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## **INTERGENERATE PRESENTS WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK**

On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> InterGenerate will present the Westchester Community Garden Network from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the County Center. This event is being co-sponsored by Westchester County Department of Parks, Bedford Audubon, Bedford Garden Club, Cornell Co-Operative Extension, Groundwork Hudson Valley, Lewisboro Garden Club, Marsh Sanctuary, Natural Awakenings, Rusticus Garden Club, Slow Food Westchester, Ward Acres Community Garden, and Westchester Land Trust. It will be the first attempt to bring community gardeners in Westchester County together under one roof to discuss best practices for local growing and encourage new gardens in the county. Community gardens reduce our carbon footprint, build strong community relationships and create equal access to fresh food.

This event will host speakers on subjects such as organizing, designing and maintaining a community garden; securing land and funding; improving soil structure and fertility; creating a 12 month growing season; composting; irrigation; creating effective guidelines and sustainable policies; among a myriad of other topics. In addition, experts will be available for questions and answers and there will be break-out sessions for networking with other gardeners. As an added highlight, the Westchester County Winter Farmers Market will be taking place at the County Center on that day from 10-3.

Admission to the Westchester Community Garden Network is free, but advance registration is required as space is limited. To register for the event, log onto [www.intergenerateny.org](http://www.intergenerateny.org) (click on Community Gardens and then Networking Meeting). For further information email: [info@intergenerateny.org](mailto:info@intergenerateny.org).

InterGenerate, a leader in community gardening, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to re-establish environmental and social sustainability in Northern Westchester. They have accomplished this by building community around environmental issues, promoting the use of local resources, and networking to bring people together. This year InterGenerate will be establishing a community garden at Marsh Sanctuary in Mt. Kisco, a Teaching Garden at John Jay Homestead in Katonah, and will again offer an Intergenerational Summer Program at Bedford Audubon's Bylane Farm in Katonah.

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