Training Schedule 2023 CCE Onondaga and Oswego County Master Gardener Volunteer Program

Saturday, January 28

**Onondaga County**

In-Person Introduction to the MGV Program and Orientation

* 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**February**

Wednesday – February 1

*Reading week*

Introduction – Introduction and Module 1

Please read:

* Adult Learning and Peer Learning Networks
* Community Engagement and Action Projects

Module 1 – The Fundamentals

* Plant Biology for Gardeners
* Right Plant Right Place
* Beneficial Insects
* Plant Pathology

Wednesday – February 8

Required Class 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm - zoom

* Be prepared for an activity and the **knowledge check for Introduction and Module 1**

Wednesday – February 15

*Reading Week*

Module 2 – Food Gardening

* Vegetable Gardening Part One
* Vegetable Gardening Part Two
* Fruit Gardening
* Nutrition, Food Safety and Food Security (Post-Harvest)

Saturday, February 25 - **IN PERSON**

Required Class 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

* Guest speaker Steve Reiner Cornell Professor
* **Knowledge check Module 2**
* In person activities

**March**

Wednesday – March 1

*Reading Week*

Module 3 – Woody Plants, Herbaceous Plants, Lawn Care and Plant Ecosystem Services

* Woody Plants
* Herbaceous Plants
* Lawn Care and Plant Ecosystem Services

Wednesday – March 8

Required Class 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm - zoom

* Be prepared for an activity and the **knowledge check for Module 3**

Wednesday – March 15

*Reading Week*

Module 4 – Problem Solving

* Problem Solving: Integrated Pest Management
* Pesticide Use and Reading Labels
* Troubleshooting Food Crops & Ornamental Plants
* Troubleshooting Pests in the Home & Garden

Saturday, March 25 - **IN PERSON** **(bring your laptop or tablet)**

Required Class 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

* Guest speaker(s) MG Volunteers sharing research knowledge, MG Hotline
* **Knowledge check Module 4**
* In person activities

Wednesday – March 29 – **WINTER BREAK**

**April**

Wednesday – April 5

*Reading Week*

Module 5 – Management Strategies/Issues

* Organic Waste Management: Composting
* Soil Amendments and Fertilizers
* Invasive Species for Gardeners
* Gardening in a Warming World

Wednesday – April 12

Required Class 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm – zoom

* Be prepared for the **knowledge check for Module 5**
* Guest Speaker, Mike P. Hoffmann, Professor Emeritus

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University,

Author of “Our Changing Menu: Climate Change and the Foods We Love and Need.”

Saturday, April 22 - **IN PERSON**

Required Class 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

* Hands-on Workshop, Tree Pruning. Leanna Nugent, CCE Onondaga Community Forestry and Natural Resources Educator
* Knowledge check Module 6

Wednesday – April 26

*Reading Week*

Module 6 – Starting and Sustaining Learning Gardens

* Group Gardens and NYS Seed to Supper Network
* Youth Development and School Gardens

**236May**

Saturday, May 6 - **IN PERSON**

Required Class 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

* Guest speaker(s) MG Volunteers (Class of 2022) will share their final projects, talk about getting involved and next steps
* Introduce revised version of Module 7 in place of a Final Exam, students are required to complete a Final Project.
* By now, everyone should have a general idea for a final project, and if you are going to work with a partner.
* All projects must be reviewed by the Program Coordinator in advance.
* In person activities

Wednesday – May 10

*Reading Week use this unit to assist you with your project if you need*

Module 7 – Action Projects and Project Showcase

* Action Project Overview
* Assignment #1 (Action Project Tasks 1-3)
* Propose Project and Identify Your Team
* Assess Needs
* Design Objectives
  + Assignment #2- (Action Project Tasks 4 and 5)
  + Develop Delivery Strategies
  + Implement Design

Wednesday – May 17

Required Class 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm - zoom

* Guest speaker - Ashley Louise Miller Helmhold, Extension Associate, Cornell Garden-Based Learning Program Cornell University
* Project updates and questions

Wednesday – May 24

* Work on project

Wednesday – May 31

* Work on project

**June**

Saturday - June 3 Presentations and Graduation

Required Class – Final Presentations 8:30am – 1:00pm

* After your presentation you will receive your graduation certificate and name badge
* CCE Onondaga will have a brief meeting after graduation to talk about the “next steps” for the volunteer program.

**NOTE\*\*\***

**DO NOT miss this class; you must share your project with the group in order to complete the program**