



**Master Gardeners offer guided tour of Award Winning Xeriscape
followed by Tea in the Garden**

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County Master Gardener Program for an educational and leisurely afternoon stroll through their award winning Xeriscape Garden at the entrance of SUNY Ulster's Stone Ridge Campus on Saturday, August 18 at 2:30pm in front of the Jacob A. Hasbrouck Building. A Master Gardener will guide the tour and explain the principles of the drought resistant garden design and planting techniques which ultimately yield a spectacularly colorful oasis even during the dog days of summer. The garden features perennial herbs, flowers and shrubs and acts as an interactive teaching tool in the selection of heat tolerant, water-wise plants, integrated pest management and alternative landscaping techniques. Immediately following the tour participants will make a short commute to Victoria's Gardens in High Falls for Tea in the Garden which will include desserts and a guided tour of their flourishing landscapes and lush greenhouse.

The cost of the tours, presentation and tea is \$12 per person. All participants will receive a comprehensive list of water-wise plants to help start their own Xeriscape Garden. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by August 10.

The Xeriscape Garden on the Stone Ridge Campus was created in 2000 and includes 10 garden beds, a dry stream bed and an arbor and alpine garden. A composting demo area and a holding bed were added in 2004 and 2005. The Xeriscape has won a Master Gardeners Conference blue ribbon and is funded on donations by Sea Grant, SUNY Ulster and local businesses and is regularly used for tours and workshops.

For more information or to pre-register contact Dona Crawford, Master Gardener Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County at 845-340-3990.

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