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Normally at this time of the year, I'm going stir crazy due to the arctic tundra western New York has become under foot upon foot of snow. Sorry winter sports lovers, but I prefer warmer temperatures! Luckily, at least for me, winter has felt more like a cool fall sprinkled with

a little snow. Since Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early spring, I'm getting ready for warm weather, fresh ideas, and an abundance of outdoor fun! I'll get to outdoor fun in a minute. First, the fresh ideas coming to an *Upstate Gardeners' Journal* near you.

NEW FEATURES

We want to bring our readers a few new features in our 21st year. But first, we must thank Ruby Morse for her dedication in providing our readers with years of fresh-from-the-garden recipes. We have all enjoyed sampling them again and again. Starting with our May/June issue, we will feature an upstate New York vineyard, winery, or craft brewery growing and producing their products locally. Our recipe will come from the establishment we feature and be accompanied by a beverage pairing. Please feel free to send us the name of your local favorite!

Next, a feature starting with this issue (see page 18) will rely on YOU! We want to hear about and see (pictures please) the interesting plants—trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, and even mosses—you've encountered in your travels, near or far. Please provide any information you can about location, name, time of year visited, and anything else you found fascinating. Each issue we will feature something different—and give credit to the reader who submits our selection. This issue's plant is provided by yours truly! And hey! Maybe you'll be in the neighborhood one day and stop in for a visit of your own, or even be inspired to make a journey.

ARBOR DAY

As most of you are aware, Arbor Day is the final Friday of April, falling on April 29th this year. I've always had fond memories of Arbor Day, dating back to my elementary school days when we would plant trees each year. A local horticulture expert would bring in bookmarks and saplings for each student to bring home, too. A few of those saplings can be found as full grown trees in my parents' yard. We don't all have to go out and plant a tree on Arbor Day, although that would be amazing, but it's a great time to take notice and extra care of the trees around us. There is a framed 1990 Arbor Day poster in my house that boasts one of my favorite quotes: "people and trees...partners in time." Good food for thought.



UPCOMING SHOWS

Don't forget to stop by the Plantasia Rocks! Show on March 31st to April 3rd at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg—you can find the seminar schedule for the show at the back of this issue. The Rochester Home and Garden Show is March 19th and 20th. For our friends in Ithaca and Syracuse: It's a great day trip if you're looking for a dose of spring before the forsythia is in bloom.

Actually, at this rate, that forsythia might be in bloom before the shows!

Until next time,

Megan

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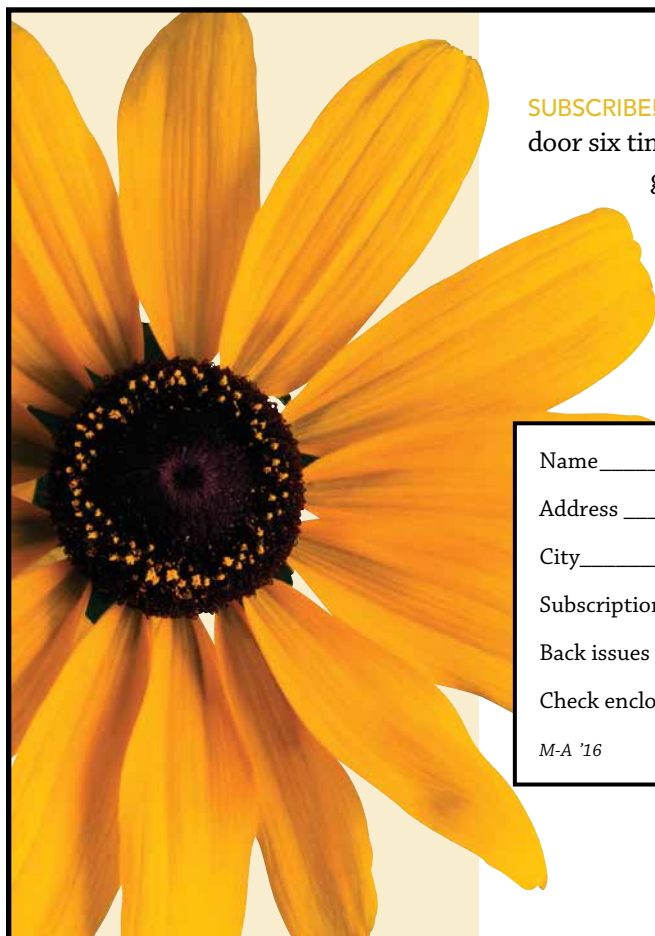
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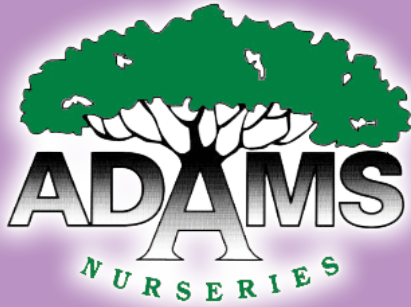
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What to do in the garden in March & April



ABOVE: Hostas

The following are some general ideas for early spring gardening. Keep in mind you have to take the weather conditions into account. Wait till the soil is above 50 degrees to try any planting.

WINTER DAMAGE

Clean up and remove leaves and winter debris, which are loaded with phosphorus, from paved surfaces and drainage sewer openings. This helps preserve drainage water quality and reduce algae buildup.

Thoroughly soak areas near sidewalks, or driveways that have been covered with salt laden snow. Doing this a few times can help dilute the salt concentration.

Prune out any branches damaged by snow, wind and ice.

Re-set plants that have heaved from the freezing and thawing action of the soil. A layer of leaves or mulch will help protect the exposed root mass if the soil is still frozen.

PRUNING

Early spring is the time for pruning many trees and shrubs.

Prune the following in early spring while they are still dormant: Bradford pear, wisteria, butterfly bush, potentilla, honeysuckle, and flowering plum.

Prune spring bloomers such as forsythia and lilac after they have flowered.

Do NOT prune the following sap bleeders in the spring: ash, birch, maple, oak, and elm.

Never “top” a tree. Severely pruning back the top produces a weak tree.

Prune fruit trees in early spring before bud break. Pay particular attention to any twigs or branches with cankers or black knot (dark swollen galls). These should be removed and discarded.

Prune brambles (raspberries and blackberries) during March to remove any dead, diseased, or damaged branches and to increase air circulation.

When pruning be careful to not to cut flush to the trunk, instead cut outside the branch collar. For more information on proper pruning techniques contact your local CCE or check out their web information at www.cce.cornell.edu

Wound dressing or paint is no longer recommended. If properly pruned the wound is best left to heal naturally.

Cut back and prune roses when forsythia blooms. Cut back dead or crossing canes to about one-quarter inch above an outward facing bud.

Cut pussy willows back drastically after they bloom to keep the plants strong. They will have more blooms next year and will be stronger plants.

Cut back lavender into green wood late in April.

Complete pruning of other shrubs before new growth starts.

PERENNIALS

Cut back grasses and other perennials that have been left up for winter interest. Ideally this should be done before the new growth gets more than a few inches high so you don't damage the new growth while cutting back the old.

Compost any plant material that has not harbored disease.

Hand pull emerging weeds now so you don't disturb the emerging perennials and bulbs.

Wait until the soil is “workable” to divide perennials. This means it should be above 50 degrees and dry enough not to stay in a clump when squeezed in your hand.

Divide the following perennials before new growth starts in the spring: hostas, liriopse, daylilies, dicentra, coral bells and Shasta daisies

Scatter annual poppy seeds in the garden for bloom in June and early July.

VEGETABLES

Plan your vegetable garden being sure to rotate plant families.

Direct seed cool season vegetables and flowers when soil is suitable.

Check your seed packages to see whether you should start seeds indoors or direct sow them outside. Also check information on the envelopes for the appropriate number of weeks prior to planting outside. Planting seeds indoors too soon leads to leggy, weak seedlings.

HOUSEPLANTS

Houseplants are coming to life with the increase in hours of sunlight. This is a good time to resume feeding.

Check your houseplants for disease and insects and the roots to see if they need division and/or repotting. Once the outdoor gardening season begins you will have less time for them!

Give houseplants a good "shower" in the sink or tub to clean off dust buildup from the winter months. For plants too large to move, give the leaves a sponge bath.

Prune off any dead or yellowing leaves and branches.

Any plants that have outgrown their pots can be repotted. If you want the plant to continue increasing in size just simply repot it in a larger container. If you want to keep the plant in the same size container prune the roots back.

GENERAL

Apply horticultural oil to trees and shrubs that have had past problems with piercing and sucking insects such as mites, aphids, scale, whitefly and adelgids. Carefully follow the application directions for temperature and weather conditions. If applied at the wrong time they are not effective and can damage evergreens.

Propagate pussy willows by making 6 to 12 inch cuttings when they first bloom. Place in water and plant when roots are well developed and the ground is warm.

If you didn't clean, sharpen and check garden tools in autumn do it now. It makes a huge difference in how well they work and how long they last.

If your mower doesn't start easily in the spring move it out in the sun and warm it on a dark pavement. This solar heating will warm up the fluids and make starting much easier. It works for tillers too!

Place new birdhouses outdoors and/or clean out older ones.

Take the time to enjoy forced branches indoors. Try bringing in stems of forsythias, weigelia, and pussywillows.

Turn the compost pile.

Scrub and sterilize reusable pots and seed starter trays by washing them in a dilute mixture of warm water and bleach.

Attend Plantasia at the Agricenter on the Hamburg Fairgrounds March 30–April 3. It's a great way to get in the gardening mood!

Buy a notebook and record seeds planted and any other observations. You will appreciate this later.

Plant a tree on Friday April 29 to celebrate National Arbor Day.

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Landscape Architect Rick Hedrick: Family, Songdo, and Businesses Past and Present

By Michelle Sutton

FAMILY LEGACIES

At 50, Ulysses Prentiss Hedrick IV, better known as Rick, is busy bringing together his life experiences in horticulture, landscape architecture, and entrepreneurship for his next Big Act. Hedrick lives in Lansing with his partner Patrick Jensen and their twin seven-year-olds, Aeron and Gage, who have had their own gardens since they were four years old. “I’ve been taught horticulture is a craft that should be handed down from generation to generation,” he says. “It’s been the one common thread throughout all the phases of my life. I’m enjoying sharing what I know with my kids.”

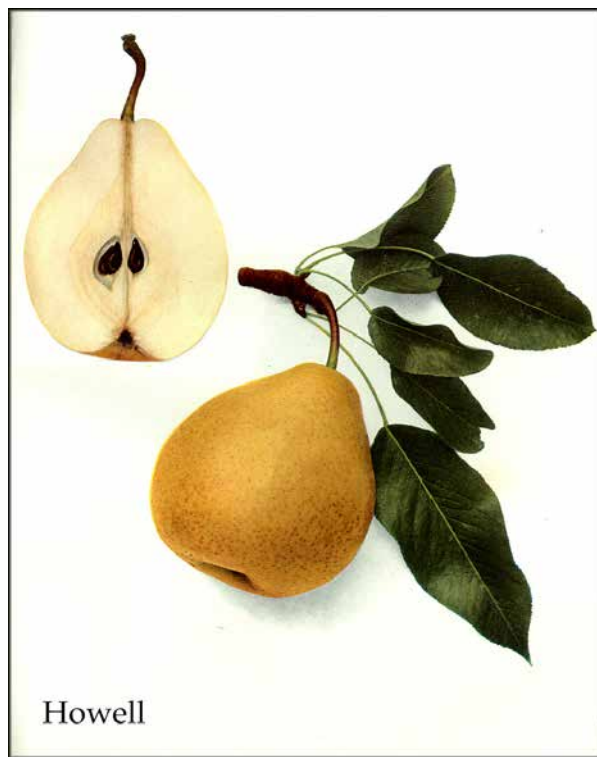
Rick is following in deep family footsteps on both sides. Most notably, his great-grandfather Ulysses Prentiss (U.P.) Hedrick (1870-1951) was an American botanist and horticulturist who worked at and then directed the New

York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. U.P. wrote more than a dozen books, including *History of Agriculture in the State of New York* (1933), *A History of Horticulture in America* (1950) and a dozen seminal, gorgeously illustrated texts about growing cultivated fruits in New York. He also wrote a memoir, *The Land of the Crooked Tree* (1948).

U.P. was a contemporary of Liberty Hyde Bailey and growing up, Rick heard tales of the strong rivalry between the two. Bailey was running the agriculture college at Cornell at the same time U.P. was running the Geneva Experiment Station. Both wanted to be acknowledged as “America’s Father of Modern Horticulture” and both were friends with FDR, then governor of New York. They asked FDR to settle the “Father of” question, but FDR refused to

LEFT: Entrance to the Hedrick-Jensen home. Photo by Rick Hedrick.

RIGHT: A mixed border in the Hedrick-Jensen home garden. Photo by Rick Hedrick.



enter the fray. Rick is requesting that the FDR Library Archives digitize the voluminous correspondence between the three men, which should make for interesting reading indeed.

Both sides of Rick's family, including the McGraws and Heasleys, have been Cornellians, but he was the first of four generations not to go to Cornell. "RISD (Rhode Island School of Design) was a better fit for me," he says. He graduated in 1988 with degrees in both architecture and landscape architecture, a combination that would set him up to do a truly unique project in Korea (more later).

Even though he chose to study elsewhere, Hedrick's personal ties to Cornell are strong. He's served on the Cornell Plantations Advisory Board and worked with landscape architect Irene Lekstutis on the massive, jaw-droppingly beautiful container garden display outside the Plantations' Lewis Education Center. (Many of the cuttings for those plants came from his former nursery, The Plantsmen.)

THE PLANTSMEN

The Plantsmen Nursery in Groton was "like a child I raised for 15 years of my life," Hedrick says. (The nursery retains that name but is now focused on native plants and successfully run by owner Dan Segal). "I'm proud that by the time I sold it to Dan twelve years ago, it was considered one of the top ten specialty nurseries in the country. The collections of antique pelargoniums (fancy-leaved geraniums) and abutilons and others that we amassed was one of a kind. You can't find many of those plants in the trade anymore."

He goes on, "We were one of the first nurseries in the country to sell annuals in 4-inch pots—something that is commonplace now, but at the time, people thought it was insane to do that and be able to command \$6 to \$10 for a specialty annual." The downside was that a specialty plant was only a specialty for a short time, so Hedrick had to keep coming up with the next new interesting plant, to keep "feeding the beast."

"We were one of the first nurseries to sell black sweet potato vine," he says. He sold *Petunia integrifolia* with its violet flowers and could get great prices for it—before wholesale nurseries picked up on it, and breeders bred it into all the million bells, and then it wasn't a specialty anymore.

"One of the reasons I sold the business was that I could see the way that the market was changing," he says. "Big wholesale nurseries were buying our plants, then patenting them and propagating them in the thousands. Lawyers started to call and say, 'You're selling a plant we have the patent on', to which I would say, 'You're crazy—I brought that plant into the country myself!'" Hedrick says that the only way he could've continued The Plantsmen was by getting much bigger and going into mass production, which wasn't appealing to him. "It's sad how commercialized the nursery industry has gotten."

In 2004, Dan Segal brought a very different focus—native plants—to The Plantsmen. "I'm very happy Dan came in when he did, and that he had his own distinct vision," Hedrick says. "That was important and necessary—that the nursery become something very different."

LEFT: Rick with his kids, Gage and Aeron. Photo by Patrick Jensen.

RIGHT: An illustration from U.P. Hedrick's book, *The Pears of New York* (1921).



ABOVE: Hedrick designed Central Park and other green spaces in the new city of Songdo, South Korea. Photo used with permission from Gale International.

THE SONGDO-MANHATTAN YEARS

As soon as word got out that Hedrick had sold The Plantsmen, he got a call from a friend in Manhattan who asked him to come look at a project. In a huge boardroom on Fifth Avenue overlooking Central Park, the CEO of a New Jersey development company said, “I’m building a new, sustainable city in Incheon, Korea in the [tidal flats of the] Yellow Sea. It will have 50% green space, and I want you to start with the horticultural master plan of the park located at the heart of the city.”

Thus, in 2001 Hedrick began an intense seven-year involvement with the creation of the green spaces of Songdo International Business District, a \$35 billion “smart city” on 1500 acres, including a 200-acre Central Park of its own. “It was the largest building project in the world at the time,” he says. “Having been trained in architecture, I could speak the language, which was a plus, since for Songdo I worked alongside the architects at Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates and architect Daniel Libeskind, who many will know as the man who won the World Trade Center design competition.”

The first time Hedrick went to Korea, he saw where 1000 acres of tidal flats had been filled in, but construction hadn’t begun. By the end of the project, he saw the completed towers and the fully stocked Songdo

Central Park. In between, he traveled to Korea to source plants for the new city. Because the nursery industry in Korea is so limited—and because it was specified that the “green city” of Songdo would use native plant material exclusively, Hedrick and colleagues would take field trips to identify plants that could be bought and transplanted in. “We’d find a whole mountainside of dogwoods and say, ‘We’ll take it,’” he says.

While working on the massive Songdo project, Hedrick and a fellow landscape architect founded a firm in NYC and did a series of award-winning projects for companies like Target and nonprofits like the New York Restoration Project. (NYRP is Bette Midler’s foundation that seeks to bring more trees, community gardens, and green spaces to NYC). Hedrick would live in the City during the week, and commute home to Lansing on the weekends.

One of the local projects Hedrick undertook at this time was the master plan for the Garden Aerial in the High Falls district of Rochester (greentopia.org/gardenaerial). The brainchild of visionary local business owners Michael Philipson and Lewis Stess, the Aerial will feature a new walking bridge over High Falls, a pedestrian connection directly into downtown Rochester, and completion of a ¾ mile looped trail. These will be threaded together with a rich variety of public gardens



and terminate at the heart of the project, a spectacular urban green space on the 900-foot-long Pont de Rennes Bridge. Hedrick worked on the concept with his friend and colleague, the landscape architect Jeff Dragan. “The Aerial will be a real signature project for Rochester right in the heart of the City,” Hedrick says.

After seven years of Songdo and the NYC firm, Hedrick was ready for a new direction. “Honestly I needed a break,” he says. “The Songdo project was seven years of being on-call 24/7.” That’s when he and partner Patrick, a school superintendent for a nearby school district, started earnestly pursuing adoption. They came to be the parents, from birth, of Gage and Aeron. “I never imagined having twin seven-year-olds at age 50,” Hedrick says, laughing. “I’ve managed some incredible work projects in my life, under tremendous amounts of stress. It turns out parenting twins is just as intense!”

ENTER SHRUBBUCKET

“For me, ShrubBucket is the synthesizing of everything I’ve done in my career into one new business,” Hedrick says. He still has two large private design clients but otherwise is dedicating himself to this new endeavor. The project started just over a year ago, but Hedrick had been ruminating on a new business idea for years before

that. “I wanted it to have a smarter business model than The Plantsmen did,” he says. “I loved selling plants, but I realized I didn’t want the hassle of opening a bricks-and-mortar operation again.”

Hedrick saw the need to create a digital platform by which consumers could find out what area nurseries and garden centers had in stock—and then purchase those plants and other goods online. “This would solve the problem of having to drive around to all the merchants to see what everyone has,” he says. He named the service ShrubBucket and piloted it with Ithaca-area green-industry merchants last year.

“We found some very interesting things,” he says. “The demand from consumers for this kind of service is definitely there, so we are going to pursue ShrubBucket, but we are in a process of evaluation to figure out the best way forward.”

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ABOVE: Songdo’s Central Park under construction. Photo by Rick Hedrick.

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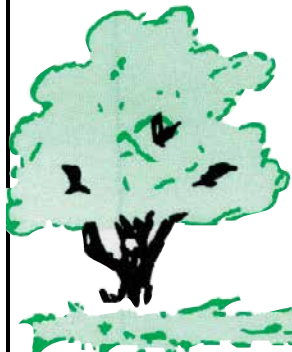
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Genus/species: *Quercus virginiana*

Common name: Live Oak

Specs: 66.5 ft tall; 28 ft circumference; 17,200 sqft of shade cover

Age: 400-500 years, although it is contended that the tree might be older than 1,500 years

Submitted by: Megan Frank

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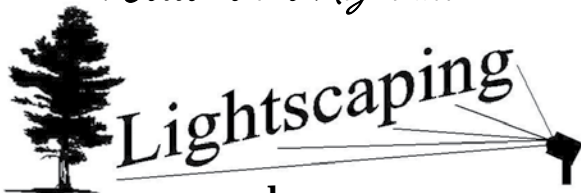


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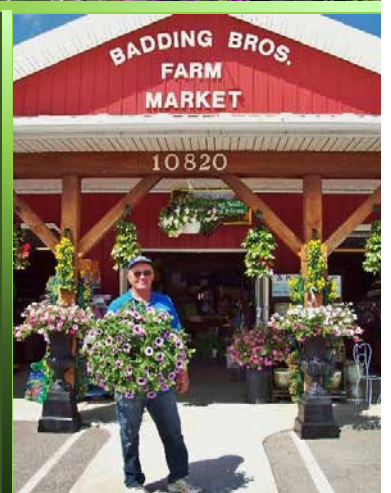


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Winter Damage: What to Expect this Year

by Rob Barrett

ABOVE: Snow on branches. Photo courtesy torange.biz

Living in upstate New York, we have learned to deal with our fair share of winter weather. For the most part our trees and shrubs have adapted as well, but we still see many different types of winter damage. So far this winter of 2016 has been relatively mild compared with our two previous, which were pretty awful by all accounts.

The first issue is obviously, the cold. Low temperatures themselves can cause plant cells to die. Bitter cold, low air humidity, and wind will cause desiccation of plant

tissues. Desiccation is when moisture in plants leaves, needles, and stems, is drawn out of them. You are left with dried out tissues that most likely will not come back in the spring. This whole process can best be described as “freezer burn”.

The wind can cause problems in the winter as well. You may think that because the leaves are down and off the trees, the wind should pass over the bare branches without doing damage. Yes, wind drag is reduced on the trees themselves, but dead and weakened limbs are now

exposed. With cold temperatures and snow load, these limbs become brittle and are prone to breakage during windy conditions. Evergreens will take on more wind without their leafy counterparts shielding them. If we have a period of warmer weather and the ground thaws, similar to what we have seen this year, the shallow root systems of these species are prone to uprooting and toppling over.

Animals can be quite a nuisance in the winter as well. Deer are active throughout the winter, and a lot of their food is not accessible. Many of your plantings become their desired food source. One in particular is arborvitae. I'm sure you have noticed mature arborvitae that don't have any foliage until about five feet off the ground. These plants have been picked clean year after year. They remain healthy and continue to grow, but a lot of us plant arbs in rows for privacy and screening. Having the first five feet thinned out so much that it's transparent is not favorable. Meadow voles are much smaller in size, but can cause serious damage to trees and shrubs. They reproduce quickly and have voracious appetites. When the snow melts in the spring, you will find shallow tunnels all through your lawn and landscapes where they have been busy. They gnaw and feed on bark into the wood of many plants. It often is minor and the plants recover quickly in the spring. Other times ornamental trees can be girdled so severely, that the vascular flow is totally compromised, and the tree dies. These field mice can also damage shrubs, especially burning bushes, which I have seen girdled and killed many times.

The tools we use to battle snow and ice can injure our landscapes severely. De-icing salts have a negative impact on many plants. Damage will occur whether dissolved salts are thrown directly onto plant foliage by plows, or leached into the soil surrounding trees and shrubs. Typically, damage manifests itself as browned out foliage resembling a burn similar to desiccation. That's because salt concentrations will pull water from plant tissues accelerating moisture loss. Salts that build up in the soil can interfere the same way. They make water unavailable to the plant's roots, causing symptoms similar to drought stress, and making plants look generally unhealthy.

While winter damage is to be expected, and not all is preventable, we can still make changes that may limit injury and give our plantings some protection.

The first step is choosing the right plants for the right location. Choosing plants that are acclimated for our climate is crucial. If you insist on using plants that are borderline hardy for our zone, put them in locations and situations where they may be protected. Trees and shrubs properly wrapped with burlap can provide some protection from frigid wind. Strategically placed snow fencing can cut down on drifting snow. In addition anti-desiccants can be applied prior to winter and again during winter if weather allows. These are products mixed with water that are sprayed directly on plant surfaces. As they dry, a coating is left intact. This coating helps seal in plant moisture without any negative impact to the plant.

Trees and shrubs can be inspected during the growing season, and in winter time when the leaves are not

present. Determining the need for deadwooding, crown cleaning, and corrective pruning is important during inspection. Determining tree defects, and prescribing the appropriate treatment, can reduce and sometimes eliminate costly damages during the winter.

Deer browsing can be addressed in several ways. A physical barrier, such as a fence provides the most protection, but burlap and mesh deer wrap can be effective. Simply put, if the deer cannot get to your plants, they cannot eat your plants. Fencing can be expensive, labor intensive, impractical, and not pleasant to look at. Another option is repellents. These can be applied prior to winter and during winter if weather allows. These are foul tasting products that the deer will often avoid by scent alone. After they are applied, the plants look just as they always did, but are unpalatable to deer and some other animals as well. An added bonus is that anti-desiccants and repellents can be used in conjunction, providing two services in one. Voles can be a bit trickier to deal with. Large populations may require the use of lethal methods to reduce their numbers. Sometimes getting rid of harborage sites can help. One planting they seem to love are large areas of carpet junipers or cotoneaster for groundcover. These provide great protection for them as well as a food source. I refer to these plantings as "vole hotels". For valued plant specimens, I would suggest a hard plastic shield around the main trunk during the winter time. Just remember you must remove them when the growing season begins.

Placing sensitive plant material away from municipal-treated roads away from salt is a good start. If you really would like to plant in these areas, consult a listing of salt tolerant species from a reliable source. In some scenarios burlap and snow fencing can minimize salt spray. Also, if you are using salts on your hardscapes and driveways, use enough to melt the ice without leaving excess to leach into planting beds. If plants are showing signs of injury, make sure that they have adequate water in the spring and do not fertilize them until recovered. Even fertilizers with low-salt index could be counter-productive towards recovery.

Upstate New York provides a considerable number of opportunities for winter damage, many more than I have listed here. There are a variety of ways to prevent some of this damage, but none will guarantee plants will be completely unscathed. Choosing good plants, proper maintenance, and preparing for winter are all important steps. As always, if you take good care of your trees and shrubs prior to winter, they will thank you in the spring.

[Rob Barrett](#) is the manager of Plant Health Care at [Ted Collins Tree and Landscape](#) in Victor, NY.

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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.

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Buffalo Area Daylily Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. 716/ 698-3454; info@buffaloareadaylilysociety.com.

Federated Garden Clubs NYS – District 8. Marcia Becker, District Director. 716/681-3530; marshmel601@yahoo.com; gardenclubsofwny.com.

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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.

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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. niagrafrontierorchids.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 (WNY) 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. 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, Gardenvue 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. *March 16: Perennial Container Design with Mark Yadon, Mischlers Green Houses. April 20: Opening the Rose Garden for Spring with Jim Styn.* 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.

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• **March 12: Children's Workshop – Painted Pots,** 11 am. Children ages 6-10 will create an artistic flower pot and fill it with a forced bulb plant to take home. Materials included. \$10. Registration required. **MENNE**

March 12: Repotting House Plants, 2 pm. Demonstration followed by hands-on repotting session of your own plant, either brought from home or purchased before class. Limit two plants per person. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**

March 12: Seed Starting, 2 pm. Instructor: Richard Price. Free. Registration required. **URB**

March 18: Taste of Paradise, 6 – 9 pm. Wear your tropical attire and get a sneak preview of the Spring Flower Show. Enjoy refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, tropical music, entertainment & raffles. \$30 members; \$35 non-members; \$40 after March 9. **BECBG**

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March 19: Winter Review & Prep for Spring, 11 am. Presentation by Sally Cunningham. Part of Opening Day celebration, refreshments, door prizes. Free. **LOCK**

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• **March 19 – 20: Maple Harvest Festival,** 9 am – 3pm. Visit the Sugar Shanty. See maple sugar made the Native American way. Taste Sugar-on-Snow. All you can eat homemade pancakes. Basket raffle, activities and crafts for children and more. \$8 adults; \$6 ages 12 & under; ages 3 & under free. **BMAC**

March 19 – April 10: Spring Flowers, 10 am – 5 pm. Soak in Spring colors and fragrances. **BECBG**

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March 30: Plantasia Preview Night, 5:30 – 8:30 pm. *Plantasia Rocks!* Get a sneak peek of the displays and theme gardens. Refreshments & vendors. Fairgrounds Event Center and Artisan Hall, 5820 South Park Avenue, Hamburg. plantasiany.com.

• **March 31 – April 3: Plantasia,** Thursday – Saturday, 10 am – 9 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm. *Plantasia Rocks!* Theme gardens, seminars, vendors, special events, children's discovery garden. Fairgrounds Event Center and Artisan Hall, 5820 South Park Avenue, Hamburg. plantasiany.com.

- **April 2: Children's Workshop – Painted Stone Garden Markers**, 2 pm. Children will be painting smooth stones with acrylic paints, bring a smock to cover clothing. Ages 6-10. \$10. Registration required. **MENNE**
- April 8: Great Plant Sale Pre-Order**. Order plants online (buffalogardens.com) and pick up your order at the Great Plant Sale (see *May 20-21, below*). **BECBG**
- April 9: Pruning and Grooming Your Landscape**, 10 am – 12:30 pm. Part 1 of *Gardening and Home Landscape Series* with Sally Cunningham. \$25; \$80 series, 4 sessions. Registration required. **LOCK**
- April 9: Hummingbirds at Home**, 10:30 am – 12 pm. Naturalist Mark Carra will discuss a National Audubon Society citizen science project to help determine the effects of delayed wildflower blooming on hummingbirds. Adults only. Free. Registration required. **BMAC**
- April 9: Art in Bloom – Watercolor Tulips**, 12 pm. Be inspired by the live flora of the greenhouse as you learn various watercolor techniques including color mixing/theory, design layout and more. Participants will leave with a fully completed, matted painting. Materials included. Instructor: Sheryl Perez. \$30. Registration required by April 7. **MENNE**
- **April 16: How to Make a Terrarium**, 10 – 11 am. Build your very own glass encased garden of greenery. Instruction provided; materials require purchase. Free. Registration required. **ZTL**
- April 16: Vegetable & Small Fruit Growing Today**, 10 am – 12:30 pm. Soil and compost, raised beds, intensive planting, organic and companion gardening, cool and warm seasons. Part 2 of *Gardening and Home Landscape Series* with Sally Cunningham. \$25; \$80 series, 4 sessions. Registration required. **LOCK**
- April 16: Gardening for Monarchs**, 11 am – 12:30 pm. Donna Barski and Ellen Folts will provide updated news on the current status and habitat requirements of monarch butterflies. They will discuss specific host and nectaring plants along with other perennials and provide advice on their cultivation, with a view to attracting a variety of pollinators. Adults and children 14 and up. \$5. Registration required. **BMAC**
- April 16: Spring Clean Up**, 2 – 4 pm. Outdoor demonstration will show how to cultivate, fertilize and edge beds, offer tips on getting your lawn in shape after winter and provide step-by-step instruction of the proper planting and pruning of trees and shrubs. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**
- April 16 – 17: Spring Fling Weekend**, Saturday, 9 am – 8 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm. Sales, new merchandise and instructional classes. **MENNE**
- Mid-April: Pruning Fruit Trees**. Demonstration and discussion of pruning fruit trees for healthy plants and prolific fruit production. Date & time TBA. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**
- **April 20: How to Make a Terrarium**, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. See description under April 16. Free; materials require purchase. Registration required. **ZTL**
- April 21: Beginning Bonsai Workshop**, 6 – 9 pm. Fashion a bonsai tree while learning about the art of bonsai, techniques and styles. Taught by members of the Buffalo Botanical Society. Materials included. Registration required. \$75 members; \$80 non-members. **BECBG**
- April 22: Beginning Bonsai Workshop**, 6 – 9 pm. See description under April 21. Registration required. \$75 members; \$80 non-members. **BECBG**
- April 23: Succulent Explosion**, 10 – 11 am. Succulents are easy to grow and require little care. Learn about the varieties that grow outdoors and indoors and how to grow them successfully. Free. Registration required. **ZTL**
- April 23: Spring Wildflowers – Early Bloomers**, 10 am – 12 pm. Join Naturalist Mark Carra for a stroll to some of his favorite wildflower habitats in search of the earliest blooming flowers in the forest and learn about their interesting folklore. \$3 members; \$5 non-members. Registration required. **BMAC**
- April 23: Trees, Shrubs and Home Landscape Design**, 10 am – 12:30 pm. Learn about attracting pollinators and using native plants to create a neat, low maintenance yard. Part 3 of *Gardening and Home Landscape Series* with Sally Cunningham. \$25; \$80 series, 4 sessions. Registration required. **LOCK**
- April 24: Foraging – Identifying and Sustainably Harvesting Ramps**, 1 – 3:30 pm. Learn how to ID and sustainably harvest ramps (aka wild leeks). Each participant will be allowed to harvest a limited amount of their own to take home. Recipes and tastings. Adults only. \$10. Registration required. **BMAC**
- April 27: Succulent Explosion**, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. See description under April 23. Free. Registration required. **ZTL**
- S- April 29: Spent Spring Bulb Sale**, 9 am. Select from thousands of bulbs pulled from the Garden's display beds. Bag provided, you fill. Limit 3 bags per person. \$10 per bag. **BECBG**
- April 29: Arbor Day Tree Tours**, 4 pm or 6 pm. Visit some of the trees in the outdoor collections while learning the basics of tree identification. Rain or shine. \$10. **BECBG**
- **April 30: Kids' Workshop – Make a Fairy Garden**, 9 am or 3 pm. Kids will make a miniature garden using their imaginations with found and natural materials to create beds made from moss, twig fences, seed mailboxes, etc. Ages 5-12. Parents are encouraged to join their children. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**
- **April 30: Miniature Gardening**, 10 – 11 am. Learn how to build and care for your very own indoor or outdoor mini garden. Free. Registration required. **ZTL**
- April 30: Gardening with Perennials**, 10 am – 12:30 pm. Techniques, design and plant selections. Part 4 of *Gardening and Home Landscape Series* with Sally Cunningham. \$25; \$80 series, 4 sessions. Registration required. **LOCK**
- **April 30: Fairy and Gnome Festival**, 10 am – 5 pm. Activities include fairy-themed crafts and scavenger hunt. Vote for your favorite Fairy House Contest entries. Included with admission. **BECBG**
- April 30: Fun Guy's Guide to Fungi**, 10:30 am. Learn about these mysterious organisms. Free Registration required. **REIN**
- **May 4: Miniature Gardening**, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. See description under April 30. Free. Registration required. **ZTL**
- **May 4 – 25: Junior Sprouts**, 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Children and parents will learn fundamentals of starting and caring for a garden, focus will be on container and square-foot gardens. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions. Seeds provided. Ages 5 and older. Free. Registration required. **REIN**
- May 5 – 8: Spring Open House**. Chicken Coop Originals, 13245 Clinton Street, Alden. 716/937-7837; chickencooporiginals.com; Facebook.
- **May 7: Mothers' Day Make it for Mom**, 10 am – 2 pm. Drop in, select a container and plants, staff will assist with assembly. Fee for container & plants. **ZTL**
- May 7: Art in Bloom – Watercolor Pansies**, 12 pm. See description under April 9. \$30. Registration required by May 5. **MENNE**
- May 10: Square Foot Gardening**, 6 pm. Instructor: Caesandra Seawell. Free. Registration required. **URB**
- May 11: Perennials for Color and Interest**, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Discussion will include information on selection, location and maintenance of perennials including new varieties as well as old standbys. Free. Registration required. **ZTL**
- May 13: National Public Gardens Day**. **BECBG**
- May 14: Hypertufa Container Workshop**, 9 am or 1 pm. Fashion your own unique planting container from peat moss, Portland cement and perlite. \$25 members; \$30 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**
- May 14: Flowering Containers**, 10 am. Marge Vogel and Sally Cunningham will discuss planting and designing with annuals and tropicals for window boxes, hanging baskets and patio pots. \$10. Registration required. **LOCK**
- May 14: Fun with Herbs**, 10 – 11 am. Master Gardener Lee Schreiner will discuss kitchen herbs and how to use them, herb gardens and herbs in containers. Free. Registration required. **ZTL**
- May 14: Poisonous Plants in Your Backyard**, 2 pm. Learn about common backyard plants and their chemical defenses, as well as some poisonous ones. Adults and children 12 and older. Free. Registration required. **REIN**

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May 17: Container Workshop, 6:30 pm. Marge Vogel will help participants select plants and design their own hanging basket or patio pot. \$38. Registration required. **LOCK**

S- May 20 – 21: The Great Plant Sale, Saturday, 10 am – 8 pm; Sunday, 9 am – 4 pm. Hanging baskets, ornamental trees & shrubs, Japanese maples, unusual ornamentals, native plants, tropicals, annuals, perennials and more. **BECBG**

S- May 21: Ken-Sheriton Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 am – 2 pm. Perennials, basket raffle, baked goods and garden items. Club members will be on hand to answer questions. Zion United Church of Christ, 15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda. dwolfe265@verizon.net.

May 21: Vegetable Gardening 101, 2 pm. Instructor: David Clark. Free. Registration required. **URB**

May 21 – 22: African Violet Show & Sale, 12 – 4 pm. Annual judged event presented by the African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY. Galleria Mall, 1 Walden Galleria, Buffalo.

May 22: Gardening with Native Plants, 11 am. Presented by Lyn Chimera. Free. Registration required. **REIN**

May 24: Container Workshop, 6:30 pm. See description under May 17. \$38. Registration required. **LOCK**

S- May 27 – 28: Erie County Master Gardener Plant Sale, Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm; Sunday, 9 am – 2 pm. First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, One Symphony Circle, Buffalo. counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie.

June 4: Odyssey to Ithaca. Join UGJ staff as we travel by motor coach to tour the Ithaca region, including Cornell Plantations, with opportunities to shop at a variety of nurseries. Registration required. *Upstate Gardeners' Journal*, 1140 Ridge Crest Drive, Victor, NY 14564. 585/538-4980; 716/432-8688; upstategardenersjournal.com.

S- June 25 – 26: Buffalo-style Garden Art Sale. Shop vendors of garden-oriented or nature-themed art. **BECBG**

T- July 9 – 10: Lockport in Bloom, 10 am – 4 pm. lockportinbloom.com.

T- July 9 – 10: Hamburg Garden Walk, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided. Maps: Memorial Park Bandstand, corner Lake & Union Streets. Vendors. Rain or shine. 716/648/7544; hamburggardenwalk.com.



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- T- July 10: Lockport in Bloom – Twilight Tour**, 6:30 – 9 pm. lockportinbloom.com.
- T- July 30 – 31: Gardenwalk Buffalo**, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided tour of 370+ urban gardens and historic neighborhoods. Free. 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.

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

- Adirondack Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (ACNARGS)** meets the third Saturday of the month (except December & January), Whetzel Room, fourth floor, Plant Science Building, Cornell University, Ithaca. *March 19: English Country Gardens*, 1 pm. *April 16: two talks, Scottish & Welsh Gardens; Daphnes*, 11 am & 1 pm. Free and open to the public. 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. *March 16: Magical Mushrooms, Mischievous Molds*. *April 20: Wild Violets of New York*. *June 18: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid - Film & Local Intervention Efforts*. 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.

FREQUENT HOSTS

CCE/TOM: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tompkins County, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850. 607/272-2292; tompkins@cornell.edu; ccetompkins.org.

CLASSES / EVENTS

- Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.
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- March 7: Getting Started with Nut Trees**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Akiva Silver of Twisted Tree farm in Spencer will provide information on growing nut trees in a changing climate, the best types of nuts for growing in NY, harvesting and processing nuts and samples of several types of local nuts. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- March 12: Education Day**, 8:30 am – 3 pm. Kerry Ann Mendez: *10 Tips for Growing a Beautiful and Sustainable Flower Garden and Three Seasons of Outrageous Color from Perennials*. Don Leopold: *Native Plants for Sustainable Landscapes*. See full description under *Buffalo Calendar Events* (above). Includes hot buffet lunch, beverages and snacks. \$30 Erie County Master Gardeners; \$45 Master Gardeners outside Erie County; \$50 general public. Advance registration required. Presented by Cornell

Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardener Program. Classics V Banquet & Conference Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. 716/652-5400 x177; erie.cce.cornell.edu.

- March 13: Lotions and Potions Workshop**, 1:30 – 5 pm. Learn about medicinal plants and oils for topical use. Participants will make herbal oils, cream, salve & lip gloss. Presented by Tammi Sweet and Kris Miller of Heartstone Herbal School. \$80. Registration required. Museum of the Earth, 1259 Trumansburg Road, Ithaca. 607/589-4619; heart-stone.com.
- March 13: Winter Botany**, 2 – 4 pm. Join field botanist Robert Wesley for a winter walk that will cover the basics of identifying trees by their bark, including color, texture, pattern and the process that gives rise to these traits. Class will also cover fruit, twigs, branching patterns and other characteristics to aid in species identification. Dress for the weather and be prepared to walk through snow. \$5 members; \$10 non-members. Registration required. Cornell Plantations, 1 Plantations Road, Ithaca. 607/255-2400; cornellplantations.org.
- March 16: Seed Starting for Beginners**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn how to construct a simple PVC light stand to grow seedlings under lights and gain hands-on experience sowing and transplanting different types of seeds and seedlings to take home. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- March 20: Seedy Sunday**, 11 am – 3 pm. Hands-on demonstrations on starting seedlings indoors, beginner seed saving and seed cleaning will be held throughout the day. Bring your surplus seeds (home-saved or purchased) to swap and share with others. \$5 donation; free if you bring seeds to share. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- March 23: Spring Propagation of Fruit Plants**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Sean Dembrosky will lead this hands-on workshop on propagating different types of berry and fruit plants from cuttings. Species covered will include raspberry, elderberry, currant, jostaberry, gooseberry and hardy kiwi. Sean will also demonstrate propagating nut trees from seed and willow trees from cuttings. Participants will be able to take home cuttings from these plants for their own gardens. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- March 30: Getting Started with Vegetable Gardening**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Beginners will learn about garden siting, soil preparation, seed starting, transplanting, mulching, container gardening and easy veggies to try first. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- March 31 & April 6: Beautification Brigade Volunteer Training**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The Beautification Brigade takes care of all the public flower plantings in Ithaca. Free. Registration required. mg10@cornell.edu; ccetompkins.org/beautification. **CCE/TOM**
- April 2: Fruit Tree Pruning & Grafting Workshop**, 10 am – 12 pm. Participants will learn how apple trees are grafted and will have an opportunity to graft two apple trees to take home. Following the grafting demonstration the group will go outdoors to the orchard to learn about different training and pruning systems for young trees. Rain date: April 3. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- April 4 – 25: Citizen Pruner Volunteer Training**, four Mondays, 7 – 8:30 pm. *Trees in Difficult Sites – Selection & Planting; Tree Pruning; Shrub Pruning; Outdoor Pruning Demonstration Workshop*, 5:30 pm. Classes open to the public. Free. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- April 6: Gardening for Native Pollinators**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn how to diversify your plantings to support pollinators throughout their life cycles using pollinator plants suited to hot, dry sites, clay or sand, even dry shade. Fee. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

- April 16: Fruit Tree Pruning**, 10 am – 12 pm. Orchardist Steve Cummins will demonstrate pruning and training techniques for mature trees including dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard. Species covered will include apple, peach and plum. Outdoor and hands-on at Indian Creek orchard. Rain date: April 17. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- April 20: Which Vegetables to Grow?**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Class will provide some information to help participants decide which crops are worth growing based on garden space and light conditions, time available to garden and prepare produce for winter storage and culinary needs. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- April 24: Compost Fair**, 12 – 4 pm. Learn about all aspects of composting. Teams of Master Composters will be on hand to answer questions. Music, food, interactive displays, activities for kids and tours of compost demonstration site. **CCE/TOM**
- April 27: Easy Care Roses**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Lee Ginenthal, owner of Der Rosenmeister, will discuss easy care roses that flourish in the Finger Lakes region. He will cover proper including planting, fertilizing and pruning. Fee. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- April 28: Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn how to capture rain and keep it safely on the property with rain barrels and rain gardens. Fee. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- May 2: Dividing Daylilies and Other Perennials**, 6 – 8 pm. Hands-on workshop will demonstrate how to divide daylilies, bearded iris, Siberian iris, Hosta and more. Rain or shine. \$10. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- S- May 14: Garden Fair Plant Sale**, 9 am – 2 pm. **CCE/TOM**

ROCHESTER

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 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; kimonrad@frontiernet.net.
- 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; bonsaisocietyofupstateny.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 Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood 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; sebackner@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. *March 13: Median Iris, a power point presentation. April 10: Visual Tour of the 2015 AIS Siberian/Species Convention.* Public welcome. 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. 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. *April 7: Disease Resistant Roses. May 3: Rose Rosette Disease, 2 lectures, 1 & 7 pm (see calendar, below). May 7: Rose Pruning Workshop, 10 am – 12 pm, Maplewood Rose Garden (see calendar, below).* 585/694-8430; 585/621-1115; rochrosesociety@gmail.com; Facebook.

Henrietta Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except May-Aug & December) at 6:30 pm, Main Meeting Room, Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Road, Henrietta. Guests welcome. *March 9: Raised Beds and Vegetables, Master Gardener Jurij Kushner.* 585/889-1547; henrietagardenclub@gmail.com; henrietagardenclub.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. 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.

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

Pittsford Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 11 am, Pittsford Public Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street, Pittsford, except in July & August when it visits members' gardens. 585/425-0766; BKRU888@aol.com; pittsfordgardenclub.wordpress.com.

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. *May 7: Plant Sale, Webster Arboretum. May 8: Plant Sale, Rochester Public Market.* 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.

Valentown Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month; time alternates between noon and 7 pm. Victor. Kathleen Houser, president: 585/301-6107.

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

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

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

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

CLASSES / EVENTS

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March 7: Terrarium Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm. Joe Gallea will explain which plants are best for terrariums, how to layer the soil, provide tips on landscaping a terrarium and discuss proper lighting, watering and fertilizing. Bring a glass container or purchase before class. Includes 3 plants, planting media and decorative stone. \$35. Registration required. Class takes place at Gallea's, 2832 Clover Street, Pittsford. **RCGC**

March 9: Soils, 6 – 9 pm. Class will cover soil types, chemical composition, common problems, amendments, etc. Bring a pint of soil from your yard and learn to test it for texture and pH. A component of the *Rochester Civic Gardener's Certificate*, may be taken separately if space allows. \$36 members; \$46 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

March 9 – 10: Bus Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show & Longwood Gardens. *Explore America*, celebrating 100 years of the National Park Service. Travel by motor coach with Michael Warren Thomas to see the Philadelphia Flower Show and Longwood Gardens. All expenses included except dinner at Flower Show & lunch at Longwood. \$395 double; \$450 single. 585/703-9237; savorlife.com.

March 12: Education Day, 8:30 am – 3 pm. Kerry Ann Mendez: *10 Tips for Growing a Beautiful and Sustainable Flower Garden and Three Seasons of Outrageous Color from Perennials*. Don Leopold: *Native Plants for Sustainable Landscapes*. See full description under *Buffalo Calendar Events* (above). Includes hot buffet lunch, beverages and snacks. \$30 Erie County Master Gardeners; \$45 Master Gardeners outside Erie County; \$50 general public. Advance registration required. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardener Program. Classics V Banquet & Conference Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. 716/652-5400 x177; erie.cce.cornell.edu.

March 12: RCGC Annual Spring Symposium, 9 am – 3 pm. Featuring William Cullina, well-known author and authority on North American native plants. In *What Do You Mean I'm Not a Perennial!?! – Native Shrubs and Small Trees for Perennial Companionship*, Bill addresses the mixed border profiling his favorite fifty "natural mixers," native woody plants that bring form, texture, color and wildlife to the perennial garden. In *The Botany of Design*, he tackles garden design in a completely different way, weaving together aesthetics, psychology, botany and ecology. In *Designing the New Kitchen Garden*, landscape architect Jennifer Bartley uses examples from gardens in the US and France to illustrate how to create a seasonal kitchen garden of fruits, vegetables, herbs, edible and non-edible flowers that is beautiful, practical and easy to maintain year-round. \$48 members; \$58 non-members. Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue, Rochester. **RCGC**

March 12 – 13: Bus Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show & Longwood Gardens. See description under March 9 – 10. \$395 double; \$450 single. 585/703-9237; savorlife.com.

March 14: Bonsai Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm. This basic class with Joe Gallea is designed for those new to bonsai. Participants will select a starter plant and pot, then be guided in transplanting and trimming it, and will learn how to artistically landscape their bonsai. Materials included. \$65. Registration required. Class takes place at Gallea's, 2832 Clover Street, Pittsford. **RCGC**

March 14 – 15: Ikebana & Orchid Show, Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 will exhibit Japanese flower arrangements in various schools such as Ichiyo, Hijiri Ikenobo, Ohara and Sogetsu. Presented in collaboration with the Genesee Regional Orchid Society. \$7; children under 12 free. Parking: Lot M & M1. Monroe Community College, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center Building 3, Conference Rooms Monroe A & B, 1100 East Henrietta Road, Rochester. ikebanarochester.org.

March 15: Hypertufa Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm. Pat McCullough and Dee Marsh will guide participants in creating a hypertufa planter in this hands-on class. Materials included. \$45. Registration required. Class takes place at Gallea's, 2832 Clover Street, Pittsford. **RCGC**



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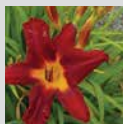
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March 16: Landscaping for Birds, 7 – 9 pm. Jim Engel will explain how native plants support the base of the food chain and are key to bird survival. He will present different native trees, shrubs and perennials whose presence will not only enhance the landscape but also provide the foundation for a bird habitat. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

March 22: Make an Everlasting Wreath, 6:30 – 8 pm. Sue Lang and Sheryl Roets will guide participants in creating an everlasting wreath using a base of salal (lemon leaf) and baby's breath (depending on availability) to embellish with dried, fresh and/or silk floral materials. Materials included. \$55. Registration required. Class takes place at Gallea's, 2832 Clover Street, Pittsford. **RCGC**

March 23: Woody Ornamentals, 6 – 9 pm. In this slide-lecture Christine Froehlich will share her method of categorizing woody plants according to shape, structure, growth habit, color and scale to help simplify making choices and allow for creating more effective designs. She will discuss the landscape values of many woody plants as well as how to buy and plant them. \$36 members; \$46 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

March 24: WALL\THERAPY – Rochester Murals, 7 – 8:30 pm. Tom Keenan, owner of Edgewood Nursery, is passionate about the WALL\THERAPY project, the quality of the mural art and its importance to the Rochester community. He will present an entertaining slide tour of some of these treasures. Free. Registration requested. **RCGC**

March 28: Orchid Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm. Joe Gallea will guide participants in choosing an orchid plant and transplanting it using a special orchid pot and soil. He will discuss separating orchids for the minimum amount of stress to the plant, fertilizing, preventing diseases and insects and easy tips for care and maintenance. Materials included. \$65. Registration required. Class takes place at Gallea's, 2832 Clover Street, Pittsford. **RCGC**

March 29 – April 14: Basic Professional Floral Design Certificate, 6 classes, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 – 9 pm. Instructor Alana Miller will guide students through the basic principles and techniques of floral design. Each session will include lecture and hands-on workshop. Styles discussed will include round, triangular, vase, symmetrical, elongated, corsages and more. Students will create one or two arrangements to take home at each class. Materials included. \$395 members; \$495 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

March 30: Using Color in the Garden, 6 – 8 pm. Discussion will cover aspects of color theory and its application in the garden illustrated with photos from local gardens. \$10. Registration required by March 24. **CCE/GC**

March 30: Perennials, 6 – 8:30 pm. Professional Gardener Cindy Cali will discuss how to properly plant perennials, the upkeep needed for a garden that continues to be pleasing to the eye throughout the seasons, putting the right perennial in the right place as well as interpreting the signs that plants give if something is wrong and how to know if appropriate pruning will create a second flush of bloom. \$30 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 5: Outwitting the Unwanted Plants in your Garden, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. A weed is technically just a plant in the wrong place, learn some tips and tricks to deal with them. Bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**

April 5: Hypertufa Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm. Pat McCullough and Dee Marsh will guide participants in creating their own hypertufa planter to place in

the garden or on a patio. Materials included. \$45. Registration required. Class takes place at Gallea's, 2832 Clover Street, Pittsford. **RCGC**

April 6 – May 4: Residential Landscape Design Certificate, 5 Wednesdays, 6 – 8:30 pm. Learn to create a master landscape plan for your home property in this hands-on course with landscape designer Mike Tanzini. Topics covered include analyzing the site, the plant palette, principles of landscape design and renovation, hardscaping and techniques for drawing out a plan. \$210 members; \$260 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 7: Better Garden Photography, 6 – 8 pm. Topics covered include the impact of light, elements of composition and techniques such as the rule of thirds, framing and the effect of lines all illustrated with photos of garden scenes. \$10. Registration required by April 1. **CCE/GC**

April 7: Botanical Drawing, 8 Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Deb VerHulst-Norris will teach participants to draw plants and flowers in accurate detail. Drawing skills will be developed by closely observing the structure and textures of the plants and flowers. Class will explore the use of graphite pencils with colored pencil added to give depth and definition to drawings. No experience needed. \$99 members; \$120 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 8: Botanical Drawing, 6 Fridays, 9 am – 12 pm. See description under April 7. \$99 members; \$120 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 9: Pruning Basics, 9 am – 12 pm. Mike Tanzini will cover the basic principles of pruning trees and shrubs including techniques, timing and proper equipment. Class will go outside for demonstrations on the grounds of Warner Castle, weather permitting, dress accordingly. Session I of *Pruning Certificate* (see below), may be taken individually if space allows. \$36 members; \$46 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 9 – 10: Orchid Show & Sale, Saturday, 11 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Presented by Genesee Region Orchid Society. Photography hour, Sunday, 9 – 10 am, by special arrangement. Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Avenue, Rochester. \$7; children under 12 free. geneseeorchid.org.

April 9 – 10: Ikebana Exhibit at Orchid Show & Sale, Saturday, 11 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 will exhibit Japanese flower arrangements with orchids, showcasing the styles of various schools of Ikebana. Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Avenue, Rochester. \$7; children under 12 free. ikebanarochester.org.

April 9, April 30 & June 18: Pruning Certificate, 9 am – 12 pm. Three-part program taught by Mike Tanzini will cover the principles and techniques of pruning shrubs and small trees in the home landscape. Classroom instruction will be supplemented with in-field demonstrations presented at the appropriate time of year. *April 9: Session I – The Basics. April 30: Session II – Dormant-Season Pruning. June 18: Session III – Summer Pruning.* \$94 members; \$130 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 12: Landscaping with a Purpose – Plantings that Earn Their Keep, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Landscape designer Marcella Klein will discuss ways to use plants to make an entrance more welcoming, enhance home security, reduce heating and cooling bills, improve privacy and livability of outdoor spaces and make lawn maintenance easier. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 13: Urban Forestry & Tree Care, 6 – 8 pm. Discussion will cover a number of problems common to trees in urban settings and ways to improve and prevent tree health issues. Free. Registration required by April 8. **CCE/GC**

• **April 16: Fairy Garden Workshop**, 10:30 am – 12 pm. Plant a shallow container using small plants, mosses and choice of other decorative materials. All ages, no extra charge for children accompanied by paying adult. Materials included. \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 17: Arboretum Tour – Durand Eastman Park, 2 – 4 pm. Tours conducted by Community Forester Volunteers. Be prepared to traverse moderate hills and wooded trails. Meet: kiosk, Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com.

April 19: Native Bees and How to Attract Them to Your Yard, 6:30 – 8 pm. Robert L. Minckley, Assistant Professor, U of R Department of Biology, will provide an overview of the diverse biologies of solitary bees, the primary pollinators of most native and cultivated flowering plants and discuss some easy and inexpensive ways to attract them to the yard, garden or property. Free. Registration requested. **RCGC**

April 20: Invasive Plants & Other Species in the Landscape, 6 – 8 pm. Learn which plants are considered invasive species and where they grow plus alternative plants to choose instead of ornamental invasives. \$10. Registration required by April 15. **CCE/GC**

April 21: Coming Home – Rethinking Foundation Plantings, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Christine Froehlich will explore a variety of approaches to injecting new life into entrance gardens to create a welcoming, creative space. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 22: Earth Day at Island Cottage Woods, 6 – 7:30 pm. Walk the trails and learn about restoration efforts at the site, the impacts of the emerald ash borer and GLT's vision of the property for the future. Free. Registration required. kfarrell@genseelandtrust.org. **GLT**

April 22 – 24: Wildflower & Orchid Show, 10 am – 5 pm. Featuring spring wildflower and bulb floral displays plus orchid displays in the greenhouses and mansion. Guided tours, family activities, educational talks and more. **SG**

April 23: Wake Up Your Garden for Spring, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Christine Froehlich will discuss assessment and repair of winter damage, pruning, early staking, planting, division and more. Class will take place outside, in the Warner Castle gardens, dress accordingly. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 24: Arboretum Tour – Durand Eastman Park, 2 – 4 pm. See description under April 17. Meet: kiosk, Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com.

April 26 – 27: Hypertufa Garden Troughs, two sessions available, daytime: Tuesday, 2 – 4 pm; Wednesday, 2 – 3 pm; evening: Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm; Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Alana Miller will guide participants through the creation of their own hypertufa planter at her home in Webster. Participants will mix and mold the hypertufa, learn how to cure it and winter it over and see how Alana uses these planters in the landscape. \$65 members; \$75 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 27: What's Wrong with My Plant?, 6 – 8 pm. A *Gardener's Introduction to Plant Disease Identification and Treatment*. Learn how to recognize the symptoms of the four major categories of plant diseases and their specific treatment strategies via a review of those most commonly presented to the CCE Helpline. \$10. Registration required by April 22. **CCE/GC**

April 28: Wake Up Your Garden for Spring, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. See description under April 23. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 30: Clean Sweep Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm. Annual city-wide day of spring cleaning. Volunteer to help GLT at Conkey Corner Park. **GLT**

April 30: Dormant-Season Pruning, 9 am – 12 pm. Renovation of overgrown shrubs, pruning of small trees, and corrective pruning will be discussed and demonstrated. Session II of *Pruning Certificate* (see above), may be taken individually if space allows. \$36 members; \$46 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

April 30: Intermediate Professional Floral Design Certificate – Bouquets, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Styles covered in this intermediate program with Alana Miller will include vegetative, landscape, botanical, Biedermeier and bouquets. Students will take home all arrangements created during class. Prerequisite: *Basic Professional Floral Design Program* or floral shop experience. \$150 members; \$225 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

May 1: Arboretum Tour – Durand Eastman Park, 2 – 4 pm. See description under April 17. Meet: kiosk, Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com.

May 1: May Day at Peacework Farm, 2 – 6 pm. Guided wildflower walk, 3 pm; Maypole dance, potluck supper. Bring a dish to pass. Free. **GLT**

May 3: Herbes de Provence, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Learn what combination of herbs make a well-rounded herb garden and how to plant a large outdoor planter as well as a small kitchen garden. Bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**

May 3: The Latest on Rose Rosette Disease, 1 pm. Lecture by Dr. Mark Windham, Ornamental Plant Pathology at the University of Tennessee/Knoxville. Presented by Greater Rochester Rose Society. Wegman Lodge, Seneca Park. Free. Pre-registration requested. 585/694-8430.

May 3: The Latest on Rose Rosette Disease, 7 pm. Lecture by Dr. Mark Windham, Ornamental Plant Pathology at the University of Tennessee/Knoxville, will cover the latest research on this fast-spreading and destructive virus. Learn how to spot the disease, what to do if you see it and what is being done to help stop it. Presented in conjunction with Greater Rochester Rose Society. Free. Pre-registration requested. 585/694-8430. **RCGC**

May 6 – 15: Lilac Festival. Highland Park, Rochester. rochestererevents.com.

S- May 7: Webster Arboretum Plant Sale, 8 am – 12 pm. Perennials from standard to uncommon, annuals, dwarf conifers, geraniums, dahlias, various garden club offerings and more. 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster. webstearboretum.org.

S- May 7: Rochester Dahlia Society Plant Sale, 8 am – 12 pm. Dahlia plants and tubers. *Webster Arboretum Plant Sale* (above), 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster. djohan@frontiernet.net; Facebook; rochesterdahlias.org.

S- May 7: Victor Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 – 11 am. Featuring perennials, ground covers, herbs, seeds and other landscape plantings donated by community members. Victor Farmington Library, 15 West Main Street, Victor.

May 7: Rose Pruning Workshop, 10 am – 12 pm. Hosted by Greater Rochester Rose Society. Free. Maplewood Rose Garden. 585/694-8430; 585/621-1115; rochrosesociety@gmail.com; Facebook.

May 7: Mother's Day Basket Arrangement, 10 am – 12 pm. Create a Mother's Day arrangement using fresh seasonal flowers personalized with your choice of ribbons and embellishments. Materials included. \$40 members; \$50 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

May 7 – 8: Amanda's Garden Wildflower Days, 10 am – 4 pm. New location. See display beds of spring wildflowers in bloom. Staff will be on hand to give tours and answer questions. 8030 Story Road, Dansville. amandagarden.com.

May 7 – 8: Visit Ellwanger Garden, 10 am – 4 pm. Historic landscape originally planted in 1867 by nurseryman George Ellwanger. Few blocks from Lilac Festival. Donation. Ellwanger Garden, 625 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester. 585/546-7029; landmarksociety.org.

S- May 8: Rochester Dahlia Society Plant Sale, 7 am – 1 pm. Dahlia plants and tubers. *Flower City Days at the Market* (below), Rochester Public Market, 280 N. Union Street, Rochester. djohan@frontiernet.net; Facebook; rochesterdahlias.org.

May 8: Arboretum Tour – Durand Eastman Park, 2 – 4 pm. See description under April 17. Meet: kiosk, Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com.

S- May 8 – June 5: Flower City Days at the Market, Sundays, 8 am – 2 pm; Memorial Day Weekend, daily, 8 am – 2 pm. Shop local nurseries & growers. Rochester Public Market, 280 North Union Street, Rochester. cityofrochester.gov; pmarket@cityofrochester.gov.

May 10: Basic Perennial Gardening, 6:30 – 8 pm. Pat McCullough will discuss the steps for creating a successful garden including selecting the best perennials for the location, planning for a succession of bloom and season-long color, the basics of care such as soil, pest control, light and water requirements. \$25. Registration required. Class takes place at Gallea's, 2832 Clover Street, Pittsford. **RCGC**

May 14: Wildflowers & Warblers at Alasa Farms, 9 am – 2 pm. Join naturalist Bob Cooper to explore the trails in search of spring migrants, wildflowers and other signs of the spring season. Parking: 6450 Shaker Road, Alton. Free. Registration required. kfarrell@genseelandtrust.org. **GLT**

S- May 14: Spring Garden Gala, 10 am – 1 pm. Plant sale featuring indoor and outdoor plants, geraniums, chance auction, free soil pH testing. **CCE/GC**

May 14 – 15: Visit Ellwanger Garden, 10 am – 4 pm. See description under May 7 – 8. Donation. Ellwanger Garden, 625 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester. 585/546-7029; landmarksociety.org.

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May 21 – 22: Garden Photography Workshop, 10 am – 4 pm. Join NY Botanical Garden's Wayne Cahilly for a weekend-long workshop on garden photography. Participants will need to bring their own digital camera. \$65 members; \$75 non-members. Prepaid registration required. **SG**

May 21 – 22: Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition & Sale, 10 am – 5 pm. Monroe Community Hospital, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester. \$5; \$3 seniors; children under 12 free.

May 21 – 22: Ikebana Exhibit, 10 am – 5 pm. Presented by Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 in collaboration with *Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition & Sale* (above). Monroe Community Hospital, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester. \$5; \$3 seniors; children under 12 free. ikebanarochester.org.

S- May 27 – 30: Flower City Days at the Market, Memorial Day Weekend, daily, 8 am – 2 pm. Shop local nurseries & growers. Rochester Public Market, 280 North Union Street, Rochester. cityofrochester.gov; pmarket@cityofrochester.gov.

June 13: Roses & Rosés, 6 – 9 pm. Food and wine pairing event featuring dozens of the area's wineries, chefs and restaurants. Sip wine and dine while strolling through the Rose Garden. Silent auction.

Prepaid reservation required. \$25 members; \$30 non-members. **SG**

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

SYRACUSE

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.

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; hgcnyc.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; grow-thewilliamsongardenclub.blogspot.com.

CLASSES / EVENTS

March 12: Education Day, 8:30 am – 3 pm. Kerry Ann Mendez: *10 Tips for Growing a Beautiful and Sustainable Flower Garden and Three Seasons of Outrageous Color from Perennials*. Don Leopold: *Native Plants for Sustainable Landscapes*. See full description under *Buffalo Calendar Events* (above). Includes hot buffet lunch, beverages and snacks. \$30 Erie County Master Gardeners; \$45 Master Gardeners outside Erie County; \$50 general public. Advance registration required. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardener Program. Classics V Banquet & Conference Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. 716/652-5400 x177; erie.cce.cornell.edu.

April 3: Native Plants – Personality Traits, Regionalism and Availability, 2 pm. Dan Segal, owner of The Plantsmen Nursery, will explain how most plant traits arise as adaptations to local conditions and regional environments. Sponsored by Habitat Gardening in Central New York, Wild Ones chapter. Free. Liverpool Public Library 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. hgcnyc.org; ourhabitatgarden.org.

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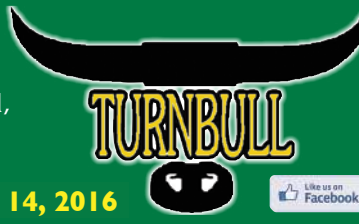
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April 24: Richard Louv, 2 pm. Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods* and *The Nature Principle*, will visit via internet video to discuss his new book *Vitamin N: 500 Ways to Enrich the Health & Happiness of Your Family & Community* (available April 12), a guide to creating a nature-rich life for both children and grown-ups. Sponsored by Habitat Gardening in Central New York, Wild Ones chapter. Free. Liverpool Public Library 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. hgcny.org; ourhabitatgarden.org.

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S- June 18: Herb & Flower Festival, 9 am – 3:30 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Oneida County, Parker F. Scripture Botanical Gardens, 121 Second Street, Oriskany. 315/736-3394; cceoneida.com.

T- June 18: Summer Solstice Garden Tour. See nearly 40 acres of landscaped gardens, pond, hedge maze, plant sale, nature-themed craft sale, live music. Food available for purchase or bring your own picnic. Proceeds benefit Central New York Land Trust. Sycamore Hill Gardens, 2130 Old Seneca Turnpike, Marcellus. cnylandtrust.org.

& BEYOND

CLASSES / EVENTS

S- Indicates plant sales.

T- Indicates garden tours.

March 5 – 13: Philadelphia Flower Show. *Explore America*, celebrating 100 years of the National Park Service. Large-scale gardens, vendors, live entertainment, workshops and lectures by experts. Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. theflowershow.com.

S- May 14: Trade Secrets Rare Plant & Garden Antique Sale, 10 am – 3 pm. Featuring nearly 60 of the finest plant and antique vendors in the northeast region. \$40; \$125 early buying, 8 – 10 am, includes breakfast. LionRock Farm, Route 41 & Hosier Road Sharon, CT. 860/364-1080; tradesecretsct.com.

T- May 15: Trade Secrets Garden Tour, 10 m – 4 pm. Four gardens: Carolyne Roehm, Michael Trapp, Old Farm Nursery, and Trade Secrets founder Bunny Williams. \$60; \$70 day of. Tickets go on sale April 1. Maps (day of): LionRock Farm, Route 41 & Hosier Road Sharon, CT. 860/364-1080; tradesecretsct.com.

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Bringing Back the Bluebird: Make your Yard their Home



by Liz Magnanti

The Eastern bluebird is the state bird of New York. This cerulean blue songbird with the chestnut-brown breast is a beautiful sign of spring, yet I am surprised by how many upstate New Yorkers have never seen one. About 100 years ago this bird was scarce, but their numbers have rebounded due to concerned citizens who took it upon themselves to create better habitat for these birds.

Bluebirds are a type of thrush. They are closely related to the common American Robin we are so used to seeing pulling worms out of the ground all spring and summer. Bluebirds, however, require a different type of habitat than the robin, and this is why they are not as readily seen. Bluebirds prefer an open habitat—they like meadows, fields, even golf courses. The tall grasses of fields and meadows are a haven for insects, their preferred food. Often, these birds can be seen perched on fences or telephone wires where they scan their habitat for prey. Bluebirds also eat fruit and berries, especially in the fall and winter months when insects are scarce. They are technically migratory, but in our area we have bluebirds that stay all winter long. Bluebirds are cavity nesters who nest in small tree cavities, woodpecker holes and nest boxes. They are one of the earliest nesting songbirds we

have in the area, and begin nesting as early as March. The male bluebird finds the nest cavity and fills it with some nesting material. He then flutters his wings to attract a female to the nesting site. If the site is attractive to the female she builds the nest which is made mostly of tall grasses. Each brood usually consists of 4-5 eggs, which the female incubates. Bluebirds can have two or three broods each year. Both parents feed the nestlings once they have hatched. Sometimes, the young from the earlier broods stay to help the parents feed nestlings.

In the early 20th century bluebirds were on the decline due to the introduction of European starlings and house sparrows. These non-native birds are also cavity nesters and were in direct competition with bluebirds for nesting sites. Beginning in the 60's, however, citizens began putting up bluebird houses and making bluebird trails consisting of multiple bluebird houses to provide more nesting sites for these birds. Since then the Eastern bluebird has been rebounding and their populations are strong. Competition with sparrows and starlings still remains an issue. To keep starlings out of a bluebird box, make sure the entrance hole is no larger than 1.5". This size is large enough for a bluebird but too small for a starling to fit inside. To keep sparrows out of bluebird houses invest in a sparrow-resistant house. These houses have a long rectangular opening instead of the classic circular entrance hole. They also have a shallow nesting cavity. Bluebirds do not mind these changes but sparrows prefer a nesting site with a circular opening and a deep nesting cavity.

The best way to attract bluebirds to your yard is to put up a bluebird nest box. There is a lot of competition for nesting sites and this helps ease that. Also, because bluebirds are insect eaters, you can provide them with mealworms. Mealworms can be purchased either live or freeze-dried. They can be placed outside in a dish, or tray feeder. Not only do bluebirds love them but so do wrens, orioles, chickadees, and more!

This spring make sure to keep an eye out for birds perched high on wires overlooking fields. You may just catch a view of our beautiful state bird as it takes a break between feedings.

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.

ABOVE: Eastern Bluebird. Photo courtesy Flickr: John Benson

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- 2 T. butter
- 1/2 lb. leeks
- 1 lb. Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled & diced to 1/2 inch
- 2 cups fresh or frozen peas
- 2 cups water to cover
- 2 cups cream
- Salt & pepper to taste

1. Melt butter in large pot.
2. Remove outer leek leaves & discard. Wash leeks thoroughly. Slice off root ends, discard and chop leeks finely. Sauté in butter until caramelized.

3. Add potatoes and sauté 10 minutes, stirring frequently.
4. Cover with water and simmer until potatoes are cooked through, approximately 15 minutes. Remove from heat.
5. Stir in peas. Cool and pour into blender and purée, adding cream to achieve desired consistency.
6. When finished add salt and pepper. May serve warm or chilled. Sprinkle each serving with chopped fresh parsley or dill.



ABOVE: Photo by Jason Beardsley

Recipe courtesy Marion Morse, Allyn's Creek Garden Club.

A Call for Photos!

We want to hear about and see the interesting plants—trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, and even mosses—you've encountered in your travels, near or far (see page 18 in this issue). Each issue we will feature something different – and give credit to whomever submitted our selected feature.

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Creating a Terrarium is Fun for All Ages

by Cathy Monrad

A special thanks to Kathleen Rullo, owner of Jardin Terrariums, LLC. in Fairport, New York, for sharing her knowledge and creative insight.



Finishing touches

Large stones and dime store critters add interest and whimsy to your jarred landscape

Soil

Choose soil recommended for the greenery to be planted

Make layer deep enough to just cover plant roots

Glass container

Any size or shape clear glass container

May have a lid, or not; choose leafy plants for closed containers, succulents and tillandsias (air plants) for open

Plants

To avoid overcrowding, only 1-3 plants should be selected

Loosen root balls before planting and surround with soil leaving no air pockets

Use tools found around the home to plant greenery; a long-handled teaspoon to dig and chopsticks to place plants in container with narrow opening

Gravel

Adds visual interest and drainage

CARE AND MAINTAINANCE TIPS

- Keep terrarium out of direct sun and away from radiator or heat source.
- Watering protocol is dependant on terrarium and plant type; closed terrariums may only need watering once a month, plants in open containers more often. Use a spray bottle to reduce risk of overwatering.
- Remove moldy or dying leaves and dying plants immediately; prune leggy plants.
- Replace plants that have out-grown the container with those of similar size and light requirement.
- Surf the internet for additional information on how to keep your small garden healthy.

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



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11 am: Swing with Spring Flower Designs – Dorothy Julius, *Along Gardens Path*

Noon: Simply Roses: A Dozen "P's" = Perfection in Bloom - Joe Manual, Master Gardener

1 pm: Sustainable Garden Practices – Sharon Webber, CNLP; Horticulture Instructor, Niagara County Community College; Earthlines

2 pm: (small seminar room) Make a Terrarium – Buffalo & EC Botanical Gardens Education Department

2 pm: Native Plants for the Landscape – Ken Parker, CNLP, Project Manager, Native Plant Consultant Seneca Nation of Indians

3 pm: How to Find Gardening Help in Western New York – Connie Oswald Stofko, Publisher of Buffalo-NiagaraGardening.com

4 pm: The Right Plant for the Right Place – Dan Robillard – Horticulture Instructor, McKinley High School

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

11 am: Heirloom Vegetable Gardening – Remy Orłowski, *Sample Seed Shop*

Noon: Plug a Log Demo – Grow Your Own Mushrooms – Jason Bednarz, *Smugtown Mushrooms*

1 pm: Landscape Lighting & the Top 10 Techniques - Phil Colarusso, *Luminated Landscapes*

2 pm: Mild Winter, Mixed up Plants – Sally Cunningham, CNLP, Author; *Lockwood's Greenhouse*

3 pm: Pruning Trees & Shrubs – Tom Draves, *Draves Trees Service*

4 pm: Trends in Gardening – Connie Oswald Stofko; Publisher of Buffalo-NiagaraGardening.com

5 pm: Attracting Birds and Wildlife to your Landscape – Russ Lis, *Aquatic Ecology Instructor, McKinley High School*

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

11 am: Selecting the Best Landscape Contractor for You – Roger Restorff, CNLP, *Restorff's Landscape Service*

Noon: War on Weeds - Learn to Identify the Most Common Weeds – Lynn Chimera – *Lessons from Nature*

1 pm: Inspiration & Lessons from Garden Trips – Sally Cunningham, CNLP, Author; *Lockwood's Greenhouses*

2 pm: Container Gardening - Vegetables and Flowers – Tom Mitchell, Horticulture Instructor, Niagara County Community College; Mitchell Landscaping

3 pm: (small seminar room) Growing & Using Native Medicinals – Petra Page-Mann, *Fruition Seeds*

3 pm: History and Development of the Darwin Martin House Landscape – Nellie Gardener, Horticulturist

4 pm: (small seminar room) Succulents – Julie Hughes, Horticulture Instructor, McKinley High School

4 pm: Organic Gardening Tips and Tricks – Dawn Hummel, *BeeDazzled Media*

5 pm: (small seminar room) Horticulture Projects for the Younger Green Thumbs – Ron Callea, Horticulture Instructor, McKinley High School

5 pm: Vegetable Gardening – Ken Brown, *Field of Dreams*

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

11 am: Soil is the Key – Understanding Soil – Lynn Chimera, *Lessons from Nature*

Noon: Easy Houseplants for Folks without a Green Thumb – Kathy O'Donnell - *Botanicus Interior Landscaping*

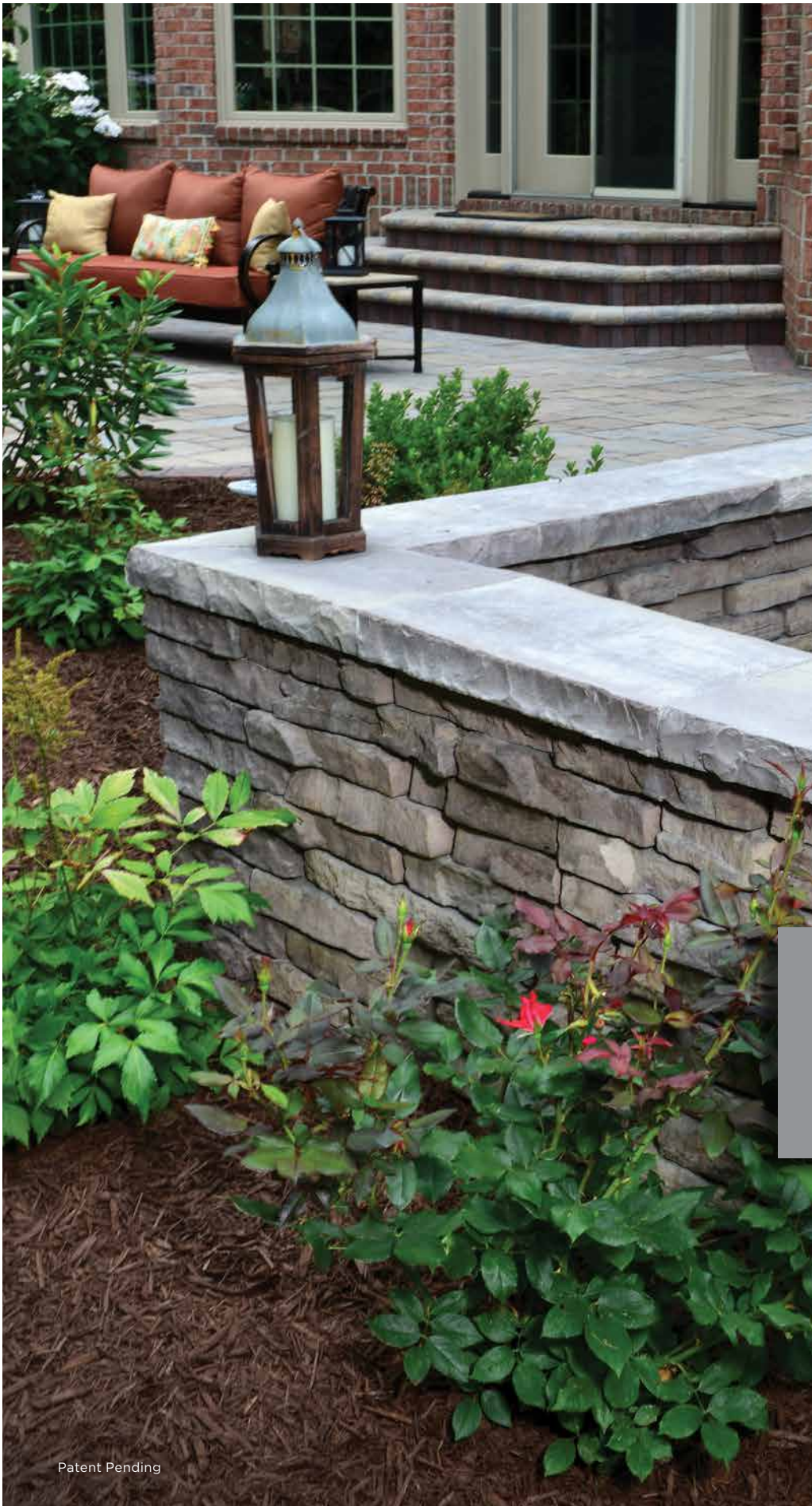
1 pm: Eco-Friendly Landscapes and Gardens: Making Better Choices – Sally Cunningham, CNLP, Author; *Lockwood's Greenhouses*

2 pm: Hostas and Hydrangeas – Dave Clark, Instructor, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens

3 pm: Landscape Design Tips and Trends – Carolyn Stanko, CNLP, Horticulture Instructor, Niagara County Community College

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