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## Garden Day 2003 Promises More Than Classroom Learning

Like digging in the dirt? Getting your hands in the soil? Gazing at beautiful flowers you've grown yourself? Come to Garden Day 2003, on Saturday, April 5 at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge. Hands-on and How-to Classes for gardeners - from the newest beginners to the most advanced veterans - are offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County Master Gardeners and other area experts for this day-long Saturday event that stretches from 8:30 am to 4:05 pm.

Garden Day 2003 promises a brand new approach to finding out the secrets to gardening success. Classes are no longer slide shows for a passive audience, but hands-on, experience-driven classes for active gardeners who really do enjoy getting their hands in the soil.

"Since last year we have studied and discussed the suggestions made by gardeners who attended previous Garden Days. We think a lot of their ideas are great!" said Garden Day Chairman and Master Gardener Cheryl Alloway. "We want people to go away from Garden Day 2003 with a deeper knowledge of gardening. We're happy to reveal our secrets about how to make gardens healthy, beautiful, and successful. We'll reveal our best tricks for analyzing, solving, and preventing problems. And we believe everyone will have a lot of fun," she said.

Liz Simonson, owner of Blue Mountain Gardens in Saugerties will kick Garden Day off with the keynote address: *Successful Container Gardening*. Liz will cover the basics: choosing a pot, how many plants to squeeze in, 10 must-have plants, plus designing, planting and maintaining a great container garden. Other classes to help you have a beautiful garden include: *Landscape and Garden Design- Getting Started; Controlling Wildlife Damage in Your Yard & Garden; What's Wrong With My Plants?; and Basic Lawn Care for Homeowners*.

The cost for the full day of classes is \$25 per person before March 28, 2003 or \$30 at the door. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information or to receive a registration form, please call Barbara Schildhorn, Ag Program Secretary, at 845-340-3990.

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