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Don't Miss the Annual Mohonk Gardens Tour and Luncheon

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County Master Gardener Program hosts its annual Mohonk Garden Walk and Luncheon on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at Mohonk Mountain House, in New Paltz. Garden enthusiasts will embark in groups of approximately 15 people on a two-hour walking tour of Mohonks formal flower gardens, annual and perennial beds, and greenhouse.

Guided by an Ulster County Master Gardener or a member of Mohonks landscape and garden staff, tour participants receive information about how to grow, care for and manage pests in these types of plantings. Enjoy the splendorous beauty of Mohonks gardens while gaining insight into how they are created and maintained. Tours begin between 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. The buffet lunch served at 12:00 noon in the West Dining Room features guest speaker, Kerry Mendez.

Mendez is a garden consultant, designer, writer, teacher and lecturer; she focuses on time-saving gardening techniques and workhorse plant material as well as organic practices. She has also been a featured guest on HGTV with Paul Tukey from *People, Places & Plants* and was the 2004-2005 perennial host for Capital News 9s *In the Garden* television segment. Mendez writes garden columns for *Life@Home* (inaugural issue February 2008, produced by the *Times Union*), *The Chronicle*, and *Saratoga Today* as well as freelance pieces for regional and national magazines. Mendez is a member of the Perennial Plant Association, National Garden Writers Association, and a federated garden club.

The fee is \$55.00 per person, which includes luncheon. Space is limited to 150 people. Pre-registration is required by June 17, 2008. No refunds for cancellations will be issued. If you can not attend please send someone in your place. For a registration form please call Dona Crawford at 845-340-3990 or download a form at: <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster>. Participants should plan on arriving early as traffic can back up at the gate. Valet parking is available at the Mountain House.

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