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In 1989, we did an article on vegetables in the flower garden. The focus of the story was that of the biggest pumpkin plant ever to grace a foundation planting. With the explosion of on-line inspiration, everyone is seeing the newest trend: the joys of vegetables in the flower bed. We're still so in love with the idea, we are doing it again in 2016! Visit the nursery this summer to see that what's new has always kind of been there - you just didn't know it!

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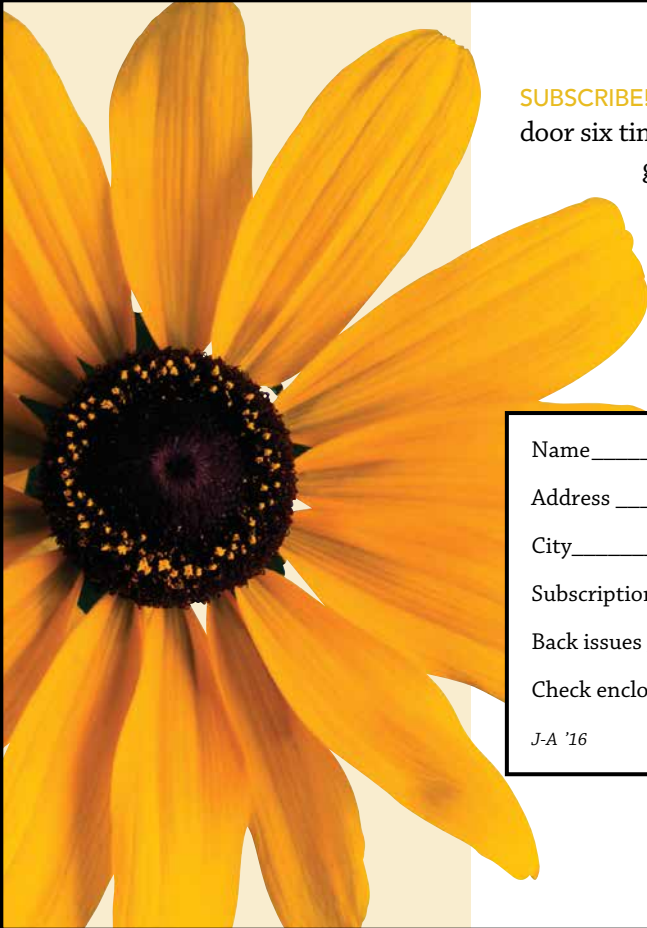
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Ear to the Ground

How Does Your Garden Grow?

This is my favorite time of year: garden fresh produce direct from my backyard! There's nothing like a homegrown tomato picked fresh and eaten immediately—hopefully mine will be ready soon. Just yesterday the first of my cucumbers were ready to harvest; it felt like my birthday and Christmas rolled all into one. I can imagine others feel as giddy as I about their gardens, and would love to share their pride in their plots. My hope is to share garden pictures (sent by you) with our social media community. They don't have to be



anything unusual or out of this world—some of the best ideas are the simplest and can manifest into something you've never thought on your own. Let's latch onto the trend (thank you, Kathy Kepler) and inspire each other through social media posts of our creations!

Please send your garden pictures to megan@upstategardenersjournal.com.

Until next time,

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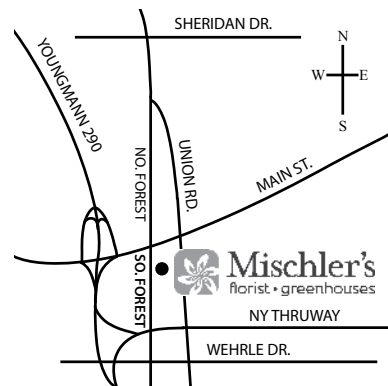
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Impressive Horticulture, Progressive Vision: White Haven Memorial Park

Story and photos by Michelle Sutton





LEFT: The park's Memorial Walk starts out in a gardenesque setting, then makes its way into beautiful woodlands.

INSET: The Green Burial Wildflower Meadow gets colorful in mid- to late-summer.

RADICAL WELCOME

The 170-acre White Haven Memorial Park in Pittsford is a park for all people. Walkers and runners are welcome, bicyclists and hikers are welcome, dogs are welcome. Birders can come do their early morning thing, including observing Eastern bluebirds in the park's dedicated nesting area. The entrance sign even says "Geocachers welcome." One need not have a loved one buried there to enjoy the beautiful natural assets of White Haven—including formidable horticultural assets.

There are more than 150 different tree species in the developed areas alone, with dozens more species yet to be inventoried in the park's 70-plus acres of forest. There is a wildflower meadow on the site of the green burial area ("built" wildflower meadows are high-maintenance, as anyone who's tried one knows!). And the small staff grow more than 15,000 annuals in their own greenhouse each year for the grounds, then work diligently all summer to keep those annuals watered and protected as much as possible from the park's abundant wildlife, who enjoy refuge there.

A huge part of White Haven's park-like appearance owes to the fact that there are no traditional above-ground tombstones; there are only flat bronze memorials throughout, with the exception of the natural stones and plaques on the nature trail that accompany the cremated remains of those who chose that option. The specimen trees and large expanses of lawn with open vistas makes White Haven feel very Olmstedian.

Andrea Vittum has been president of White Haven since 1993, and before that was vice president since 1985. "The first thing you'll notice when you come here, along with the natural beauty, is that White Haven is called a memorial park, not a cemetery," she says. "Then you'll notice the fact that you won't see the word 'No' on any of our signage."

That wasn't always the case. Back in 1995, Vittum organized a Vision Day for the staff, where employees at every level came together to brainstorm the mission for White Haven. There was a unanimous feeling that the park should be profoundly more welcoming to the public. "It was a huge turning point for us," Vittum says. "We all felt that this place was for the living as well as for the dead, and that we wanted people to have the opportunity to come here and develop happy memories...We knew that this transformation would make White Haven more of a comforting and healing place, valuable to everyone, as we all eventually have to contend with loss and grief."

With that mission in mind, the park put in new, welcoming signage, renovated the whole front of the main building to make it more welcoming and accessible, and began to pursue a wider range of uses and designations that would further engage the public. For instance, in 1993, White Haven became the first cemetery in the country to participate in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program sponsored by Audubon International, and in 1998, it was the first cemetery to become fully accredited in all five areas of participation, which include setting up bird sanctuaries and implementation of Integrated Pest Management to greatly reduce pesticide use.

TREE RECOGNITION

The most recent feather in the park's cap is Level 1 Arboretum Certification by the Arbnat Arboretum Accreditation Program, which puts the park on the Morton Arboretum Register of Arboreta. Information on each species and the location of specimen trees is available in the park's office and White Haven is working towards having an online tree walk available to anyone with a smartphone. Having conducted a tree inventory that gathered that information was one of the requirements for Level 1 Arboretum Accreditation.

The park's tree inventory actually began back in 1989 as a project of interest to Vittum.

"I was working on getting a tree map of the whole park because even then we had close to 100 species," she says. She was going to do a booklet about 50 of the most magnificent trees and she hired a photographer who came several times a year to photograph each tree at its showiest season. "We had this incredible catalog of photos, but then in 1991 we had a horrific ice storm in which many of the specimen trees were badly disfigured. I lost my heart for the project at the time because so many of the trees no longer looked like they did in the photos—it was very sad."

Fast-forward to several years ago, when Vittum was reading in a national cemetery magazine about a new phenomenon of cemeteries becoming arboreta. Enough time had passed such that the wounds (to tree and heart) of the ice storm had healed. She passed her 1991 data along to assistant vice president Nate Romagnola and director of horticulture Gary Burke, who set about creating a current inventory and database of the trees in the developed areas.

"Our database has been a helpful tool when someone





ABOVE: The oldest and largest tree at White Haven, a majestic red oak (*Quercus rubra*)

comes in and wants to know what the tree near their loved one is,” Romagnola says. Part of the inventory process was affixing numbered labels to the trees, which both gives a reference point to help people find their loved ones in the park and helps park staff more readily locate burial sites.

Vittum, Romagnola, and Burke have big plans to further their outreach. “We want to bump up to Level 2 certification by having more educational opportunities and by refining the database and increasing its utility,” Romagnola says. “We would love, for example, to have college tree ID or arboriculture classes, Master Gardeners, and other groups use the park for educational purposes.” Romagnola thinks that more cemeteries would pursue Arbnet Arboretum Accreditation if they knew about it. When there’s already a strong tree resource in place, “it can be just a matter of getting the paperwork done,” he says.

MAKING IT ALL GROW

As head grower, interment and garden foreman Adam Romagnola (Nate’s brother) oversees the production of

almost 15,000 annuals in the park’s greenhouse. “It’s a lot of fun, and it saves the organization money over buying in all those plants,” he says. At seed-buying time, Romagnola and Burke are looking for those plants with the biggest color impact, because the bold display beds are equal in importance to the tree collection in making the grounds appealing in summer. “We choose things that are colorful and straightforward to grow, like zinnias, marigolds, celosia, salvias, geraniums, dahlias, and cannas,”

Romagnola says.

“The only annuals we buy in are begonias and ‘Victoria Blue’ salvia,” Burke says. He explains that ‘Victoria Blue’ proved too fussy a germinator, and begonias have to be started in greenhouses in January. The horticulture department decided it was more economical to wait until February to fire up the greenhouse, so they buy the begonias in.

Adam Romagnola says, “We tweak things every year to become better growers and to find things that are going to work in the big display beds.” For instance, one year the crew planted ‘Benary’s Giant’ zinnias rather densely, and ended up with a powdery mildew problem. They now use

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- The larger display beds have automatic irrigation; the smaller ones are watered by hand from a 150-gallon tank. “We like to put the knowledgeable seasonal employees on watering because they know how important it is,” Romagnola says.
- There are five mature ash trees in the developed collection that are being microinjected to protect the trees from Emerald Ash Borer.
- The oldest and largest tree is a red oak (*Quercus rubra*) in the center of the developed Park. Gary Burke is partial to a large shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*) and Andrea loves the large Nootka cypress (*Cupressus nootkatensis*). Other interesting specimens include Kentucky coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioica*), Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*), Japanese snowbell (*Styrax japonicus*), tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*), yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*), American fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), goldenchain tree (*Laburnum anagyroides*), paperbark maple (*Acer griseum*), and six different kinds of beech trees.
- The soil on the property ranges from very sandy in the front portion to wet clay in the back acreage. The property was previously an airfield, and before that, a farm.
- The staff maintains a giant compost pile in the back, using leaves and funeral flowers as its primary components.
- The wildflower meadow is a struggle to perpetuate, but one very cool thing is that each family who buries a loved one in the green burial meadow receives wildflower seeds and is invited to sow them, resulting in lovely spots of color come August. The staff also plants plugs every year. Adam Romagnola says, “We spend a lot of time on it, but I’m hopeful the wildflower meadow will eventually be self-sustaining.”



cosmos instead, which has feathery foliage and allows for better air circulation.

One year the red salvia was hit with aphids. “We learned that we needed to mix something else in with that red salvia so that if or when it died out, we’d still have something red there,” Romagnola says. “Now we interplant it with red celosia, which fills in the space if necessary.”

As to perennials, Burke says, “There are some perennial beds that we maintain, but they are high-maintenance for the amount of more muted color they offer, so we prefer annual beds with splashy colors.” Burke says they’d love to grow even more annuals for display, but the greenhouse space is maxed out, and includes growing extras for replacements for deer and other mishaps. “The deer run the show when the sun goes down here,” Adam Romagnola says. “Yet we enjoy the wildlife that live here, as do the visitors. You get to see the same big bucks coming back year after year, and sometimes new ones.”

The team uses regular applications of Liquid Fence to protect the annuals. “I’ve sprayed it so much, the smell doesn’t even bother me anymore,” Romagnola says. They

also try to pick plants that deer won’t favor. He says that while the deer won’t eat the geranium flowers, they will eat the geranium buds. “Even when you put the Liquid Fence on,” Burke says, “the deer will sometimes pull the plants up and spit them out—it can be discouraging.” The deer will also sometimes munch on or strew about fresh cut flowers that families put on gravesites. Newly planted trees get trunk protection via corrugated plastic tubes, to protect the tender cambium from rutting bucks.

What’s really amazing is that all of the horticulture/grounds crew are also doing interments, so when you ask them how many full-time equivalents they have on horticulture staff, it’s very hard to say, because the burial schedule is unpredictable. “We have the freezing days when you’re jackhammering the soil for burial, but other times you’re in the greenhouse or planting flowers—we enjoy the variety of the things we do,” Burke says.

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TOP: From left to right: Adam Romagnola, Nate Romagnola, Gary Burke, and Andrea Vittum

BOTTOM: Adam Romagnola oversees the production of more than 15,000 annuals a year in the Park’s greenhouse.

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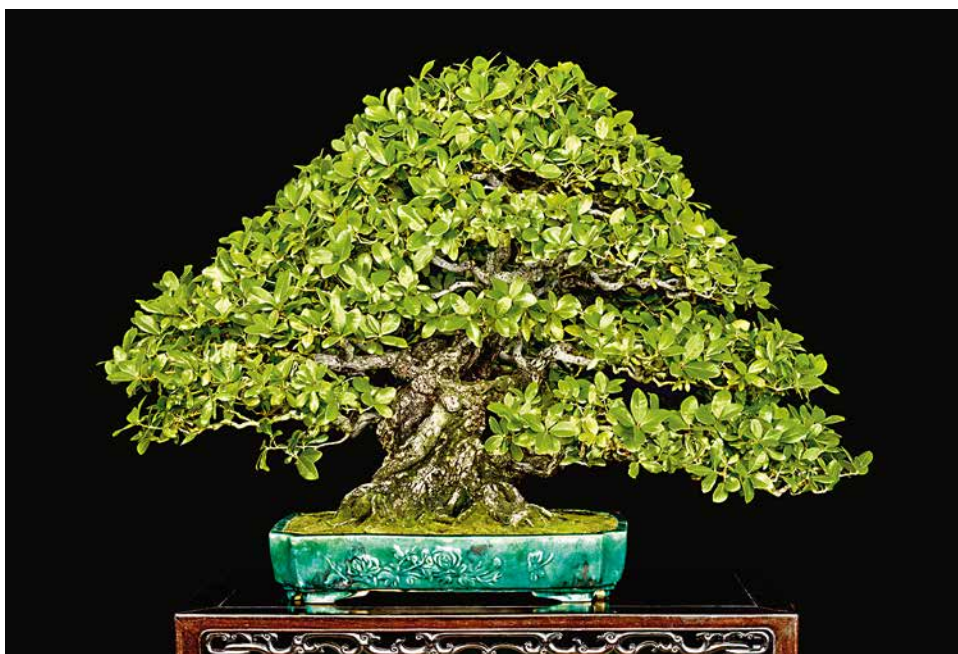
Bonsai, the art of growing and training dwarfed potted plants, dates back thousands of years. It originated in China, but the Japanese quickly took the art and adapted it using their own native plants. Today, most of the bonsai seen in the States follow the Japanese aesthetic and philosophy. Bonsai can be created from almost any perennial woody-stemmed tree or shrub species.

Rochester is home to the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition, where people from around the world will

come together to appreciate and study the diversity of the unique and distinctive species displayed by accomplished bonsai artists. Towering bonsai from the Pacific Northwest, rugged bonsai from the Rocky Mountains, and tropical bonsai from the southern swampy regions will be displayed along side weathered bonsai from the Southwestern deserts and refined deciduous bonsai from the Northeast.



OPPOSITE: Japanese Red maple, *Acer palmatum* 'Atropurpureum', trained from common nursery stock and grown in Rochester for over 30 years by Harvey B. Carapella. This outstanding bonsai received the Finest Deciduous Bonsai in the 2010 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.



TOP: Wild Olive, *Olea europea* var. *silvestris*, created from an ancient olive stump collected in Italy. All the branches were grown and shaped by Frank Cucchiara. This unique bonsai received the Finest Deciduous Bonsai in the 2014 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.



MIDDLE: Urbame Oak, *Quercus phillyraeoides*, displayed by the Montreal Botanical Garden in the 2014 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition. This bonsai was a gift from the Nippon Bonsai Association and was trained from an old collected tree.

BOTTOM: Crabapple, *Malus sylvestris*, trained from an old collected tree in a dairy farm eight years ago by Douglas Taylor in Massachusetts. The well-proportioned fruit size and distribution throughout the bonsai made it especially attractive when it was displayed in the 2014 U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.

RIGHT: Dwarf Hinoki Cypress, *Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Nana Gracilis', developed from nursery stock originally from Wm. N. Valavanis in the 1970s. The tree had two owners and was finally returned to Rochester in 2012. Valavanis continued to refine the bonsai and it became part of the Ron Maggio Collection. This beautiful bonsai received the coveted Members' Choice Award at the 42nd Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition in 2014.

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With tulips a great bouquet!
Too bad she moved away.

I'm native to the orient,
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The answer to the March-April 2016 quadruple stumper: **1. *Fagus grandifolia***, **2. *Cornus mas***, **3. *Forsythia suspensa***, **4. *Catalpa catalpa* (or *speciosa*), "catalpa"**

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In the food garden

Continue to cut off curly garlic scapes to encourage larger bulbs. You may be able to harvest garlic in late July.

Remove spotted or yellow leaves from your tomatoes. This will slow down early blight and septoria leaf blight. If you suspect late blight, take leaf samples or pictures to your local Extension office.

Protect berries from the birds with bird netting. If some berries look moist or misshapen, check for the maggots of the two-spotted drosophila fruit fly. Destroy all the bad fruit. If a lot of fruit has been set, you can then use rowcover to keep the fruit flies out, but this will also prevent further pollination so wait until they are done flowering. Consult Cornell CE for spray recommendations. Also look out for the marmorated stink bug. The Cornell Insect Diagnostic Lab has good links for both pests at idl.entomology.cornell.edu/factsheets/

Keep your food plants weeded, watered, and mulched. Blueberry bushes are particularly sensitive to drought. A five-gallon bucket with holes, next to each bush, provides an easy way to water and measure how much water you're applying (10 gallons each is good in drought situations, once or twice a week).

Keep tomato branches inside their cages, and guide melon and squash vines.

This is the last month to plant these veggies for a fall crop if you are in zone 5: snap beans, peas, cucumbers, carrots, kohlrabi, summer squash, early sweet corn, green onions. Zone 6 gardeners get a couple more weeks of growing season. Cover newly planted seeds with rowcover to keep them cooler and moist.

Ornamentals

It's finally okay to remove daffodil and tulip foliage—removing it prematurely has a negative effect on flowering. This is also a good time to move the bulbs, or you can dig them up and dry them off, for planting in September.

Early July is a good time to move Colchicums. The dormant foliage should still

allow you to find them. Try growing plumbago, *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*, as a fall-flowering groundcover with the Colchicum. The foliage will help support the Colchicum flowers and keep them out of the mud.

A good rainy day chore is sorting seed packets. Also, if you forced bulbs this past winter, you can take them out of the pots and store them dry and cool for the summer (except for delicate ones like snowdrops).

Leggy annuals may need to be pruned back to encourage new growth and more flowering. Some annuals don't take hot weather and may need to be replaced.

Unruly perennials such as spiderwort can be cut back by two-thirds, and then watered. They will send up fresh new foliage. Deadhead some other perennials, like catmint, and salvia either for continued bloom, and improved foliage. For more details, consult the excellent book by Tracy DiSabato-Aust: "The Well-Tended Perennial Garden."

This is the last month to fertilize woody plants, without encouraging tender late growth that may not harden off in time for winter. It's also the last month to prune woody plants—except for dead or diseased wood.

Spring-planted woody plants need to be watered every week unless there is an inch of rain. Ten to 15 gallons per plant is recommended. If you haven't protected them from deer yet, start planning how to do it.

AUGUST

In the food garden:

This is the last month to plant these veggies if you are in zone 5: broccoli or cauliflower transplants, leaf lettuce, spinach, and turnip. Protect them from the scorching sun with rowcover or milk crates.

The easiest way to expand the veggie garden is to sheet compost now with flattened cardboard boxes. Overlap the edges and then cover them up with whatever you have—grass clippings, woodchips, spoiled hay, or bags of leaves. By spring, most of the weeds will be dead. This is also a good way to prepare the

ground for shrub borders, berry plantings, or flowerbeds. You can also use thick newspapers, but they take longer to apply.

Harvest garlic when the leaves are yellowing. Then you can weed the area and plant a late crop (see above). It's best to rotate where you grow garlic, so pick a new spot with lots of sun and good drainage. Maybe, sheet compost the new spot now, until planting time in mid-October.

Keep up the weeding, watering, and mulching, as needed. Try not to get leaves wet as that might spread disease. Keep a close watch for tomato/potato late blight.

Ornamentals:

Nursery stock goes on sale and may be a good money saver if it has been well cared for. Be sure to water weekly after planting if rain is insufficient. Keep the watering up until the ground freezes, unless rain is adequate.

The second half of August is a good time to start to move and/or divide some of the hardier perennials. Try to be done by the end of September.

It's time to order bulbs for fall planting, to get the best selection of varieties. Lots of spring-blooming bulbs are deer-resistant. Avoid tulips and crocuses, and enjoy carefree alliums, winter aconite, snowdrops, snowflake, Siberian squill, glory-of-the-snow, puschkinia, fritillaria, and *Anemone blanda*. Grape hyacinths send up fall foliage, but even when it's browsed, it doesn't seem to affect their vigor.

Late August and early September is the best time to renovate the lawn or to seed a new one.

This is the time to start protecting tree trunks from "buck rub" damage.

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY meets the third Tuesday of the month, March – January, at 7 pm, Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corp, 40 Embury Place, Lancaster. Contact: Judy O'Neil, judyoneil1945@gmail.com.

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

Amana Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except January) at 11 am, Burchfield Nature & Art Center, 2001 Union Road, West Seneca. 716/668-1100.

Amherst Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (except December, March, July & August) at 10:00 am, St. John's Lutheran Church, Main Street, Williamsville. New members and guests welcome. 716/836-5397.

Buffalo Area Daylily Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. *Open Gardens in July.* 716/ 698-3454; Facebook; buffaloareadaylilysociety.com.

Federated Garden Clubs NYS – District 8. Marcia Becker, District Director. 716/681-3530; marshmelo601@yahoo.com; gardenclubsofwny.com.

Friends of Kenan Herb Club meets Monday evenings, 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 Tonawandas meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm, Tonawanda City Hall, Community Room.

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

Hamburg Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of every month at noon, summer garden tours, Hamburg Community Center, 107 Prospect Avenue, Hamburg. 716/648-0275; droman13@verizon.net.

Ken-Sheriton Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of the month (except January, July & December) at 7:30 pm, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 576 Delaware Road, Kenmore. Monthly programs, artistic design, horticulture displays and business meeting. New members and guests welcome. 716/833-8799; dstierheim@gmail.com.

Lancaster Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, St. John's Lutheran Hall, 55 Pleasant Avenue, Lancaster. No meetings January, July & August. *September 14: Floral Designs for Your Enjoyment, hands-on workshop.* 716/685-4881.

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. niagarafreierorchids.org.

Orchard Park Garden Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 12 pm, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park. President: Ruth Ann Nowak, 716/662-1017.

Silver Creek-Hanover Garden Club meets the second Saturday of the month at 2 pm, First Baptist Church, 32 Main Street, Silver Creek. Sue Duecker, 716/934-7608; duke.sue@roadrunner.com.

South Town Gardeners meets the second Friday of the month (except January) at 10:30 am, Charles E. Burchfield Nature & Art Center, 2001 Union Road, West Seneca. New members welcome.

Western New York Carnivorous Plant Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm, Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. wnycpclub@aol.com; facebook.com/wnycpclub.

Western New York Herb Study Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, 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. A group of hosta lovers who have come together to promote the genus hosta. *Open Gardens first Saturday in July, August & September. August 20: Plant Sale, Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens (see calendar below). September 17: Fall Hosta Forum.* 716/941-6167; h8staman@aol.com; wnyhosta.com.

Western New York Hosta Society Breakfast Meetings, a friendly get-together, first Saturday of the month at 10 am, Gardenview Restaurant, Union Road, West Seneca.

Western New York Iris Society usually meets at members' homes and gardens. Information about growing all types of irises and complementary perennials. Show and public sale. Guests welcome. Carolyn Schaffner, 716/837-2285; drsnooks@twc.com.

Western New York Rose Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville. *August 17: Tour Delaware Park Rose Garden, 6 pm.* wnyrosesociety.net.

Wilson Garden Club generally meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm, Community Room, Wilson Free Library, 265 Young Street, Wilson. Meetings open to all, community floral planting, spring plant sale, local garden tours. 716/751-6334; wilsongardenclub@aol.com.

Youngstown Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm, 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; buffaloagardens.com.

REIN: Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honore Drive, Depew, NY 14043. 716/683-5959; dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html.

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Ongoing through July 24: Celebration of Coleus & Color, 10 am – 5 pm. BECBG

• **Ongoing: Family Walk at Beaver Meadow,** Sundays, 2 pm. Naturalist-led walk through the Preserve. Donations. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, 1610 Welch Road, North Java. 585/457-3228; 800/377-1520; buffaloaudubon.org.

July 12 & 14: Action Days – Invasive Species, 6:30 pm. Volunteer to help control invasive plants at Reinstein Woods as part of New York State Invasive Species Awareness Week. For adults and children age 12 and up. Registration required. **REIN**

July 16: Summer Wildflowers, 10 am. Search for seasonal wildflowers and learn their uses and folklore. For adults and children age 8 and up. Registration required. **REIN**

July 16: Water Gardens: Algae Control 101, 1 – 2 pm. Learn to recognize the indications of an unbalanced ecosystem and how to get things back on the right track. \$10. Registration required. Masterson's Garden Center, 725 Olean Road, East Aurora. 716/655-0133; mastersons.net.

July 21: Botanics & Brews, 6 – 9 pm. Featuring craft beers, hors d'oeuvres, garden tours, raffles and more. \$30 members; \$35 non-members. **BECBG**

• **July 22: Outdoor Movie Night – Nature: What Plants Talk About,** 8:30 – 10 pm. In the event of inclement weather, movie will take place indoors. Popcorn, snacks and refreshments available for purchase. Registration required. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, 1610 Welch Road, North Java. 585/457-3228; 800/377-1520; buffaloaudubon.org.

T- July 30 – 31: Garden Walk Buffalo, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided tour of over 300 urban gardens and historic neighborhoods. Shuttle buses available. Maps: Richmond-Summer Senior Center, corner Richmond Avenue & Summer Street; Buffalo Seminary School, 205 Bidwell Parkway. Free. gardenwalkbuffalo.com.

T- August 2: Beyond Flowers Tour, 10 am – 3 pm. Visit eight sites chosen for their strong environment-friendly approaches and hear from the project leader at each site. See progressive gardening and farming activities in the city and successful recoveries of land and water resources along the waterfront. Includes transportation, tour guides, box lunch. \$35. Register in advance: gardenwalkbuffalo.com.

T- August 6: Black Rock & Riverside Tour of Gardens, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided, features more than 60 gardens. Free. 716/851-5116; brrtourofgardens.com.

T- August 6: Starry Night Garden Tour, 8 – 10 pm. Self-guided, features 20 gardens. Part of *Black Rock & Riverside Tour of Gardens* (above). Free. 716/851-5116; brrtourofgardens.com.

T- August 13: Eastside Momentum Tour, 9 am – 1 pm. Seven stops include gardens, parks and a Buddhist community center garden. Includes transportation, tour guides, snacks. \$25. Register in advance: gardenwalkbuffalo.com.

S- August 20: Hosta, Daylily & Iris Sale, 9 am – 2 pm. Hundreds of hosta, daylilies and irises, all labeled and described, for sale at reasonable prices. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. Presented by Western New York Hosta, Buffalo Area Daylily & Western New York Iris Societies. wnyhosta.com; buffaloareadaylilysociety.com. **BECBG**

August 20: Woods Walk: Plants to Live & Die For, 1 pm. Guided nature walk through the woods to learn which plants are safe to use and which plants to avoid. **REIN**

September 3 – October 2: Succulents, 10 am – 5 pm. **BECBG**

September 6 – 27: Beginner Watercolor Classes, 4 Tuesdays, 5:30 – 8 pm. Learn basic watercolor painting techniques under the instruction of artist Joan Saba. Series: \$65 members; \$70 non-members. Single session: \$18 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

September 10: Water Gardens – A Strong Finish, 1 – 2 pm. Learn proper techniques for closing your pond for the season to help ensure its health for next year. \$10. Registration required. Masterson's Garden Center, 725 Olean Road, East Aurora. 716/655-0133; mastersons.net.

September 10 – October 22: Horticulture I Certificate Series, 6 Saturdays, 11 am– 1 pm. *Botany 101, Plant Propagation, Pest Management & Disease, Shrubs & Trees, Annuals & Perennials, Garden Design*. David Clark will provide in-depth information for gardeners of all levels. Series: \$105 members; \$135 non-members. Single class: \$22 members; \$27 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

SAVE THE DATE...

September 17: Rockin' Fall Hosta Forum. Four speakers, vendors, auction. wnyhosta.com.

September 30: Gala at the Gardens, 6 pm. Dinner, silent & live auction, raffles. Tickets or sponsorship opportunities: Brittany Zandi, 716/827-1584 x203; bzandi@buffalogardens.com. BECBG

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

Adirondack Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (ACNARGS) meets the third Saturday of the month (except in summer). Summer events include garden tours, workshops and members-only plant sale. Meetings are open to all. 607/269-7070; acnargs.org.

Finger Lakes Native Plant Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, 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 10 am, members' homes or Windsor Community House, 107 Main Street, Windsor. windsorgardengroup.suerambo.com.

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Ongoing through September 25: Garden Explorations, Saturdays & Sundays, 2 pm. Guided tour of the Botanical gardens. Content will vary week to week depending on what is in bloom and interests of the group. Rain or shine. Free to members & Cornell students; \$5 non-members. Cornell Plantations, 1 Plantations Road, Ithaca. 607/255-2400; cornellplantations.org.

Ongoing through October: Compost with Confidence, last Saturday of each month, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Master Composters provide information and demonstrations covering a different topic each month. Free. Ithaca Community Gardens, Compost Demo Site, Ithaca. CCE/TOM

T-July 16: Dryden Garden & Art Tour, 9 am – 2 pm. drydenbeautification.weebly.com.

July 30: Creating an Edible Forest Garden, 12:45 – 4 pm. Dani Baker will introduce 300+ perennial cultivars of fruits, nuts, berries and other edibles. Attendees will taste fruits, flowers, greens and herbs in season and go home with a potted plant to add

to their own edible garden. Cross Island Farms, Jefferson County. \$20 individual; \$30 two or more from same farm/family. Registration required. 315-482-3663; organic@crossislandfarms.com; nofany.org.

T- August 6: Tompkins County Open Gardens Day, 10 am – 4 pm. Five private gardens will be open to the public. Proceeds benefit Tompkins County Community Beautification Program. \$7 per garden. ccetompkins.org/opendays.

August 17: Reduced Tillage in Vegetables, 4 – 7 pm. Field tour highlighting current research on integrating cover crops and reducing tillage for farms at multiple scales, demonstration of strip tillage for small-scale farmers and a review of impacts of new mulching and cover crop techniques on weeds and crops. Presented by the Cornell Reduced Tillage Team and Northeast Organic Farming Association of NY. Freeville Organic Research Farm, Tompkins County. Free. Registration required. rmm325@cornell.edu; nofany.org.

September 10: Tomato Festival, 10 am – 2 pm. Sample various heirloom tomatoes. Demonstrations on how to save seeds from many hard-to-find varieties. \$5 suggested donation. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tompkins County, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. 607/272-2292; tompkins@cornell.edu; ccetompkins.org.

ROCHESTER

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Rochester meets the first Wednesday of each month, September – May, at 7 pm, St. John's Home, 150 Highland Avenue, Rochester. All are welcome. Bob or Linda Springer: 585/413-0606; blossoms002@yahoo.com.

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

Bloomfield Garden Club meets the third Thursday of the month (except May, July & August) at 11:45 am, Veterans Park, 6910 Routes 5 & 20, Bloomfield. New members and guests welcome. 585/657-4489; kjonrad@frontiernet.net.

Bluebelles & Beaus Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month; time alternates between noon and 7 pm. Victor. Kathleen Houser, president: 585/869-5062.

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; bonsaisocietyofupstatenyc.org.

Creative Gardeners of Penfield meet the second Monday of the month at 9:15 am (except July & August), Penfield United Methodist Church, 1795 Baird Road, Penfield. Visitors welcome. Call 585-385-2065 if interested in attending a meeting.

Fairport Garden Club meets the third Thursday evening of each month (except August and January). Accepting new members. fairportgc@gmail.com; fairportgardenclub.org.

Garden Club of Brockport meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm, Clarkson

Schoolhouse, Ridge Road, east of Route 19. Speakers, hands-on sessions. Kathy Dixon: 585/431-0509; kadixon@excite.com.

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

Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS) meets every month from September through May at the Brighton Town Hall, Door 9, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, on the first Monday following the first Sunday of each month (dates sometimes vary due to holidays, etc.). GROS is an affiliate of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and Orchid Digest Corporation. 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. 585/538-2280; sebuckner@frontiernet.net; geneseevalleyhosta.com.

Genesee Valley Pond & Koi Club meets the first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm, Adams Street Recreation Center, 85 Adams Street, Rochester, except in summer when it tours local ponds. president. gvpkc@gmail.com; gvpkc.shutterfly.com.

Gesneriad Society meets the first Wednesday of each month, September – May, at 6:30 pm, St. John's Home, 150 Highland Avenue, Rochester. All are welcome. Bob or Linda Springer: 585/413-0606; blossoms002@yahoo.com.

Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS) meets Sundays at 2 pm, dates vary, St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Avenue, Honeoye Falls. Public welcome. July 23-24: *Iris Sale* (see calendar below). September 11: *Photographing Iris & Other Flowers*, 2 pm. 585/266-0302; thehutchings@mac.com.

Greater Rochester Perennial Society (GRPS) meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 1200 South Winton Road, Rochester, except in summer when it tours members' gardens. July 23: *Plant Sale* (see calendar below). 585/467-1678; smag@rochester.rr.com; rochesterperennial.com.

Greater Rochester Rose Society meets the first Tuesday of the month, April through November, at First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South, Room 110, Rochester. July meeting is a garden tour. 585/694-8430; 585/621-1115; rochrosesociety@gmail.com; Facebook.

Henrietta Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except May-August & December) at 6:30 pm, Main Meeting Room, Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Road, Henrietta. Guests welcome. September 14: *Herbs & Weeds...in Common Use*, with Helen Wolkonowski, *Certified Medicinal Herbalist*. 585/889-1547; henriettagardenclub@gmail.com; henriettagardenclub.org.

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

Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 meets the third Thursday of each month (except December and February) at 10 am, First Baptist Church, Hubbell Hall, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. September 15: *Sogetsu Demonstration & Workshop with Kaye Vosburgh*, 10 am (see calendar below). 585/301-6727; 585/402-1772. ikebanarochester.org.

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

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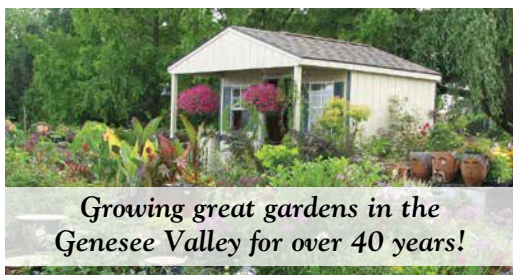


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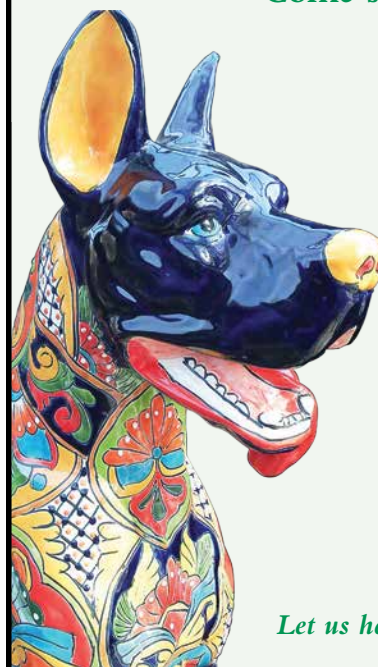
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Rochester Dahlia Society meets the second Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm, Trinity Reformed Church, 909 Landing Road North, Rochester, except July – September. Visitors welcome. 585/865-2291; djohan@frontiernet.net; Facebook; rochesterdahlias.org.

Rochester Herb Society meets the first Tuesday of each month (excluding January & February) at 12 pm, Rochester Civic Garden Center, 5 Castle Park, Rochester. June-August garden tours. New members welcome.

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 each month, except January, in East Irondequoit. Some meetings feature speakers and some are visits to local gardens or special events. All are welcome. President, Pat Plunkett: 585/342-5477; grandmapat294@yahoo.com.

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

Victor Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month except January & February at 6:30/6:45 pm. Meeting and location details at victorgardenclubny2.com or 585/721-5457. New members welcome.

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

RCGC: Rochester Civic Garden Center, 5 Castle Park, Rochester, NY 14620. 585/473-5130; rcgc.org.

SG: Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, 151 Charlotte Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. 585/394-4922; sonnenberg.org.

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• Ongoing through August 5: **Moonlight Stroll Concert Series**, Fridays, 8 – 10 pm. Enjoy live music in the moonlit gardens of Sonnenberg. \$8 members; \$10 non-members; \$5 ages 6-14; free ages 5 & under. SG

T- July 16: The Garden Path Tour, 10 am – 3 pm. Featuring six private gardens around Medina and Albion. Presented by Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. \$10. 585/798-4265.

July 16 – 17: Daylily Garden Open House, 1 – 5 pm. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester. 585/461-3317.

July 20: Jerry Kral's Incredible Landscape in July, 6:30 – 8 pm. Enjoy an informal get-together with refreshments and fellow gardeners in this unique landscape that combines small and medium-sized evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs with perennials and annuals all linked by pathways and stone walls. Rock gardens include a slab garden, tufa crevice garden and pumice rock garden. \$12. Registration required. RCGC

July 21: Gardening with Edibles, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Artist and RIT instructor Nancy Marrer grows much of her family's produce on her 3-acre Penfield property by integrating edibles and ornamentals throughout the yard. There are fruit trees, nut trees, cane fruits, grapes, vegetables, mushrooms and peanuts. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

S- July 23: Greater Rochester Perennial Society Plant Sale, 10 am – 2 pm. Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 South Winton Road, Rochester. rochesterperennial.com.

T- July 23: RMSC Women's Council Garden Tour, 10 am – 4 pm. Visit 6 residential gardens. Start at Cunningham House, Rochester Museum & Science Center campus, 657 East Avenue, Rochester. \$18 advance; \$22 day of. 585/385-3068; rmssc.org.

S- July 23 – 24: Iris Sale, 10 am – 3 pm. Iris rhizomes for sale and information available. Presented by Greater Rochester Iris Society. Gro-Moore Farms, 2811 East Henrietta Road, Henrietta.

• **July 24: Family Fun Day**, 1 – 4 pm. Hands-on themed activities throughout all of Sonnenberg. Half-price admission. SG

July 26: 400 Hydrangeas and a New Method for Getting Blooms in Our Area, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Tim Boebel has been experimenting with improvements to his method for getting consistent bloom from hydrangeas and will share his new simpler, more effective way to maintain *macrophyllas*. Join Tim at his home in East Bloomfield to see hundreds of blooming hydrangea cultivars growing on his one-acre plot. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

July 27: Oh No, Now What – Creative Perennial Garden Maintenance, 6 – 8 pm. Christine Froehlich will share professional methods to keep the garden looking fresh. Topics include: proper staking, deadheading, deadleafing, cutting back, pruning perennials, weeding and how to identify problems like low fertility, water and pest problems. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

July 28: Transforming a Traditional Landscape into Something Wonderful, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Mike Tanzini will discuss how he renovated this 20-year-old Japanese-style landscape by pruning to highlight mature shrubs and trees, preserving some plants, adding new ones, adding appropriate structures and maintenance. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

July 30: Daylily Garden Open House, 1 – 5 pm. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester. 585/461-3317.

August 2: Flower Arranging Demonstration, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Lunch-time demonstration on using flowers from your garden to make arrangements. Bring your lunch. Free. CCE/GC

August 3: High Summer Blooms Stroll, 6 – 7:30 pm. See Michael Hannen's gardens in Rochester's Upper

Monroe neighborhood at their summer peak. Perennial sunflowers will be in bloom along with many other colorful hummingbird- and butterfly-attracting plants. Arrive early to shop or preview the gardens. \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

August 3: Dried Flower Workshop, 7 – 9 pm. Floral Designer Alana Miller will discuss different methods of drying flowers and the results and merits of each. Students will prepare an assortment of flowers in a silica gel drying container to take home. Materials included. 25 members; \$35 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

August 4: Making it Work – Fine-Tuning Your Landscape Design, 6 – 8 pm. Landscaper Cindy Cali will share how she reworked this large property in Pittsford with regards to site, size, design and deer-browse considerations. Many plants were moved to more appropriate spots, scattered plants were clustered, singles were divided to form groups, some were moved to stabilize a slope or colonize a wet area and deer-candy was moved up close to the house. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

August 5: Daylily Garden Open House, 5 – 7 pm. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester. 585/461-3317.

S- August 6: Finger Lakes Daylily Society Plant Sale, 9 am – 2 pm. Bristol's Garden Center, 7454 Route 96, Victor.

August 6: Structured Spaces, Inviting Places, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Landscape designer Christine Froehlich was faced with western sun and winter winds in her Sodus Point garden where she had to get creative to protect her house and plants from the elements. She will share tips and ideas on how to interweave structures and plants to achieve privacy, comfort and beauty. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

August 11: Summer Habitat Walk, 9:30 – 11:30 am. Discover flowers, birds, butterflies and dragonflies on this 2 mile walk through 115 acres of former farmland. Due to an increase in deer ticks, long pants and closed shoes are mandatory, bug spray is highly recommended. Meet: 677 Five Points Road, Rush; group will carpool to site. Presented by Genesee Land Trust. Registration required by August 10. Martha Zettel, 585/533-2333.

August 17: Cut-Flower Workshop at White Farm B & B, 6:30 – 8 pm. Christine Hunt sells floral arrangements at a roadside stand using fresh flowers from her cutting garden as well as perennials and shrubs found in the landscape and plants and grasses from nearby fields and roadside. She will discuss growing cut flowers and selling arrangements. Participants will create a bouquet to take home in a jar. \$25 members; \$30 non-members. Registration required. RCGC

August 18: English Gardens at a Historic Home in Pittsford, 6:30 – 8 pm. Enjoy a casual get-together with refreshments and fellow gardeners in this English garden designed to embellish the historic house. A garden gate leads to brick terraces providing a view of lattice fences separating the back yard into three garden rooms: a croquet garden, a central oval garden featuring a tiered antique fountain and an herb and cutting garden. \$12. Registration required. RCGC

September 6: What to Do with Your Herbs, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Learn what one Master Gardener does with the herbs that she harvests from her garden. Bring your lunch. Free. CCE/GC

September 10: Gathering of Gardeners, 8 am – 4 pm. Featuring Don Engebretson and Jerry

Kral. Presented by Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Monroe County. Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester. gatheringofgardeners.com.

September 10 – 11: US National Bonsai Exhibition, 9 am – 5 pm. See museum-quality bonsai in both traditional and formal alcove displays, over 100 different species and cultivars. Demonstrations, sales area. \$20. Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester. 585/334-2595; wnv@internationalbonsai.com; usnationalbonsai.com.

September 15: Sogetsu Ikebana Demonstration & Workshop, 10 am, demonstration; 1 pm, workshop. Sogetsu ikebana is a sculptural composition of flowers and plant material arranged uniquely in a container. Hosted by Ikebana International Chapter 53, acclaimed Japanese floral designer Kaye Vosburgh will present this day-long event. Hubbell Hall, First Baptist Church, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. \$10 demonstration; \$20 workshop; \$25 both. Registration required. rochesterikebana@gmail.com.

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S- September 17: Fall Garden Gala, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Plant sale featuring hardy perennials, house plants and locally grown mums. CCE/GC

October 8: Fall Gardening Symposium, 10 am – 5 pm. Keynote Speaker Dr. Allan Armitage. \$75 members; \$85 non-members. Registration required. SG

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

African Violet 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.

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.

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

Gardeners of Syracuse meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm, 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 7 pm, Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville. 315/635-6481; hbaker@twcny.rr.com.

Habitat Gardening Club of CNY (HGCNY) meets the last Sunday of most months at 2 pm, Liverpool Public Library. HGCNY is a chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes; for-wild.org. Meetings are free and open to the public. 315/487-5742; hgcny.org.

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

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

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; growthewilliamsongardenclub.blogspot.com.

CLASSES / EVENTS

- **Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.**
- **July 23: Butterfly Chase,** 11 am – 12 pm. Learn about Monarch butterflies, their journey to Mexico and how we can help them. All ages. \$6 members; \$9 non-members. Registration required. Baltimore Woods Nature Center, 4007 Bishop Hill Road, Marcellus. 315/673-1350; Facebook; baltimorewoods.org.

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Arugula Pesto Pizza with Herbed Ricotta

Yield: 1 large pizza

1 ball pizza dough
1 batch arugula pesto (see below)
½ cup ricotta cheese, strained if watery
1 tablespoon minced fresh basil
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
½ teaspoon honey
pinch of salt
pinch of red pepper flakes
olive oil, for brushing
1 ½ cups freshly shredded mozzarella cheese
⅓ cup raw walnut halves, chopped
zest of 1 medium lemon
2 cups lightly packed arugula

1. Preheat the oven to 500°F. Place a pizza stone in the oven and allow the stone to heat for at least 15 to 20 minutes (if you can do 30, even better).
2. Place the pizza dough on a lightly floured surface and allow to relax for about 10 minutes (but no longer than 30). Roll out and shape the dough and then transfer to a piece of parchment paper cut to about the size of your pizza stone that has been lightly dusted with cornmeal.
3. Meanwhile, make the pesto recipe below. Set aside.
4. In a small bowl, add the ricotta, basil, parsley, honey, salt and red pepper. Mix until combined. Set aside.
5. Brush the pizza dough all over lightly with the olive oil. Scoop the pesto onto the dough and smear evenly all over, leaving a border around the edge. Sprinkle the mozzarella over the pesto, then drop the herbed ricotta in small scoops all over the top. Sprinkle with the walnuts.

6. Transfer to the oven (put the parchment paper with the pizza directly on the pizza stone). Bake for about 10 to 14 minutes, until the crust is golden brown. Remove from the oven, then sprinkle with the lemon zest and top with the fresh arugula. Slice and serve.

FOR THE PESTO:

2 cups lightly packed arugula
½ cup lightly packed baby spinach leaves
¼ cup unsalted sunflower seeds
2 tablespoons freshly grated parmesan cheese
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ to ½ teaspoon salt (to taste)
⅓ cup olive oil

1. Add the arugula, spinach, sunflower seeds, parmesan, garlic and salt to the bowl of a food processor. Pulse until finely chopped.
2. With the food processor running, slowly pour in the olive oil. Process until smooth. If you want to thin out the pesto, add in additional olive oil a little at a time.

As with all pizzas, feel free to adjust the amounts of the toppings to your own taste.

If you do not have a pizza stone (though highly recommend for homemade pizza), you can place the parchment with the pizza on a large baking sheet instead and then bake as directed.



The Amazing Bat

by Liz Magnanti



ABOVE: Little Brown Bat confirmed with white-nose syndrome; photo courtesy Flickr: Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

With recent mosquito-borne illnesses making headlines, I have been getting a lot of questions about ways of controlling pests naturally without using harsh chemicals or pesticides. Attracting wildlife to your yard can help with insect issues. While birds will eat a lot of insects during the day, another winged creature, the bat, will take care of insect issues at night. Because bats are out at the same time mosquitoes are, they can make a

huge difference in controlling this pest. Just one bat alone can eat anywhere from 2,000 to 6,000 insects each night. This is the equivalent of 20-50% of their own body weight! Certain species of bats can be attracted to your yard by providing a bat house. This provides space for bats to roost, and females to raise their young safely.

In New York we have nine species of bats who call our state home. They are all insectivores, relying exclusively on insects for their diet. Three of these bats are classified as tree bats, who spend their days hanging from trees, camouflaged by their wings and tail membranes which they can wrap around themselves for warmth and protection. Tree bats tend to be solitary, and do not form large communal groups. They can be common, we just don't see them due to their great camouflage. Many look like dead leaves hanging from trees during the day. The other six species of bats we have are cave bats, those who spend the winter in caves where they hibernate. Some of these cave bats, such as the Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), and Tri-colored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) are known for roosting in bat houses.

Bat houses come in many sizes and styles. In general, the more chambers the bat house has the better. The larger houses are able to provide more temperature fluctuation, which is best to accommodate a large nursery colony. Bats require a warm area to roost in. In our climate the bat house should be painted black or a dark color in order to absorb heat from the light. An outdoor, water-based, non-toxic latex paint is safe to use on the house. Bat houses can be mounted on poles or on the side of buildings and ideally by a water source. Houses can also be mounted on trees. However, this usually does not provide them with the light they need to warm the house, and it leaves the house vulnerable to predators who may climb the tree to raid it. Houses mounted on poles and the side of buildings often become occupied more quickly than houses mounted on

trees. Make sure the house is mounted at least 15 feet high, with the area underneath it clear, as bats need to be able to drop out of the bottom of the house for flight.

A bat house can be put up any time of the year. Bats will begin using them in early spring as they return to our area from their hibernation or migration sites. At any point in the year, however, bat houses may become occupied. Especially if a colony has been removed from a house, barn, or their roost has been destroyed in another way. Once a bat house has been put up, it requires little maintenance. It should be checked every year for evidence of wasps building a hive inside.

There are many myths about bats that have vilified them. The most common myths being all bats have rabies, they are blind, and they will fly into and get tangled in your hair. These just are not true. While bats, like all mammals, are susceptible to rabies, less than 1% of their population ever has it. Bats can see, almost as well as we can, but rely on their amazing sense of echolocation to navigate and find their prey at night. This also makes it possible for them to avoid running into structures, or getting too close to humans or predators in complete darkness.

Recently, millions of bats have fallen victim to a disease called white-nose syndrome. White-nose syndrome causes hibernating bats to wake up more frequently during their hibernation, which burn off the fat reserves they need to survive the winter. Many end up dying as they leave their hibernation site too early in the winter in search of food. The disease is named for the white fungus that is visible on the face and wings of the affected bats. It is estimated that there has been an 80% decline in the population of bats since the introduction of this fungal disease to the Northeast. This disease, combined with habitat loss, has made it increasing difficult for bats to find a safe place to roost and raise young. Most bats only have one pup a year so these spots are critical for their survival.

Not only are bats fascinating creatures, they are amazing to watch! Set up your bat house this summer and soon you may be entertained nightly by these fuzzy, aerodynamic insect eaters.

Liz Magnanti is the manager of the Bird House on Monroe Avenue in Pittsford. She has a degree in wildlife conservation and has worked as a naturalist at various nature centers.



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Outdoor Foot Rinse

by Cathy Monrad

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MATERIALS

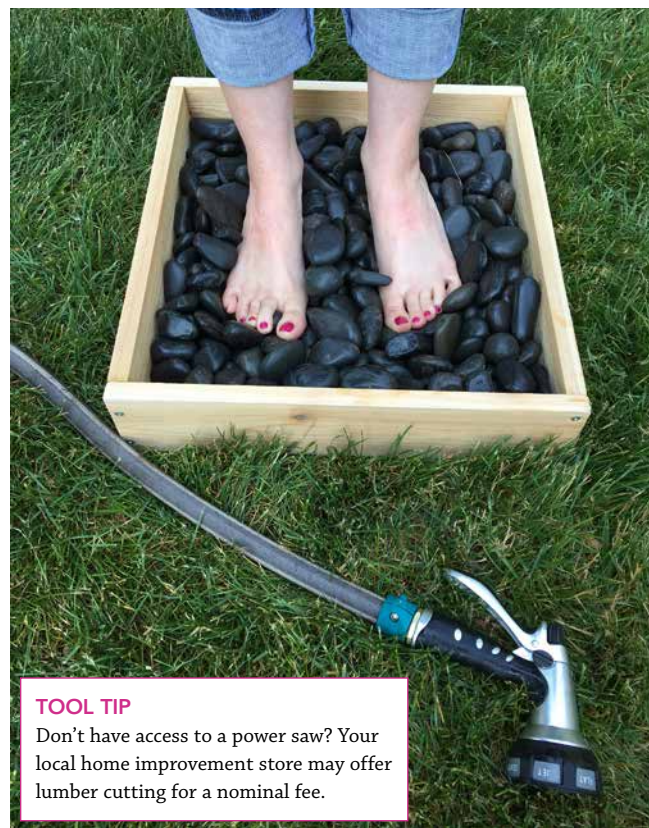
Four 1x4 boards (like cedar) cut to 16 inches long
Eight 1½ inch nails or wood screws
Smooth river rocks or stones

TOOLS

Hammer or screwdriver
Power drill and bit (optional)

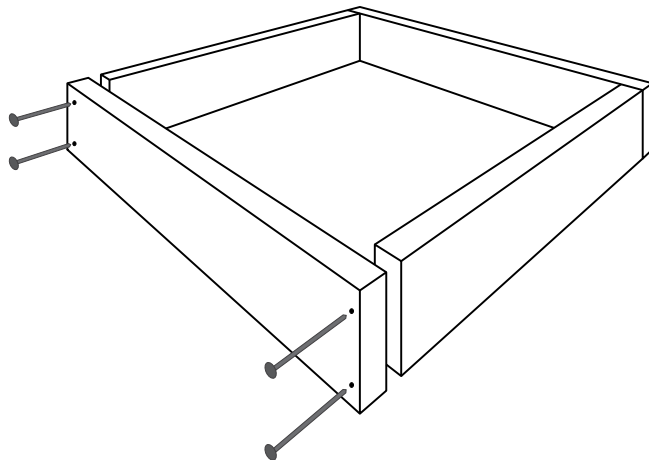
1. Attach boards together as shown in diagram with either nails or screws. If using screws, predrill holes to avoid splitting the wood. A helper is recommended to stabilize the boards.
2. Place frame near water supply with hose. Alternatively, use a watering can to rinse off.
3. Fill frame with smooth stones, at least 2½ inches deep, but not more than 3" deep. The foot rinse is now ready to use.

Cathy Monrad is the graphic designer and self-proclaimed garden crafter for the *Upstate Gardeners' Journal*.



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