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**DON’T GET TICKED NY! GUEST SPEAKER (5/28)**

Guest speaker Joellen Lampman presented a comprehensive tick education program. This event kicked off our Tick Awareness Program for the year!

**IDENTIFYING AND REDUCING LEGAL LIABILITIES WORKSHOP (9/5)**

We assisted Cornell Local Roads Program with organizing their workshop in Hamilton County.

**CONSERVATION FIELD DAY (9/19)**

Hamilton County Soil and Water invited us to participate in Conservation Field day to educate 5th and 6th grade students about tick habitat, lifecycle, feeding habits, and bite prevention methods! Students participated in poster and essay contests about what they learned following the event.

**APPLE FEST (9/28)**

In efforts to promote food sustainability practices, the Association provided Zestar!, Autumn Crisp, Shizuka, and Sweet Sixteen apples from the Cornell Orchards for sampling as well as information on tree management and apple usage. This encouraged participants to explore apple growing for themselves.

**BIKE THE BARNs (9/29)**

We attended the ANCA (Adirondack North Country Association) event to display information about the Youth Gardening Program for which we received an ANCA FarmShare Fund mini-grant.

**COUNTY BENEFITS DAY (11/15)**

We provided information to County and Town employees on stress.
ONGOING PROGRAMS

YOUTH GARDEN PROGRAM (MAY-OCTOBER)

Our free pilot program introduced the teaching/demonstration garden behind our office located at Piseco Common School. The program was developed to teach youth food sustainability practices and horticultural skills using hands-on-learning! Youth cultivated and harvested 24 pounds of produce from the garden. Produce was shared among youth, community residents and donated to the food pantry. We presented this program in collaboration with Four Rivers Alliance and received a FarmShare Fund mini-grant from ANCA. Generous donations were received from Walmart Supercenter in Gloversville, Home Depot in Amsterdam, and Mr. Christopher Laver of Piseco.

GARDEN SHARE STATIONS (MAY–AUGUST)

As part of our food sustainability efforts we piloted another program: Garden Share Stations. Stations holding seeds and gardening information were distributed in Raquette Lake, Long Lake, Indian Lake, Speculator, Piseco, and Wells. The seeds were provided through a grant from the Hart Seed Co.. Residents were encouraged to take and share seeds!
BEAUTIFUL HORIZON FILM PROGRAM (7/22—8/21)

The Association collaborated with Bryan Duff, senior lecturer at Cornell University, to provide a two week film program for Hamilton County youth ages 11-14. Students learned the process of film making and created a short feature film. To create this film CCE staff and students worked collaboratively with members of the community, Wells Central School, students and staff from Paul Smith and Skidmore Colleges, interns from Cornell University, and Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service. The Wells Methodist Church kindly allowed us to use the church as home base for the program. The debut of *Avengers: Adolescence in the Adirondacks* was at Old Home Days on August 2nd in Wells and received a great show of community support. The film can be found on YouTube by searching the title.

TICK AWARENESS PROGRAM

Tick and tick-borne illness have been an increasing concern as climate changes occur. This year CCE was able to provide free tick removal kits to the public that were donated by CCE Albany. We also provided education and informative handouts at events and through consultation.

INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS

In efforts to increase invasive species awareness the Association participated in Invasive Species Week with social media postings and by partnering with The Adirondack Watershed Institute to provide education at Farmer’s Markets. We also extended efforts by including information about invasives with our Tick Awareness Program.
GROW A GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST (May–October)

To participate contestants registered and picked up “special” pumpkin seeds to grow. The pumpkin weigh-in was on the 26th of October. Beth Junquera received first place by growing a pumpkin weighing 44 pounds and Marleen Webster came in second with an 11 pound pumpkin.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

This year we were approached by residents seeking guidance in starting a community garden. We were able to provide information to help them understand the complexities of community gardening and the beginning processes of creating a thriving garden. Previously started community gardens in the county remain active and productive.

ODDS AND ENDS

SOIL TESTING

Throughout the growing season we do soil testing for our area growers and residential gardeners. A variety of tests are offered, and the results are sent to both the customers and our office.

CONSULTATION INQUIRIES

We respond to inquiries from county residents year-round on a variety of topics. For example this year we had questions about apple tree diseases, nesting bees, lawn/turf issues and more. Cornell University and Extension have research based resources that can be applied to nearly any inquiry. We are also able to consult directly with Cornell should the need arise.
ANNUAL WORKSHOPS

CHEESE MAKING CLASS
This year we offered multiple cheese making classes throughout the county. In contrast to prior years, this year participants worked in small groups to facilitate a more hands-on and individualized experience. Each small group made one pound of mozzarella cheese to share and each participant received cheese making materials to take home.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Barbara Van Slyke, our President, has served two complete terms on the Board of Directors and has been diligent in completing her presidential tasks. She has been a valued member and will be sincerely missed.

Beth Junquera, our treasured secretary. Beth has served two terms and has always been a delight as she worked to record the minutes for our Board of Director meetings.

Sharon Grisenthwaite, a representative of Benson, was a much appreciated member of our Board of Directors. She will be missed.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2019

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Toni Morrison – Speculator
Marleen Webster – Hope

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
2019

Federal Smith-Lever $8,936.00
State 224 $34,329.00
County Appropriation $45,339.00
Other Grants/Contracts Cornell $500.00
Private Contracts $1,500.00

STAFF

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