



Required Course Descriptions



Starting a Garden from Scratch

Fall 2009

You can create the garden of your dreams; it's easier than you think! Whether you live in a condo or a home, you can start a garden that delivers fresh, home-grown vegetables, welcomes butterflies and hummingbirds, and provides color all year long. This class provides inspirational tips and techniques on starting a garden, site and soil preparation, garden design, plant selection and year-round maintenance.

Sustainable Gardening

Fall 2009

Sustainable gardening enables us to create an attractive landscape while utilizing the space for optimum results, through soil and water conservation, plant selection and health care, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Learn how low-impact landscapes and gardens are designed to suit their unique environment with minimal input of water, fertilizers and pesticides.

What's Buggin' You? Diagnosing and Solving Plant Problems

Fall 2009

Learn how to identify, diagnose and treat common plant diseases and insect problems. Students will learn to utilize Integrated Pest Management practices by using eco-friendly and non-chemical controls.

Growing Annuals and Perennials

Spring 2010

Learn how to effectively use annuals and perennials in your landscape, while maintaining healthy, long-lasting blooms all season long.

Gardening with Native Plants, Trees & Shrubs

Spring 2010

Learn the benefits of native plants and how to incorporate these beauties into your garden. Not only do they flourish with minimal care and little watering, but native plants will grace the garden with spring and fall color, flowers and berries, attracting local birds and butterflies. An array of native beauties that are suitable in all conditions are just waiting for the opportunity to show their worth!

In the Demo Garden: A Hands-on Practicum

Ongoing

Students will schedule at least three Thursday mornings (9:30-11:30 AM) during the months of April through October, to work alongside our expert Master Gardener volunteers in the Demonstration Gardens at CCE of Rockland.



Elective Course Descriptions



Organic Fruit & Vegetable Gardening and Growing Winter Vegetables

Learn from our expert Master Gardeners how to maximize the space you have in order to organically grow vegetables and fruit all year long!

Summer 2009 (1 credit)

Eco-friendly Lawn Care

Learn how your lawn can be healthy and green, and how to limit the use of chemicals to achieve the results you want with minimal impact on the environment.

Fall 2009 (1 credit)

Xeriscape Gardening

Learn how to attractively design a water-wise garden using drought tolerant plants that will flourish through the hottest and driest weather. Also included is a demonstration on how to build a rain barrel to collect water for use in the garden.

Fall 2009 (1 credit)

Floral Arranger's Garden Series

A four part series; classes may be taken individually.

- Arranging from the Garden
- Fall & Winter Container Gardening
- Cornucopia Centerpiece Workshop
- Holiday Greens Workshop

Fall 2009 (half credit / class)

Growing Healthy Houseplants and Perfect Indoor Plants for All Locations

Extend your gardening season by growing orchids and tropical plants indoors, all year round. Learn which plants grow best in your home environment, when to fertilize, divide, re-pot and how to keep insects and diseases under control.

Fall 2009 (1 credit)

Growing Vegetables from Seed to Harvest

(a five part series that must be taken as a whole "mini" course; counts as 2 credits)

Winter / Spring 2010 (2 credits)

Environmentally Sound Landscape and Garden Design

Learn landscaping practices that will improve the health and appearance of your lawn and garden, while protecting and preserving our natural resources. Save time and money by landscaping with plants that require less care and by eliminating unnecessary water and chemical use.

Spring 2010 (1 credit)

No Yard? No Problem! Grow *Anything* in Containers

Using basic landscape design principles, this presentation illustrates how to accentuate a unique garden theme with found objects and vintage pieces, highlighting valuable tips and easy growing techniques for annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, orchids and tropical plants in containers. Our expert Master Gardener volunteers will demonstrate various types of container gardens that are perfect for small outdoor spaces such as patios, decks, and front entryways.

Spring 2010 (1 credit)

Rain Gardens

Rain gardens are low maintenance gardens designed to naturally collect and filter stormwater that runs off your roof or yard. Learn how to design, install, and choose plants for a rain garden that will also provide shelter for birds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

Spring 2010 (1 credit)

Pruning Trees and Shrubs

Learn how and when to prune the trees, shrubs and vines in your yard.

Spring 2009 (1 credit)

Fall 2009 Upcoming Dates

Organic Vegetable Gardening & Growing Winter Vegetables

Tuesday, August 4, 6-9 PM

Eco-friendly Lawn Care

Tuesday, September 1, 6-9 PM

Xeriscape Gardening & How to Create a Rain Barrel

Thursday, September 10, 9 AM-NOON

Starting a Garden from Scratch

Thursday, September 24, 12-3 PM

Growing Healthy Houseplants & Perfect Indoor Plants for All Locations

Tuesday, September 29, 6-9 PM

What's Buggin' You? Diagnosing & Solving Plant Problems

Thursday, October 15, 9:30 -11:30 AM

Sustainable Gardening

Thursday, October 22, 9:30AM-12:30 PM

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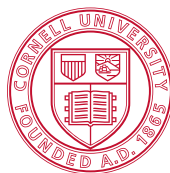
All classes are 6:30 - 8:30 PM

- Arranging from the Garden - \$15 pp
Tuesday, September 22nd
- Fall & Winter Container Gardening - \$15 pp
Monday, October 26th
- Cornucopia Centerpiece Workshop - \$30 pp
Thursday, November 19th
- Holiday Greens Workshop - \$30 pp
Tuesday, December 1st

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Green Gardener Environmental Gardening Certificate



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Green Gardener Certificate Program Overview

The Green Gardener Certificate Program is a non-credit, adult education program offered to gardening enthusiasts, professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs in Rockland County. Students have the option to earn certification over the course of one or two terms.

Learning Objectives and Student Outcomes

The Green Gardener Certificate Program is based on the latest research-based information from Cornell University, providing students with a practical approach to environmental stewardship. Taught by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Educators, Master Gardeners and local horticultural experts, this series of lecture presentations, interactive workshops and outdoor gardening practicums offers an in-depth, environmentally sound gardening experience.

Certificate Requirements

To Become a "Green Gardener" students must successfully complete all five required courses, six hours of garden practicum, plus four elective credits of choice.

Cost

Students may enroll in a single class and pay as they go, or receive a discount by paying for tuition in full which includes five core courses, practicum and four elective courses.

- Pay for each class individually (\$35 per class unless otherwise indicated) or save \$50 by paying \$300 tuition in full.
- Registration and payment for individual classes is due prior to each class date, unless other arrangements have been made.

To Register

Please use the attached **registration form**
and return with check payable to
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