. We will first explore the history of urban parks, then move to the early life of Olmsted, leading to the creation of Central Park. Also covered is the major projects of Olmsted and the Olmsted firm, and the Rochester (now Monroe County) Park System, partially designed by Olmsted.

### **Pruning**

How to selectively remove unwanted branches, improve the tree's structure, and direct new, healthy growth.

### **Composting**

A presentation on what composting is, how to get started and maintain a compost pile at home, and the usefulness of amending your soil with compost.

### **Durand Eastman Park History**

In 1909, Durand Eastman Park was formally opened by the city of Rochester. The property had been donated by Dr. Henry Durand and George Eastman 2 years earlier. This talk covers the history of how the park came to be, the development of the property, and some of the primary specimens held in the Durand Eastman Arboretum within the park.

### **Companion Planting**

Different types of plants grown together or in close proximity can provide beneficial improvement on the growth of each other. Topics discussed will include space required, soil health, insect management and promotion of pollination.

### **Container Gardening**

Plants in containers can be grown where traditional gardens are not possible including balconies, small courtyards, decks, and areas with poor soil. Learn how to add instant color to the landscape and interest to outdoor living spaces. The ins and outs of choosing appropriate plants and containers will be discussed.

### **Gardening and Wellness**

This presentation discusses the benefits of gardens and gardening for physical and mental health. It addresses some ways in which one can connect with the environment by gardening or by accessing green spaces.

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## **10 Ways to Combat Climate Change in Your Own Yard**

Sometimes we can feel helpless against all of the changes brought on by climate change but with some small changes in our everyday lives, we can make an impact. Learn simple things that you can do today!

### **Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard**

Hummingbirds are little miracles with wings. They are fascinating and provide loads of enjoyment as you watch them out your window. Learn about hummingbird's essential needs and the plants that will lure them to your yard.

### **Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden**

Pollinators play an important role in native ecosystems, home gardens, and global food production. This presentation will discuss the wide range of pollinators active in our gardens and what gardeners can do to make their yard more attractive to pollinators. We will discuss a variety of native plants and provide a plant list.

### **House Plant Care**

Houseplants are all the craze. Learn how to choose the best plants for your environment and how to keep them happy and healthy.

### **Hydrangeas**

Everyone loves them but so many struggle with growing them. Learn about types for shade or sun and best growing practices to ensure blooms. Pruning for each variety will be explained as well.

## **Blocks in Bloom—**

### **An award-winning urban gardening initiative**

Since 2014 Rochester's own home-grown gardening initiative, Blocks in Bloom (BIB), has worked with over 80 blocks in lower income neighborhoods in Rochester. Using all donated materials, BIB provides each block with gardening mentors and all of the materials needed to start front yard perennial flower gardens. All labor is volunteer and all materials are donated by area gardeners and the City of Rochester. BIB has won awards from the National Horticultural Society and the Garden Club of America. Come find out about it and meet some of the people involved. You will also learn about opportunities to participate if interested.

### **Succulents**

Succulents are fun, easy to grow and care for, and can be enjoyed indoors and out. Find out how to use succulents throughout your home.

### **Creating a Bird Habitat in Your Backyard**

Would you like to encourage birds to make a home in your backyard? With just a little knowledge, time and effort, you can transform your yard into a beautiful bird sanctuary no matter the size of your property. Come learn how easy it is to add some colorful songbirds to your backyard.

### **Monarch Butterflies**

The population of Monarch butterflies has plummeted and there are concerns that they could become extinct. This presentation will discuss the fascinating life cycle of these insects, the multiple threats to their survival, and what upstate New York gardeners can do to help their survival.