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A Learning Experience in Magnificent Gardens

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County Master Gardener Program hosts its annual Mohonk Garden Walk and Luncheon at Mohonk Mountain House, in New Paltz on Thursday, June 24, 2004. The guided two-hour walk led by Mohonk garden and landscape professionals and Ulster County Master Gardeners is a not to be missed event for garden enthusiasts. It includes a complete tour of the annual and perennial beds, the formal flower gardens and the greenhouse. In addition to enjoying the beauty of the splendorous gardens, tour participants receive information about a variety of growing, cultural and pest management practices. Tours begin between 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., in groups of approximately 25 people and will highlight unusual varieties of trees and shrubs found on the grounds.

Lunch is at 12:00 noon in the West Dining Room. Guest speaker, Judy Sullivan, Native Plant Specialist at the Institute for Ecosystems Studies in Millbrook, NY will open our eyes to plants that are happy to call the Hudson Valley their home. The fee is \$45.00. The maximum number of people that can be accommodated is 150, so please register early. **No refunds** will be issued. To register, please call Barbara Schildhorn, Agriculture Program Secretary, at 340-3990 or go to www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster to download a registration form. Deadline for registration is June 18, 2004. If you have any questions please call the Horticulture Hotline 340-3478 (DIRT).

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