

# In Person Program Offerings 2021



## Cornell Cooperative Extension Monroe County

Master Gardeners are available to present in-person horticultural lectures for your club or organization. We are also willing to present in nursing home facilities and will format the presentation to abilities. The topics are listed below.

Presentations are 45 minutes in length and conclude with an additional 15 minute question and answer period. Please note – some presentations have limited availability throughout the year. All presentations have a speaking charge of \$50, payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County.

Please contact us if you are interested in scheduling a presentation, or would like to explore another topic.

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**Target audience:** People interested in gardening, sustainability, & the environment

**Maximum # of participants:** 100

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### Basics of Organic Composting

A great garden starts with great soil! One way to maintain good health and high nutrient content of your soil is by adding garden compost. Composting is more than recycling garden waste or kitchen scraps – it's a way of creating a healthy environment for all organisms. Participants will learn good composting practices to help drive sustainability and production in their garden.

### Edible Landscaping

Food plants can easily become part of a decorative landscape. Benefit from including food plants in your landscape with increased flavor and freshness, decrease in food costs, and enjoyment in watching things grow! Participants will learn to assess growing conditions, choose appropriate plants, and determine best placement for optimal growth. Pest control, fertilization, and general care of food plants will also be discussed.

### Herb Gardening

Herbs can transform ordinary meals into something special. Incorporating herbs into your garden design adds color, fragrances, and interest to your landscape. Participants will learn the benefits of herb growing from their beauty and use in cooking, to their medicinal uses and healing properties.

### Indoor Gardening – Houseplants

**Presentation:** Growing plants indoors can provide gardening opportunities for those who don't have outdoor garden space, require less physical activity, and allow cultivation of plants that can't live outdoors in our growing zone. Basic requirements for houseplant growth, potting and repotting plants, and appropriate containers will be discussed. Participants will also learn about pest control, care and grooming, and characteristics of the more common plants traditionally grown indoors.

**Demo workshop:** Care of indoor plants doesn't have to be a mystery! Learn what your houseplants need to succeed. Easy propagation techniques will also be demonstrated.

## Organic Gardening

What is the definition of an organic garden? It is a philosophy of gardening that teaches us how to grow in harmony with nature. Learn the principles of organic gardening and how to use them in your own yard. Whether you start out small and make changes gradually over time or go whole hog, this program is for you.

## Organic Lawn Care

Going organic can be easier than using chemicals, healthier for you, your family and pets as well as the environment and it can look great too! Learn some simple tips to transition to an organic landscape.

## Perennial Gardening

This seminar covers the key considerations in planning and constructing a perennial garden. It also covers a historical perspective on perennial gardening.

## Pollinator Friendly Gardens

Populations of all our pollinators are declining, including native bees, domestic bees, flies, beetles, and butterflies. They are affected by habitat loss, disease and contact with pesticides. But together we can make a difference. Learn how to provide food and habitat for native insects/animals. Pollinators will, in turn, provide the pollination needed to protect our plant diversity and food sources.

## Putting the Garden to Bed (Fall)

This seminar covers the things you should do in the fall whether you have an annual or perennial garden to help ensure a successful garden the next year.

## Raised Bed Gardening

Learn the key steps to ensure a successful vegetable garden as well as cover planting and harvesting techniques, the advantages of raised bed gardening, and the top 10 vegetables for home gardening.

## Small Space Gardening

You can maximize your current indoor and outdoor space, no matter the size. Learn how to use every inch of space whether growing herbs, vegetables or flowers. Get suggestions for container plantings and DIY projects too.

## Spring Gardening

Spring gardening includes tasks that must be accomplished before planting begins as well as the joys of gardening after the ground has warmed up enough for planting. Preparing garden beds, pruning, and getting equipment ready for use before planting can begin will be discussed. Participants will also learn the basics of plant care, starting seeds indoors, lawn care, fertilization and choosing the right plant for the right place.

## Summer Flowering Bulbs (May)

Spring planted bulbs produce some of the most dramatic garden color in your summer garden. Tuck them among your perennials to create a fuller looking garden bed. Many are also ideal in containers; use them to liven up your porch or deck. Learn about using begonias, dahlias, lilies, cannas and more.

## Vegetable Gardening

This seminar covers the key factors that contribute to a successful vegetable garden, the top ten vegetables in a home garden and a variety of gardening concepts such as succession planting, crop rotation, composting and extending the growing season.

