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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County Welcomes Horticulture Program Leader

Cornell Cooperative Extension welcomes Marcia (Marci) Muller as the new Horticulture Program Leader in Monroe County. Marci was born and raised in West Palm Beach, Florida. She graduated from Tulane University in 1976 with a Bachelor's degree in Russian Studies and moved to Ontario County soon after where she began to delve into the field of Horticulture. Marci earned her degree in Ornamental Horticulture in May 1981 and took her first job on the farm at Miller's Nursery, Canandaigua. In between working and raising a family, Marci helped to develop a full-scale horticulture design firm. She began her teaching career at FLCC in 1994 as an adjunct faculty in the horticulture program. Marci's passion to educate and support the community led her to the Rochester Landscape Technicians Program, a nonprofit workforce development agency where she was named Executive Director in 2007. Marci furthered her education by enrolling in SUNY Empire State College's Master of Arts Business & Policy Studies where she earned a degree in nonprofit management with an emphasis on poverty and employment. In 2015, Marci launched a new nonprofit, Renewal Services Rochester (2015-2019) to take up where the Rochester Landscape Technicians program had left off. Renewal Services Rochester brought back the Landscape Technicians training program with strong support of the horticulture industry.

Marci is excited to join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County as the new Horticulture Program Leader where she will work directly with the local commercial horticulture industry to provide research-based outreach and education. Monroe County has a strong horticulture presence in our region and Marci hopes to use her experience to ensure continued vitality and growth. She will also look for new opportunities to expand CCE-Monroe's outreach.

After many years of involvement with CCE-Monroe, I am excited for the chance to dig deeper and the opportunity to work side-by-side with some amazing people. ~Marci Muller

You may contact Marci at mem545@cornell.edu or by calling the Cornel Cooperative Extension of Monroe County office at 585.753.2550.

Photo Attached: Marci Muller

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