

Master Gardener

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Tonight's Agenda

1. **Extension: Helping New Yorkers Thrive (3-minute video)**
2. **My role as coordinator**
3. **Brief overview of the program (this PowerPoint)**
4. **Class calendar**
5. **Class detailed schedule (word document)**
6. **Textbook (Penn State manual)**
7. **Screen share the GBL course**
8. **Next steps**
9. **Review the paperwork process**
10. **Questions (?)**

Video

Who we are:

- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County puts knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being. We bring local experience and research based solutions together, helping Onondaga County families and communities thrive in our rapidly changing world.
- The Master Gardener Program is a national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county Cooperative Extension office to extend information throughout the community. We're your resource for information on soils, site improvement, plant selection, proper plant care, eco-friendly practices, integrated pest management, composting and so much more! We offer free or low-cost gardening classes and tours all year long, and opportunities to share your love of gardening as a volunteer!

The Program

The Master Gardener Program is a nation-wide education and service program.

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who work with this office to extend information throughout the county.



The Program

Volunteers receive instruction and are kept up-to-date through continued training and workshops.

In return, they share their knowledge and educate through community service.



The Program

They are neighbors teaching neighbors about horticulture; environmentally sound gardening practices, and provide the public with educational programs and activities.



The Program

Currently we have 74 volunteers in the program.



Current Activities

- *Maintain gardens at the zoo and educate zoo visitors on the gardens*
- *Blocks in Bloom*
- *Teaching gardening classes to youth at summer programs and throughout the year*
- *Giving presentations to garden clubs and other organizations on a wide range of garden topics*
- *Answering gardening questions phoned or e-mailed into the office*



Current Activities

- *Answer questions at the Regional Market*
- *Organize an annual Plant Sale and arrange garden tours*
- *Staff the horticulture HOTLINE*
- *Consult at community gardens*
- *Create a State Fair booth and staffing each day at the Fair*



Training to be a Volunteer

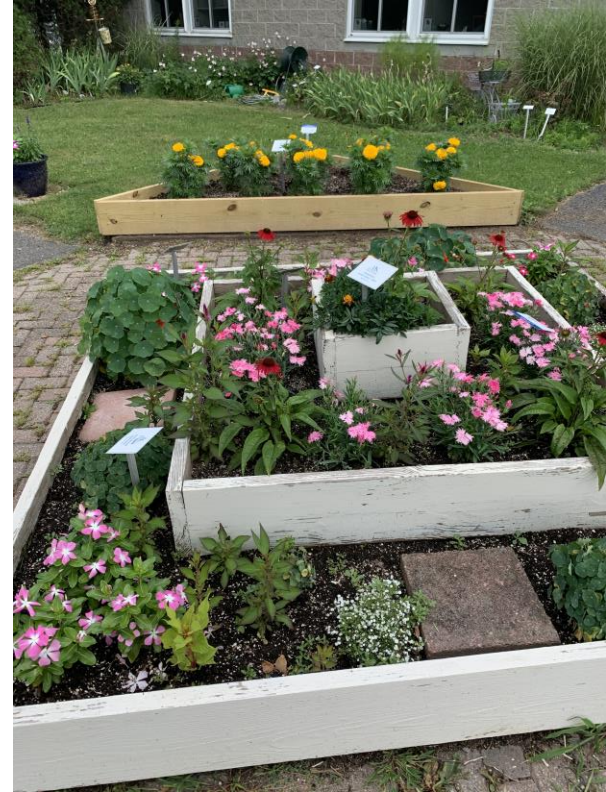
Module One

Plant Biology for Gardeners

Right Plant Right Place

Beneficial Insects

Plant Pathology



Training

Module Two

Vegetable Gardening Part One

Vegetable Gardening Part Two

Fruit Gardening

Nutrition, Food Safety and Food Security (Post-Harvest)



Training

Module Three

Woody Plants

Herbaceous Plants

*Lawn Care and Plant Ecosystem
Services*



Training

Module Four

Problem Solving: Integrated Pest Management

Pesticide Use and Reading Labels

Troubleshooting Food Crops & Ornamental Plants

Troubleshooting Pests in the Home & Garden



Training

Module Five

*Organic Waste Management:
Composting*

Soil Amendments and Fertilizers

Invasive Species for Gardeners

Gardening in a Warming World



Training

Module Six

*Group Gardens and Seed to
Supper Network*

*Youth Development and School
Gardens*



Training

Module Seven – Action Project

This provides an opportunity to practice sharing garden educational information with peers, enhance learning, skills, and confidence.

The students develop a tangible product of their choice.

Project Equipment

Propagator, Tray & Seeds Heat Mat, Net Pots, Food Safe Jars & Container



My Vision

My goals for the program

Continue to grow our number of volunteers by 25 per year

Encourage diversity in our program

Continue the work with New Americans and underserved populations in our community



My Vision

Create more leadership roles with our volunteers

Create new educational opportunities so we can better serve our community

Continue collaborating with all program areas within CCE Onondaga



Resources as related to the program

- Cornell CALS - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Volunteer Orientation to CCE Master Gardener Volunteer Program Standards (pages 11 and 12)

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