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### **EXTENSION TO HOST OPEN HOUSE**

The Board of Directors of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Otsego County will be hosting a Spring Open House on Thursday, June 5, 2008, from 4 to 7 PM at the Extension Office at 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY. The public is invited to tour the grounds and visit the newly rebuilt south entrance, sign and stone planter, as well as the demonstration gardens of flowers and vegetables. The building will be open for the public to visit the newly remodeled demonstration kitchen and conference room, as well as other facilities in the building including the Master Gardener office and CCE program and staff office.

There will be program displays throughout the building. CCE educators, staff and volunteers will be present to meet with visitors who would like to learn more about extension programs and services such as 4-H, Reality Check, Regional Dairy Team, Livestock Program, Nutrition Program, Diabetes Education Program, Master Gardeners, and many more. Visitors will also have the opportunity to talk with CCE Educators, volunteers and board members to learn about opportunities to serve the community as a CCE volunteer in any one of several programs.

Light, healthy refreshments and beverages prepared by CCE Educators, staff, board members and volunteers will be served during the Open House.

At 4:45 pm there will be a ceremony of Thanks honoring NY State Senator Jim Seward, State Assemblymen Bill Magee, and Cooperstown author Brenda Berstler for their contributions towards the recent physical improvements made to CCE grounds and building. Senator Seward and Assemblymen Magee both made member item funding available to help with financing of the new south entrance and handicap access ramp. The proceeds from Ms. Berstler's cookbook, Home Plate, helped make the new demonstration and teaching kitchen a reality.

The public is invited to see the improvements to the CCE facility, to visit the program displays, to talk with the CCE educators, staff, volunteers, and board members, to enjoy some healthy refreshments, and especially to help thank and honor CCE's benefactors. For more information about the Open House or about any CCE program, contact Cooperative Extension at 607-547-2536.

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