

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration required.

Payment by check, cash, or money order: Complete the form inside this brochure and mail with payment to:

CCE Westchester County
3 West Main Street, Suite. 112
Elmsford, NY 10523
Attn: Home Garden Lecture Series

Checks can be made out to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County. Payment must be received at our office at least 10 days prior to the first lecture for full season virtual subscribers, or 10 days prior to individual lectures purchased separately.

PAYING BY CREDIT CARD: Please contact our office at 914-285-4640, 914-285-4620.

FULL SERIES SUBSCRIBER: Once we receive your registration and payment, you will receive email invitations from Zoom for all lectures, approximately a week prior to each lecture. Each lecture has a unique link and password.

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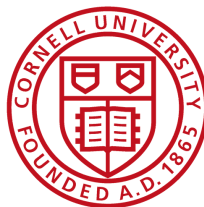
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Garden Tour Location:

Lasdon Park,
Arboretum & Veterans
Memorial
2610 Route 35,
Katonah, N.Y. 10536

Please use starred
area to park and meet
at on the day of the
event



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GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS

2026 Home Gardening Lecture Series, the ideal gift for the garden lover. With this gift certificate, you are not only honoring a special person but you are also supporting Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County.

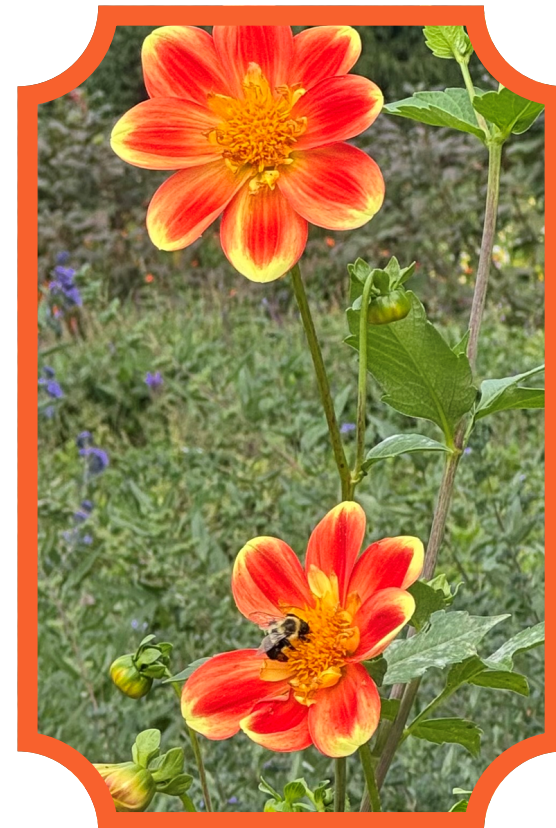
Recipients will receive access to the entire Home Gardening Lecture Series. Please see registration form on reverse side for payment options. Make checks payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County. The recipient will be sent a confirmation with your name listed as the giver. If you pay by check, your cancelled check is your receipt.

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.

No refunds on programs. The link to lectures is your confirmation. Participants needing special accommodations should contact our office at 914-285-4640, 914-285-4620, or westchester@cornell.edu at least one month prior to the program.

2026

HOME GARDENING WEBINAR LECTURE SERIES



Arranged by the Master Gardener
Volunteers of Cornell Cooperative
Extension Westchester County



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2026 LECTURE TOPICS

Seed Starting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

REMOTE ON ZOOM

Speaker: Gilda Forseter



Why purchase expensive plants from a garden center when you can start them from seeds for a fraction of the price, no greenhouse needed! Learn about the many benefits of seed starting and how to avoid the \$50 tomato.

Gilda Forseter is a Westchester CCE Master Gardener Volunteer. Since retiring from a 45 year career as a nurse and nurse practitioner she has had more time to focus on her garden of 25 years. She has been growing all of her vegetables and many of her flowers from seeds for the past 10 years.

The People-Plant Connection

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

REMOTE ON ZOOM

Speaker: Judy Rozanski



What are the relationships between humans and plants? Learn about the physiological, emotional and social impacts of plants on us as individuals and on our communities. You will come away with an understanding and appreciation for our longstanding connections to nature, our gardens, and green spaces.

Judy Rozanski is a Westchester CCE Master Gardener Volunteer. She pursued her interest in horticulture after retiring from teaching. She holds certificates from the New York Botanical Garden in Horticultural Therapy and in Gardening. Judy enjoys sharing her horticultural knowledge with others as a Master Gardener Volunteer.

Climate Anxiety: How to Help

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

REMOTE ON ZOOM

Speaker: Dr. Matthew Aiello-Lammens



This program explores climate anxiety, how it may impact gardeners, and how gardening can help us cope with uncertain times. It discusses adaptation through variable weather including droughts, floods, heavy rains, and changing frost dates while fostering hope and resilience.

Matt Aiello-Lammens is an Associate Professor in the Environmental Studies and Science department at Pace University. He has studied anthropogenic impacts on plant communities, risks associated with species declines, and factors leading to invasive species spread with an eye toward understanding and protecting northeastern forests. Matt Aiello-Lammens has BA in Physics, a PhD in Ecology and Evolution, and was a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Connecticut.

A Homeowner's Guide to Robot Mowers

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

REMOTE ON ZOOM

Speaker: Carl Schimenti



Autonomous mowers have rapidly advanced to market, making it difficult to keep up with the changes in technology and applicability. We will discuss the current landscape of autonomous mowers including the various technologies, price points, comparisons to traditional mowers, and what situations are most applicable for these units. Homeowners will walk away with a general understanding of how these units work, and if robot mowers are suitable for their home landscape.

Carl Schimenti is an Urban Environmental Scientist in the Turfgrass Science Research Unit at Cornell University. He has worked on reduced-risk turfgrass management of NY State Park golf courses through judicious use of pesticides, nutrients, and water, and now focuses on data-driven management to maximize ecosystem service value of urban green spaces.

Structural Defensive Gardening

Wednesday, May 13, 2025

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

REMOTE ON ZOOM

Speaker: Lou Petralia



This program covers a survey of practical techniques and strategies to protect your garden from varmints, large and small. It will cover simple, common-sense methods to critter proof your vegetable garden, your flowers, shrubs and fruit trees, without major expense or special skills, and without chemicals!

Louis Petralia is a Westchester CCE Master Gardener Volunteer, as well as an attorney, teacher and lawn enthusiast. As a CCE Master Gardener Volunteer, he spends his time working the Demonstration Garden at Hart's Brook Park and Preserve in Hartsdale, NY.

Garden Tours

Wednesday June 17, 2026

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial

RAIN OR SHINE

Guide: Jessica Schuler, Director



Take a walk around the beautiful gardens and see what's in bloom with Jessica Schuler, the Director of Lasdon Park!

No-Walk Ins – **10:00 AM** Arrival **OR** **11:15 AM** Arrival
Carpooling is suggested. Please see navigation instructions on reverse side.

PLEASE NOTE: Tours are popular and fill up quickly. First come, first served. Please feel free to contact our office at 914-285-4640, 914-285-4620 or westchester@cornell.edu regarding availability.