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### Hands-On Classes Teach the Art of Working with Dried Botanicals

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Master Gardener program announces its *Autumn Workshop Series* with two classes to help home gardeners preserve the splendor of their gardens into the winter. On Wednesday, September 15, 2004 from 5:30 to 7:30, the Master Gardeners will take you on a tour of their magnificent *Xeriscape Demonstration Garden*, at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge helping attendees harvest flowers and foliage that is perfect for drying and preserving. This workshop, *Drying Flowers*, allows attendees to pick what they like from the garden, and while there learn how to treat them once they are taken home for perfect preservation. On Wednesday, October 13, 2004 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's offices, 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston, *The Timeless Center Piece* leads people through the fine points of handling and arranging dried botanicals. Participants will bring plant material from the *Drying Flowers* workshop or elsewhere for this session. The fee for *Drying Flowers* is \$20; and \$35 for *The Timeless Center Piece*. It is not necessary to register for both classes. Class size is limited, and there are no refunds unless the classes are cancelled. Please call Barbara, Ag Program Secretary, 340-3990 for more information or to register. Information and registration forms are also available by visiting our website: [www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster).

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