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Extension Master Gardeners Receive Recognition

At their March meeting, CCE Otsego County Master Gardeners were awarded Recognition Certificates for years served as well as Service Pins indicating hours volunteered. Earning awards were Stan Wiggin (16 years, over 700 hours); Elaine Nahman (13 years, over 700 hours); Joan Rielly (13 years, 350-700 hours); Susan Jones (10 years, 70-350 hours); Anne Geddes-Atwell, MaryLou Parker (7 years 70-350 hours); Donna Rafaelson (6 years, 70-350 hours); Rae Consigli, Bob Consigli (5 years, 70-350 hours); Wanda Jagocki (3 years, 350-700 hours); Susan Blass, Annette MacLeod, Nancy McMullen (3 years, 70-350 hours); Katherine Koch, Nancy Iversen, Frank Stevens, Marie Oppel, Barbara Petersen (1 year 70-350 hours) Sarah Wilcox (3 years, 50-70 hours); Lucia Phillips, Bruce Phillips, Patricia Graig-Tiso, Dianne Dirig, Susan Burdsall (1 year, 50-70 hours).

CCE Otsego County thanks these dedicated volunteers for their service to Cooperative Extension and to their community.

The Cornell University Master Gardener Program is a public service program that provides training to volunteers for the purpose of enabling them to serve their communities through horticulture, gardening and pest management. Volunteers participate in a series of science-based educational sessions that include many aspects of horticulture and related topics. Then, in return for this training, they assist local Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) personnel in providing information and education.

Today's Master Gardener volunteers join educators in sharing their knowledge of and enthusiasm for gardening to meet crucial needs within their state and their local communities. Master Gardener volunteers make it their mission to educate local community members in applying horticultural science to manage their landscapes and gardens in a science-based, sustainable manner. They address environmental and social priorities such as water conservation, the protection of water quality,

reducing the impact of invasive species, increasing public awareness of the value of home and public landscapes and the opportunities for healthy living through gardening.

The Master Gardener Program is open to everyone with an interest in gardening and a willingness to use their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their local community. Contact CCE Otsego at 607-547-2536 for details on how to become involved in the Master Gardener Program.