



Meet the Master Gardeners

Martha (Martie) Teumim has been an Albany County Master Gardener off and on since 1982. During the past several years she has been part of a Cornell-based team which studied the topic of climate change and created educational products on the subject.

Martie is a retired high school English teacher who has two grown daughters and two grandchildren. She lives in Delmar with her husband and two cats.

John Martin recently retired from Knolls Atomic Power Lab after working in the special projects and R&D department. After settling in with retirement he decided to find a way to give back to the community; hence involvement with the CCE Master Gardener Program. He has been gardening, growing flowers, herbs, and vegetables over the last 35 years and through trial and error has found what works of him. He has taken his experiences and merged them with a number of references and the CCE MG program guidance to create a number of talks. He enjoys helping communities and individuals learn to garden and take care of the environment.

Phyllis Rosenblum has been an Albany County Master Gardener since the first training was given in the 1970's. She's an expert in many types of gardening and starts hundreds of tomato plants in her cellar in Altamont to be sold at our Garden Education Day in May.

Seed Starting with Martie Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm

This is a hands-on workshop where you will plant a seed in a pot to take home. You will learn about choosing seeds, checking for viability, proper care of seedlings, and planting.

Creating a Backyard Vegetable Garden with John Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm

This presentation provides a basic checklist for the beginner and some tips for the experienced vegetable gardener on the creation and maintenance of backyard vegetable gardens. The presentation helps one choose what to plant, provides hints on what to grow when, and the different types of gardens available depending on space and accessibility. Soil guidance, watering techniques, crop rotation, seasonal plantings, vegetable families, and sunlight needs are also discussed with respect to types of vegetables being considered.

Totally Tomatoes with Phyllis Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm

The A to Z of tomato raising and culture: choosing your tomatoes, seed starting, planting, and care.

All workshops are approximately one-hour at the JCC. Cost is \$5 per class/Free when you reserve a 2019 community garden plot at the JCC. Please register online at www.albanyjcc.org/register or at the Member Service Desk. Email LisaM@albanyjcc.org for more information.



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