



The next Master Gardener Training session will take place:

September 2012 - February 2013

2-3 Thursdays each month
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Extension Education Center
10 Patriot Hills Drive
Stony Point, NY 10980

For more information,
call Donna Alese Cooke
(845) 429-7085, ext. 108
or email at
dmc72@cornell.edu.

The fee of \$250 includes a binder filled with horticultural resources from Cornell University and an electronic version of the Master Gardener Training Manual.

Optional:

There is an additional \$50 print charge for students requesting a hard copy of the 500 page Master Gardener Training Manual.



About Cornell University Cooperative Extension

Cooperative Extension was created in 1914 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to "extend" the research from the landgrant university in each state to the people of that state. Today we are one of 57 county Extension Education Centers in New York State – all linked to Cornell University.

Our mission is to help people improve their lives and communities through educational partnerships that put research, knowledge and practical experience to work. We address current issues facing Rockland residents, focusing on the environment and community, youth and family development. Our information and advice is factual and unbiased.

Hours of Operation:

8³⁰ AM - 5⁰⁰ PM, MONDAY - THURSDAY
8³⁰ AM - 2³⁰ PM, FRIDAYS

Horticultural Diagnostic Lab:

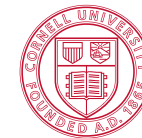
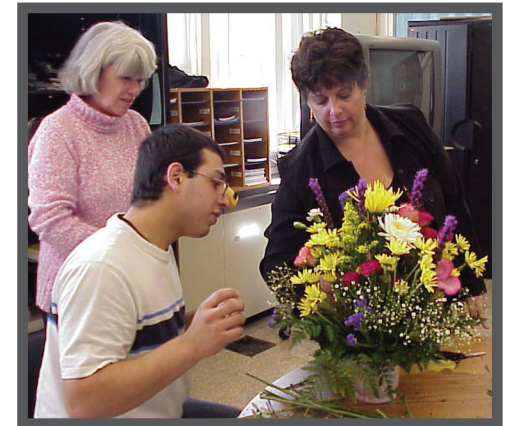
Summer Hours

9⁰⁰ AM - 2⁰⁰ PM, MONDAY - THURSDAY

Winter Hours

9⁰⁰ AM - 12⁰⁰ PM, MONDAY - THURSDAY

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners

If you would like to help improve the environment and natural beauty of your community and you enjoy sharing your knowledge/expertise with others gardening, then consider becoming a Master Gardener volunteer!

What is the Master Gardener Program?

The Master Gardener Program is a nationwide educational program, and in New York State, consists of a corps of volunteers who are trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening.

Master Gardeners are volunteers from the community who enjoy gardening, and use their horticultural skills and expertise to educate others. In return for their training, Master Gardeners donate their time teaching the community about gardening and the environment. Each volunteer agrees to give back 100 hours of service over a two-year period, and then continue in the program as a certified Master Gardener.

For further information about the Master Gardener program or any of the programs listed please contact
Donna Alese Cooke,
Community Horticulture Educator, at
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Master Gardener activities include:

- Teaching gardening to children, adults, educators and community groups
- Working with schools in after-school programs and school gardens
- Offering lectures and workshops at libraries, schools and in the community
- Answering horticultural inquiries and assisting in the Horticultural Diagnostic Lab
- Writing articles about gardening
- Creating and staffing horticultural booths at shows and fairs
- Providing advice to the public at farmer's markets, garden centers and other venues
- Community improvement and beautification projects
- Horticultural therapy at local health care facilities
- Increasing awareness of integrated pest management, water quality and conservation and other environmental issues

Neighbors teaching neighbors about:

Container Gardening
Gardening with Children
Landscape & Garden Design
Lawn Care
Native Plants
Vegetables & Fruits
Herbs
Houseplants
Plant Diseases
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
Wildlife Management
Attracting Birds, Butterflies & Beneficial Insects
Composting
Organic Gardening
Water Conservation
And much, much more



What are the qualifications to become a Master Gardener?

- A basic **interest and knowledge** about landscape and gardening
- **Enthusiasm** for acquiring and sharing horticultural knowledge and skills
- Interest in **teaching** others
- Ability to **communicate** verbally and in writing
- **Understanding** of Cornell Cooperative Extension's educational mission
- **Flexible time schedule** to allow participation in the program
- **Willingness to volunteer** time on horticultural projects and to help meet the goals of the county's Cornell Cooperative Extension Program.

Being a Master Gardener is both a rewarding and gratifying experience. Master Gardeners add beauty and knowledge to the many lives they touch.