



Otsego Master Gardener General Meeting
Education Center, Cooperstown / Zoom Conferencing

NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AGENDA

Facilitator: David Cox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attendance
- Approval of October Minutes

Committee Reports

- We Grow: "What will be new for you and/or your 2023 garden/growing season?"
- Education & Outreach
 - E&O Meeting (Francine)
 - GROW (Francine)
 - Seed Swap Timeline (Ellen/David)
 - Floriculture Day: (Carol & Pati)
 - Winter Sowing workshop: Date at Oneonta Job Corps (Chris B.)
 - Facebook (Francine)
- Finance-Budgets / Grounds / Grow with CCE:
 - Finance/Budgets (Mary-Ellen)
 - Plant Sale / Seed Starting / AAS / Plug Committee / AAS Plugs (Pati/Carol/Kim)
 - Grow w/CCE / Phase 1 (Peter/Pati)
 - Grounds (Peter)
 - VVGT 2022 (Mary Ellen Calta/Peter)

NEW BUSINESS

- Committee Selections for 2023
- Preferred Communications: Does Moodle help with sharing posts?
- Volunteer Recognition: (Proposed) Wednesday, December 14, 6-8 p.m., Rowe House, Oneonta
- Meeting Attendance; In-person and Zoom. (Is timing a factor for attendance?)
- Volunteer Reporting / Form
- MGVTrip (Bus to Philly Flower Show? March 4-12, 2023)
- MGVT Training 2022/2023: Current MGVTs are invited to participate in any class. The Zoom link will be sent out by each office; same link throughout the training. Contact David with questions.)
- Program Planning and Development
- Spring Garden Day?
- Other

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – Time TBD

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Otsego Master Gardener Meeting
Education Center, Cooperstown / Zoom Conferencing
October 12, 2022, 10 a.m.
Meeting Notes

Facilitator: David Cox

Notetaker: Mary Ellen Calta

Zoom attendees: Mary Ellen Crawford, Ellen Alex, Kathy Koch, Chris Burrington, Kim L'Heureux, Darleen Fournier, Carol Phelps, Dianne Dirig, Kelley Rourke, Francine Stayter, Kathy McGuire, Susanna Membrino, Pati Grady, Madelyn Sanchez Taylor.

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Announcements:

Old Business:

- The minutes from September 14, 2022 were reviewed. Attendees on Zoom at the meeting were corrected. Kathy Koch, Francine Stayter, Ellen Alex. Minutes approved as corrected.
- **We Grow** – Quick Talk About Your 2022 Gardening Experiences: David asked for a positive and a negative outcome/experience from this year's season.

Positives:

Kelley Rourke – First time growing VVGT herbs and vegetables – all well done, her first experience with Epazote.

Kim L'Heureux – Poppies were gorgeous.

Kath Koch – High yield of tomatoes.

Mary Ellen Calta – VVGT beans to dry were slow, but prolific.

Ellen Alex – Learned about a stinky cocktail which she made to deer deterrent – mums were excellent.

Francine Stayter – Used a 5-gallon bucket every day to throw the weeds in it. Helps keep weeding to a minimum and easy cleanup.

Chris Burrington – Grew sweet potatoes for the first time; fun to do and will do again.

Susanna Membrino – Grew celery for the first time – very tough – Carol Phelps suggested that it should be picked earlier.

Kathy McGuire – Bounty of zucchini and tomatoes.

Carol Phelps – First time growing profusion zinnias, excellent, will grow again, also basket flower, dahlias and tiger asters were wonderful.

Mary Ellen Crawford – Grew annuals in pots very successful, Mandevilla thrived.

Darleen Fournier - Very successful learning to start seeds.

Dianne Dirig – Expanded raspberry bed was abundant provider of berries and blackberry lily excellent.

Negatives:

Dianne Dirig - Butternut squash, only two; plant was eaten up early.

Kelley Rourke – No apples this year.

Ellen Alex – Lost all container plants due to drought and inability to keep them watered.

Kathy Koch – Birds attack and eating tomatoes for the fun of it and lost squash plants.

Mary Ellen Calta – Zucchini plant lost early due to drought.

Kim L'Heureux – 4-legged fast bug ate all her scented leaved plants and the red Asian beetle took over.

Francine Stayter – Apple Yellow tomato, AAS winner, grew to 8-feet tall and very wide – will not grow again.

Chris Burrington – Eggplant not good; giving up on trying.

Susanna Membrino – mice ate carrots and tomatoes.

Carol Phelps – problem with squash borers.

Darleen Fournier – Seeds started; could not water; all gone.

Kathy McGuire – lost peonies due to a lightning strike that went underground and must have burned the plants.

Mary Ellen Crawford – Will not grow petunias in pots – drought and could not keep them watered. They got leggy.

Committee Reports:

Education & Outreach: Francine's 10/11 report is attached.

- Seed Saving workshop was held on September 22, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Registrants appreciated the early evening timing. Darlene shared bags for seed saving. Francine found some in the Dollar Store.

- We will offer a Winter Sowing Workshop at the Oneonta Job Corps. Date TBD.
- The Pickin' Patch Emporium (Rt. 7 in Maryland) has offered space to MGVs and can hold 12-15 people.
- There was a Facebook post re: interest in a Cooperstown Community Garden. A local survey to residents will be compiled for interest in a community garden. If yes, MGVs can offer to establish, but not maintain; site will be offsite from CCE.
- December meeting could be a social event to celebrate the year. Location TBD. MG survey sent to see if 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. timing would allow for daytime workers.
- **Question to MGs:** Do you have a community garden in your community? Let Francine know; may be grant funding available. Milford is starting one.
- Nader Towers – Keyhole Garden in the planning stage for low income, handicapped clients. Gardens in Albany are prefabricated metal ones (costly). Home Depot donated some; more information is needed.
- Cooperstown Graduate program surveyed community gardens and the report is on our website – Dianne Dirig suggested this has community gardens in it. Check Moodle page. *(David to look into further.)*
- 808 people see our Facebook page with 19% response rate.

Finance: Mary Ellen Crawford's report will be sent to all next month.

Plant Sale: Carol Phelps reported that \$1,780.39 was spent on supplies; \$1,036.92 for capital expenses (lights/shelving). Total expenses, \$2,817.32. Budgeted \$500 for plugs.

Seed Starting: Kim and Carol met; need to know what to grow. Meeting tomorrow, 10/13, at the Rowe House, 4:30 p.m. AAS plugs ordered – salvia and petunias.

GROW w/CCE and Grounds – Pati reported that Phase One is in progress and the infrastructure for water and electric is complete; surface of parking lot is finished. Kevin Greene and Bert Holmes (Epic) will work next on the slab for the garden house. The holding beds behind the house will be taken out to allow 12' for a lean-to structure for garbage receptacles and compost.

The fuel tank pipes to the furnace were damaged; currently no heat. The basement needs to be cleaned out to allow for a fuel tank to be installed. Clean-up of basement will be Tuesday, October 18, 9 a.m., with the Grounds Committee meeting at 10 a.m.

VVGT needs to have plants and seeds ordered.

David suggested that the books in MG office could go to Worcester Library and he would deliver them.

Are hybrid (in-person/online) meetings ok? Suggested that to improve meetings, folks attending in person bring their personal laptops; hand raising should be used, and to have a help monitoring the chat box. Since there is difficulty, a survey is needed for Master Gardeners to comment.

New committee structures will be addressed at November meeting.

Upcoming Events: Seed Swap, Saturday, January 28 – where? Recommended places in Oneonta: Farmers' Market at Foothills, FoxCare Center, St. James Episcopal Church. If we use the church, Ellen Alex suggested to budget a donation for use of the church.

Kelley's Hardware in Cobleskill has donated two boxes of seeds; Susan Carver is sorting through them for both counties.

There are 43 participants in the new MGV Training; nine from Otsego County.

Please attend classes that interest you – they are via Zoom and the link (one link for the entire 20 weeks is available); Monday's class is on Soils.

Pati Grady invited everyone to the CCE Annual meeting (Tuesday, 10/25, 6:30 p.m.). An invite will be sent. Be sure to register so a link can be to you. Meeting will be via Zoom or in person in both Cobleskill and Oneonta.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Next meeting November 9, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-person and Zoom)



**Otsego Master Gardener
Education & Outreach Meeting
October 11, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

Meeting was held via Zoom

In attendance: M E Calta, Chris Burrington, M E Crawford, K McGuire, F Stayter, (later)
D Cox, L Callahan

1. Discussion of framing the We Grow for October meeting.
It will be a gardener's roundtable. David will be asked to moderate.
First round – 1 – 2 minutes –
 - A positive thing you learned as a gardener.Second round –
 - Something you learned as a gardener a negative
2. Confusion over next November We Grow - Carol & Pati on Floriculture Day at Cornell. Francine will send an e-mail to Carol and Pati.
3. Discussion of future – Consideration of a Social meeting for December. Suspend business for this month and just have a holiday social and/or recognition event. M E Crawford suggested holding the event at Rowe House in Oneonta. Discussion of timeframe to encourage participation with OMGs who work. 4:30 – 6 PM was a suggested time.
Talked of the need to survey ALL OMGs to learn if a later time would encourage more to attend. Send an e-mail to learn more.

Winter Sowing Workshop – December date TBD. (added later – Chris Burrington has secured permission to use the Oneonta Job Corps greenhouse for this event).
4. As the program year ends - what have we accomplished: Listed as many events as we could remember that were evidence of E & O in the 2021 – 2022 program year. We will check our calendars and complete the list.
5. Lengthy discussion of what to consider for next program year? There was a request for help in initiating a Cooperstown Community Garden. K McGuire suggested creating a survey to assess interest in a garden. Discussion of the ways to distribute the survey and what next steps might be taken. Liz and David brought up CCE grants that could be applied. A Cooperstown Community Garden could be a pilot for how to support other community gardens around the county.
6. We will survey OMG members at the meeting and via e-mail to learn more about community gardens in our towns and from that how OMGs might contribute. The Oneonta Community Garden is a model of using gardens for empowerment of individuals to grow their own food with support.



**Otsego Master Gardener
Education & Outreach Meeting
November 7, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

- We Grow – Carol & Pati – Floriculture Day at Cornell
- Winter Sowing Workshop – Chris & Francine on 12/19 at Oneonta Job Corp for public and to include Job Corp students
 - Great interest on FB 1250 views
 - May need to do a second
- December meeting a regular meeting at CCE
- January meeting a kick-off to the new year and social
- Potential GROW Project at Nader in collaboration with The Oneonta Housing Authority, Oneonta Community Development, and Destination Oneonta
- Potential GROW project with Oneonta Community Garden Soil Assessment and Amendment
- Katherine and Francine working on background for Cooperstown Community Garden with background from Susan Jones
- Katherine and Francine continuing refinement of survey
- Cornell PD – May Cornell Field Day for MGs
- June 1 IPM Conferences – MG strand on Sustainable Landscapes Summer 2023 – Live? MG Conference
- Vermont MG conf. See today's FB
- 1/28/2023 Seed Swap at St. Mary's
- 11/28/2022 Planning Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Summary for January 1 to September 30, 2022

Expense	Budgeted amount	Expense 1st quarter	Expense 2 nd quarter	Expense 3 rd quarter	Expense 4 th quarter	Total spent for year so far	Amount of budgeted amount left
Education & Outreach – General	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 48.00	0.00	\$ 220.46		\$ 268.46	\$ 1,481.54
Education & Outreach - GROW	\$ 1,050.00	0.00	\$ 220.50*	\$ 112.78		\$ 333.28	\$ 716.72
Education & Outreach – Helpline	\$ 00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$ 0.00
Finance – Caring Fund	\$ 50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	\$ 50.00
Finance – Coordinator's Fund	\$ 650.00	\$ 83.67	\$ 170.83	\$ 104.38		\$ 358.88	\$ 291.12
Finance – General Fund	\$ 750.00	\$ 70.02	\$ 299.90	\$ 34.18		\$ 404.10	\$ 345.90
Grounds	\$ 400.00	0.00	\$ 94.14	0.00		\$ 94.14	\$ 305.86
Plant sale	\$ 880.00	\$ 246.25	\$ 214.11	0.00		\$ 460.36	\$ 419.64
Seed Starting	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 728.71	\$ 80.87	\$ 418.04		\$ 1,227.62	\$ 2,022.38
total	\$ 8,780.00	\$ 1,17.,65	\$ 1,080.35	\$ 889.84		\$ 3,146.84	\$ 5,633.16
Revenue	Budgeted amount	Revenue 1st quarter	Revenue 2 nd quarter	Revenue 3 rd quarter	Revenue 4 th quarter	Total revenue for year so far	
				\$ 35.00		\$ 35.00	
Education & Outreach – General							
Education & Outreach - GROW							
Education & Outreach – Helpline	\$ 25.00		\$ 3.00			\$ 3.00	
Finance – Caring Fund							
Finance – Coordinator's Fund							
Finance – General Fund							
Grounds							
Plant sale	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 9,476.50			\$ 9,476.50	
Seed Starting							
total	\$ 4,025.00		\$ 9,479.50	\$ 35.00		\$ 9,514.50	

Financial Committee Report for 1/1 through 9/30, 2022 Presented at November 9, 2022 meeting

Master Gardener Enhancement (reserve) fund

2021 Amount transferred to Enhancement fund at end of the year	\$ 1,862.79
2022 Balance in Enhancement fund as of 1/1/2022	\$ 16,946.57
2022 1/31 transfer of Frank Stevens fund to Grow with CCE	\$ 1,034.31
Balance in Enhancement fund as of 3/31/	\$ 15,912.26*

* This needs to be verified

Summary 2022

This report is as of 9/30/22

Expenses – Total for Year \$ 3,146.84 Budgeted Amount \$8,780.00

Revenue – Total for Year \$ 9,514.50 Budgeted Amount \$4,025.00

Miscellaneous Master Gardener Financial Matters not covered in budget

REVENUES – Contributions

- For example a donation from a Garden Club
7/25 HOF Parking \$160.00

ENTERPRISE

- Such as a cash sale or order of MG clothing -something MGs are going to buy and then turn around and sell

Expense

1/24	Darlene Fourier	\$ 16.00
5/5	Adminders – apparel	\$331.19

Revenue

1/24	Darlene Fournier	\$ 16.00
May & June	Master Gardeners	\$279.50
July	Master Gardener	\$ 36.10



Plant Sale and Seed Starting Committee Report November 2022

1. See Profit report for 2022 Plant Sale. Profit, even with full expense of light set-up, is \$6,694.14
2. Seed starting supplies have been ordered for 2023 season. Order was based on what we had on hand. Labels were not ordered, as price was 3 times last year.
3. Seeds have been ordered.
4. Kim has done much research on availability of plugs for our use. Bottom line: we would have to take leftovers and our choices would not necessarily be what we want. Plugs are produced so the timing to bring them to late May sell date require a greenhouse.
5. Two more Master Gardeners would like a light set-up. Without buying the plugs, we have money in the budget to purchase.
6. Seed Starting will start in January. First Plant Sale meeting will be in March. Proposed dates are as follows. These are not confirmed dates.
 - Tuesday, January 31: Seed starting; supply distribution and seeds needing stratification
 - Thursday, February 16; Seed starting
 - Wednesday, March 1: First Plant Sale Meeting; Calendar and task list
 - Wednesday, March 8: Seed Starting in conjunction with MG monthly meeting
 - Monday, March 20: Plant Sale meeting followed by Seed Starting session
 - Tuesday, April 4: Plant Sale meeting followed by Seed Starting session
 - Monday, April 17: Seed Starting
 - Tuesday, April 25: Plant Sale, finalize prices
 - Wednesday, May 3: Seed Starting for final potting up
 - Wednesday, May 20: Plant Sale finalizing work assignments in conjunction with MG monthly meeting
 - Monday, May 15: Plant Sale Preliminary Set-up
 - Friday, May 19: Plant Sale Set-up
 - Saturday, May 20: Plant Sale
7. Plant Sale Meetings will be hybrid. Seed Starting will be at CCE in Cooperstown. Supplies will be distributed at the meetings. If seed starters cannot be at a meeting those attending the meeting will pack up a "To Go" pack for the member to pick up at his or her convenience.
8. Seed Starting is a professional development opportunity. All are welcome to join the meetings even if they cannot host plants in their home. Part of the professional development is learning by doing and learning from mistakes.

2022 Plant Sale Gross Sales, Expenses, and Profit Report
Report prepared by Carol Phelps with assistance from Mary Ellen
Crawford and Kim L'Heureux

Plant Sale Committee

2021 Expenses Attributable to 2022 Plant Sale/AAS

11/17/21	Lowe's –	
	2 sets shelving, lights, casters, power strips, timers	869.30
11/22/21	Lowe' s (2) 4-ft 2-light LED Low Bay Shop Lights	
69.72		
	Total	\$939.02*

Seed starting

2021 Expenses Attributable to 2022 Plant Sale & AAS

11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - Plastic plant labels (2 cases)	
51.66		
11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - Clear humidity domes (1 case)	136.02
11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - Traditional inserts(1 case)	61.81
11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - 1020 Daisy Trays (3 cases)	223.65
11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - 1020 Trays, Heavy Duty (1 case)	116.00
11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - Square Black Form Pots (5 packs)	12.80
11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - Square Black Form Pots (1 case)	81.65
11/04/21	Greenhouse Megastore - Sheet pots (1 case)	86.29
	Sub-total	\$ 768.88
	Greenhouse Megastore Sheet Pots rec'd June 2022, Will be used for 2023	\$86.29
	Total	\$683.59

Plant Sale Committee

Budget - \$880.00

1/31/22	UMASS – Jumping Worm Conference –Carol Phelps	\$40.00	
3/24	Yard sign master 25 signs	206.25	
5/11	Amazon - color coding dots	13.99	
5/20	Bruce Hall - deer net		71.89
5/21	Pati Grady - refreshments	29.88	
5/21	Credit card sales fee	60.10*	
5/31	Facebook – publicity	20.00	
4/23	CCE – Schoharie - color printing	2.50	
5/26	CCE – Schoharie - color printing	15.75	
	Total Year to Date	\$460.36	

Seed Starting Committee

Budget - \$3,250.00

1/11	Westlake Hardware –		
	2 power strips	\$19.18	
	6 S Hooks	14.34	
1/24	Home Depot – shop light	54.08	
1/31	Park Seeds	75.36	
2/11	Westlake Hardware – promix	215.92	
2/11	Amazon – liquid fertilizer	30.91	
3/3	Grower’s Solution –		
	3.5” deep square inserts	151.00	
3/23	Westlake Hardware		
	Paint brush, razors & Promix	59.96	
3/30	Westlake Hardware		
	4 bales promix	107.96	
5/11	Westlake Hardware		
	3 bales promix	80.97	
	Sub-total Year to Date.	\$ 809.58	
	Two bales promix reserved for 2023	53.98	
	Total	\$755.60	
	Gross Sales from Plant Sale 2022		\$9,396.50
	Expenses for 2022 Plant Sale from Plant Sale Budget		\$1,399.38
	Seed Starting Expenses for 2022	\$1439.38	
	10% assigned to AAS	140.00	
	Seed Starting Expenses Attributable to 2022 Plant Sale		\$1,299.38
	Profit from 2022 Plant Sale		\$6,694.14

* Light Set-ups Expense Caveat:

Light set-ups are a capital expenditure and should be expensed over a useful life period. If we designate a five-year expense period, the cost attributable for the 2022 Plant Sale expenditures for light set-ups would be \$187.80. But we would also need to include an expense line for past capital expenditures for light set-ups. A five-year useful life per set-up might be good for tax reporting, but in reality too short. The shelving should last 20 years, and the lights themselves at least 5 years.

In short, we need to account for the cost of the light set-ups, but this report is overstating the expense per year for our investment in light set-ups.

7. Francine talked of the potential of the grant for adding keyhole raised beds for the elderly and disabled gardeners at Nader Towers. She will contact Kurt Shultes, head of Oneonta Housing Authority.
8. K. McGuire and Francine will get together in the next few days to prepare a Cooperstown Community Garden survey. David and Liz will help with distribution.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting November 7, 9:30 a.m. with We Grow presented by Carol Phelps and Pati Grady.

Seed Swap 2023 Preparation Timeline

National Seed Swap Day is always the last Saturday in January (1/28/23)

Month	Activity
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm with MGs: seed swap 2023 and swap venues. • If yes, offsite? Confirm date and time with offsite venues. • (Venue update): Middleburgh Library (S); St. Mary's (O) Contacts: Susan Carver (water_lover@hotmail.com) (S) Ellen Alex: ealex@stny.rr.com (O)
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit seed donations from Kelley's Farm and Garden and Noble Ace Hardware. (Seed from Kelley's) • If volume is small, consider requesting seeds from High Mowing. donations@highmowingseeds.com (N/A)
November – December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort seeds. Consider sharing w/neighbor program. • Encourage all MGs to save and prepare seed to share.
Early January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin promotion of the swap with the creation of posters, social media images, and a press release.
Mid-January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory seed swap supplies (small envelopes and markers); purchase more if needed. • Make about 20 copies (per county) of the annual Cornell Recommended Vegetable Varieties. • Compile additional handouts (i.e. how to save seeds, starting seeds indoors) and CCE information.
Swap Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times TBC: MGs arrive about an hour early to set up for the swap. A minimum of four table groupings are needed; veggie seeds, flower seeds, herb and miscellaneous seeds; and handouts. A fifth table grouping may be needed for donated plants/books. • Reserve space on each table for extra seeds that participants may bring seeds to the swap. • Designate one person for registration/head count. • Welcome participants. Point out the MGs and mention that they are available to help. • Depending on donated seed packet volume, participants can take a whole packet or part of a packet. • At closing, gather seeds into boxes, label the boxes.
Early February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send a note to the Times Journal, noting the success of the event and thanking the sponsors (those who donated seeds and the venue) • Determine placement of left-over seeds, plants, books, etc.



**Master Gardener Volunteers of Schoharie
& Otsego Counties Grow with CCE Report
November 9, 2022**

- Site work continues on new gardens (Madelyn has done a great job documenting progress)
- Basement was cleaned out; new oil tank installed, up & running
- Raised beds & fencing on south side of parking lot removed; fencing stored, garden shed will be relocated
- Path from parking lot to CCE building has been reinforced; handicapped ramp re-configured
- Lumber for raised beds moved from Mohican Farms; on site ready for use
- Specs on garden house slab determined (cement color & finish), expected to be poured 11/8
- Next step is to install TrueGrid (base surface for all garden areas except raised beds & garden house)
- Construct raised beds on site
- Dig in-ground beds
- Garden house windows have arrived at Bruce Hall's
- Fundraising update –
 - 10/3/22 last donation received (\$25k Heilig Foundation - \$25k will be forthcoming in Spring 2023)
 - \$129,042 – cash received to date
 - \$22,260 – in-kind donations
 - \$25k – restricted funds (Laura Jane Musser Foundation)
 - \$351,302 – total committed to project to date (includes \$150k from NY State – still in limbo)
 - Still seeking other funding opportunities to be ready for Phase II next Spring

Submitted by Pati Grady, Co-chair, Grow With CCE

Otsego Master Gardener Committees 2022

Education & Outreach		Chair: Francine Stayter
GROW		Members : Francine Stayter
Workshops, Outreach, Events, Speakers Bureau, Facebook, Publicity		Members: Chris Burrington, Mary Ellen Calta, Ellen LaSalle, Mary Ellen Crawford, Paul Mendelsohn, Francine Stayter, Betsy Sywetz, Pati Grady, Darlene Fournier, Ellen Alex, Kelly Rourke
Helpline		Members: Mary Ellen Calta, Betsy Swytez, Paul Mendelsohn, Darlene Fournier, Erika Dammer, Audrey Porsche, Kathy McGuire
Fair		Members: Mary Ellen Crawford
Cooperstown Grounds		Chair: Peter Coleman
AAS		Chair: Kim L'Heureux and Susan Jones Members:
Grow w/ CCE		Chair: Peter Coleman and Pati Grady Members: Susanna Membrino, Diane Dirig, Kim L'Heureux, Betsy Swytez
Grounds		Chair : Peter Coleman Members: Ellen LaSalle, Tim Feury, Diane Dirig, Kelly Rourke, Ellen Alex, Pati Grady, Kim L'Heureux, Betsy Swytez, Susanna Membrino, Susan Jones, Mary Ellen Calta, Erica Livingston
VVGT		Chair: Mary Ellen Calta Members:
Seed Starting		Chair: Kim L'Heureux
		Members: Ellen Alex, Mark Bosnack, Fiona DeJardin, Diane Dirig, Pati Grady, Susan Jones, Kathy Koch, Annette MacLeod, Bob McCann, Carol Phelps, Ellen LaSalle, Darlene Fournier, Audrey Porsche, Elaine Nahman, Katherine McGuire, Kelly Rourke
Plant Sale		Chair: Pati Grady and Carol Phelps
		Members: Ellen Alex, Chris Burrington, Peter Coleman, Fiona DeJardin, Dianne Dirig, Kathy Koch, Kim L'Heureux, Ellen LaSalle, Annette MacLeod, Francine Stayter, Audrey Porsche
Finance		Chair: Mary-Ellen Crawford
Care & Mileage		Members: Mary-Ellen Crawford, Mary Ellen Calta, Francine Stayter, Ellen Alex



Master Gardener Volunteer Hours

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

COUNTY: ☐ Schoharie
☐ Otsego

STATUS: ☐ MG Apprentice
☐ MG Volunteer

DATE	HOURS	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
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Otsego Master Gardener Program
PROGRAM 2020 – 2021: IN-HOUSE WORKPLAN
 Education & Outreach Committee – Update: 12/7/20

Month/Date/Time/Place	Event/Activity/Topic	Facilitator/Presenter(s)/ Participants	Comments/Next Step(s)
January 1/13/20: 10 to 11:30 a.m. 1/13/20: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown 1/30/20: 10 to 11:00 a.m. St. James Episcopal Church 305 Main St., Oneonta (Elm)	General OMG Meeting Lunch & Learn (L&L): Making Sense of Seed Catalogs – Ask the Experts Annual Seed Swap	TBD Kim L'Heureux Kathy Koch Laurie VanNostrand? (Cornell Recommended Varieties for 2021. CCE Wayne) Ellen Alex et al.	Include disclaimer that CCE is not endorsing seed companies. Check w/Ashley Helmholdt for timing of availability. Contact: Deacon Vickie Hunter, 607.432.1458 Approved \$100 for space
February 2/10/21: 10 to 11:30 a.m. 2/10/21: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown Dates TBD <i>Other Outreach?</i>	General OMG Meeting L&L: Timing Your Garden Plantings - Phenology Seed Starting	TBD Mary Ellen Calta Kim L'Heureux et al.	Seed starting dates w/MGs TBD
March 3/10/21: 10 to 11:30 a.m. 3/10/21: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown 3/??/21: Time TBD; DAR, Oneonta, or Zoom (likely) 3/21/21: 9 a.m. to noon Middlefield Orchards; 9-10, Zoom webinar; 10-noon, hands-on field workshop <i>Other Outreach?</i>	General OMG Meeting L&L: Garden Design (?) Short History of Gardening Tree & Small Fruit Pruning	TBD Susanna Membrino (?) Mary Ellen Calta Laura McDermott (ENYCHP)	(In discussion) (In discussion) Laura McDermott and Willy Bruneau are willing to do both online and hands-on; cost is \$10/person

APRIL 4/14/21: 10 – 11:30 a.m. 4/14/21: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown 4/?? – 4/??/21: Times TBD	General OMG Meeting L&L: Nature Heals (??) Spring Garden Day at Earth Fest Topics: Eat Your Yard: Edible Landscaping. English Gardens ? Broad Beans ? Topic(s) TBD:	TBD Presenters TBD In collaboration w/OCCA; Jeff O’Handley, Program Director (In discussion) Carol Phelps / Chris Burrington Fiona Dejardin ? Fiona Dejardin ? Cornell -Botanical Gardens / GBL / Hort Section (Dept)	Welcome MG Apprentices (In discussion) 607.282.4087 <programdirector@occainfo.org> “What and where to plant vegetables, flowers, fruits, and herbs to enhance your landscape and your table.” (In discussion) (In discussion) (Proposed: DC in contact with CBG.)
MAY 5/12/21: 10 – 11:30 a.m. 5/12/21: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown 5/5/21: (Time TBD) 5/29-30/21: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	General OMG Meeting Lunch & Learn: Nature Heals - Container Gardening The Art of Progressive Blooming Annual Plant Sale	TBD Francine Stayter / Mark Boshnack Mila Fournier (CCE Tompkins), or TBD from CBG Pati Grady / Carol Phelps, Co-Chairs	Working w/community groups for adaption... ?? DC to contact Schoharie Valley Garden Club / CBG; Cost is \$10/person See 10/30 and 12/4 meeting notes. Farmers’ Museum agreed to use parking lot as a back-up.
JUNE 6/9/21: 10 – 11:30 a.m. 6/9/21: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown <i>Other Outreach?</i>	General OMG Meeting L&L: Don’t Eat My Garden, Part I: Top Five Insect Pests to Manage	TBD Carmen Greenwood ??, SUNY Cobleskill	DC to contact Carmen for workshop
JULY 7/14/21: 10 – 11:30 a.m. 7/14/21: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown	General OMG Meeting L&L: Don’t Eat My Garden, Part II: Practical Solutions to Manage Nuisance Wildlife	TBD Joellen Lampman, Community IPM Extension Support Specialist, NYS-IPM	CCE Albany, 518.441.1303; jhz6@cornell.edu

7/18 or 25/21: Time(s) TBD Zoom/CCE Cooperstown	AAS / VVGT Open House and... Second Season Seed Starting	MGVs TBD TBD	On-site discussion w/C-19 Safety Protocols observed. Outside class??
AUGUST 8/11/21: 10 – 11:30 a.m. (or) Noon to 1:00 p.m. Zoom/CCE Cooperstown 8/3 – 8/8/21: Times TBD Morris Fairgrounds 8/29/20: Times TBD Location(s) TBD	No General OMG Meeting L&L: Virtual Tour of Otsego MG Gardens. Topics: Edible Landscape Florida Weave Trellis for Tomatoes English Gardens & Varieties of Beans Raised Beds Otsego County Fair Display TBD Family Farm Day Outreach?	TBD Chris Burrington Francine Stayter Fiona Dejardin Pati Grady MGVs TBD TBD	A collection of ten-minute pre-recorded videos Utilizing same type of wood as purchased for raised beds. Committee needed w/min of three MGs. Optional outreach event
SEPTEMBER 9/8/21: 10 -11:30 a.m. 9/8/21: Noon to 1:00 p.m. Date(s)/Time TBD Date/Time	General OMG Meeting L&L: Seed Saving Hartwick Co. Living Fest Harvest Fest, Farmers’ Museum	TBD Kathy Koch et al. TBD TBD	Serves as preparation for the Annual Seed Swap, 1/29/22.
OCTOBER 10/13/21: 10 – 11:30 a.m. 10/31/21: Noon - 1:00 p.m. TBD	General OMG Meeting L&L: Forcing Bulbs Down in the Dirt: Composting and Improving Soil Health (??)	TBD Susan Jones Carol Phelps et al.	(In discussion) (In discussion)
NOVEMBER 11/10/21: 10 – 11:30 a.m. 11/10/21: Noon – 1:00 p.m.	General OMG Meeting L&L: Holiday Gifts for Gardeners (?)	TBD MGs	(In discussion)

<i>Other Outreach?</i>			
DECEMBER			
12/8/21: 10 -11:30 a.m.	General OMG Meeting	TBD	Annual MG Appreciation Day

Professional Development for Programming:

- 11/17/20, 10:00 a.m., Celebrating Diverse, Innovative, Nimble, and Agile Extension Work - MGVI Programs – Celeste Carmichael, Cornell
Recording: <https://staff.cce.cornell.edu/units/celebrating-diverse-innovative-nimble-and-agile-extension-work>
- 11/18/20: Noon – 1:00 p.m., November Sustainable Landscapes Lunch & Learn – Community Food Systems Best Practices – Carla Crim, CCE Delaware
Recording: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Sustainable+Landscapes+Lunch+%26+LearnA++Community+Food+Systems+Best+Practices/1_xt5zqpqc

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Topics for consideration:

- Pest and Plant Diseases in a Changing Climate: Tony Antes, Federated Garden Club of NY
- Bio-Intensive Gardening: Carla Crim, Ph.D., Horticulture Educator, CCE Delaware Co.
- New Takes on Container Gardens: Barbara Melera, Horticulturalist, Flora Historian
- Plant Propagation and Planting Strategies: Chris Cash, Professor Emeritus of Plant Science
- Grow a Cutting Garden at Home. Betsy Busche.

Topics suggested by the Schoharie Free Library:

- Keeping chickens safe and healthy through the winter
- Herbs for the windowsill and microgreens
- Cold frame gardening
- Forcing bulbs (Susan Jones)
- Planning and starting a garden
- Eating weeds (dandelions, winter cress, etc.)
- Weed & pest control in the garden
- Harvesting & preserving the garden

Topics from MGVI Training 2020-21:

FALL 2020

Botany Basics / Plant Propagation
 Biointensive Gardening / Propagation
 Composting

(Carla Crim)
 (Carla Crim)
 (Carla Crim, Carol Phelps)

Soil Health / Mulches	(Chris Cash)
Plant Pathology	(Chris Cash)
Greenhouse / Hydroponics	(Leslie Judd, Ph.D.; George Crosby, Ph.D.)
Weed ID & Control	(Erik Smith, Field Crops, CNYDLFC Team)
Garden Insect Pests and Management	(Carmen Greenwood, Ph.D., SUNY Cobleskill)
Native Pollinators	(Carmen Greenwood)
Biological Control / Insect Natural Enemies	(Carmen Greenwood)
Lawn Care w/o Pesticides	(David Chinnery, CCE Rensselaer)
Invasive Species	(Marilyn Wyman and Dan Snider)

SPRING 2021

Annuals & Perennials	(Betsy Busche)
IPM (Around the Home) / Nuisance Pests & Wildlife	(Joellen Lampman, CCE Albany)
Large & Small Fruits	(Laura McDermott, ENYCHP)
Edible Landscapes / Permaculture	(Carla Crim)
Woody Plants/Ornamentals	(Chris Cash)
Organic Gardening	(Crystal Stewart Courtens, ENYCHP)
Beekeeping	(Garet Livermore)
Home Landscapes (Design)	(Birgitta Brothy, Assoc. Professor, SUNY Delhi)