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### **Immediate Release**

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#### **Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County to Initiate Family Garden Day**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County Master Gardeners will host their first Family Garden Day, Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Extension Center, 173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill, across from the fairgrounds. The cost is \$10 per family. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County at (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310, or email [schoharie@cornell.edu](mailto:schoharie@cornell.edu).

Gardening with children can be as simple or as complicated as you wish to make it. For the kids, it can be an exciting adventure and experiment.

Gardening can also be a great teaching tool and result in loads of satisfaction.

For both kids and adults, it is an acceptable way to play with dirt! Family Garden Day can serve as a starting point for both novice and experienced gardening families. Join our Master Gardeners to learn how to get your garden off to a good start this year.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. In Session One, *Seed Starting* (9:00-10 a.m.), adults and children will work together to select and plant vegetable and ornamental seeds (perennials/annuals/herbs) in a starting tray to take home to grow and transplant. Ideas on planning your vegetable garden also will be discussed. Class is led by Carol Bodnar, Master Gardener and of Peck & Potter Farm, and Brenda Sayward, Master Gardener and of Sayward's Greenhouse. For Session Two (10:00-11:00 a.m.), *Decorate Pots and Plant-a-Plant*, children will use paint and creativity to turn an ordinary flower pot into a one-of-a-kind plant home. Class led by CCE 4-H Educator and Master Gardener,

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Leslie Rigley and Master Gardener, Dolores Kloczko. At the same time adults can submit samples for free soil pH tests, learn how to adjust for pH imbalance and some hands-on tips on dividing and planting perennials. For information about proper soil sampling, call Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County at (518) 234-4303/296-8310, or see our website at [www.cceschoharie.org](http://www.cceschoharie.org).

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Accommodations for persons with special needs may be requested by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County prior to Family Garden Day.

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