Greetings!
We hope you are enjoying reading the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) E-News. CCEDC staff are busy planning activities and conducting program outreach. Look for CCEDC educators and volunteers at local community days, farmers markets and other events throughout Dutchess County. To learn more about CCEDC opportunities please visit our website and Facebook page.

About Us
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, a subordinate governmental agency associated with Cornell University and its land-grant mission since 1869, provides research-based resources, tools and education for the residents and officials of Dutchess County. Our four program areas "Help People Help Themselves" through education on:

- Agriculture & Horticulture
- Environment & Energy
- Family & Consumer Education
- 4-H Youth Development

Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP)
May 3, 2014. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - The Farm and Home Center, Millbrook

Family & Consumer Education Program
The Relatives As Parents Program (RAPP) is providing a Safety Awareness Day for relatives raising children. This training is designed to prepare kinship families for emergency situations. Adults and youth (ages 12 and up) will receive CPR/First Aid/AED training and certification approved by the American Heart Association and youth (ages 5 - 11) will learn emergency preparedness and environmental education with assistance from the CCEDC No Child Left Inside teens and 4-H Youth Development staff. The program is free of charge to grandparents and other relatives raising children. Advance registration is required. Lunch and beverages will be provided for all program participants. For more information contact (845) 677-8223, ext. 137, nm62@cornell.edu, or click here.

4-H Green Teen
June 14, 2014. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Tito Santanas and Zora Dora's, Beacon
4-H Youth Development Program

The Green Teen Community Gardening Program in Beacon has much to celebrate this year. Started in 2004, they have 10 years of good work growing plants and teens under their belt. They are also celebrating starting a new Green Teen garden. On Saturday, June 14th the teens will be hosting a garden opening event at Tito Santanas to kick off the new Common Greens Garden. After the garden opening event the celebration will move two blocks up Main Street to Zora Dora's. There the public will enjoy delicious popsicles while looking at the Spring Crew’s Photography Project. Each year the teens choose a food system related topic to photograph and write about. Please come and see the food system through the eyes of these eight teenagers. For more information about this event or the 4-H Green Teen program contact Helanna at 845-831-4287, hgb4@cornell.edu or click here.

Bioenergy and Bioproducts Education Programs

July 28, 2014 - August 1, 2014. Time TBA - The Farm and Home Center, Millbrook

Environment & Energy Program

The Environment & Energy program is accepting applications from educators in the region (middle school to college level), for a one-week teacher workshop to be held July 28 - August 1, 2014 at the Farm & Home Center in Millbrook, NY. The Bioenergy and Bioproducts Education Programs feature guest speakers, classroom-ready and relevant lab exercises, and field trips to be held during this week-long, free, USDA-sponsored event, which prepares teachers about aspects of renewable energy to convey to their students. The program is fully funded through the USDA, and also includes a $300 stipend. Please call or email Program Leader, Zywia Wojnar, at 845-677-8223, x 130 or zw295@cornell.edu with questions.

2014 Master Gardener Volunteer Training
September 3, 2014. The Farm and Home Center, Millbrook

Agriculture & Horticulture Program

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County is accepting applications for Master Gardener Volunteer training. Training begins September 3, 2014. Volunteers are given in-depth training on a wide variety of horticulture topics. Upon successful completion of the training program, graduates volunteer 100 hours over a two year period staffing our horticulture diagnostic lab and working on community projects. Candidates must have a basic knowledge of gardening, a flexible schedule, be a Dutchess County resident and at least 18 years old. Master Gardener volunteers share the knowledge they have gained with the community. Enrich your life by learning more and meeting others who share your love of gardening! For more information and application call Nancy Halas at 845-677-8223, x 115 or nh26@cornell.edu. Class is limited to 25.

The Master Gardener Plant Sale will be on May 16 and 17th at The Farm and Home Center. A list of the annuals, herbs and perennials is available by clicking here. Proceeds from this event are used to fund the Master Gardener Volunteer program.

2nd Annual CCEDC Chicken BBQ

September 20, 2014. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - The Farm and Home Center, Millbrook

Save the date for a mouth watering way to support CCEDC! BBQ chicken and side dishes will be catered by Fireside BBQ & Grill. An event not to be missed! More information to follow.

Through quality educational programs, Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County builds strong, healthy youth, adults, families and communities while enhancing the economic, social, agricultural and natural resources of Dutchess County.

Sincerely,

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The programs provided by this agency are partially funded by monies received from the County of Dutchess. Please contact the CCEDC office if you have any special needs.