



MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER 2025 TRAINING COURSE

AGENDA

APRIL - AUGUST 2025



TIME: VARIES- ZOOM & IN-PERSON

Registration Required

Course Fee: \$100

DATE & TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Wednesday, April 30th 6 - 8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6:30 Introductions in person & Brief Final Action Projects Explanation 6:30-7:30 - Community Gardens, Community and Volunteer Engagement, and Adult Learning 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Donna Alese Cooke, Cornell University Horticulture Specialist and Educator
Wednesday, May 7th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6:15 - Questions 6:15-7:30 Soil Health, Amendments, and Understanding Soil Analysis Reports 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Joseph Amsili, Soil Health Specialist with Cornell University
Saturday, May 10th 9am-1pm IN-PERSON CLASS (SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corning Community Garden Tour and Discussion. Site Assessments & Soils Workshop. Bring your own garden soil to evaluate pH. 	Stuart Sammis, Steuben MG & Corning Community Gardens Manager 11715 East Corning Rd, Corning, NY 14830
Wednesday, May 21st 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30 Setting up the Vegetable Garden- Planning for Success 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Steve Reiners, Vegetable Specialist with Cornell University
Friday, June 6th 5:30 pm – 8 pm – IN-PERSON CLASS Anticipated location- St. Thomas Garden Bath, NY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seed starting and growing under lights Community Food Pantry Garden- seed starting, TBD. Veg family sort Garden planning 	Beth Honadle, MG & T.B.D. - Ray Long, Garden Manager St Thomas food Pantry Garden
Wednesday, June 25th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6:15 - Questions 6:15-7:30 Finger Lakes PRISM Invasive Plants – ID, removal, gardening, and impact on the environment. 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Samuel Beck-Anderson, Director of Invasive Species Program or other Invasive Educator/Coordinator
June 20th (Fri), from 8/9:00 am – 5:00 PM and OPTIONAL SATURDAY June 21 8:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilient Gardens Conference- Geneva, NY. See https://gardening.cals.cornell.edu/adult-programs/resilient-gardens-conference-geneva-ny/ for the agenda. 	<u>Cornell Agri Tech</u> <u>Jordan Hall, Room 216</u> <u>(2nd Floor)</u> <u>630 W North St, Geneva,</u> <u>NY 14456.</u>

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Wednesday, July 9th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-6:15 - Questions 6:15-7:30 Pesticides & Safety – Addressing Pesticide Options as an MGv & How to Read Pesticide Labels 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Dan Wixted & Michael Helms from the CCE Pesticide Safety Education Program
Wednesday, July 16th 6-8 pm ZOOM Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30 Plant Pathology 7:30-8 Questions & Discussion 	Graduate students of Plant Pathology under Dr. Chris Smart, Cornell University
Saturday, July 26th 1pm-3pm IN-PERSON CLASS	Anna Wallis, New York State Integrated Pest Management Program's fruit IPM coordinator, will discuss tree fruit pests with a focus on identification and monitoring. Betsy Lamb, Ornamentals IPM Coordinator, NYS Integrated Pest Management, will cover biocontrol basics, with a few examples in orchards.	NYS Integrated Pest Mgmt Crooked Line Farm & Orchard 7780 Cold Springs Rd, Bath, NY 14810
Saturday, August 9th 9am -12pm IN-PERSON CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> @ MGv Tess McKinley's Home "The Art of Flower Gardening" - Tour Colors and Design Considerations in landscaping & cut flower production. Learn how to make a bouquet/centerpiece – selecting color, size, textures. 	Tess McKinley, Steuben MGv
Wednesday, August 13th – 5:30-8 pm IN-PERSON CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-minute presentations of each person's FINAL ACTION PROJECT Completion Certificates 	Group Activities
Wednesday, August 20th 5:30-8 pm IN-PERSON CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-minute presentations of each person's FINAL ACTION PROJECT Completion Certificates <p>** 1 or 2 classes of final presentations will be held at the CCE Bath office depending on the number of students by the end of the course.</p>	Group Activities



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