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New Master Gardeners Welcomed

Cornell Cooperative Extensions' mission is to enable people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work. Master Gardner volunteers are a key link in helping Cornell Cooperative Extension accomplish that mission.

A Master Gardener is an integral component of Otsego County's outreach program in educating home gardeners and consumers of horticultural products. Master Gardeners answer questions and conduct workshops about gardening, landscaping, fruits, herbs, houseplants, beneficial and harmful insects, plant diseases, wildlife management, soils, birds, composting, water conservation and much, much more.

Master Gardeners are trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening. Master Gardeners complete a 50 hour course. Otsego County has 27 active master gardeners. Some have many years of experience. The "oldest" master gardeners took their course in 1994. Seven Master Gardeners completed their training last fall. The Master Gardeners of Otsego county would like to welcome Anita Armbrister of Milford, Catherine Bellino and Carolyn Staley of Oneonta, Tim Feury and Kristen Griger of Cooperstown, Mike Jeanette of Gilbertsville, and Katherine Mansur of Richfield Springs.

For more information on Master Gardeners or to ask a gardening question please call the Master Gardener Helpline at 607-547-2536 extension 228 or email: mastergardener-otsego@cornell.edu

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