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LONG ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL GARDENING PRESENTATIONS

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County offers the following gardening programs for presentation to Nassau County garden clubs and societies, civic or community associations, libraries, adult education programs and fraternal organizations. Our experienced Master Gardeners provide these 1 ½ hour presentations which include fact sheets and a question and answer period. There is a $125 fee per presentation. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Water Quality are our main focus and are included in all the presentations. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting us. For more information and to schedule a program for your community group, please call:

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Composting In Your Backyard

Small scale composting is easy to do and the finished product is a great soil amendment for landscape and gardening use. Learn how and what to compost in your own back yard.

Design A Container Garden

Not enough space? Or just want to add interest to your home? One of the hottest trends in gardening is growing plants in containers. A container garden can enhance an entranceway, solve a landscape challenge or beautify a deck or patio, or add elegance around a pool. Learn how to choose your container, design a container planting and maintain your mini garden throughout the garden season.

Gardening With Herbs

Aloe vera, dill, chives, oregano, mint, marigolds are all herbs. In this presentation we will describe plants, some of their uses and hopefully introduce you to some new and old friends. Gardening with herbs is fun, easy, useful and a decorative change to your landscape.

Landscape Design With Trees & Shrubs

Trees and shrubs are the backbone of the garden, holding the beauty of the landscape throughout the season. Learn which perform best in a variety of situations and learn to choose the right plant for the right location.

New Lawn Care And Our Environment

This session will give you all the information you need to show off your lawn to your neighbors. Proper mowing, watering and fertilization, disease, insect and weed control, thatch and core aeration are just some of the topics discussed. The leaching potential of fertilizers and pesticides into Long Island ground water is high and will be an important focus. We will explain pesticides and who is allowed to use them as well as lawn care without pesticides. This is also a chance for the local landscaper and the homeowner to develop an educated communication with each other.

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The Care And Culture Of Orchids
Did you always want to buy an orchid but thought they were hard to maintain? Now is your chance to learn all the secrets of growing orchids. This presentation will provide a guide to orchid culture including; kinds of orchids, light requirements, temperature, fertilizer, watering, potting mediums, and keeping your orchids healthy.

Choosing Perennials
Are you interested in using perennial plants in your landscape but are unsure of which ones to choose? A variety of plants are discussed at this session including their color/foliage, for sun/shade, for moist /dry sites and many other ornamental attributes to get you hooked on perennials.

Pruning Basics
Have you often asked "When do I prune my Hydrangea?" or "My shrub is overgrown how much can I prune and when?" Why, when, frequency, pruning deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs and pruning hedges are all topics discuss in this very informative session.

Putting The Garden To Bed This Fall
Proper care of your landscape in the fall is important to the success of your plants for the next season. This course discusses what to do in the garden to get ready for winter including cutting back of perennials, fertilization, bulbs, soil pH testing and compost. If you follow these practical tips you will see favorable results next spring.

Basics Of Rose Gardening
Don't let rumors about roses being "too much work" discourage you from enjoying the "Queen of Flowers". Learn how to get your roses off to a winning start with careful selection, proper planting, pruning and maintenance. Come hear about the Earthkind roses and their easy care reputation.

Shade Gardening
This slide presentation will explore alternative plants suitable for shaded areas. Shade gardens don't have to be dull and uninviting. With proper soil preparation and plant selection, flowers and colorful foliage can brighten up the shady border. Bulbs, annuals, perennials and some woody shrubs will be featured.

Wake Up Your Garden This Spring
To have a successful garden and landscape one must be proactive. Learn what needs to be done to get your garden up and growing at the beginning of spring. Lawn care, soil testing, mulching, flowers & spring bulb care, and watering are some of the topics that will be discussed. Start the season off with a strong viable landscape.

From Garden To Table-Vegetable Gardening
Home vegetable gardening is on the rise. There is nothing like eating a slice of your own homegrown tomato. Are you thinking about starting a vegetable garden? or just need a little advice? Let us help you learn to choose the right location for your veggies, prepare your soil, and decide between vegetables from seeds or transplants. Learn general maintenance needs that will lead to a plentiful harvest!