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Summer Wisdom

A customer recently said that you should never plant anything during a month without the letter 'R' in its name. What? You mean I'm done on April 30th?? Wow, how do you possibly adhere to that? We get the logic, sort of, but that would surely leave many plants out of the repertoire, like, we can't imagine not planting in May, June, July, and yes, even August.

Our motto is, if you have a hose, you can plant it!

This brings us to our next summer point. If you bought it and planted it, the plan should include how you're watering it. Watering is tricky. It sounds easy enough, but every plant has very individual needs, and when you throw in the weather and soil quality, things can get dicey pretty quick! However, here are a few general and straightforward rules that can help.

- Overhead watering, like sprinklers on a bed mixed with a different blend of plants, will not always provide optimum results. (So get the sprinklers on the lawn thing? All the same plants.)
- Overhead watering means a lot of wet foliage, which can lead to mildews and other issues that, while they may not kill your plant, can make it very unattractive, which is disappointing.
- Watering directly at the soil level is always the best method.
- Thorough, deep waterings done less frequently are always better than little bits of water every day.
- Recovering from brief wilt from dry soil is a much easier recovery for most plants than drowning, so erring on the drier side can often help.
- Please pay attention to your plants; they're constantly furnishing you with info.

Are we giving up summer planting? Not on your life!! For one, there are not enough days of good weather to cut them short. There are too many plants and not enough hours in the day. There are too many spaces left to fill! If you are with us, we'll see you soon.

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What to do in the garden in July & August



ABOVE: Brugmansia in August

July and August are great for sitting, relaxing, and enjoying your garden. Do you have seats and benches in your garden? If not, find a comfortable spot to add one or two. It's also a great time to take notes and yes, even start planning for next year. August, in particular, is a good time to observe and make notes. This could be on design/layout or expansion, reminders to relocate plants from one area to another (some of which could be done in the fall), new plants to try, problem areas to tackle, things that worked well that you want to repeat next year or things that didn't and tools or supplies that you need.

Check out local garden tours! We love to see what other gardeners are doing. It's a great way to spend a day and get new ideas for your own garden. Buffalo Garden Walk is July 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out Buffalo's Open Gardens on Thursdays and Fridays in July or look for other weekend community garden tours. Listings can be found at gardensbuffaloniagara.com and in this issue's calendar.

Now is a good time to be on the lookout for the dreaded jumping worms (*Amyntas spp.* & *Metaphire spp.*). These invasive worms are showing up in more gardens and landscapes across our region. Since they tend to stay in the top few inches of the soil or just below mulch, they are relatively easy to find. They especially love leaf litter and compost. They can also be in bulk mulch, bulk topsoil, and even nursery plants. Jumping worms alter the soil structure, making it look like coffee grounds, which deters plant growth. Unfortunately, there are currently no control methods to eliminate them from your garden other than collecting them, killing them, and putting them in the garbage. If you do have them, do your part to limit their spread. Don't share plants. The cocoons are very small and can be transferred in soil. These worms are annual, dying in the winter, but the cocoons overwinter, hatching in the spring. By the end of June, they have matured and show the telltale white band near their head. If you do find jumping worms, you can and should report them to NY iMapInvasives at nyimainvasives.org.

Be tick vigilant, even in your own garden. Ticks are becoming more prevalent across New York and since they can carry a variety of diseases it is imperative that we take precautions to avoid being bitten. Since finding a tick on myself last summer (after working in the garden) We wear our tick outfit whenever I'm in the garden. It's not pretty, but it works. Wear light-colored clothes so it's easier to see ticks. Tuck pants into tall socks and tuck your shirt into your pants. Wear shoes or boots, not sandals. This can help keep ticks away from your skin. Top it off with repellent head to toe. As a reminder, we keep a can of repellent by the door. Do a tick check when you come in. Ticks can be very small, think poppy seeds to sesame seeds. That's what you are

looking for. Read and follow the label when using repellents as they are pesticides. For more information on ticks check out the "Don't Get Ticked NY" website at nysipm.cornell.edu/whats-bugging-you/ticks.

It seems that every year now it's not uncommon for an extended dry period. Maybe not a full-blown drought, but several weeks of little or no rain is the "new normal." What can you do to make your yard and garden more drought tolerant? If you're starting out, group plants together based on water needs. Keep plants that will need regular watering closer to the house. Use drought-tolerant perennials, shrubs, and trees farther out. Lawns need regular water to stay green. Reduce lawn areas that are not used frequently. Mulch around trees and shrubs and in gardens to help conserve soil moisture. You can even mulch your pots of annuals. Consider setting up a rain barrel or two. Water efficiently. Water plants deeply when you do, not shallowly every day. Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation for efficient, deep watering. Eliminate weeds, as they also suck up water. You may have to pick your battles in a drought—water trees and shrubs as they would cost more to replace than annuals or even perennials.

Tomato growers—make sure your plants have consistent water as they set fruit. Blossom end rot is common during hot weather and infrequent rain. It can also affect peppers and eggplant. This is not a disease but rather a lack of calcium. Usually, the problem isn't that you don't have enough calcium in the soil, but that the soil is too dry for the plant to take it up. Consistent moisture is the key.

Plants in containers need regular fertilizing to maintain blooms as well as regular watering. Some containers may need water twice a day depending on size and location. Deadhead annuals to keep them blooming until frost.

Looking for a good summer read? We highly recommend *Nature's Best Hope* by Douglas Tallamy. Tallamy is a professor at the University of Delaware in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology. He researches how plants that evolved elsewhere (nonnative) impact food webs and biodiversity. He is also a leading voice as to why we should plant more native plants in our gardens to support local biodiversity. No, you don't have to give up your hostas and daylilies, but be more mindful of what you do add to your landscape. *Nature's Best Hope* gives homeowners practical advice as to how their yard, no matter the size, can have a positive impact on pollinators, beneficial insects, butterflies, and birds. Get inspired!

—Jan Beglinger, Genesee County Master Gardener coordinator and Brandie Waite, Master Gardener volunteer



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I'm in year four of my "new" garden and more in love with it every day. The structure is complete (for now), so I just get the fun of planting. Best part is that at this moment, there's lots and lots of space for new plants, so I can be very indulgent (for now)!

There are scads of volunteers this year. They include the usual things you'd expect like cilantro, milkweed, and mullein (yes, a weed, but a useful one for me at the moment), but there have been several surprises as well. In the tiny kitchen garden, there are lots self-sown of nasturtiums and cherry tomatoes—so many damned tomatoes that I moved them all out and started a little colony in another bed. There are also a few dill plants, not in the garden, but flung about the pathways. There is nicotiana *everywhere*, some of it already in bloom as of late June. Perilla, one of the most useful plants I can think of, followed me to this garden as it has every garden since I first planted

one single one probably 25 years ago. I love its shimmering purple foliage as a foil for almost anything.

Last year was my first growing red buckwheat, and it won't be my last—there will probably never be a last, there's so much of the stuff. Ditto the crazy beautiful firecracker vine—*Ipomoea lobata* (morning glory)—which couldn't make me happier. I have so much of it I'm constantly fobbing it off on other gardeners. But the most unexpected volunteer is castor bean. I have three little plants that are about to become three very large plants, and I hope they repeat this performance next year.

On the cover you'll see another very popular self-sower, kiss-me-over-the-garden-gate. I don't have any of that, but I have a feeling that if I plant one, it too will be with me forever.

Thanks, as always, for reading—

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane".

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a white tank top with a floral pattern and a colorful bracelet, is lying on her back on a lush green lawn. She is smiling broadly at the camera. The text "Since 1960, we have been making lawns, athletic fields and golf courses beautiful." is overlaid on the left side of the image. Below the text is the slogan "— IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'VE FOUND US. —".

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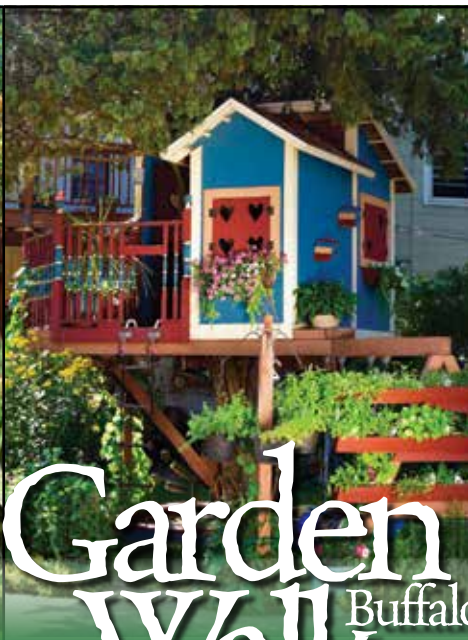
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On patches, gardens, and other expressions of nearby nature

Story and photos by Michelle Sutton unless noted

*Keep straight down this block,
Then turn right where you will find
A peach tree blooming.*

—Richard Wright

ABOVE: The author's birding patch in March, when anticipation for spring bird migration is mounting.

“We love what we pay attention to.” It’s why we love our gardens so much. For just over a year, I’ve also been paying close attention to a patch of swampland, scrub, and forest behind my neighborhood. I never used to; for most of the years I’ve lived here, it was land rented by a gun and rod club, so I didn’t think of it as public space. But, fortuitously, the owner of the land sold it last year to a conservancy and with that, the land beckoned.

It was especially serendipitous because I needed a nearby place to practice my new hobby of birding. Through social media, I’d become acquainted with the dynamic urban forester, independent researcher, and writer Georgia Silvera Seamans (@localecologist on Instagram). Georgia is the director of Washington Square Park Eco Projects in Manhattan; she introduced me to the concept

of “patch birding”—birding regularly at a spot close to home. I highly recommend her article on *Audubon.org*, “Want a Training Ground for Your Birding Skills? Try Patch Birding” and her podcast, *Your Bird Story*. Through her work, she explores the many layers of benefits nearby nature provides. Georgia’s patch is Washington Square Park.

My chosen patch in the now-nature preserve so close to me turns out to be a stopover for spring migrants, like kinglets, warblers, thrushes, grosbeaks, tanagers, green herons, and shorebirds. I’ve seen many bird species for the first time in this spot that’s a three-minute walk from my house. I’ve also seen muskrats, turtles, a beaver, and a black bear who came down from the woods to the swamp to have a drink.





My recent patch birding adventures got me thinking about past nearby nature experiences. When I was a student at Virginia Tech in the mid-90s, my then-partner and I would go to a patch of woodland—about two acres, recommended by beloved horticulture professor Dr. Robert Lyons—on the outskirts of Blacksburg, where the diversity of spring wildflowers merited at least a weekly visit. We started with discovering the alien-looking ground-hugging flowers of skunk cabbage in the spring and ended with admiring delicate dancing white asters in the fall. The regular visits gave us a fabulous education and were my doorway into observing wild nature more closely.

A cultivated place can also be a patch for nature study. When I lived within walking distance of Highland Park in Rochester, I tended to linger at certain spots, like the

carpet of early spring blue scillas (*Scilla siberica*) under the linden (*Tilia*) tree near the west end of the Reservoir, the Poet's Garden with its rivers of long-blooming hellebores (*Helleborus*), the truly wild-looking late spring white bracts of the handkerchief tree (*Davidia involucrata*) behind and uphill from the Highland Bowl, the darkest-purple blooming lilacs on the lilac hill, and the always-inspired tulip and annual beds. In my frequent visits to Highland Park, I was immersing myself in nearby nature.

When I worked in the education department at Cornell Botanic Gardens (CBG), there was a mature bigleaf magnolia (*Magnolia macrophylla*) outside my office window, and, just beyond, a truly sumptuous river of European ginger (*Asarum europaeum*), which remains my favorite ground cover. How many times did I look out the window and draw inspiration from the implausibly

In her nearby patch, the author had her first sighting of many bird species, such as:

TOP LEFT: black-throated blue warbler (Alexandre Légaré, Wikimedia)

BOTTOM LEFT: solitary sandpiper (Mark Nenadov, Wikimedia)

RIGHT: rose-breasted grosbeak (Cephas, Wikimedia)



ABOVE: Newly unfurled leaves of 'Sum and Substance' hosta shelter robins who need a break from the rain.

INSET: A going-away present, the author's close friends in Rochester gave her this print by Laura Wilder (laurawilder.com)—an iconic Highland Park scene of Kousa dogwoods and early spring bulbs east of the reservoir. In April and May, it's a favorite stopping point for many arboretum regulars.

tropical-looking bigleaf magnolia tree, and on my breaks walk over to the shiny European ginger, entranced and soothed by its perfection? How many times did I stop at the rock garden to look at the impossibly symmetrical and tidy alpine cushion plant (*Silene acaulis*)?

As an educator I also became intimate with the denizens of the Mundy Wildflower Garden at CBG. Retired elementary school teacher—volunteers and I developed a program called “Wildscience” for third and fourth graders in Ithaca. To prepare the kids for their visit to the Wildflower Garden, we first went into the classroom with three activities: dissecting a flower (gladiolus) and mounting the parts; drawing the stages of a plant's life cycle; and sorting through a bin of ginger root, potatoes, and flower bulbs to learn the different underground structures of rhizomes, tubers, and bulbs in wildflowers. Then we left “wildflower passports” with them, which prompted them to learn about one wildflower in particular so they could share their new knowledge with the rest of the class on tour day. When they arrived, we gave them a Spring Wildflower Guide and a golf pencil to take notes and do field drawings.



eBird, developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the standard bearer for global tech-assisted citizen science, shows where the birding hotspots are—and public gardens, arboreta, and cemeteries are among them. Once you know the plants collections in these places well, birding adds another dimension to your visits.

In Monroe County, birders have encountered 357 species of birds; the hotspot with the most species observed (282) is at Hamlin Beach State Park—a place

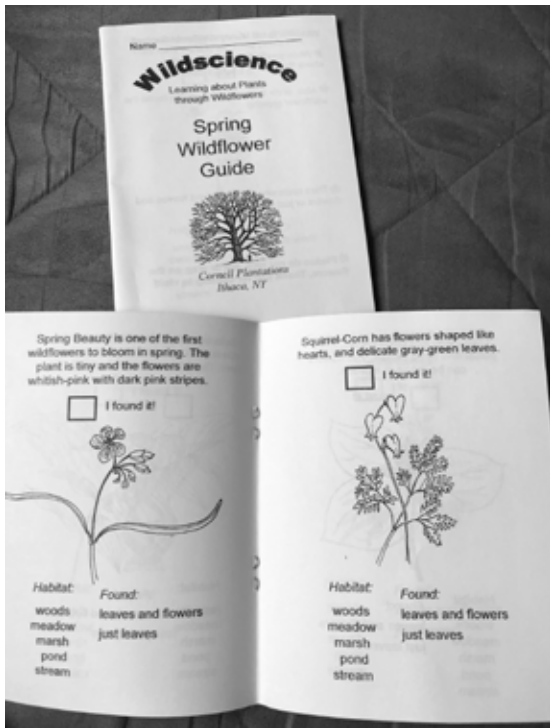
to see migrating birds going to or coming from their summer breeding grounds in Canada—but other contenders include Durand-Eastman Park (192 species), Highland Park (172 species), Mount Hope Cemetery (135), and Webster Arboretum (132).

In Erie County, 340 species have been observed, with some public garden hotspots like

Forest Lawn Cemetery (205 species), Delaware Park (158 species), and Buffalo Botanical Gardens (150) contributing meaningfully to the County's data.

In Onondaga County (313 species), Thornden Park—perhaps best known to UGJ readers for its rose garden—is a birding hotspot, with 123 species sighted there. And in Tompkins County, there is a very high number of hotspots—482 places—from which birders have





collectively seen 343 species.

The USA National Phenology Network's program, Nature's Notebook, is another great way to get more attuned to wild and/or cultivated nature. Much like eBird for birding, Nature's Notebook is a network of citizen-scientist observers; in this case, the observations are of phenological phases (budding, flowering, leaf drop, etc.). Like eBird, Nature's Notebook has a user-friendly mobile app for those who want to enter data while in the field. In New York State, there are more than 500 plant species that Nature's Notebook observers are collecting data on, including American basswood (*Tilia americana*), Alleghany serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*), tupelo tree (*Nyssa sylvatica*), northern spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), rugosa rose (*Rosa rugosa*), swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), and 14 species of oak. Some of the 500 species are surely in your own yard or adjacent woodlot—nearby nature, indeed.



THE HAIKU OF RICHARD WRIGHT

Author of the seminal novel *Native Son* and memoir *Black Boy*, American author Richard Wright began writing Haiku in the last eighteen months of his life, when he was home-bound and struggling to overcome an extended illness. One imagines that connecting to nearby nature through observation and poetry was one way he coped with the brutal situation in which he found himself. The Richard Wright papers at the Yale Beinecke Library—which released this photo—contain hundreds of the more than 4000 Haiku poems Wright wrote. Here is a sample.

A soft wind at dawn
Lifts one dry leaf and lays it
Upon another.

An apple blossom
Trembling on a sunlit branch
From the weight of bees.

Like a spreading fire,
Blossoms leap from tree to tree
In a blazing spring.

Leaving its nest,
The sparrow sinks a second,
Then opens its wings.

All right, You Sparrows;
The sun has set and you can now
Stop your chattering!

They smelt like roses;
But when I put on the light,
They were violets.



For nearly ten years, a 'Sum and Substance' hosta grew in a shady corner outside our house ... where no one could see it. Motivated to create a new garden with only plants I already had, I relocated the hosta, a currant bush, red-twig dogwoods, and sedges into the new bed. We watched the unfurling of the 'Sum and Substance' leaves much more closely this year. As I write this, it's a washout of a day; I'm watching a pair of robins repeatedly dart for cover under the big chartreuse leaves when the rain intensifies, then intrepidly run back out when the rain lets up. What could be sweeter?

LEFT TOP & BOTTOM: Wildflower "passports" and "field guides" gave Ithaca's third and fourth graders ways to interact more meaningfully with the Mundy Wildflower Garden.

ABOVE: Richard Wright papers at the Yale Beinecke Library

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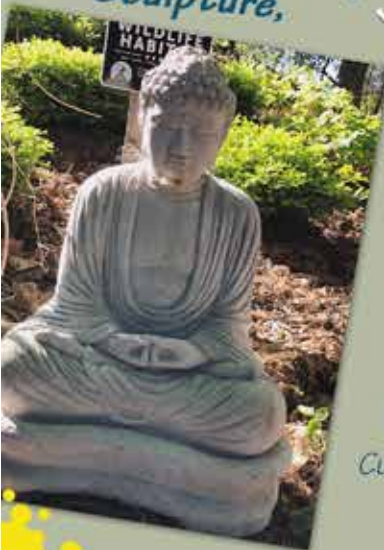


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A blooming



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Taylor garden in Lockport; Kreutzer garden in Cheektowaga; Dominquez in Allentown; Ellie garden in Cottage District

Summer is garden touring season in Buffalo—the sweet spot in our calendar when hundreds of Buffalonians place a sign at the curb inviting one and all to stop and smell their flowers. There’s no better time to get to know our city, its surrounding suburbs and the welcoming people who live here.

Not only is Buffalo home to the largest free garden walk in the entire country—Garden Walk Buffalo—we’re also the site of fifteen other walks and tours. On top of that, nearly 100 gardens are part of Gardens Buffalo Niagara’s annual Open Gardens event, which takes place on Thursdays and Fridays, for select hours, in July.

Of all the flower spotting options available in our

region, Open Gardens may be my favorite. Open Gardens is the lesser known, unassuming sibling of the older, more acclaimed Garden Walk Buffalo. Garden Walk tends to get all the attention, but Open Gardens is doing its best to prove that it’s just as worthy of the attention of serious flower fans. While Garden Walk attracts tens of thousands of visitors to Buffalo over the course of the last weekend in July every year, Open Gardens is low key, modest, more of a small dinner party that’s perfect for sharing a glass of wine with one of Buffalo’s famously friendly gardeners.

The element of surprise is what keeps my wife and me going back to Open Gardens. A modestly landscaped Hamburg front yard disguises the fact that

good time



an overwhelming floral display—complete with an extensive model railroad and a shed outfitted to resemble a train station—lies out back. Then there’s the backyard on Delaware Road in Tonawanda that’s a farm, garden, and wildlife habitat all rolled into one lush landscape. Sometimes the surprises come in the form of an outdoor bar that wouldn’t be out of place in Key West, or a Japanese garden that would make a visitor from Tokyo feel right at home. Buffalo’s gardens are quirky, creative, and bear the mark of each gardener’s artistic muse.

Buffalo’s moveable feast of flowers is unique to Buffalo. In fact, between all the walks and open gardens there may be no greater concentration of private gardens open

to the public. Other cities send delegations to find out exactly how we do it. Other visitors admit it would be impossible to do what we do so well. An out-of-town guest experiencing Garden Walk for the first time once turned to me and said, “We couldn’t do this where I’m from. People just wouldn’t open up their yards to complete strangers.” In that case, welcome to the city of good neighbors.

For more information, visit gardensbuffaloniagara.com

Ed Healy is the Vice President of Marketing at Visit Buffalo Niagara.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Ballard garden in Buffalo; Snediker garden in Niagara; Brown garden in East Aurora; Sully garden in Eden

Calendar



We strongly recommend you confirm with the host whether an event is still taking place as listed.

BUFFALO

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY meets the third Tuesday of the month, March–December, at 7pm, Greenfield Health & Rehab Facility, 5949 Broadway, Lancaster. judyoneil1945@gmail.com.

Alden Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except July & August) at 7pm, Alden Community Center, West Main Street, Alden. New members and guests welcome. Plant sale each May. 716/937-7924.

Amara Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except January) at Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 630 Main Street, West Seneca. Visitors welcome. 716/844-8543; singtoo@aol.com.

Amherst Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (except December, March, July & August) at 10am, St. John's Lutheran Church, Main Street, Williamsville. New members and guests welcome. 716/836-5397.

Bowmansville Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month (except June, July, August & December) at 7pm, Bowmansville Fire Hall, 36 Main Street, Bowmansville. New members and guests welcome. For more information 716/361-8325.

Buffalo Area Daylily Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. Friendly group who get together to enjoy daylilies. Plant Sales, May & August. Open Gardens, June–August. Facebook.

Buffalo Bonsai Society meets the second Saturday of the month, 1pm, ECC North Campus, STEM Building, Room 102. buffalobonsaisociety.com.

Federated Garden Clubs NYS – District 8. Nancy Kalieta, Director, nancyk212@aol.com. gardenclubsofwny.com.

Forest Stream Garden Club meets the third Thursday of the month (September–May) at 7pm, Presbyterian Village, 214 Village Park Drive, Williamsville and other locations. Summer garden teas & tours. Ongoing projects include beautification of the Williamsville Meeting House, garden therapy at a local nursing home, youth gardening & Victorian Christmas decorating. eileen.s@markzon.com

Friends of Kenan Herb Club meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6pm (January–March), 5:30pm (April–November), Kenan Center for the Arts, 433 Locust Street, Lockport. Meeting dates, times and campus locations: kenancenter.org/affiliates.asp; 716/433-2617.

Garden Club of the Tonawanda meets the third Thursday of the month at 7pm, Tonawanda City Hall, Community Room.

Garden Friends of Clarence meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, September–June, Town Park Clubhouse, 10405 Main Street, Clarence. gardenfriendsofclarence@hotmail.com.

Hamburg Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10am, VFW Post 1419, 2985 Lakeview Rd, Hamburg. May plant sale. Summer garden tours. Guests are welcome. Contact lonabutler4@gmail.com.

Kenmore Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of the month (except July, August & December) at 10:00am, Kenmore United Methodist Church, 32 Landers Road, Kenmore. Activities include guest speakers, floral designs and community service. New members and guests welcome. songbird@aol.com.

Ken-Sheriton Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7pm, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 576 Delaware Road, Kenmore. Monthly

programs, artistic design and horticulture displays. New members and guests welcome. 716/833-8799; dstierheim@gmail.com.

Lancaster Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except January, July & August) at 7pm, St. John Lutheran Church, 55 Pleasant Avenue, Lancaster. All are welcome. Meetings are currently on hold. 716/685-4881.

Lewiston Garden Club meets the fourth Monday of the month. See website for meeting information, lewistongardenfest.com/garden-club.html or contact at PO Box 32, Lewiston NY 14092.

Niagara Frontier Koi and Pond Club meets the second Friday of the month at 7pm, Zion United Church, 15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda.

Niagara Frontier Orchid Society (NFOS) meets the first Tuesday following the first Sunday (dates sometimes vary due to holidays, etc.), September–June, Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. niagarafreerorchids.org.

Orchard Park Garden Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 12pm, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park. Contact: Sandra Patrick, 716/662-2608.

Ransomville Garden Club meets the third Wednesday or Saturday of the month at 5:45pm, Ransomville Community Library, 3733 Ransomville Road, Ransomville. Meetings are open to all. Community gardening projects, educational presentations, June plant sale. bbonnie2313@gmail.com.

Silver Creek-Hanover Garden Club meets the second Saturday of the month at 11am, Silver Creek Senior Center, 1823 Lake Road (Rte. 5), Silver Creek. edlorrie@yahoo.com; Facebook.

South Towns Gardeners meets the second Friday of the month (except January) at 9:30am, West Seneca Senior Center. New members welcome.

Town and Country Garden Club of LeRoy meets the second Wednesday of the month (except February) at 6:30pm, First Presbyterian Church, 7 Clay Street, LeRoy. New members and guests are welcome. 585/768-2712; ritawallace005@gmail.com; Facebook.

Western New York Herb Study Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo.

Western New York Honey Producers, Inc. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County, 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora. wnyhpa.org.

Western New York Hosta Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. Meetings with speakers, newsletter, sales. Hosta teas first Saturday of July, August, September. h8staman@aol.com; wnyhosta.com.

Western New York Hosta Society Breakfast Meetings, a friendly get-together, first Saturday (winter months only) at 10am, Forestview Restaurant, Depew. wnyhosta.com.

Western NY Iris Society usually meets 1-4pm the first Sunday of the month at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Public Library, 1030 Losson Road, South Cheektowaga. Guests are welcome. Programs include information about acquiring and growing irises (bearded & non-bearded) and complementary perennials; our annual judged iris show, & a summer iris sale. During months when irises are blooming, we have garden visitations. All events are temporarily on hold. Marilee Farry, 716/668-1789; faremare@aol.com.

Western New York Rose Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm—In-person meetings have resumed. July 21-*Informal Rose Show Awards, August 18-Tour of Delaware Park Rose Garden, September 15-Best Roses for cold weather by Leon Ginenthal.* See website for details. St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Drive,

Williamsville. wnyrosesociety.net.

Youngstown Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, 100 Church Street, Youngstown.

FREQUENT HOSTS

BECBG: Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14218. 716/827-1584; buffalogardens.com.

DRAV: Draves Arboretum, 1815 Sharrick Road, Darien, NY 14040. 585/547-3341. dravesarboretum.org.

REIN: Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew, NY 14043. 716/683-5959; reinsteinwoods.org.

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July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: Open garden Thursdays, 5–7pm. Did you know there are nearly 100 exceptional gardens to visit throughout Buffalo Niagara on Thursdays and Fridays, for select hours, in July? Add the Martin House historic landscape to the list when you visit the Parkside neighborhood. Organizers are adding to the fun with a series of workshops and optional self-guided tours. Darwin Martin House, 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214. 716/856-3858; education@darwinmartinhouse.org; darwinmartinhouse.org.

T July 9-11: Lockport in Bloom, Free city-wide walking/driving tour of gardens and public parks throughout the City of Lockport. facebook.com/LockportInBloom

F July 14: Insect Exploration Walk at Billy Wilson Park, 10am. Explore the pond and fields at Billy Wilson Park (in Amherst) to find insects that call it home. Note: Preregistration required. **REIN**

T July 10-11: Hamburg Garden Walk, Rain or shine. Self-guided tour. Maps are available at Memorial Park, Lake and Union in Hamburg. Event is free. hamburggardenwalk.com

T July 10: Fourth Annual Open Tour, 1:30–3:30pm. Learn more about Draves Arboretum and its woody species collections through a guided tour of the grounds. Tour includes arboretum history, species identification, and other points of interest. The arboretum grounds have hills and uneven terrain, so wear walking/hiking shoes for your safety. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. You are welcome to stay beyond the tour and explore on your own. \$12/person. Register at website. **DRAV**

T July 16-17: Ken-Ton Garden Tour—Night Lights, 8:30–11pm. See the gardens illuminated Friday and Saturday night! Self-guided tour in the Village of Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda. Free. Kentongardentour.com.

T July 17-18: Ken-Ton Garden Tour—Day Tour, 10am–4pm. Self-guided tour in the Village of Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda. Free. Kentongardentour.com.

F July 17: Turtle Walk, 10am. Discover turtles living at Reinstein Woods on this guided walk. Preregistration required. **REIN**

July 20-21: Summer Teacher Institute—Day in the Life of the Niagara River/Lake Erie Watershed, 9am–3:30pm. Dive into watershed STEM, become a certified GLOBE educator, and plan a meaningful watershed educational experience for your students in this immersive two-day training. For educators of students in grades 5–12. 12 CTLE hours. \$25 fee. Register online: reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops **REIN**

F July 21: Fairy Houses at Amherst State Park, 10:30am. Join a naturalist in creating a house to attract nature's fairies. Once you learn how, you can make one anywhere. For children age 5-10 and their caregivers. Preregistration required. **REIN**

July 24: Gardener's Day—Trees and Bees, 1–4pm. With Bill Hendricks of Klyn Nurseries. Bill will instruct students on the inclusion of trees and shrubs in the landscape that will attract and feed pollinators throughout the gardening season. Handouts and a tour of the Arboretum grounds included. CNLP Credits available. \$30/Members, \$35/Non-members. **DRAW**

F July 24: Summer Wildflowers, 10am. Search for seasonal wildflowers and learn about their uses and folklore. For adults and children ages 10 and older. Preregistration required. **REIN**

T July 25-25: Garden Walk Buffalo, 10am–4pm. America's largest garden tour is back after a COVID year off! The self-guided tour is absolutely free—no tickets required. Just pick up a map at select sponsor locations. gardensbuffaloniagara.com/garden-walk-buffalo

F July 28: Creek Critters at Amherst State Park, 10:30am. Discover which amazing animals are lurking underwater in Ellicott Creek. Preregistration required. **REIN**

July 30: Virtual Program: Insects of the Night, 9:30pm. The night offers a different world of insects that is rarely explored. Group will search its own backyards for moths and other insects attracted by light and scent. Preregistration required. **REIN**

F July 31: Birding 101, 9am. Learn how to identify birds by their calls while on a hike at Reinstein Woods. Bring binoculars if you have them. Preregistration required. **REIN**

August 3-4: Summer Teacher Institute—STEM in the Schoolyard, 9am-3:30pm. Transform any schoolyard into a NYS SLS learning laboratory using nationally recognized Project WILD activities and more. For educators of students in grades K-12. 12 CTLE hours. \$25 fee. Register online at reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops/ **REIN**

August 5: Watershed—STEM in the Schoolyard, 9am–3:30pm. Learn how to use water sampling equipment in Watershed STEM kits to engage students in hands-on learning. For educators of students in grades K–12. Six CTLE hours. Register online at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/explore/programs-services/educator-workshops/> **REIN**

August 21: Trail Steward Saturday, 10am. Give back to the place you love by helping to remove invasive plants and care for the trails at Reinstein Woods. Preregistration required. **REIN**

S August 28: Hosta, Daylily & Iris Sale, 9am–2pm. Hundreds of daylilies, hostas, and irises will be for sale at reasonable prices. There will be experts on hand to answer plant questions. The sale is free and open the public and will take place in the administration building located next to the Buffalo Botanical Gardens. **BECBG**

T September 11: Odyssey to Ithaca Day Trip. Join UGJ staff as we travel by motorcoach to tour the Ithaca region. Highlights include a visit to Cornell Botanic Gardens; shopping at a variety of nurseries including Bakers' Acres and Cayuga Landscape; and more. Lunch included. \$85. Registration required. Please call to reserve your seat: 716/432-8688; 585-591-2860. Upstate Gardeners' Journal, 1501 East Avenue, Ste 201, Rochester, NY 14610. upstategardenersjournal.com.

S September 14–16: Gala at the Gardens. Join us for the Gala at the Gardens Virtual Auction! 2021 will celebrate the Botanical Gardens' commitment to sprouting minds and inspiring curiosity through educational programming. **BECBG**

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

Adirondack Chapter, North American Rock Garden Adirondack Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (ACNARGS) meets the third Saturday of the month (except in summer) at 1pm, Whetzel Room, 404 Plant Science Building, Cornell University, Ithaca. Meetings are open to all. 607/269-7070; acnargs.org; [Facebook.com/acnargs](https://facebook.com/acnargs).

Auraca Herbarists, an herb study group, usually meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon, Cornell Botanic Gardens, Ithaca. Brownbag lunch at noon followed by the program and herb of the month. Field trips during the growing season. All are welcome. Contact: Pat Curran, pc21@cornell.edu.

Elmira Garden Club meets the first Thursday of the month, April–December, at 6pm, 426 Fulton Street, Elmira. Annual plant sale, workshops, monthly meetings, local garden tours and community gardening services. Karen Coletta, 607/731-8320; Facebook.

Finger Lakes Native Plant Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Unitarian Church annex, corner of Buffalo & Aurora, Ithaca. Enter side door on Buffalo Street & up the stairs. 607/257-4853.

Windsor NY Garden Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10am, members' homes or Windsor Community House, 107 Main Street, Windsor. windsorgardengroup.suerambo.com.

FREQUENT HOSTS

CBG: Cornell Botanic Gardens, 1 Plantations Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Inquire ahead for meeting locations. 607/254-7430; km274@cornell.edu; cornellbotanicgardens.org.

CCE/TOM: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tompkins County, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850. 607/272-2292 x146; jrc10@cornell.edu; cctompkins.org.

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July 6, August 3, & September 7: Grow Along Support Classes at the Ithaca Community Gardens & on Zoom, 6–7pm. Do you want to garden but wish you had someone to give you personal guidance? At Solidarity Gardens, the goal is to make growing produce fun and easy, and to provide support in the belief that empowered individuals with the knowledge and ability to grow some of their own produce are an essential part of a strong local food system and strong community. **CCE/TOM**

T July 10 & August 7: Open Days Garden Tours, 10am–4pm. The Tompkins County Community Beautification Program coordinates local participation every other year in The Open Days Garden Tours, a national event sponsored by The Garden Conservancy. All tickets must be purchased online and not at the door. Six private gardens will be open for one day only. The tours are self-guided and will take place rain or shine. See website for more details, cctompkins.org/events. **CCE/TOM**

T July 17 & August 14: Garden and Arboretum Hike, 10am–12pm. Experience the beautiful gardens, arboretum, woodland trails, and panoramic views. Participants will enjoy an extended hike and learn about the diverse plant collections and landscapes of our gardens. Dress for the weather and wear

comfortable walking shoes. Walks will be held rain or shine and will include some slopes and stairs. Preregistration is required and group size will be limited. **CBG**

July 22: Lore and Allure of Flowers, 5–6pm. Join in for an in-person visit to the Martha Howell Young Flower Garden. This lush flower garden celebrates significant relationships between people and plants by showcasing key cultural connections and symbolic meanings associated with well-known flowers, and how they are reflected in art, literature, and myth. Horticulturist Mitja Stragapede will also discuss strategies and techniques for maintaining a high-quality garden display throughout the year. Preregistration is required and group size will be limited; unaccompanied guests are asked to wear a face covering. **CBG**

July 29: The Moths of the Finger Lakes, 7:30–8:30pm. Join an online presentation with Jason Dombroskie, Manager of the Cornell University Insect Collection and Coordinator of the Insect Diagnostic Lab. He has 29 years of experience mothing and has many years of experience leading interpretive talks and walks on natural history. Register in advance for this Zoom event. Finger Lakes Land Trust, 202 East Court St., Ithaca 14850. 607/275-9487, flt.org.

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

7th District Federated Garden Clubs New York State, Inc. meets the first Wednesday of the month. 7thdistrictfgcnys.org.

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Rochester meets the first Wednesday of the month (except in summer), 7–9pm, Messiah Church, 4301 Mount Read Blvd., Rochester. All are welcome. Meetings are on hold until further notice. Stacey Davis, 585/426-5665; stacey.davis@rit.edu; avgsr.org.

Big Springs Garden Club of Caledonia-Mumford meets the second Monday evening of the month, September–November, January–May. New members and guests welcome. 585/314-6292; mdolan3@rochester.rrc.com; Facebook.

Bloomfield Garden Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 11:45am, Veterans Park, 6910 Routes 5 & 20, Bloomfield. Visitors and prospective new members welcome. Marlene Moran, 585/924-8035. Facebook.

Bonsai Society of Upstate New York meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Brighton Town Park Lodge, Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester. 585/334-2595; Facebook; bonsaisocietyofupstateny.org.

Conesus Lake Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of the month (April–December) at 7pm, Watershed Education Center, Vitale Park, Lakeville. Welcoming new members. Contact Rosemary Fisher at 716/983-8630.

Country Gardeners of Webster meets the second Monday of the month (except February, July, and August) at 7pm, various locations. All aspects of gardening covered, outside speakers, projects, visits to local gardens, community gardening involvement. Includes coffee and social time. Guests welcome. 585/265-4762.

Creative Gardeners of Penfield meets the second Monday of the month (except July and August) at 9:15am, Penfield United Methodist Church, 1795 Baird Road, Penfield. Visitors welcome. Call 585/385-2065 or email 09green17@gmail.com if interested in attending a meeting.

Fairport Garden Club Member club of Federated Garden Clubs of NY State. Meets 3rd Thursday evening of the month (except January and August), members' homes. Educational topics presented through speakers, workshops, or local tours. Accepting new members.



We strongly recommend you confirm with the host whether an event is still taking place as listed.

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Fairportgc@gmail.com; fairportgardenclub.com.

Finger Lakes Daylily Society members garden in west-central NY, covering an area from Batavia to Syracuse and the Southern Tier. Meetings are held in Rochester or the Canandaigua area. There are generally four regular Saturday meetings held in February, March, May, and September. Visitors and prospective new members are welcome to attend. Contact Deb Lawrence: binxers1@yahoo.com.

Garden Club of Brockport meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm, Jubilee Church, 3565 Lake Road, Brockport. Speakers, hands-on sessions. Georgie: 585/964-7754; georgietoates@yahoo.com.

Garden Club of Mendon meets the third Tuesday of the month, 10am–1pm, Mendon Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls. Work on community gardens and gather new ideas in a casual, social environment. 585/624-8182; joanheaney70@gmail.com.

Garden Path of Penfield meets the third Wednesday of the month, September–May at 7pm, Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road, Penfield. Members enjoy all aspects of gardening; new members welcome. gardenpathofpenfield@gmail.com.

Gates Garden Club meets the second Thursday of the month (except July & August) at 6:30pm, Gates Town Annex, 1605 Buffalo Road, Rochester. New members and guests welcome. 585/429-5996; may@gmail.com.

Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS) meets the first Monday following the first Sunday of the month (September–May). Due to Covid, all meetings are virtual, see website for information. GROS is an affiliate of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and Orchid Digest Corporation. Facebook.com/geneseeorchid; geneseeorchid.org.

Genesee Valley Hosta Society meets the second Thursday of the month, April–October, at Eli Fagan American Legion Post, 260 Middle Road, Henrietta. 585/889-7678; sebuckner@frontiernet.net; geneseevalleyhosta.com.

Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS) meets Sundays at 2pm, dates vary. September 12: Iris Society meeting, 2 PM, St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Ave. Honeoye Falls. Public welcome. 585/266-0302; thehutchings@mac.com.

Greater Rochester Perennial Society (GRPS) meets the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 1200 South Winton Road, Rochester, except in summer when it tours members' gardens. Lectures & garden tours on pause; see website or Facebook for updates. cap704@frontiernet.net; Facebook; rochesterperennial.com.

Greater Rochester Rose Society meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm, First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South, Room 110, Rochester. July meeting is a garden tour. 585/694-8430; rochrosesociety@gmail.com; Facebook.

Henrietta Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except May–August & December) at 6:30pm, Department of Public Works Building, 405 Calkins Road, Henrietta. Guests welcome. No meetings September 2020–April 2021; club status will be updated as the global community situation changes. Handicap accessible. 585/889-1547; henrietagardenclub.org.

Holley Garden Club meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm, Holley Presbyterian Church. 585/638-6973.

Hubbard Springs Garden Club of Chili meets the third Monday of the month at 7pm, Chili Senior Center, 3235 Chili Avenue, Rochester. dtogood@rochester.rr.com.

Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 meets the third Thursday of each month (except December

and February) at 10am, First Baptist Church, Hubbell Hall, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. 585/301-6727; 585/402-1772; rochesterikebana@gmail.com; ikebanarochester.org.

Kendall Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Kendall Town Hall. 585/370-8964.

Klemwood Garden Club of Webster meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm (except January & February) in members' homes or local libraries. Accepting new members. 585/671-1961.

Lakeview Garden Club (Greece) meets the second Wednesday of the month (except January & February) at 7pm, meeting location varies depending on activity. Meetings may include a speaker, project or visits to local garden-related sites. New members always welcome. Joanne Ristuccia; rista1234@gmail.com.

Newark Garden Club meets the first Friday of the month at 1pm, Park Presbyterian Church, Newark. Guests are welcome.

Pittsford Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month (except January & February) at 10:30am, Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford. Guest speakers and off-site tours. New members welcome. kwultz@gmail.com.

Rochester Dahlia Society meets the second Saturday of the month (except August & September) at 12:30pm, Trinity Reformed Church, 909 Landing Road North, Rochester. Visitors welcome. Meetings currently on hold. See website for up-to-date information concerning meetings & shows. 585/865-2291; Facebook; rochesterdahlias.org.

Rochester Herb Society meets the first Tuesday of each month (excluding January, February & July) at 12pm, Potter Memorial Building, 53 West Church Street, Fairport. Summer garden tours. New members welcome. rochesterherbsociety.com.

Rochester Permaculture Center meets monthly to discuss topics such as edible landscapes, gardening, farming, renewable energy, green building, rainwater harvesting, composting, local food, forest gardening, herbalism, green living, etc. Meeting location and details: meetup.com/rochesterpermaculture.

Seabreeze Bloomers Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (except January) at 7pm, location varies depending on activity. Meetings may include a speaker, project or visit to local garden-related site. Monthly newsletter. New members welcome. Meetings are currently cancelled; contact Bonnie Arnold with any questions. Bonnie Arnold, 585/230-5356; bonniearnold@frontiernet.net.

Stafford Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of the month (except December & January) at 7pm, Stafford Town Hall, 8903 Morganville Road (Route 237), Stafford. Plant auction in May. All are welcome. 585/343-4494.

Victor Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except January & February) at 6:30/6:45pm. New members welcome. Meeting and location details: victorgardenclubny2.com; 585/330-3240.

Williamson Garden Club. On-going community projects; free monthly lectures to educate the community about gardening. Open to all. 315/524-4204; grow14589@

gmail.com; grow-thewilliamsongardenclub.blogspot.com.

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Ongoing starting June 26: Ganondagan's Earth Altar Project. This event will feature six altars created by Haudenosaunee artists and naturalists that will be on the trails at Ganondagan. There will be six to eight satellite altars around the city of Rochester that will be created by those from the Black, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ, disabled, and refugee communities. See website for details. **GAN**

S Ongoing: City of Rochester Public Market, Tuesday and Thursday, 6am–1pm. Saturday 5am–3pm. Shoppers will find the hustle and bustle of the busy market season, complete with seemingly unlimited produce, plants, flowers, specialty and handcrafted items, and more at the City of Rochester Public Market. **RPM**

T July 3, 22, 25, 28: Daylily Garden Open House, 2–6pm on July 3 & 25 and 4–7pm on July 22 & 28. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Daylily Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester 14610. You may view the garden from the road or you may walk through the garden based on current Covid guidelines. Call 585/461-3317 if you have any questions.

F July 10, 11, 24 & 25: Outstanding Naturalist, 11am–1pm. Free with \$3 admission. Meet the expert naturalist “out standing in the field,” and find out what's happening in nature this week. Topics will range from woodland wildflowers to field forbes, upland hardwood forests, butterflies, bluebird boxes, and more! **CUMNG**

T/F July 10: Three Sisters Garden Tour, 10–10:30am. Join interpretive guide Tonia Loran Galban for a tour of the Three Sisters Garden. Galban will share her knowledge about the Three Sisters, while touring the garden. Free with GSHS Admission: includes Longhouse, Seneca Art & Culture Center, and Creation Story film. To register, email tonia.galban@parks.ny.gov, by July 7. Limited to 20 people. **GAN**

F July 11: Community Cleanup, Join like-minded neighbors to help clean up local green spaces—you'll be amazed at the impact a focused group can make in just three hours. Dress for the weather and bring water to stay hydrated. Tools, bags, and gloves will be provided, and all ages are welcome to attend. July 11, 9am–12pm—Durand Beach. July 30, 5–8pm—Turning Point Park. August 28, 9am–12pm—Seth Green Island Senecaparkzoo.org.

July 11: Master Gardener Summer Sale 2021, 9am–1pm. Browse through gently used gardening, lawn care, and outdoor-related items. Rain or shine. **CCE/MON**

July 12: Gardeners' Favorites: Growing the Most Popular Veggies via Zoom, 7–8pm. Learn about some of the most popular vegetables and how to grow them from planting to harvest, their strengths and

FREQUENT HOSTS

CCE/GC: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Genesee County, 420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020. 585/343-3040; genesee.cce.cornell.edu.

CCE/MON: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Monroe County, 2449 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY 14617. 585/753-2550; monroe.cce.cornell.edu.

CUMNG: Cumming Nature Center, 6472 Gulick Road, Naples NY 14512. 585/374-6160, rsmc.org.

GAN: Ganondagan State Historic Site, Victor, NY. 585/742-1690; ganondagan.org.

GLT: Genesee Land Trust, 46 Prince Street, Suite LL005, Rochester, NY 14607. 585/256-2130; info@geneseeandtrust.org; geneseeandtrust.org.

RMSC: Rochester Museum & Science Center. 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607. 585/271-4320, rsmc.org.

RPM: Rochester Public Market, 280 North Union Street, Rochester, NY. 585/428-6907; cityofrochester.gov/flowercitydays.

weaknesses, as well as ways of incorporating them into your seeding plan to maximize your harvest and your hard work. A part of the discussion will relate to local food sources, including the Farmers Market Guide 2021. Hosted by Parma Public Library. Free. Register at the website. **CCE/MON**

July 15: Trail Keepers: Irene Gossin Nature Preserve, 3–5pm. Trail Keepers visit Irene Gossin Nature Preserve in Penfield for some habitat improvement and trail work. Attendees will be removing invasive Canada thistle and multiflora rose, and scouting out a new trail. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to sign up; there will be a job for everyone. To attend you must sign up on the website. There are only 15 spots available for this event. **GLT**

S July 17: Daylily Sale, 8am–12pm. Rain or shine. Note Saturday date. More than 40 varieties to choose from, plus interesting perennials. Advice on selection and daily care available. Visit daylily display garden with over 200 varieties. Webster Arboretum, 1700 Schlegel Rd., Webster.

F July 17 & 18: Dirt! Life in the Soil, 11am. Below the duff, just a few inches down, is an underworld teeming with life! Become an underground explorer on a fascinating journey into the world of soil. \$7/person, including admission. **CUMNG**

July 17: Artist's Walk at Gosnell Big Woods, 10am–12pm. Join artist Bill Stephens for a guided journey through Gosnell Big Woods Preserve, walking throughout the property and stopping along the way to capture quick sketches. Bring a sketchbook and media of your choice. All ages welcome. Preregistration is required for this event, and the number of participants will be capped at 15. **GLT**

July 21: Happy Hour Hike at Irene Gossin Nature Preserve, 6–7:30pm. Take a mid-week break and explore Irene Gossin Nature Preserve and the Town of Penfield's Rothfuss Park followed by a refreshing craft beer at K2 Brothers Brewing. Preregistration is required for this event, and the number of participants will be capped at 15. **GLT**

July 24: Rain Barrel Workshop, 10am. Head over the Genesee Brewery Brew House for a rain barrel workshop. Interested in learning how you can utilize green infrastructure at your home? Join up to create your own rain barrel and take it home—everything is supplied but the rain. \$45/person. **RSMC**

F July 29–September 6: Sunflower Spectacular, 10am–7pm. Wickham will be planting its largest sunflower field ever. This is the fifth year of the Sunflower Spectacular, and it has become an art and a passion for the farm team to create sheer wonder in the fields. More than one million sunflowers will go in over a 10-week period this summer. Wickham Farms, 1315 Sweets Corners Rd, Penfield. 585/377-3276, wickhamfarms.com.

July 31–August 1: LotusFest 2021, Hundreds of Chinese lotus in bloom both in ponds and in pots. Bergen Water Gardens & Nursery, 7443 Buffalo Rd., Churchville. 585/293-2860, bergenwatergardens.com.

August 5: Garden Talk—Beneficial Insects, 12pm. Free. Most of the insects that live in your garden do little or no harm to you or your plants. Many of these good guys provide free pest control for you. Join us to learn about the beneficial insects that may be in your garden. Register for your Zoom link at genesee.cce.cornell.edu/events. **CCE/GC**

August 11: Happy Hour Hike at Cornwall Preserve, 6–7:30pm. Take a mid-week break and explore the trails and scenic views of Cornwall Preserve in Pultneyville. Walk will be two to four miles long on grass and dirt trails, including one footbridge. After the hike, if you choose to, stop at Yia Yia's Ice Cream Shoppe for a tasty treat. Preregistration is required for this event, and the number of participants will be capped at 15. **GLT**

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

African Violet & Gesneriad Society of Syracuse meets the second Thursday of the month, September–May, Pitcher Hill Community Church, 605 Bailey Road, North Syracuse. 315/492-2562; kgarb@twcny.rr.com; avsofsyracuse.org.

Baldwinsville Women's Garden Club meets the first Thursday of each month except January at St Marks' Lutheran Church in Baldwinsville at 7pm. The club plants the village flower barrels, raises money for the village flower hanging baskets, maintains the Pointe Garden, donates Arbor Day trees to schools, and gets involved in village improvement projects. Perennial sale yearly on Memorial Saturday morning in the village. See more information on our Facebook, Women's Garden Club of Baldwinsville.

Bonsai Club of CNY (BCCNY) usually meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Pitcher Hill Community Church, 605 Bailey Road, North Syracuse. 315/436-0135; inewell1@gmail.com; cnybonsai.com.

Central New York Orchid Society meets the first Sunday of the month, September–May, St. Augustine's Church, 7333 O'Brien Road, Baldwinsville. Dates may vary due to holidays. 315/633-2437; cnyos.org.

Fairmount Garden Club meets the third Thursday of the month (March–November) at 6:30pm, Camillus Senior Center, 25 First Street, Camillus. Speakers & community projects. All are welcome. tooley.susan@yahoo.com.

Federated Garden Clubs NYS – District 6. 315/481-4005; dist6fss@gmail.com.

Gardening Friends Club meets the third Tuesday of the month, March–December, at 6:30pm, Wesleyan Church, 4591 US Route 11, Pulaski. 315/298-1276; Facebook: Gardening Friends of Pulaski, NY; VicLaDeeDa@frontiernet.net.

Gardeners of Syracuse meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, Reformed Church of Syracuse, 1228 Teall Avenue, Syracuse. Enter from Melrose Avenue. 315/464-0051.

Gardeners in Thyme (a women's herb club) meets the

second Thursday of the month at 7pm, Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville. 315/635-6481; hbaker@twcny.rr.com.

Habitat Gardening in CNY (HGCNY) meets the last Sunday of most months at 2pm. Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. HGCNY is a chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes; wildones.org. Free and open to the public. 315/487-5742; info@hgcny.org; hgcny.org.

Home Garden Club of Syracuse usually meets the first Tuesday morning of the month. Members are active in educating the community about gardening, horticulture & floral design and involved with several civic projects in the Syracuse area. New members welcome. homegardenclubofsyracuse@gmail.com; homegardenclubofsyracuse.org.

Koi and Water Garden Society of Central New York usually meets the third Monday of each month at 7pm. See website for meeting locations. 315/458-3199; cnykoi.com.

Men and Women's Garden Club of Syracuse meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm, Reformed Church of Syracuse, 1228 Teall Avenue, Syracuse. Meetings feature guest speakers on a variety of gardening and related topics. Members maintain gardens at Rosemond Gifford Zoo & Ronald McDonald House. Annual spring & fall flower shows. 315/699-7942; Facebook.

Southern Hills Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, February through November, at the LaFayette Community Center, 2508 US Route 11, LaFayette NY 13084. Some meetings are off site. Guests are welcome and membership is open to anyone interested in gardening. For information regarding meetings or membership, please contact Cathy Nagel 315/677-9342 or Email CEN42085@aol.com.

Syracuse Rose Society meets the second Thursday of the month (except December) at 7pm, Reformed Church of Syracuse, 1228 Teall Avenue, Syracuse. Enter from Melrose Avenue. Club members maintain the E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden, Thorndon Park, Syracuse. Public welcome. syracuserosesociety.org.

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September 21: Hostas, 7pm. Dr. Steven Chamberlain, hosta breeder, will present. A Southern Hills Garden Club event. LaFayette Community Center, 2508 US Route 11, LaFayette.

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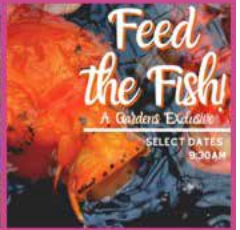
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From the garden

Fruits of the Forest Crumble

by Cathy Monrad

INGREDIENTS

Crumb topping

- 1 1/4 cup quick oats
- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup cold butter, diced

Fruit filling

- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced into 1/4 inch slices
- 12oz raspberries
- 12oz blueberries
- 12oz strawberries
- 6oz rhubarb
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/4 cup flour

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9×13" baking dish with nonstick spray, set aside.
2. Make crumb topping: In a large bowl mix together the oats, flour, sugar, and salt. Mix in the butter with your hands or a pastry cutter until mixture form crumbs when squeezed together. Refrigerate until ready to use.
3. Make fruit filling: In a large bowl add the sliced

- apples, berries, rhubarb, sugar, orange juice, and vanilla. Mix until combined. Sprinkle flour on top of fruit mixture and toss to coat.
4. Pour fruit into prepared pan and sprinkle with the topping mixture evenly.
5. Bake for 45 minutes, until the top is golden and filling is bubbly.



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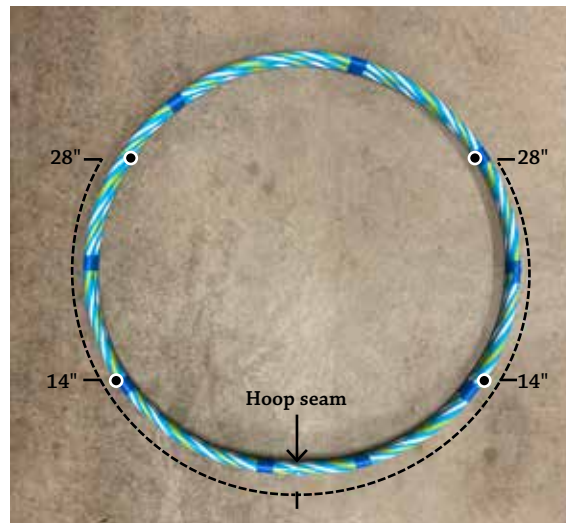


Figure 1

by Cathy Monrad

Need a fun place to display your favorite (small) plants? You can make this shelf with just a few items you may already have laying around. The specialty spray paints on the market for use on various materials has grown tremendously and are an up-cyclers dream come true. Note: this stand is meant for lightweight plants and memorabilia only. Heavy items may cause hoops to sag and distort their shape.

MATERIALS

2 hula hoops about 26 inches diameter
2 cedar fence boards 24 inches long, stained to your preference
2 pieces of 3/4-inch wood dowel 6 1/2 inches long
Spray paint for plastic
8 thin wood screws 1 1/4 inches long
Multipurpose adhesive

TOOLS

Small grit sandpaper
Painter's Tape
Sewing tape (measuring tape)
Pencil
Power drill with small drill bit
Screwdriver

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sand hula hoops to ensure paint adheres properly.
2. Match hoop seams up, then tape hoops together at various points.

3. See Figure 1. Starting from the top hoop center seam, measure 14 inches and mark topside of hoop, then measure and mark 28 inches from seam. Repeat in opposite direction of seam. These marks note the placement of the shelves.

4. Use power drill to drill holes through both hoops at marks.

5. Starting from each end of one board, measure, and make a mark 1/2 inch from edge, centered. Turn board over and repeat on other side. Repeat on second board. Pre-drill both boards where marked.

6. Dry-fit shelf together: Use screwdriver to add screws into holes of one hoop, with the tips of screws barely protruding from reverse side. Lay boards on their edges and line up hoop screws with holes in shelves. Take turns turning each screw until all are snug. Turn project over and repeat with second hoop.

7. Disassemble shelf. Paint hoops and dowels as desired. Let dry completely.

8. Reassemble the shelf, tightening screws snugly, but not to the point the hoops dent.

9. Lay project down on flat surface. From each hoop seam, measure and mark at 5 3/4 inches in both directions. Place a dab of adhesive on each mark, then place dowels on glue. Let dry per instructions on adhesive package.

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HOOP PAINTING TIP:

Bend two paperclips into S shapes. Hook a paper clip through one hole in each hoop. Holding the paper clip, spray paint the visible hoop surface. Hang hoop by paperclip to dry. Move paperclip to a different hole and continue painting until hoop is completely covered.



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