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Cornell Cooperative Extension... *Strengthening our community by helping you put knowledge to work*

Recent Cornell Cooperative Extension Projects Funded by the Foundation:

- 4-H Teen Leadership Program
- Horticulture Diagnostic Lab Equipment
- GardenScape Educational Display
- 4-H Science & Environment Program

How You Can Support The Cornell Cooperative Extension Foundation of Monroe County, Inc.

- Make a donation
- Volunteer
- Give a memorial gift
- Consider CCE in your will

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Friends of Extension Gala—A Great Success

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) has been serving the residents of Monroe County since 1913. CCE's research and education provides important help to thousands of 4-H members, farmers, landscape professionals, gardeners, educators and consumers. This could not be accomplished without your support. Reductions in funding have increased the importance of fund development and private giving. This newsletter features some recent fund raising initiatives, initiated by Extension's Foundation.

The first Friends of Extension Gala held on June 7th raised almost \$11,000 through the efforts of program participants and volunteers who reflect CCE's broad reach within our community. Farmers, horticulture businesses, 4-H volunteers, Master Gardeners and community partners enjoyed an evening that featured great food, NYS wine, and both a silent and live auction. The money raised from this



Jim Farr and Peter Schott discuss bidding strategies during the Gala's Silent Auction.

special event directly supports CCE's education programs in agriculture, horticulture, nutrition and 4-H youth development. We are grateful to the hundreds of people who helped make this a successful event!

Donations to support CCE can be sent in the enclosed envelope.

And the Winner Is...



Carol Ritter
Gala Auctioneer

Carol Ritter served as the Gala's Live Auctioneer, with lively bidding on items that included NY wine, locally produced and home baked foods, the work of local artists and photographers, and local business gift certificates – from massages to sporting events. The wonderful selection of silent and live auction items were donated by Extension's many volunteers, program participants, and supporters. Some exciting items that made for lively bidding included a pair of unique black locust trees, a weekend Adirondack get-away, an outing on Keuka Lake, and homemade apple pies. Local horticulture businesses donated services which included a virtual garden or landscape design, landscape consultation, container gardens, and gift certificates to local garden centers. Our thanks go to all of our generous donors....as well as our enthusiastic auction bidders!



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www.cce.cornell.edu/monroe/foundation/home.html

A Keepsake Quilt—The Rochester Herb Garden

The Rochester Herb Garden quilt created by Bonnie Ditch and the American Home Sewing Guild colleagues was raffled to raise funds for CCE at the Friends of Extension Gala. Bonnie was the quilt designer and creator, Katie Friedler designed and embroidered the 15 herbs featured on the quilt, and Teddy Ahern did the beautiful machine quilting. The lucky winner of this keepsake quilt was Linda Hoose, a volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension's Nutrition Advisory Committee.



Save the Date— 2007 Holiday Artisan Fair—November 3rd



CCE Monroe, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, 14620, 9am – 4pm

Extension's Holiday Artisan Fair features unique high-quality items from local artists and agriculture businesses. Foods from local farmers that include preserves, condiments, flavored vinegars and sauces are a part of this special event. Items can be purchased that day or ordered online for shipping. Delicious New York State wine and apples may be ordered to send anywhere in the country. Select specialty items from local artists whose work includes jewelry, pottery, weavings, wood items, plus hand-crafted clothing and accessories.



Fragrant fir wreaths and locally grown poinsettias in a variety of colors are available during the Artisan Fair from Chase's Greenhouse in Rush. Order these items during the Artisan Fair and pick them up on November 30th or December 1st at the Extension Center. A Silent Auction featuring work from each vendor will be held throughout the day, closing at 3:30pm.



Cornell Cooperative Extension's Annual Meeting takes place immediately following the Holiday Artisan Sale, from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Newly elected Board of Directors will be announced and Extension's programs and community impacts highlighted.

ACT NOW on IRA Contribution

Time is running out to take advantage of the direct IRA charitable contribution authorized by the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This allows an exclusion from gross income for certain taxable IRA contributions to charity from traditional IRAs during 2007. Individuals may take their minimum required distributions from an IRA and directly contribute the amount to a charity as a dollar for dollar deduction for the 2007 year. Take advantage of this opportunity and share your generosity with CCE! Call 461-1000, ext. 222 if you have questions.

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