

MASTER GARDENER SPEAKERS BUREAU

Adaptive Gardening

This talk will cover challenges of gardening with physical limitations and adaptive methods and helpful strategies for the gardener to continue gardening as a lifelong pleasure.

Attracting Pollinators/Beneficial Insects

Ever wonder about the beneficial insects that exist in your backyard and what you can do to "boost" the beneficial habitat in your garden? Invite good bugs and manage the bad bugs through environmentally friendly means.

Gardening for Butterflies and Hummingbirds

Bring Butterflies and Hummingbirds to your yard by knowing and growing their favorite nectar plants. Learn about many of our northeastern butterflies and host plants to grow for each of them to thrive and reproduce. Discover some beautiful native trees, shrubs, vines and perennial flowers that can make your yard and garden into a butterfly/hummingbird habitat.

Beekeeping in Westchester

Discover the fundamentals of beekeeping, the status of honeybees in our bioregion, and steps you can take to understand this complex, awesome, and important pollinator. Learn how beekeeping methods must also include an understanding of the land and honeybees as one, and that the reward of providing for their health is harvesting golden, sweet honey.

Flowering Natives in the Landscape

This presentation will demonstrate the basic principles of design, using native flowering plants to beautify your world and help local pollinators to thrive. Principles of design that give gardens structure and beauty will be discussed with examples that can fit into almost any garden style.

The New Country Garden--Birds, Bees, and Beautiful Native Plants

Learn about environmentally sound landscaping and gardening by including New York native plants and excluding invasive plants. Help to support a diversity of wildlife and create a garden that is in visual harmony with its surroundings. Discover some beautiful and hardy native plants for your yard and garden.

Composting at Home

Whether you live in an apartment or on 20 acres, you can make useful compost for soil amendment or as a growing medium while removing food scraps and other organic materials from the waste stream. Learn about composting in the context of climate change and how individuals can make a difference.

Container Gardening

No space for an in-ground garden? Would you like seasonal color but have terrible soil conditions? Do you like to change things up in the landscape? You can do this and more with moveable containers and window boxes. This presentation will cover the basics of successful container plantings, including plant and container selections, appropriate potting mixes, various types of arrangements and how to care for the finished plantings and containers.

Seasonal Container Gardening

Would you like to add interest or seasonal color to the landscape? No space for an in-ground garden or terrible soil conditions on your site? You can solve these problems and more with moveable containers. This presentation will cover the basics of successful container plantings, including plant and container selections, appropriate potting mixes, various types of arrangements and how to care for the finished plantings and containers.

Developing a Green Thumb

A discussion of the speaker's experiences teaching in school gardens, helping children and adults make connections to the earth and pollinators. This presentation aims to increase understanding of how our food supply is created, how fresh food can be delicious and how the community can support school gardens.

Edible Landscaping

Adding edible plants to perennial borders can be fun! This is a wonderful way to add color, texture, and have tasty nutritious food to harvest throughout the season. This presentation will discuss the benefits, timing, and which kinds of plants lend themselves well to edible landscaping.

Landscape Garden Design

What should you know about the creation of landscape gardens? Planning, design, site conditions, budgeting and scheduling, and the aesthetics of gardens will be discussed. Learn tips for the purpose, style, and location, plus the art of working with plant form, texture, color, and selection, keeping in mind ongoing maintenance requirements. This presentation strives to inspire home gardeners to manage their gardens in a planned and cost-efficient process to achieve their desired vision.

Gardening Challenges and Opportunities

In development, working information: Encompasses garden design, plant combinations and general information including when to plant for optimum success, touch on the need for all to consider adjusting current practices for changing weather patterns as well as consider pollinator plants, etc. A gardening program that is positive while including techniques that would be helpful in countering possible difficulties that might occur. The climate portion should be easy to approach by focusing on practices to consider for personal gardens

Gardening in Small Spaces

Do you live in an apartment, have a postage-stamp sized yard, or deal with another limited space for growing a garden? Explore how to maximize gardening in a small space, whether suburban or urban. This talk covers topics including valuable tips and techniques for planting a terrace, patio, containers, or other small area. Learn how to choose appropriate plants, including flowering annuals, perennials, and vegetables for the site.

Getting the Garden Ready or Preparing for Winter

What to do to ready the flower and/or vegetable garden.

Landscaping with Natives

Following the basic principles of design, native gardens beautify your world and also your local pollinators' world! We will review the principles of design that give gardens structure and beauty. We will also cover native plants that can fit into most any garden style.

Meadow Gardening for Birds and Pollinators

Learn how to create a meadow garden for birds, bees and a diversity of wildlife by growing beautiful, hardy grasses and native plants. Learn which species thrive in a variety of conditions, their benefits for the environment and cultural tips for growing them with success.

Preparing the Garden for Spring

Get ready to grow a flower and/or vegetable garden with confidence. Learn how to plan what to grow, when to plant, how to prepare the soil, and tips for care in growing a healthy and rewarding garden.

The Art of Pruning

Learn proper hand pruning techniques for shrubs and small ornamental trees to improve and maintain plant health, aesthetic beauty, flower and fruit production. Specialty pruning techniques will be discussed.

Rain Gardens

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 runoff, help to 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.

Queen of the Garden - The Tomato

One goal of every vegetable gardener is to grow the best tomato! Learn about its history, heirloom vs. hybrids, determinate vs. indeterminate, and how to get the best produce from your garden.

Seed Saving

By saving seed, you can preserve and increase your stock of heirloom vegetables and other special varieties that are not readily available in commerce... or develop your own!

Seed Starting

Growing your own transplants from seed has many advantages. Learn how to start in a small way for big results.

The People Plant Connection

Exploring the deep relationship between plants and humans; the emotional, social, and physiological impact of plants on us as individuals and our communities

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CCE Westchester is aware of the environmental changes that climate change and intense weather events have brought over the years. This has not only affected us at a national level but locally, within our communities.

The increased awareness in sustainable gardening practices and stewardship has allowed us to refocus our efforts to meet the interests and needs of gardeners of this county.

It is the goal of CCE to educate the public so that together we can build strong and vibrant communities.

Need a Great Speaker?

Master Gardener Volunteers are active, knowledgeable, and passionate gardeners in Westchester County who give presentations on a wide range of gardening subjects. These enthusiastic women and men are inspiring.

The presentations are approximately **45 to 60 minutes long with an additional 15 minutes** allotted for questions and contributions from the audience. Many of our speakers use digital images via laptop computers for their talks, in which case a digital projector will be necessary. These details will be confirmed by the speaker prior to the presentation.

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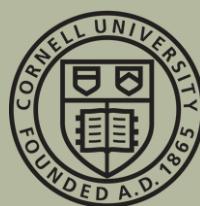
PLEASE CONTACT CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AT WESTCHESTER@CORNELL.EDU OR 914-285-4640. THE SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR WILL FOLLOW UP. PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS SPEAK IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY ONLY. WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

A FEE OF \$250.00 PER PRESENTATION HELPS US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION OF PUBLIC OUTREACH IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY. TO CONFIRM A SPEAKER, A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (EXCEPT FOR WEATHER EMERGENCY) OF \$75.00 IS REQUIRED. REQUESTS FOR RESCHEDULING IN THE CASE OF CANCELLATION WILL BE GRANTED AT THE DISCRETION OF CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Don't see your topic of interest listed?

We are happy to tailor presentations to meet the needs of your audience.

Please Note: Westchester County CCE volunteer schedules fill up fast; especially in the spring. We generally work with several months' lead time for our involvement, but will accommodate other requests if possible. Six months' lead time is customary. Are you interested in a topic not listed? We may design and present lectures to address specific garden issues. Inquire early: extra time is required for custom presentations.

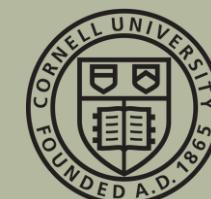


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