

SPRING GARDEN DAY

Saturday, March 12, 2011

8:45 am to 3:30 pm
Tamarac/Brunswick
High School
Troy, New York

Special Keynote Speaker

Ellen Ogden

The Complete Kitchen Garden:
The art of designing a classic potager

According to Ellen Ogden, "A true kitchen garden goes beyond the simple straight rows of a vegetable garden to combine art and food in ways that enhance the experience of growing food." And Ellen should know! In 1984 she co-founded The Cook's Garden seed catalog, and grew hundreds of tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and other crops so she could be sure to offer the very best culinary varieties to home gardeners. She also developed recipes that would encourage fresh cooking from the garden, and in 2003, published her first cookbook, "From the Cook's Garden."

In this program Ellen will show you how to design a bountiful and beautiful new vegetable garden or renovate an existing garden based on classic designs that originate from the earliest known food gardens. She will illustrate how to integrate flowers, herbs and vegetables with an eye towards formal design, color, texture, and culinary purpose. Learn the best culinary varieties to make it easy to cook from your kitchen garden, along with new recipes, and ideas to enhance your individual style.

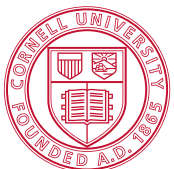


A celebration of gardening in Rensselaer County and the Capital District

- ◆ 15 different gardening subjects
- ◆ Classes taught by local horticultural professionals, Master Gardeners and Extension Educators
- ◆ Delicious lunch
- ◆ Garden Book Sale
- ◆ Exciting door prizes
- ◆ Pick-A-Prize Auction of garden-related items
- ◆ Register for just the keynote speaker session for only \$10.00

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Welcome To Spring Garden Day

Full Day Registration: The fee of \$29.00 entitles each participant to choose up to four classes for the day; to participate in the free lunch and door prize drawing; and to hear the keynote speaker. Register by examining the attached class schedule. Indicate your first, second, and third choice of classes on the form for each of the four class periods. Make sure to choose a lunch period or another class if you do not want lunch. Your class assignments will be available at the registration table on March 12. **You will not receive registration confirmation by phone or mail, but you can call us at (518) 272-4210 to make sure we received your registration.** The enclosed schedule is final, but last minute changes may be necessary. Although we try to give people their first choice, class sizes are limited, and, regrettably, we may have to place you in another class. Registration will be open until classes are full. Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. **Full day registrations will be accepted at the door only if space permits.** Refunds must be requested on or before March 4. After that date, no refunds will be made.

Keynote Speaker Only Registration: You can also hear the keynote speaker only for a fee of \$10.00. To register, check the appropriate box and mail us the registration form and fee. Registrations will also be accepted at the door for the keynote speaker only option.

Time: Registration starts at 8:45 AM. *Please do not arrive before 8:45 AM in order to allow us time to set up.* Your cooperation is appreciated!

Lunch: A free, delicious lunch consisting of home-made soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be provided for all full day participants, courtesy of the Master Gardeners. Vegetarian items will also be available.

Pick-A-Prize Auction: We will hold a Pick-A-Prize Auction of garden-related items. Participants can buy tickets (10 for \$5.00) and “bid” on items by placing a ticket or tickets in a paper bag next to the item. Winners will be draw at the end of the day after the last sessions. You must be present to win. Proceeds will support the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden.

Used Book Sale: A used book sale will be held in the lobby.

Door Prizes: Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the day in the auditorium. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

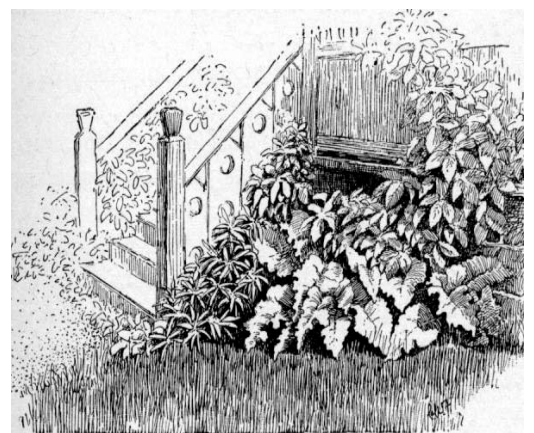
In case of snow: The program will be canceled only in the event of SEVERE weather. Listen to radio station WGY-810 for announcements.

Directions to Tamarac/Brunswick/Brittonkill High School:

From the west (Albany, Schenectady, Troy): Take Route 7 East over the Collar City Bridge. From the east end of the bridge, proceed east on Route 7 (Hoosick Street) approximately 9 miles to a traffic light at Route 278 (Harley-Davidson dealer on right). Turn right onto Route 278 east and proceed for approximately 3 miles until Route 278 ends at a traffic light at Route 2. Turn left onto Route 2; the school is immediately on your left.

From the south (West Sand Lake/Route 43 area): Take Route 351 north, through the village of Poestenkill, until you reach Route 2. Turn left (west) onto Route 2. The school will be very shortly on your right.

Questions: Call the Horticulture Program at (518) 272-4210. Individuals with questions or special needs requiring accommodation should contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County at the phone number above. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County provides equal program and employment opportunities.



REGISTRATION FORM - SPRING GARDEN DAY March 12, 2011

Please complete carefully and completely!

1. Please indicate your first, second and third choices for each time period by writing 1, 2, or 3 on the line. Choosing second and third choices for each time period is necessary in case your first choice is filled. Regretfully, not everyone will receive all of their first choices, due to room size restrictions. Make sure you sign up for either the first or second lunch period (if desired). This will establish a tentative schedule.
2. You will receive final confirmation, based on class size and availability, at check-in at Spring Garden Day 2011. You will NOT receive confirmation by mail or phone prior to the program, but you can call us at (518) 272-4210 with questions or to confirm we have received your registration. Registration is open until March 4, 2011 or when classes are filled.
2. Only one name per form, please. You may photocopy this form or call CCE-Rensselaer Co. (518) 272-4210 for extras.
3. Send this completed form with check for \$29.00, made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension, to: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Spring Garden Day, 61 State St. Troy, NY 12180. Thanks!

9:15 - 10:15	10:30 - 11:30	11:40 - 12:40	12:50 - 1:50	2:00 - 3:00	3:15
New Favorites For The Perennial Garden #1. ____	Keynote Speaker	LUNCH #5. ____	LUNCH #9. ____	Getting Down And Dirty In The Perennial Garden #13. ____	Exciting DOOR PRIZES:
Heirloom Gardening: From Seed To Seed #2. ____	<i>Ellen Ecker Ogden</i> <i>presents</i>	Colorful Companions #6. ____	Decorating For The Seasons #10. ____	Amulets and Talismans: Plants for Luck, Love and Salvation #14. ____	DRAWING WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM
Success With Tomatoes #3. ____	“The Complete Kitchen Garden”	Blueberries: Super Fruit, Super Easy #7. ____	Rock Gardening For Beginners #11. ____	What Will Climate Change Mean In Your Backyard? #15. ____	YOU <u>MUST</u> BE PRESENT TO WIN!!
Greenhouses and Garden Structures for The Homeowner #4. ____		Invite Worms Into Your Home? #8. ____	Made In The Shade #12. ____	Creating A Garden Journal #16. ____	

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY & STATE: _____ Zip: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Check One: I have enclosed my check for \$29.00, payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension, for full day registration: _____
 I have enclosed my check for \$10.00, payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension, for keynote speaker only registration: _____

By registering I give my permission to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County to use any photos, slides, films, or sketches taken of my child or myself during this activity for publicity, advertising, and/or promotional purposes.

Class descriptions and speakers

1. **“New Favorites For The Perennial Garden”** – New versions of old favorites, plus some entirely new plants, are available to make your perennial garden better than ever. Come learn from the guy who grows them all! Joe Behn is the owner of Behn’s Best Perennials in Malden Bridge, New York, a wholesale nursery.
2. **“Heirloom Gardening: From Seed To Seed”** – Everything old is new again with heirloom gardening. Join Ken Greene of the Hudson Valley Seed Library for a look at New York heirloom vegetables, herbs, and flowers. He will discuss starting plants from seed, cultivation, harvest, and seed saving, too.
3. **“Success With Tomatoes”** – Don’t let late blight, early blight, hornworms or blossom end rot discourage you! This program will give you the skills to succeed in growing America’s favorite backyard vegetable. Rensselaer County Master Gardener Don Schlegel will share his wide range of experiences.
4. **“Greenhouses and Garden Structures for the Homeowner”** - Have you considered having your own greenhouse or adding a hotbed, cold frame or high tunnel to extend your growing season? This session will focus on greenhouse basics. Considerations such as the types of structure, advantages and disadvantages of various glazing materials, and the environmental manipulations possible will be covered. Join Chuck Schmitt, Extension Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, to see if managing your own growing environment is right for you.
5. LUNCH
6. **“Colorful Companions”** - Learn the secrets of combining annuals and perennials for spectacular colorful displays in your garden and containers. Whether you love just

one color or many, this class will provide you with inspiration and instruction on showcasing your colorful personality using monochromatic, complementary and harmonious displays . Denise Maurer is a Rensselaer County Master Gardener and owner of Denise Maurer Interiors, a residential interior design service.

7. **“Blueberries: Super Fruit, Super Easy”** – Rensselaer County Master Gardener Doug Pratt planted six blueberry plants 32 years ago. Last year he still had 4 plants which produced 30+ quarts of delicious fruit! He’ll explore soil conditions and improvement, varieties, sources, planting, feeding, watering, pruning, harvesting, storage and recipes.
8. **"Invite Worms Into Your Home?"** - Learn the joys of composting with worms, including how to select, house, bed and feed worms so that year round they transform garbage into rich castings for the benefit of your plants. Taught by veteran vermicomposter and Rensselaer County Master Gardener Kathy Sanderson.
9. LUNCH
10. **"Decorating For The Seasons”** – This colorful presentation will show you how to decorate your house inside, outside and everywhere in-between by using plants, garden accessories, and things found in nature. Bring the outside in and the inside out! Presenter Jackie McClory is proprietor of JM Designs, a landscape and garden design company, and a Rensselaer County Master Gardener.
11. **“Rock Gardening For Beginners”** – Rock gardens are filled with fascinating alpine plants that can survive windswept, tough conditions. These plants are often unusual and beautiful to behold. Judy Brown, a rock garden owner, Rensselaer County Master Gardener and member of the Berkshire Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, will give us her insights on rock gardens and how to create your own.
12. **“Made In The Shade”** - What has Jean Chenette learned about shade gardening over the past 10 years? Plenty!

Join her for a photographic stroll through her gardens as she shares the process of trying to make shade become magical. Jean is an avid gardener from West Sand Lake and is the Volunteer Coordinator for the HVCC Creative Retirement Program.

13. **“Getting Down And Dirty In The Perennial Garden”** - Starting with the soil and including ideas for design, plant usage, critters and diseases, and ending with an overview of traditional gardens, this class will rev you up for the tasks ahead. Let us plant some seeds in your head for a new or revisited garden at your house! Sue Pezzolla is an Extension Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.
14. **“Amulets and Talismans: Plants for Luck, Love and Salvation”** – Plants and botanical images have been part of legends, lore and rituals for centuries, and still play an often unrecognized part in our daily lives. Through images and actual objects, Keith Austen will reveal the mysteries in this unique program! He is a horticulturist and Rensselaer County Master Gardener.
15. **“What Will Climate Change Mean In Your Backyard?”** - Sure, you’ve heard the global view. But what does it mean to you? During this session we’ll try to bring it all home by checking past events and what the predictions might mean in your little slice of paradise. Don Maurer is a Rensselaer County Master Gardener who lives in Brunswick.
16. **"Creating A Garden Journal"** - Do you forget what you did in the garden last year, or even last week? Maybe you need a garden journal! Join our panel of Rensselaer County Master Gardeners to hear their methods of documenting their gardening experiences, using a number of recording techniques. Perhaps they will inspire you!