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2011 Community Garden
Conference

Morris County Park Commission

2012 Community Garden Conference March 3, 2012

at
The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Avenue
Morris Township, NJ 07962



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Calling All Community Gardeners

In the past five years, interest in and demand for Community Gardens has exploded. The success of last years' conference inspired us to make it an annual event. With the help and guidance of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the impressive list of speakers makes this an event not to be missed.

Whether you're an experienced or new community gardener, a Community Garden Manager, Coordinator, or an Activist trying to get a Community Garden started, you will want to attend this program.



**Saturday, March 3
9:00am to 4:30pm**

Snow date of Sunday, March 4
\$50 *If registered before February 4*
\$60 *If registered after February 4*

Register online at
www.arboretumfriends.org
or call 973.326.7603

2012 Community Garden Conference

Welcome Address

Lesley Parness, Superintendent of Horticultural Education, MCPC
Cynthia Triolo, Education Assistant, MCPC

Keynote Address

Gary Oppenheimer, AmpleHarvest.org

Make the Connection

Gary Oppenheimer is the founder and Executive Director of AmpleHarvest.org, a nationwide vehicle for gardeners to share their bounty with those in need. Gary is a CNN Hero and the recipient of numerous humanitarian awards as well as a Master Gardener, an Environmental Commissioner, a former Community Garden Director and an avid bicyclist.

Breakout Sessions

Controlling Weeds in a Community Garden

Learn how to utilize a variety of control measures to keep weeds at bay. Speaker Pete Nitzsche is County Agricultural Agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County. Pete is a frequent lecturer on growing small fruits and vegetables in the home garden at Master Gardener classes, and at the Rutgers Home Gardeners School

Intensive/Extensive Growing Techniques

Jim Carr, NYBG lecturer, author and ecological horticulturist, shows us how to get the most out of our gardens with tips on maximizing yield, space planning and succession planting. He'll also discuss techniques for extending the growing season using row covers and frames.

Wildlife Control in Community Gardens

Learn what to do about all those pesky critters that are the bane of our existence. Madeline Flahive-DiNardo, Union County Agricultural Agent, shares her experience

on what works and what doesn't for deer, groundhogs, voles, chipmunks and rabbits.

Attracting Native Pollinators

Lindsey Fenner, lab manager and field technician at the Winfree Lab at Rutgers shares her very important research on how to attract native pollinators to our community gardens. Get tips on what plants to use to make your garden pollinator-friendly and join the all-important habitat restoration effort.

Soils and Soil Science for Community Gardens

Dr. Stephanie Murphy, Director of Rutgers Soil Testing Lab gives us the "dirt" on soil. Learn the importance of soil testing, how to interpret results and get soil mix "recipes" for raised beds. Included in Dr. Murphy's talk is the use of compost and other soil amendments, how pH influences nutrient uptake, and how to make corrections.

Growing Tomatoes in a Community Garden

Gwen Montgomery, Senior Horticultural Program Specialist with the Morris County Park Commission, explains the difference between determinate and indeterminate, heirloom and hybrid, and compact and vining tomatoes. Gwen will share all of her tips on growing, caging, pruning and planting.

Roundtable Discussions

Get specific answers and advice to problems you have been facing at your garden and share your own valuable experience with others at the discussions listed below.

Gardeners' Roundtable led by Pete Nitzsche

Coordinators' Roundtable led by Cynthia Triolo

Activists' Round Table led by Jan Zientek



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REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

9:00am-9:30am Registration and coffee
9:30am- 9:45am Welcome Address
9:45am-10:45am Keynote Address
10:45am-11:45am Breakout Session A
(Choose 1)

- Soils
- Growing Tomatoes
- Wildlife Control

11:45am-12:45pm Breakout Session B
(Choose 1)

- Soils
- Growing Tomatoes
- Wildlife Control

12:45pm-1:30pm Lunch provided by Whole Foods Market of Madison

1:30pm-2:30pm Breakout Session C
(Choose 1)

- Attracting Native Pollinators
- Weed Control
- Intensive Growing Techniques

2:30pm-2:45pm Coffee and cookies

2:45pm-3:45pm Breakout Session D
(Choose 1)

- Attracting Native Pollinators
- Weed Control
- Intensive Growing Techniques

3:45pm-4:30pm Roundtable Discussions
(Choose 1)

- Gardeners
- Coordinators
- Activists

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