



Our Master Gardeners Come to YOU!

Looking for a Speaker or Program?

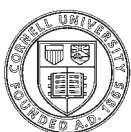
Your club, community group or organization will enjoy our lively and informative Speakers' Bureau presentations.

Master Gardener Volunteers are available upon request to speak to your group. Our Speakers' Bureau presenters are a part of Cornell Cooperative Extension's outreach programs for the citizens of Orange County.

A team of enthusiastic Master Gardener Volunteers drives our high profile Community Horticulture Program. Dedicated to serve the community, these men and women contribute to the various activities, projects and lectures that are given throughout the county year round. Our volunteers provide accurate, thorough and timely educational programs on a variety of gardening and environmental issues.

Browse through our extensive list of exciting topics. These can be tailored to meet the needs of your group.

Call us today at 845-344-1234 to reserve a date, time and to discuss your specific requirements.



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Choose From an Exciting Selection of Speakers' Bureau Topics:



Beyond the Garden Gate: Moss, Myths & Mystery

An entertaining introduction to moss and moss gardening around the world. It is the new lawn alternative, deer resistant and Mother Nature's gift to us. Slide presentation.

Starting from Seed

Demystify the seed starting process with the "Top Ten Tips" for starting seeds in the northeast. Learn how to store seed, check germination, proper watering techniques, light requirements, when to schedule seed saving and much more. Suitable for winter or spring.

Organic Gardening

Join us for an introduction into the world of organic gardening. Learn to replace synthetic fertilizers and pesticides with environmentally sound gardening principles. Think of your garden as a part of an eco-system that includes soil, plants, water, wildlife, insects and even people. As an organic gardener you will minimize conflicts with nature and replenish the resources your garden uses. Learn about what kinds of gardens to plant, soil and organic matter, compost, mulch, managing insect pests and plant diseases, weed prevention and control, and much more. Suitable year-round. Slide/Lecture Presentation

Xeriscaping: Creating a Low-Maintenance, Water-Wise Landscape

Want your garden to thrive in spite of summer drought and the ravages of a dry, windy winter? Take a look at some tough and hardy perennials. Many are long blooming and can be seen both solo and in combination with other drought-resistant plants for all season color, texture and form. Suitable year-round. Slide/Lecture Presentation

Composting

Learn the basics of composting. A Master Gardener shows you how via slides and lecture. Watch how your garbage volume decreases, while your garden grows more healthier than ever. Slide/Lecture Presentation

Attracting Birds to the Garden (Bird Habitat)

As Orange County becomes more urban, birds can provide a welcome link back to nature. Learn how to identify birds of the Northeast with a colorful slide show. Explore the types of food, feeders, and natural plantings that will make your yard into a haven as lovely for you as it is for the birds. Suitable year-round. Slide/Lecture Presentation

Attracting Butterflies & Beneficial Insects to the Garden

This lecture and slide presentation teaches you the tricks and facts about enticing butterflies and beneficial insects to your garden. Learn what to plant, where to plant and why to plant it! Beautiful visuals make this program entertaining and informative. Suitable year-round. Children's version also available. Slide/Lecture Presentation.

Planning & Planting Your Herb Garden

A step by step lecture and slide presentation designed to take the audience through the stages of planning an herb garden. Learn what herbs to plant for aesthetics, which are treasured for kitchen use as culinary delights and in folklore tales for hundreds of years. Suitable year-round. Slide/Lecture Presentation

Lovely Lavender & Other Useful Herbs

Discover all the wonderful uses of lavender and herbs in this lively and informative talk. Culinary, historical and craft ideas are presented and demonstrated. Don't be surprised if lavender cookies are a part of this orientation. Suitable for spring, summer and fall. Slide/Lecture presentation.

A Flower Arranger's Garden

Learn how to plan and design a garden full of gorgeous flowers suitable for cutting and arranging. Master Gardeners will demonstrate the proper techniques of conditioning cut garden flowers for optimum vase life. Learn the principles of floral design and how to create vase arrangements and other designs fresh from your garden. Slide/Demonstration. Suitable year-round.

Planting Trees and Shrubs Successfully

Choosing Trees and Shrubs to match site and soil conditions is an important part of successful landscape planning. Tailored specifically for our Orange County landscape, you will walk away with countless ideas and a plant list of disease and insect resistant trees and shrubs. Suitable year-round. PowerPoint/Lecture Presentation

Pruning 101

Learn how to jump start your plants into flower and fruit production, halt disease, and minimize damage with proper pruning and maintenance techniques. Master Gardeners will take you step by step through the process. Suitable year-round. PowerPoint/Lecture Presentation

Shade Gardening

One of the most commonly asked questions is: "What can I plant in the shade?" With this lecture and presentation, you will see the myriad of choices that are available. Suitable year-round. PowerPoint/Lecture Presentation

Gardening WithOUT Deer

Deer are eating voraciously. As their numbers increase, homeowners are finding it challenging to keep plants safe year round. Protect your home landscape investment by learning how to use fencing, repellents and plant selection as feasible options. Suitable year-round. PowerPoint/Lecture Presentation

Water Gardening: Establishing and Maintaining a Water Feature

Whether you want a tub water garden or a small pond, let us help you get started. Learn how to maintain your water feature and keep away predators, while inviting wildlife to your garden. Suitable year-round. PowerPoint/Lecture Presentation

Ornamental Native Plants

There are many native plants which have outstanding ornamental value for your yard. Native plants are adapted to the local soil, rainfall, temperature conditions and have developed natural defenses to withstand many insects and diseases. This talk will explain the benefits of using natives along with photos of each. Powerpoint presentation.

Reminiscence in Bloom

This interactive, hands-on, award-winning program is designed especially for seniors, nursing home residents and handicapped persons. Master Gardeners bring beautiful flowers, fruits and plants for participants to not only look at, but also to feel, smell and sometimes to taste. Master Gardeners discuss plant histories and relate personal stories about their own gardening experiences, encouraging participants to share their personal gardening stories. A Garden Party experience of beauty and meaningful recollections is created and enjoyed by all.

Spring Flowering Bulbs

Fall is the time to plant hardy spring-flowering bulbs. Explore the different types available for your garden and how to plant and maintain them after blooming. Learn how to create bulb combinations and which bulbs are deer resistant.

Orchidelirium

Would you like to grow orchids but don't know where to begin? Many orchids are easy to grow in the average home. Learn about the many varieties of orchids and how to care for them in a home environment including watering, light, growing medium and fertilization. Identify pests and diseases common to orchids and how to keep them healthy. Learn how to divide and repot these beauties so you can share with friends and family. PowerPoint presentation.

Good Bugs/Bad Bugs - Children's version

Explore the world of bugs. Learn to identify which bugs are beneficial for the environment and which are not so good. Includes some interactive role playing.

Invasive Plants

Invasive non-native plants are a threat to our native ecology, causing habitat destruction for our native plants and animals. Learn what makes a plant invasive, which plants are invasive and strategies to get rid of invasive plants in your garden. PowerPoint presentation.



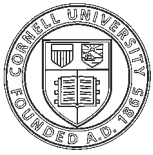


Planning Your Master Gardener Volunteer Presentation

- ◆ We ask that the group size be a minimum of 10 people. There is a fee of \$50.00 per presentation.
- ◆ The organizer of the event just has to fill out the form inside this brochure! Send or fax (to 845-343-7471) the completed and signed form at least four weeks before the desired event date. First come, first-served . . . so please don't delay! Please include directions to the place where the event is being held.

**For Further Information
on our Speakers' Bureau, or
to Schedule a Presentation,
Please call Debbie Lester,
Community Horticulture
Educator at 845-344-1234.**





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Master Gardener Volunteer Speakers' Bureau Confirmation Form

Please fill out this form completely and return to

Debbie Lester, Community Horticulture Educator
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Presentation Subject:

Lecture Title (*from brochure*): _____

Ask a Master Gardener Clinic

Other: _____

Speaker Assigned: _____

Presentation Location: _____

Address: _____

Phone at above address: _____

Contact Person(s) at this location: _____

Detailed Directions (attach separate sheet if necessary): _____

Presentation Details:

Date: _____ Starting Time: _____ Duration: _____

Number expected to attend: _____

Note: a minimum of 10 people required. We will contact you the day prior to the event to confirm the number attending.

For long-term projects, enter an estimated start-date of project. (Month) _____ (Year) _____

Items to be Provided by Client: Screen or White Wall Table Chairs Extension Cord

Other _____

Items to be Provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension:

All items (Slides, demonstration material, handouts, evaluations) supplied by Cornell Cooperative Extension and its Master Gardener Volunteers will remain their property unless otherwise stated.

Publicity:

In order that this Master Gardener Presentation reach as much of the community as possible, the following publicity opportunities are suggested (*mentioning Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program, type of event to be offered, date & time of event*):

_____ *Contact Name for Publicity*

_____ *Daytime Phone Number*

Newspaper Ad

In-Store Announcements

Mailings

Other _____

Fee: *Master Gardener Volunteers charge a \$50 fee per presentation, payable to CCE Orange County.*

To confirm this agreement, please provide the following information and sign:

_____ *Contact Name (please print)*

_____ *Official's Name (please print)*

_____ *Organization Name*

_____ *Mailing Address*

_____ *City*

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_____ *Cornell Coop. Ext. Representative Signature*

_____ *Date*

_____ *Official's Signature*

_____ *Date*

Photos may be taken at this event for promotional purposes. I hereby give permission to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County to use any photos, video, or sketches taken during this event for publicity advertising, and/or promotional purposes.

Signature

Date