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Become a Veggie Garden Virtuoso at the Ocean County Library Stafford Branch

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP – Vegetable gardening can be a rewarding, nutritious, and economical experience for the whole family. Learn how to start and maintain one at the Ocean County Library Stafford Branch. "Starting a Vegetable Garden? Let's Pro-Seed!" will take place at 10:30 AM Monday, May 8.

The program, in partnership with the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County, will be led by Master Gardener Nancy Osterberg, a lifelong plant enthusiast and retired elementary school special educator. Nancy will take you from placement to harvest.

The Whiting resident traces her agricultural ardor back to her childhood, in which gardening was an activity shared by everyone in her family. The lifelong educator and learner strives to raise awareness of the many benefits that gardening can offer.

Rutgers Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who deliver horticulture programs developed by the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Cooperative Extension.

Bring your garden questions and plant or insect samples for diagnosis and recommendations by the Master Gardeners in the OCL Stafford Branch, 10 AM to 12 PM on the second and fourth Monday of each month, now through September.

Please register at <u>www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</u> for this free program. For more information, visit the OCL Stafford Branch, 129 North Main Street, Manahawkin, or call (609) 597-3381.

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