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Popular Master Gardener Program Starts in September

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Training will be offered this fall by a partnership of five county Extension offices—Chenango, Fulton/Montgomery, Herkimer, Otsego, and Schoharie. The classes will be hosted on a multi-county level at the Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Monday, beginning September 22, and ending December 1.

All are welcome to apply for training. Contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension office at 173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill, (518)234-4303, or 296-8310 during office hours for application instructions. The 55-hour training course covers many topics including plant diseases, soils, fertilizers, garden botany, annuals, perennials, insect pests, organic gardening, composting, vegetable gardening, fruits, trees & shrubs, nuisance wildlife, and herbs. Space is limited. Applicants should have interest in gardening and enthusiasm for acquiring and sharing new knowledge and skills. There is a cost of \$125, which includes the course manual and needed materials. Newly certified Master Gardeners are expected to attend county Master Gardener organizational meetings and complete 100 hours of volunteer service within two years. Some of the services Master Gardeners provide include researching and answering horticulture inquiries at the Extension office, writing gardening articles, participating in public events and county fairs, and increased awareness of integrated pest management and other environmental issues. Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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The Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program is a corps of volunteers who are trained by Extension in the art and science of gardening. The program is an integral component of extension's outreach program in educating community members about home gardens, landscapes, herbs, houseplants, integrated pest management, soils, birds, composting, water conservation, and more.

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