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Would you like to receive ag and energy updates regularly by email?

Our delivery of program announcements and local agricultural news is getting a makeover. Announcements will now be incorporated into *CCE Schoharie County Ag & Energy Update*, our email newsletter. If you are not subscribed to our ag list-serv and would like to receive our newsletter please email Diane Eldredge (dme32@cornell.edu), and we'll add your name.

*The Scoop*, the Schoharie County Extension newsletter, is published in six issues annually, and is available by email or postal mail. We'll be pleased to add your name to *The Scoop* list, as well.

## Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County

invites you and a guest to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of extension volunteers who have given generously of their time to make communities better places in which to live, work, and play.

*Volunteer Recognition Reception*  
*Wednesday, April 28*  
*5:30 to 7 p.m.*

Extension Center  
173 South Grand Street  
Cobleskill



◇ Hors d'oeuvres with beverages will be served featuring nutritious recipes from Family & Consumer Sciences educators.

◇ Volunteers the key to many programs by serving as 4-H leaders, instructors, and assistants, and as master gardeners, office assistants, and board members.

◇ Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 21 by calling the office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Spring Has Sprung!

To access growing degree days (GDD) information and current mapping go to <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/weather/gdd.html>.

### GDD Formula

GDD measurements start March 1, and the GDDs for each day are added to the previous days total.

$$\frac{\text{Max. Temp.} + \text{Min. Temp.}}{2} - 50 + \text{Daily GDD}$$

When the average temperature for the day is below 50° F, it is ignored. It is not subtracted from the total.

## Hands-on Workshops Food Preservation

Evenings at the Extension Center.  
Space is limited to 15 participants  
per workshop.

**Registration and \$15.00 per workshop  
prepayment are required.**

- **Wednesday, June 2:** Making and Canning Jams
- **Thursday, June 10:** Boiling Water Canning
- **Wednesday, June 16:** Freezing Your Vegetables
- **Tuesday, July 20:** Pressure Canning

For more information and to register please call Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County at (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310.

## Coming this fall... Master Gardener Volunteer Training

The horticultural training is one day per week for ten consecutive weeks. Participants become Master Gardener volunteers who provide outreach education in Schoharie County. Look for further details or call David Cox to learn more at (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310.

## Late Blight: A Community Disease

Ensure your garden is **not** a source of disease! Late blight persists in potato tubers. To learn more visit the following websites:

<http://extension.unh.edu/agric/Media/Late-Blight2010/htm>  
[http://northeastipm.org/newssandreports/2009fall/Fall09\\_LateBlight.html](http://northeastipm.org/newssandreports/2009fall/Fall09_LateBlight.html)  
<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/lateblight>

## Cobleskill Community Garden

Now in its second year!

Join our Master Gardeners and other community members in a special gardening opportunity on SUNY Cobleskill grounds adjacent to the commuter parking lot. For more information or to register for your 5'x20' plot, please contact Marie Gerhardt at the SUNY Office of Extended Learning at (518) 255-5528.

## 4-H Dog Obedience

Orientation for 4-H Dog Obedience will be held on Thursday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Center in Cobleskill. This meeting is for youth and parents who are planning to take the Beginner Level 4-H Dog Obedience Class.

Beginner Level Dog Obedience Classes will take place in May and June on the Cobleskill Fairgrounds. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, beginning on May 12 and running through June 23. Youth must be at least 9 years old and dogs must be at least 6 months old. Rabies vaccination is required for dogs. The fee is \$50.00 per youth-dog team.

Intermediate/Advanced Level Obedience Classes are also being scheduled. Youth-dogs must have completed a beginner level obedience class to participate.

If you are interested in registering for either of these classes, please call the 4-H Office at (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310.

# *It's Back!* **Spring Fever Day** **Saturday, April 17**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Extension Center, Cobleskill  
Space is limited.

*Registration and \$10.00 prepayment are required by Thursday, April 15.*



### **Schedule:**

8:15 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-9:50 a.m.	Session 1: Critter Control: Wildlife and Insects (Earl Van Wormer)
10:00-10:50 a.m.	Session 2: Soil Health/2010 Vegetable Variety Update (Crystal Stewart)
11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Session 3: The Ole' Mole in the Garden: Garden Wellness for all Bodies (Dr. Marcy Vogel – Pennsylvania Master Gardener)
12:15-1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00-1:50 p.m.	Session 4: Container Gardening for Ease, Accessibility, Function & Beauty
2:00-2:50 p.m.	Session 5: Beekeeping: Caring and Keeping Natives (Leo Siemion)

For more information and to register please call Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County at (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310.



## **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Extension Spring Plant Sale**

*A Community Tradition*

**Saturday, May 22**  
**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Extension Center**

☘ Lilies ☘ Irises ☘ Perennials ☘ Annuals ☘ Herbs ☘ Shrubs  
☘ Houseplants ☘ Vegetables ☘ Trees ☘ Special Peony Selection  
☘ Much More!

***Your plant donations are appreciated!***

Donations can be accepted between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the weeks of May 10 to 14 and May 17 to 21. Or call the Extension office at (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310 to make a donation by appointment.

***The plant sale supports the Consumer Horticulture & Master Gardener Programs***

### **Save Energy, Save Dollars**

Workshops Offer Helpful Information and Energy Kits

**M**arilyn Janiczek will present low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce energy bills. Participants will receive a free kit of energy saving items. Register today as class size is limited. Call (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310.

- Tuesday, April 13, 10 a.m. to noon, at Headstart, Schoharie. *Call for information and to register by Friday, April 9.*
- Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Extension Center in Cobleskill. *Please register by Wednesday, April 21.*

## 4-H Tractor Certification

The 4-H Tractor Certificate Program will take place on April 20, 22 and 24 at SUNY Cobleskill. Classes will be conducted from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 20 and 22 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 24. To be eligible for an employment certificate, youth must:

- be at least 14 years old,
- complete the home study portion with assignments,
- attend all classes, and
- pass a written and driving skills exam.

Home study materials will be available March 22. Home study assignments must be completed and brought to the first class on April 20. The registration deadline is Monday, April 12. There is a \$15.00 fee for the program, payable at the time of registration. For information, and to register please call (518) 234-4303 or 296-8310.

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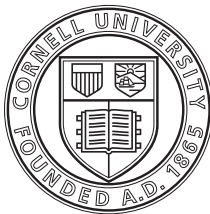
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