



FOREST FARMING: HOW TO GROW GINSENG, MEDICINAL HERBS, MUSHROOMS AND OTHER PROFITABLE CROPS ON FORESTED LAND

Thursday, March 29 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Town of Brunswick Community Center, 18 Keyes Lane, Troy

Registration Information:

- online at www.agstewardship.org
- by calling ASA at (518) 692-7285
- by emailing asa@agstewardship.org

The Agricultural Stewardship Association is pleased to host a talk by Tracey Testo from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties Agroforestry Resource Center. Forest farming describes the integration of agriculture and forestry to create sustainable production of crops in a wooded setting. Ms. Testo will cover the how, where and why of ginseng production as well as introducing other potential crops for forest growing, including mushrooms, medicinal herbs, and ornamentals.

This presentation will be of interest to all woodlot and forest owners curious to learn how to increase the productivity of their woodlands while managing trees for harvest, recreation and/or wildlife habitat. Ms. Testo is a SUNY Cobleskill graduate who grew up in Rensselaer County. In addition to her work as Program Coordinator on the Natural Resources and Environment team with Cornell Cooperative Extension, she is employed part-time on a small farm in Greene County where she is able to pursue her interest and expertise in cultivating vegetables, herbs, mushrooms, and fruit crops.

This program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments provided.



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The Agricultural Stewardship Association was founded in 1990 by farmers to protect agricultural land and ensure a future for farming in our region. To date, ASA has helped protect 17,815 acres on 114 properties in Washington and Rensselaer counties. For more information about ASA's work, visit www.agstewardship.org.