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Beat The Winter Blues – Begin Planning Your Garden
New Five Part Workshop Series Offered By Master Gardener Program

The bitter winter weather has many people sitting inside leafing through seed catalogs while dreaming of spring. But now you can do more than just dream about spring planting, you can get busy planning for it with a new, five part garden design series presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Master Gardener Program. The *Garden Design Series* consists of five, three-hour workshops focusing on the essential elements of garden planning, design, plant selection and planting. Participants will be creating design plans for their own gardens, and they'll even get homework, too! Classes will be held Sat., Feb. 7th; Sat., March 6th; and Sat. April 3rd from 1-4 p.m. at the Extension Education Center, 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston with the final two classes held at the Ulster County Master Gardener Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at SUNY/Ulster in Stone Ridge on Sat., April 17th and Sat., May 1, 2004. The first three workshops cover the essentials of garden design including the site and type of garden envisioned, instruction on creating and polishing garden plans; and instruction on plant selection, planting and cultural practices. The outdoor sessions are hands-on involving the actual lay out of a garden bed, preparing the soil and planting.

The fee for the series is \$35. Class size is limited. 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/local-programs1.htm. For more information about becoming a Master Gardener, please contact Marie Iannotti, Master Gardener Program

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