

## Cutting & Conditioning Flowers & Foliage from the Garden

To keep cut garden flowers as fresh as possible, take time to condition them before making your arrangement. Flowers will last longer in an arrangement if they're placed in water immediately after harvest.

1. Bring a bucket of tepid water into the garden with you and cut flowers in early morning or late afternoon. Avoid using very cold water.
2. Remove any excess leaves or stems from the bottom half of the cut stem. Removing leaves that will be below the level of the water will prevent bacteria. Also, fewer leaves left on the stem will encourage water to hydrate the flower blooms. Make a fresh angled cut on the bottom of the stem and place immediately in water.
3. For woody stems, you can scrape the bark from the bottom couple of inches of a woody stem and cut upward from the base of the stem to encourage it to take up water more efficiently.
4. Let flowers sit in water in the coolest available place for several hours before arranging.
5. If bringing fresh cut flowers to a CCE Floral Arranging class, carefully wrap your flowers in tissue or newspaper after completing the steps above, preferable the morning of the class or the afternoon before.

## DIRECTIONS

*From Route 9W:*

Take 9W to Filors Lane in Stony Point (Provident Bank). Continue on Filors Lane for approximately 2 miles; Filors eventually becomes Willow Grove Road. Turn right at the traffic light onto Patriot Hills Drive. The Extension Education Center is the fourth building on the right.

*From Palisades Interstate Parkway:*

Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway north to Willow Grove Road, Exit 14. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Willow Grove Road and drive approximately 1/4 mile to the first traffic light. At the traffic light, turn left onto Patriot Hills Drive. The Extension Education Center is the fourth building on the right side.

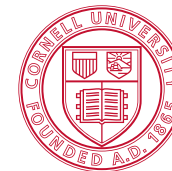


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# A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS Floral Arranging & Decorating for the Season



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# FLORAL ARRANGING & DECORATING FOR THE SEASON

with CCE Educator, Donna Alese Cooke & the Master Gardener Volunteers

Create professional-looking floral arrangements, container gardens, and holiday decorations using fresh cut flowers from the florist, your yard, or garden. Various designs will be demonstrated, and students in the November and December workshop sessions will create a festive holiday arrangement to take home.

Register for individual classes and workshops, or attend all four! All materials are provided, unless stated otherwise below; costs vary per session, or \$75 for all four. Registration deadline is September 15, 2009 (for the full series), or see below for individual session. Classes are held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland from 6:30-8:30 PM.

## Tuesday, September 22: Cut Flowers & Arrangements from the Garden

Learn how to grow, harvest, condition and design flowers and plant materials from your own yard! Various floral designs will be demonstrated and offered as door prizes. *Instructor: Donna Alese Cooke* \$15 per person. Registration deadline: September 15.

## Monday, October 26: Fall & Winter Container Gardens

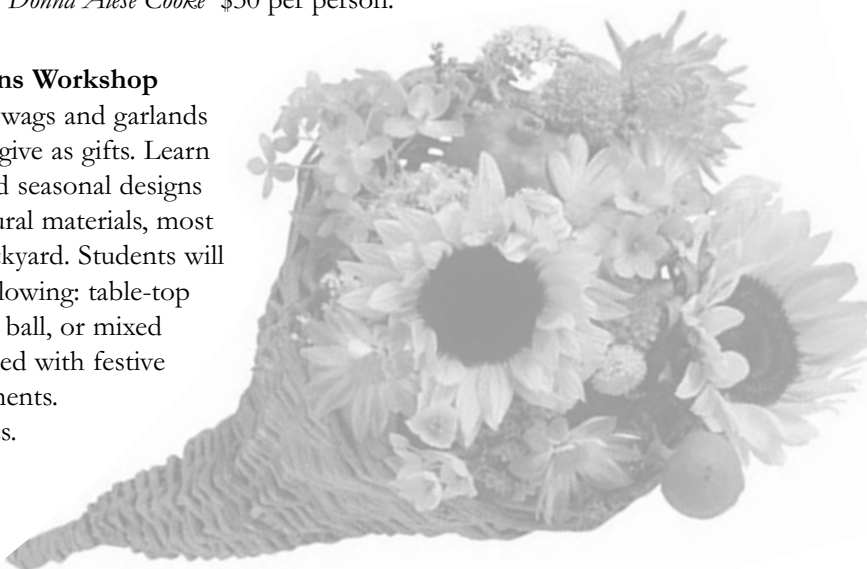
A lively and informative presentation, highlighting valuable tips and easy growing techniques for decorating and growing ornamentals and vegetables in containers for fall and winter. Create different types of container gardens that are perfect for small outdoor spaces such as patios, decks, and front entryways. *Instructor: Vivienne Dieckmann, Master Gardener* \$15 per person. Registration deadline: October 19.

## Thursday, November 19: Thanksgiving Cornucopia Centerpiece

Crafted in a wicker cornucopia basket, this long-lasting bountiful centerpiece for the holiday table is overflowing with fresh fall flowers, leaves, natural plant materials and decorative accents. Please bring a pair of scissor and/or shears. *Instructor: Donna Alese Cooke* \$30 per person. Registration deadline: November 12.

## Tuesday, December 1: Holiday Greens Workshop

Fresh, fragrant wreaths, arrangements, swags and garlands are perfect for holiday decorating or to give as gifts. Learn how the professionals create holiday and seasonal designs using fresh fragrant evergreens and natural materials, most of which can be found in your own backyard. Students will choose to make and take one of the following: table-top evergreen centerpiece, boxwood kissing ball, or mixed evergreen wreath. All designs are trimmed with festive holiday and seasonal ribbons and ornaments. Bring a pair of scissor, shears and gloves. \$30 per person includes all materials. *Instructor: Donna Alese Cooke* Registration deadline: November 24.



## Floral Arranging & Decorating for the Season Registration Form

Complete this form and return it with a check payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension at 10 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980. Please bring a pair of gloves and pruning shears.

Choose an individual workshop or \$75 for for all four:

- Cut Flowers & Arrangements from the Garden \$15
- Fall & Winter Container Gardens \$15
- Thanksgiving Cornucopia Centerpiece \$30
- Holiday Greens Workshop \$30

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