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**Cornell Cooperative Extension Announces  
New Master Gardener Volunteer Training**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango, Fulton Montgomery, Herkimer, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties are recruiting new Master Gardener Volunteers to work with home and community gardeners. Master Gardeners bring research based information and gardening volunteer assistance to adults, youth, and communities.

New Volunteers would need to attend the Master Gardener Training, which will be held on Tuesdays September 14 to November 22 in Cooperstown. The cost of the training is \$150, \$50 of which will be returned to the volunteer after completing 100 hours of volunteer service over a two year period. This intensive training is taught by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Cornell University staff and horticultural professionals and is equivalent to a college level course in horticulture. Topics include: Basic Plant Pathology, Soils and Fertilizers, Garden Botany, Annuals & Perennials, Basic Entomology, Organic Gardening & Composting, Vegetable Gardening, Fruits, Trees & Shrubs, Pruning, Ecological Lawn Care, Nuisance Wildlife, Herbs and more. You need not be a garden expert to apply, just have a passion for gardening and a passion for helping others.

Master Gardeners are neighbors teaching neighbors about: landscapes, vegetables and fruit, herbs, houseplants, insects, diseases, wildlife management, integrated pest management, soils, composting, and much more. We will train you on where to find the best research-based information to use as well as provide educational opportunities for you throughout your career as a Master Gardener Volunteer. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact your local CCE office, in Schoharie County call 518-234-4303

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or e-mail [dgc23@cornell.edu](mailto:dgc23@cornell.edu) for an application packet. Applications are due August 15th.

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