

## WHAT IS THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM?

The Master Gardener Program is a nationwide volunteer program that provides educational programs on horticulture topics.

Throughout New York State, Master Gardeners are trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension in the science and art of gardening.

Master Gardeners are neighbors who teach their neighbors about such topics as:

- Landscaping
- Houseplants & Herbs
- Composting & Soils
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Plant diseases
- Birds
- Beneficial & harmful insects
- Integrated pest management
- Nuisance wildlife management
- And much more!

Master Gardeners are an integral component of a county's Extension program. The projects and functions carried out by Master Gardeners are based on the educational objectives of the local Extension initiatives.

### In Genesee County, Master Gardeners volunteer in the following ways:

- ◆ Staff the Consumer Helpline
- ◆ Work with community gardens
- ◆ Conduct gardening workshops
- ◆ Staff a booth at local Farmer's Markets
- ◆ Judge 4-H exhibits at the County Fair
- ◆ Host the Garden Gala and Harvest Gala
- ◆ Conduct Home Diagnostic Visits

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer? Contact Jan to get on the class waiting list.

## Garden Talk

**FREE** monthly garden series on the 1st Thursday of the month (*except July*) February through December.

Bring your lunch and join us from Noon to 12:45pm. Registration is required.

Or join us via Zoom. Register at our Events page at [genesee.cce.cornell.edu/](http://genesee.cce.cornell.edu/)

**April 6** Starting a Compost Pile

**May 4** Houseplants 101

**June 1** Summer Palette of Native Plants for Monarchs

**July** No program

**August 3** IPM Plant Disease Scouting

**September 7** Fall Garden Cleanup and Pollinators

**October 5** Pick Your Poisons (plants)

**November 2** Winter Seed Sowing

**December 7** TBA

Register & Questions: 585-343-3040 x. 101

Location: Genesee County CCE

420 East Main St., Batavia, NY 14020



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585-343-3040 ext. 101

or  
stop by the Extension office  
420 East Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020

Open weekdays, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

## Cornell Cooperative Extension Genesee County

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## Genesee County Master Gardener



### Catch the Gardening Bug Spring 2023 Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Genesee County



# Spring 2023 Series “Catch the Gardening Bug”

Join the Master Gardeners for delicious desserts, coffee and tea.

Held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County, 420 East Main Street in Batavia from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Cost is \$10 per class & pre-registration is required. Class size is limited.



## Registration

Register by completing the form below and mail a check payable to: **CCE of Genesee**

~OR~

Stop by the Extension office located at 420 East Main Street in Batavia to register and pay by cash or check.

### 2023 Catch the Gardening Bug Series

☐ Create a Habitat in Your Yard  
(March 30) \$10

☐ Succulents!  
(April 10) \$10

☐ Wonderful Sunflowers  
(April 25) \$10

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this registration form  
and check to:**

CCE of Genesee County  
Attn: Jan Beglinger

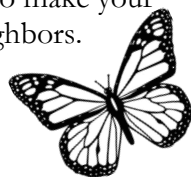
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## Create a Habitat in your Yard

**Thursday, March 30, 6 to 8 pm**

Natural habitat in this country is disappearing at a rapid rate. Buildings and parking lots have replaced forests, prairies, & wetlands. Wildlife doesn't just randomly appear in a given area. It is there because of favorable habitat. The right conditions will invite birds, butterflies, bees, and other species to your yard. If you are wondering, your property matters! Your yard can become a powerful natural resource, and it can be a home to many creatures. Join us as we have a conversation about things you can easily do to make your yard more valuable to your wild neighbors.

**Register by March 23.**



## Succulents!

**Monday, April 10, 6 to 8 pm**

This two-part program will explore the popular family of succulents. First, we will get some succulent basics, starting with “What are they?” We'll cover how to grow them and also how to propagate them. Did you know that some can only be grown inside while others are perfectly happy and hardy in the garden? They have such interesting shapes, textures and colors who can resist them. After a short break, we'll have a demonstration on how to put together your own succulent dish garden and how to use them in containers.

**Register by April 3.**



## Wonderful Sunflowers

**Tuesday, April 25, 6 to 8 pm**

Sunflowers are a bright and cheerful addition to any garden. They are easy to grow from seed in almost any type of soil and can be sown in succession for a season full of colorful blooms. Sunflowers can be grown for cut flowers, a colorful garden display or even for edible seed; for you or the birds. Whether you want short, medium, or tall; yellow, burgundy, or orange, there's a sunflower for you. Join us to explore the wonderful world of sunflowers!

**Register by April 18.**



## Have a Gardening Question?

### **Ask a Master Gardener!**

They may be reached by calling:

**585-343-3040, ext. 127**

Monday through Friday

10 am until Noon

or stop in our office at:

420 East Main Street, Batavia.

They may also be contacted by e-mail at:

**genesemg@cornell.edu**

## Spring Garden Gala

**Saturday, May 20**

**10 am to 1 pm**

Join the Genesee County Master Gardeners for their Spring Garden Gala! There will be a plant sale featuring indoor and outdoor plants, the majority of which are grown by Master Gardeners.

Visit the Basket Auction for garden art, gift certificates and a variety of themed baskets. Gently used garden books will also be for sale. Basket Auction drawing starts at 12:30 pm.

Check out our new Shed Sale! We'll have an assortment of gently used or maybe never used, gardening items such as containers, tools, signs, and garden décor.

Bring in a sample of your soil for free pH testing.

**Plant Sale begins promptly at 10 am** at the Cooperative Extension office, 420 East Main Street, Batavia.

