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OC Parks Department and Friends of Arboretum Offer Gardening Programs at Arboretum *Four Classes Available in April*

Goshen - Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and Orange County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commissioner Richard Rose are pleased to announce the Friends of the Orange County Arboretum's schedule for gardening classes in April. These class offerings are in addition to the annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 29.

On Saturday, April 9, instructor Caroline DeWilde will offer "Shrubs: Easy Care Plants for Your Landscape" from 10 am to noon in the Kosuga Greenhouse classroom at the County Arboretum. Caroline says, "Shrubs are an often neglected part of the landscape and people tend to stick to the basics." In class, Caroline will offer ways to introduce new varieties into landscape plans, as well as how to select, plant, and care for your shrubs. The class is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required.

"Planning and Planting a Kitchen Garden" will be offered Thursday, April 14 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Kosuga Greenhouse classroom. Master Gardener Dora Wright will cover how to personalize your vegetable and herb garden to match your cooking style. Attendees will learn how to utilize raised beds, trellises, and container growing to yield a wonderful assortment of home-grown produce to use in your favorite recipes. The class is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required.

Local beekeeper Bill Ferris, will present "All about Bees" from 11 am to 12:30 pm, Saturday, April 16, in the Kosuga Greenhouse classroom. Participants will learn how to have a successful bee hive right in your backyard including proper placement, maintenance, and honey extraction. The class is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required.

The Friends of the Arboretum's annual Arbor Day program will be celebrated Friday, April 29 from 11 am to noon on the beautiful Arboretum grounds. Festivities at this free event will include a

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question and answer opportunity with a Master Gardener, a tree planting demonstration, and a guided tour of the Arboretum highlighting the fabulous variety of plants and specimen trees.

To reserve your seat at one of the classes or for more information, please call (845) 615-3828. Visit the Parks Department online at www.orangecountynyparks.com.

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Inside the Kosuga Greenhouse at Orange County Arboretum.

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Orange County Arboretum's lead arborist Peter Patel is joined by two members of the Middletown Garden Lover's Club for a tree planting ceremony at last year's Arbor Day celebration at Orange County Arboretum.

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