

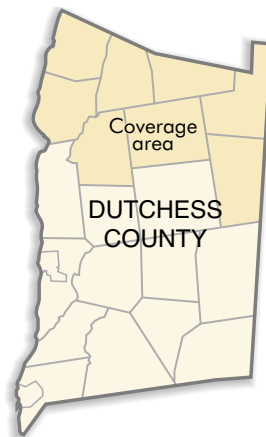
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Workshop to teach how to create water features in your landscape

Class to be taught on June 12 at Phantom Gardener

By Anthony P. Musso
For Focus

If you've ever looked at your backyard and wondered what it would look like with a fountain, pond or other water feature, this workshop is for you.

On June 12, the Phantom Gardener, an organic garden center in Rhinebeck, will host an educational workshop called "Water Wonders: Aquatic features in your landscape" featuring Ken Schoen, owner of Ulster County-based Waterscapes. Schoen specializes in water features of all sizes and varieties and earned a master rating from the National Pond Society.

The workshop will focus on the visual, auditory and environmental benefits derived from a water feature and will be held near a pond that Schoen recently installed at Phantom Gardener on Route 9.

"Phantom Gardener opened 18 years ago, and the workshops started early on in the business," workshop coordinator Luanne Panarotti said.

Drawn by the specific topic featured, attendees range from a small gathering to significantly



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Ken Schoen will conduct a workshop on aquatic features June 12 near a pond he recently installed on the grounds of the Phantom Gardener organic garden center in Rhinebeck.

larger groups, Panarotti said.

"Ken (Schoen) installs water features and the plantings associated with them," she said.

"While he was installing the

pond here at Phantom Gardener, it was very interesting to watch the process. You'd go out and see a liner and a pile of stone, and in almost no time a lovely

pond emerged right before our eyes. It really enhances the landscape and, in addition to the aesthetics, adding a water feature is wonderful for the wildlife."

Schoen remembers many customers' initial curiosity and in-

terest in establishing a water feature on their property.

"People get into water features because they've seen them in a magazine, heard about them,

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