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## Good Tidings of Great Cheer

Another season has flown by; it's hard to believe we are already approaching our second favorite season, Christmas! Our plants have been tucked in for the long winter's nap, and the smell of evergreens is in the air. And like much else in the world, the Xmas Tree supply will be a bit tight this season. Between shortages that began several seasons ago from lack of young trees planted, the onslaught of imported pests that plague our trees, weather factors, labor shortages, and then you pile on all of the COVID complications ... it becomes the perfect storm for the holidays.

The fresh and local trees we have secured arrive the week of Thanksgiving, and then let the wreath-making begin! We normally handcraft hundreds of them, all made with fragrant Fraser fir boughs, cedars, pines, and more. Our Premium Garden Wreaths are only made when you come in and pre-order them .... please don't wait too long to order yours!

Christmas Open House weekend will be the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday after Thanksgiving, and again we will be following the guidelines for COVID. So there may not be plates of homemade cookies again this year, but we will be delighted to wrap your poinsettia, whip you up a lovely ribbon tree topper, and load up a tree for the trip home!

We're hoping you'll continue to remember all of our local garden centers again this holiday season. The wreaths, the plants, and much more of a garden center's stocklist are just a few of the many components that come from many small family operations. This is just one of the many opportunities this holiday to keep all WNY small businesses strong and growing all over our region.

We wish you all a safe and warm winter, assuming your gardens are all ready for winter, and we are already looking forward to seeing you this spring.

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## From the publisher



Dear friends,

When you're cleaning up your garden for winter, isn't it hard to decide what tender plants to bring in and coddle, what to bring in and ignore, what to try overwintering in the garage, what to pile a bunch of leaves (and highest hopes) on, and what to just let go? Every year brings new lessons—for instance, even though my neighbors have no problem wheeling a couple of decent-sized fig trees in and out of their garage each fall and spring,

I now know I can't overwinter my prized brugmansia in an unheated outbuilding.

These choices aren't made any easier by the recent proliferation of houseplant shops in upstate New York. Now, in addition to the plants we've already been growing outdoors and would like to find space for inside, plus whatever existing pothos and spider plants we have hanging around, we're tempted by all sorts of fabulous green things we've never heard of before? It's a terrible problem.

But if you're lucky enough to have some extra space and are looking for ideas on how to fill it this winter, this issue is for you.

Enjoy, and thank you, as ever, for picking up this copy of *Upstate Gardeners' Journal*.

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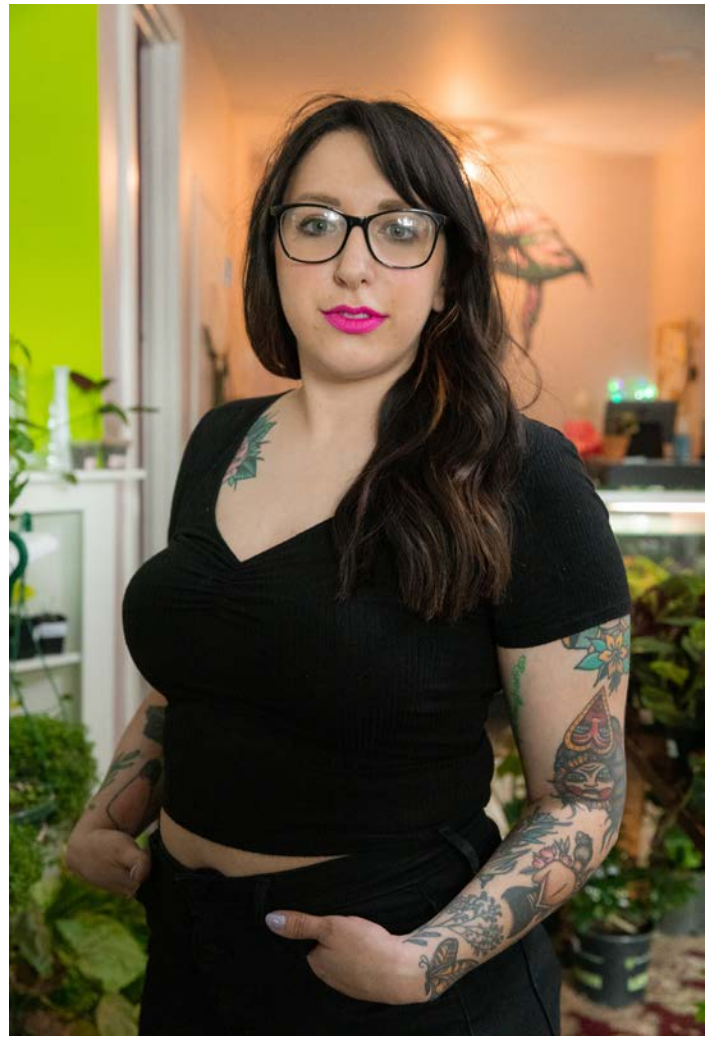
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# In Rochester, there is a magical place called Stem

By Michelle Sutton; photos by Will Cornfield except where noted

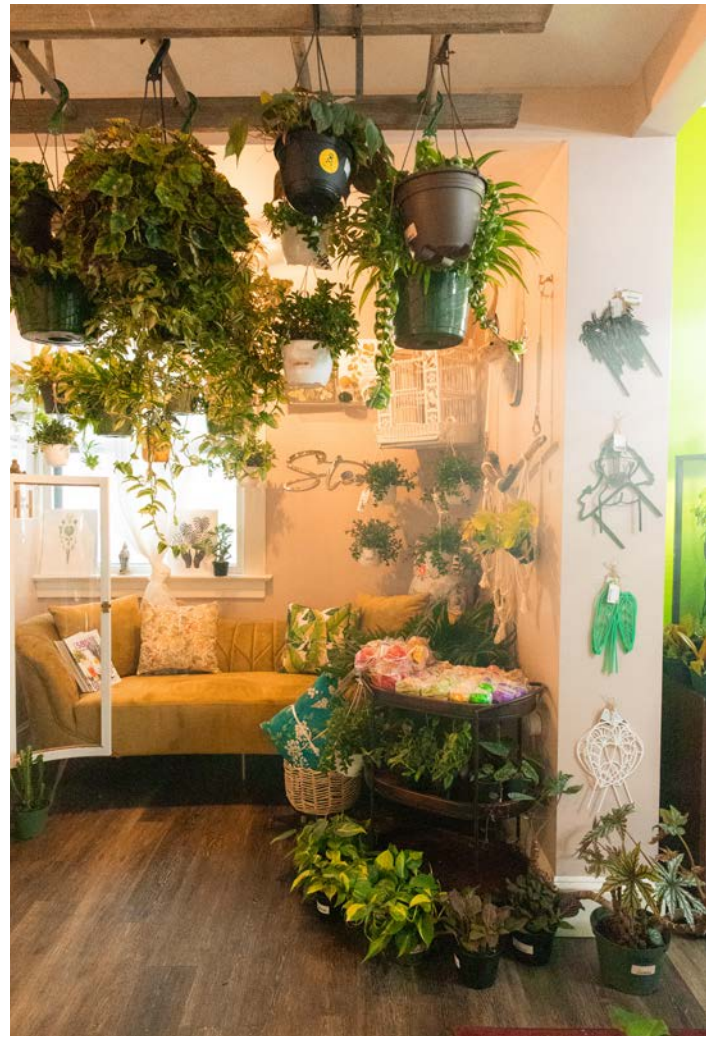
**LEFT:** Samantha Mills  
**RIGHT:** Kerynn Laraby

**A**t 258 Alexander Street in Rochester, Stem is a source for rare and exotic house plants in the heart of the city. It's in the same former residential house as Sinful Sweets bakery, and it's walking distance to other small businesses on Monroe and Park Avenues. Inside the purple and chartreuse walls of Stem is a carefully curated display of plants and plant-themed work from local, mostly women, artists. The vibrant and cozy feeling inside Stem reflects the personalities of its creative co-owners, Kerynn Laraby and Samantha Mills, for whom good relationships—with customers, vendors, plant shop colleagues, and local artists—are everything.

Laraby is from Honeoye Falls; Mills grew up in Clyde. Their friendship began when they would see each other

at live music events, often in smaller venues (the two have similar taste in music). “But we really bonded in 2017 when we found out we were both pregnant,” says Laraby. “Our three-year-olds were born one week apart!” In 2016, Mills had earned a degree in horticulture, with an emphasis on research labwork and greenhouse management, from Finger Lakes Community College. Laraby’s interest in houseplants took off along with her friendship with Mills, and, most helpfully, Laraby studied business management at Monroe Community College.

The first rare plant they bought together was a ‘Pink Princess’ philodendron (*Philodendron erubescens*), a vining plant with leaves that begin olive-green and mature to black and are luxuriantly variegated with hot pink. (The



plant is featured as a gorgeous painting on Stem's back wall, painted by Mills and friend Desiree Moore.)

In 2018, the two began, on a hobby basis, buying from wholesalers and selling houseplants through Facebook. The first plant they sold was *Tradescantia* 'Blushing Bride'. The hobby blew up. "We were definitely surprised at how fast things took off," says Mills. Laraby adds, "The pandemic—and people needing desperately to connect with living things—was definitely a big driver for that. We also, very early, had other plant shops contact us, asking us to sell plants to them." The latter happened both because Laraby and Mills have specific grower connections—nurtured through online communities—that they can tap into, and because Mills does some propagation of unpatented rare material when it's in short supply.

The two rapidly developed a following, expanded their grower networks, and got excellent online reviews. "You'll see in reviews how glowingly people speak about how well packaged the plants are, how fresh they look out of

the box," Laraby says. "Sam has a reputation for skillful packaging that really helped build our business. It made us stand out."

The brick and mortar Stem opened in February 2021 to much fanfare in Rochester. Mills says, "Our friends really came through for us, cleaning, painting, hanging shelves, putting stickers on inventory ... we had a lot of help." Laraby and Mills have been so busy with the store

that online ordering is in pause mode, but the duo says it will resume in the near future. For now, customers come from points well east and west of Rochester to peruse and purchase the plants at Stem.

"Going to work doesn't feel like working," Laraby says. "People who come here are happy to be here, and conversations tend to flow easily; it's not your typical retail environment. It helps that our store is on the smaller side for now, because it feels homey, there's a warm vibe, and Sam and I are always right here to answer questions. We really want people to be successful with their plants and get the most



**ABOVE:**

Displays at Stem: "Since these photos were taken not that long ago, we've had to find creative ways to fit many more plants into the space," Kerynn Laraby says.

**INSET:**

Rebecca Astheimer is Stem's graphic artist and designed the company's logo.



**Philodendron 'Burle Marx'**

Laraby says that people love the variegated cultivar of philodendron 'Burle Marx' because each emerald-green, heart-shaped, narrow leaf is different from the next, and there's tremendous variety in growth pattern from one plant to the next. "Generally when we get them in stock, they are gone that same day," she says. "It's so popular, it's starting to become harder for us to source, but we're trying. It's relatively easy to grow; mine at home is growing like wildfire." Stem sells 4" or 6" pots of 'Burle Marx' with four to six leaves on it for \$150. It's native to Brazil and is named after the late, beloved Brazilian landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx, known for using native plants in his Cubism- and abstractionism-influenced designs.



**Alocasia cuprea**

Mills loves *Alocasia cuprea* (that's how most people refer to it) for its rose-gold tones, metallic shine, and grooved texture. "The leaf reminds me of a turtle's shell," she says. "They're a bit more difficult to care for, because they need high humidity. You can take them into the shower with you, or keep inside mist tents, or use a humidifier. They are a little bit finicky, but so weird and beautiful." Stem sells it in 5-inch pots for \$70 and is hoping to find a source for 'Red Secret', a cultivar with a pink sheen and rose-pink leaf undersides.

**Philodendron 'El Choco Red'**

Laraby and Mills are both big fans of philodendron 'El Choco Red', a plant that originates in Ecuador and Colombia. (The Choco is a region containing both rainforest and cloud forest, and is renowned for its biodiversity.) "The plant has a really big beautiful velvety heart-shaped leaf with reddish pink undersides, and it has a textured stem," Mills says. "It's a crawler as opposed to a trailer, which means its growth comes from multiple stems that emerge from the soil. It can get massive, and tends to generate excitement and awe." Currently, Stem sells 4" pots of 'El Choco Red' for \$225.

**TOP LEFT:** 'Burle Marx' philodendron showing its stunning and manifold variegation. Photo by Ada Reeg

**TOP RIGHT:** The turtle-shell-like foliage of *Alocasia cuprea*. Wikimedia Commons CC BY-SA 4.0 Nasser Halaweh

**BOTTOM** Front and back of a 'El Choco Red' philodendron leaf. Photos by Kerynn Laraby





enjoyment they can out of them. It's important to say that we have plants for every skill level—you don't have to be a rare plant collector—and at every level of pricing, too." Plants are mostly sold in 4" or 6" pots, and prices range from \$4 to \$1200. (Interesting side note: The plants are bottom watered in bins after hours so that they aren't dripping when on display.)

In addition to selling out of the storefront, Laraby and Mills have sold at the Lucky Flea market at Village Gate in Rochester and at plant pop-ups in Buffalo (keep an eye on their social media to see where they'll be over the holidays.) What makes Rochester a great town for Stem? "We noticed that Buffalo and Syracuse had rare plants shops, but Rochester didn't have one within an hour of downtown," Laraby says. "We are already outgrowing our space but if or when we move, we would really hope to stay city central."

Laraby and Mills want to give a special shout out Rachel Stepien, owner of The Plant Shack in Buffalo. When they were thinking about opening a rare plants business in Rochester, they contacted Stepien, who gave them hours of her time and solid advice. "She is a blessing to us," Laraby says. "We still go to her for advice and she has been so gracious. One of the most important things she taught us was to develop and keep good relationships with other plant stores and to cross-promote small businesses, especially others that are woman-owned. To help each other out whenever we can."

To that end, The Plant Shack hosted Stem for a pop-up rare plant sale at Stepien's East Aurora branch in August that was a big success for both businesses. Laraby and Mills are also good friends with the owner of both Mountain View Gardens in Sherburne and The House Plant Company in Hamilton—both in Madison County, New York. They are also indebted to their friends at Houseplant Nation in Huntington Beach, California.

Like The Plant Shack, Stem carries artwork from local vendors, often getting recommendations from Stepien. "We have ceramics, propagation stations, terrarium kits,

candles, jewelry, and macramé, among other things," says Mills. "We try to stick to one artist per genre so each vendor gets their shine and doesn't compete with other vendors. We have a pottery artist who makes Boobie Pots for us; a portion of the proceeds go to the Rochester Breast Cancer Coalition."

There's not a lot of free time for these entrepreneurs and moms—and trying to figure out how to get vacation is a current challenge. Laraby does make time to play on a drinking league kickball team and Mills paints and presses flowers. Both say they relish any chance to "zone out and rest." Mills's ten-year-old daughter has expressed an interest in plants and comes to the shop to observe how it all works. For everyone, there's a lot of going up and down the stairs, as the growing area and stock are on the second floor. "I think my Fitbit might catch fire," Laraby says.

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**RIGHT:** Stem owners at the checkout station, in front of a painting of philodendron 'Pink Princess', which figures into their business's origin story.

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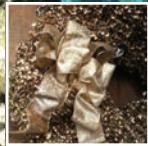
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The 2022 contest will run December 21, 2021 through March 19, 2022. Watch our Facebook page and [upstategardenersjournal.com](http://upstategardenersjournal.com) for details on how to enter.



**PLANTS:** “Budding Pine” by Dorothea Mildenerger | Location: Brockport, NY



**SCENES:** “New York 56” by Jordan Delmonte | Location: North Elba, NY



**ENHANCED:** “The Calm Before the Storm” by Tyler Seeley  
Location: Moss Lake in Eagle Bay, NY



**WILDLIFE:** “Robins On Sumac” by Deborah Putman  
Location: Sterling, NY (also Grand Prize winner)



**ONLINE FAVORITE:** “Whoop Goes There Barred Owl”  
by Janice Allen | Location: Owl Woods, Greece, NY

# Calendar



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

## BUFFALO

### REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Western NY Iris Society** usually meets 1–4pm the first Sunday of the month at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Public Library, 1030 Losson Road, South Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Guests are welcome. Programs include information about acquiring and growing irises (bearded & non-bearded) and complementary perennials; our annual judged iris show, & a summer iris sale. During months when irises are blooming, we have garden visitations. *November 7: Basics of Bearded Iris Gardening, 1pm. December 5: Basics of Bearded Iris Gardening, 1pm. Both events are at the Julia B. Reinstein Library and the public is welcome.* Marilee Farry, 716-668-1789, faremare@aol.com.

**Western New York Rose Society** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm. WNYRS has gone back to Zoom meetings. Check the website or Facebook page for updates. St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville. wnyrosesociety.net.

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

### FREQUENT HOSTS

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

**AUDBUFF:** Buffalo Audubon Society, 1610 Welch Road, N Java 14113; 585-457-3228; info@buffaloaudubon.org; buffaloaudubon.org.

**MARTIN: The Martin House,** 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214. 716-856-3858; info@martinhouse.org; martinhouse.org.

### CLASSES / EVENTS

**F** Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

**S** Indicates plant sales.

**O** Online event.

**O November 11: Decked Out Holiday Cards,** 6:30–8:30pm. This workshop will take you through the process of tearing your watercolor paper to create a deckled edge, folding the paper and painting a watercolor holiday theme on your cards. In order to maintain the safest environment possible, class will be offered via Zoom Meeting, a free online audio-visual platform. \$25/general and \$22.50/members. Registration and more details on website. **BECBG**

**S November 13, 2021 Houseplant Swap & Seed Saving Workshop,** 12pm–2pm. Take part in the first houseplant swap held by the Seed Library at the Launch Pad. Bring cuttings and propagations to trade for something new. Beginners and experienced growers and everyone in between are welcome. Feel free to bring in pots, trellises, or other accessories to trade as well. Weather permitting Gardener Beaufort will give a tour of the gardens on the Reading Ramp and talk about native plants and how to save their seeds. Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo. See website or call for more info, 716-858-8900.

**November 13–14: Orchid Show,** Saturday 10am–4pm and Sunday 10am–3pm. Show included in Botanical Gardens' admission. Masks required. E-Tickets required for all visitors—walk-ins may be turned away. Celebrate the American Orchid Society's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Botanical Gardens' annual orchid showcase and award winning exhibits. More information and tickets available at the website. **BECBG**

**November 13: Gorgeous Gulls – ArtPark State Park,** 9am. Join Naturalist Tom Kerr for a hike into the Niagara River Gorge where migrating Gulls are congregating in the Lower Niagara River plus you will be looking for Black-legged Kittiwakes, Little Gulls, and Franklin's Gulls in the swirling flock of Bonaparte's Gulls. Binoculars are available. Donations gratefully accepted. Register at website. **AUDBUFF**

**November 13: Honey Tasting,** 6–7pm. Join for an experience all about honey! Participants will receive jars of honey to take home and a special presentation from "Bee Happy Farm & Apothecary" to learn about bees, honey, and the perfect pairings. Details and

registration at website. \$25/person and \$40/couple. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew, NY 14043. 716-683-5959, reinsteinwoods.org.

**F November 16: Toddler Time – Thankful for Nature,** 10am. November is traditionally a time to be thankful. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, take time to be thankful for all that nature provides for us. A story, hike, craft and snack will all be part of the celebration. \$10/General and \$8/BAS Members. Ages 2–4 as a guideline. **AUDBUFF**

**November 20–January 2: Poinsettia & Railway Exhibit,** 10am–4pm. Experience festive poinsettia and model train exhibits and displays. Included with admission. E-tickets and further information on the website. **BECBG**

**F November 20–December 18: Feed the Fish,** 9:30am. Get up close and personal with the Botanical Gardens' koi fish. Participants receive a potted plant, a cup of koi fish food, an exclusive button, and time to feed the fish. Regular admission included in the ticket price. See website for dates available as well as tickets. **BECBG**

**November 21: The Healing Power of Plants,** 10am–4pm. This program encourages visitors to explore the healing power of plants for mind, body, and spirit. This event is an opportunity to explore the many healing properties of plants and the natural world. Several plant and health centered community partners will be visiting the Botanical Gardens to share information, provide demonstrations and provide merchandise for sale. Included with Botanical Gardens' admission. Masks and E-tickets required for all visitors. See website for more details and tickets. **BECBG**

**November 26–28, December 1–5, 8–10, 12, 15–19, 27–30: Gardens After Dark: Magical Poinsettias,** 5pm–9pm. Experience the charm of this magical time of year and enjoy the tropical Botanical Gardens, the railway exhibit, poinsettia collection, which will be a spectacular sight after dark. You can experience the Poinsettia & Railway Exhibit during the day, at night during Gardens After Dark, or both. Tickets, prices, and further information on the website. **BECBG**

**November 26–January 10: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.** The Buffalo Museum of Science Camera Club members will present Fine Art Photographs taken around Buffalo and Western NY which will be on exhibit in the Archangel Gallery at the Buffalo Botanical Gardens. Included with admission. **BECBG**

**December 2: DIY Holiday Arrangement with Arbdale Nurseries,** 6:30pm. Create (and take home!) your own unique holiday container arrangement incorporating fresh and dried floral, live plants, and holiday flare. Steve Harrison, certified nursery professional from Arbdale Nurseries, will share design principles and arrangement techniques to incorporate into the festive arrangements. \$35/person. Register at website. **MARTIN**

**December 2, 9, & 16: Candlelight Behind-the-Scenes Tour,** 4:15, 5:15, or 6:15pm. The lights will be dimmed, candles lit and the holiday tree on display during this 75-minute docent-led tour. And the seasonal Candlelight Behind-the-Scenes Tour will take you to areas not visited on other tour offerings, including the guest suite of rooms and the lower level of the Martin House. \$35/general and \$20/members. Register at website. **MARTIN**

**December 4: Hydroponics,** 11am–1pm. Get hooked on 'ponics! Find out what the hype is surrounding hydroponics and learn some exciting (and economical!) ways to grow your own food at home. We'll be talking media, fertilizers, cloning, lighting and more! Tickets and more information on website. \$25/general and \$22.50/members. **BECBG**

**December 4: Conifer Wreath Workshop,** two sessions 10–11:30am or 2–3:30pm. This workshop is quickly becoming a local tradition! Create a fresh, fragrant

conifer wreath to add some seasonal greenery to your home. Wire wreath form, paddle wire and fresh materials are provided. Participants are encouraged to decorate their wreath after the class using their own small ornaments, bows, lights and more! Bring hand clippers, wire nips, garden gloves and a box/garbage bag for transport. Tickets and more information on website. \$50/general and \$45/members. **BECBG**

**December 5: Winter Floral Arrangement,** 10–11am. Bring the scents and colors of the winter season home! Design an arrangement for your dinner table or craft a unique gift. Fresh materials and design bowl are provided. Bring hand clippers and a box for transporting your arrangement. Tickets and more information on website. \$50/general and \$45/members. **BECBG**

**F December 5 & 12: Winter Wonderland!,** 10am–4pm. Enjoy the festive Botanical Gardens' seasonal treats and family activities. E-tickets and masks required for all visitors. See website for event details and E-tickets. **BECBG**

**O December 9: Succulent Topiary Demonstration,** 6:30–7:30pm. Be inspired and learn how to craft a living succulent arrangement in this online demonstration. Succulents are desert plants that are easy to care for. Learn all about these beautiful and unique plants and living topiary design techniques with Kristy Schmitt, Director of Education (and succulent lover!). Demo is about an hour long with time for questions. Online workshop. \$10/general & \$9/members. Register on the website. **BECBG**

**December 11: Water Gardens,** 11am–1pm. Water features are so inviting and relaxing in garden spaces, but also can be intimidating. Pumps, lights, filters, plants and livestock... the water bill. It's a lot to consider but it's not as complicated or expensive as it sounds. Add another dimension to your garden and expand your skills with this class all about water spaces! Tickets and more information on website. \$25/general and \$22.50/members. **BECBG**

**January 8: Pruning,** 11am–1pm. What's a gardener's biggest fear? It isn't public speaking, it is pruning incorrectly. Get the basics and learn the skills you need to be a confident and educated pruner with this class. Tickets and more information on website. \$25/general and \$22.50/members. **BECBG**

**January 15: Intro to Landscape Design,** 11am–1pm. This class takes garden design to the next level, (the big picture) and covers the principles and elements for good landscape design including unity, scale, balance, focalization, and much more! This is the perfect class to take if you are looking for garden inspiration. \$25/general and \$22.50/members. **BECBG**

## ITHACA

### REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

### FREQUENT HOST

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

### CLASSES / EVENTS

**O** Online event.

**O December 7: Master Gardeners' Essential Gardening Tools,** 6–7:30pm. Now that winter is here it's time to dream about next year's garden and the tools that will help us make it spectacular. Join our Master Gardener Volunteers who will discuss the tools they can't garden without - from the special heirloom quality tool to the humble thing you might already have in your garage or recycling bin. Fee \$0-\$40/person self-determined sliding scale. Online class. Register at ccetompkins.mahaplatform.com/events/5ix01e104l. **CCE/TOM**

**O December 14: Planning Your Home Food Forest,** 7:30–8pm. A food forest is an edible perennial multi-layered edible ecosystem. It is a great way to build habitat, enhance your soil, store carbon, and get food all at once. Come learn how to plan your own food forest including: how to choose a site, evaluating and preparing your soil, species and variety selection, how to create a guild, planting, and maintenance. Fee \$0-\$40/person self-determined sliding scale. Register at ccetompkins.mahaplatform.com/events/bx3zje22p. **CCE/TOM**

## ROCHESTER

### REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

**Big Springs Garden Club of Caledonia-Mumford** meets the second Monday evening of the month, September–November, January–May. New members and guests welcome. 585-314-6292, mdlan3@rochester.rr.com, Facebook.

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

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



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

## ROCHESTER cont.

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

**Country Gardeners of Webster** Do you like to ... dig in the dirt; smell the roses; learn about the birds and the bees, take a walk in the park; eat, drink, and be merry; live in Webster? Then the Country Gardeners of Webster would love to have you join them! They meet the second Monday of the month. Contact Elaine at 585-350-8270 to try this fun-loving club on.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Gates Garden Club** meets the second Thursday of the month (except July & August) at 6:30pm, Gates Town Annex, 1605 Buffalo Road, Rochester. New members and guests welcome. 585 247-1248, scece6@yahoo.com.

**Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS)** meets the first Monday following the first Sunday of the month. The meeting on November 8 will be an in-person orchid auction at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Brighton. Meetings in December, January, and February will be virtual. It is likely that meetings from March–May will be in person at the JCC. Please see the website for information, geneseeorchid.org.

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

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

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

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

**The Henrietta Garden Club** meets the 2nd Wednesday, except May–Aug and Dec at 6:30pm in the lower level of the Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Rd. *January 12 meeting will feature Master Gardener Suzanne Feather with "Houseplants."* Guests are welcome for a free visit. Handicap accessible. sites.google.com/site/henrietagardenclub/ or call 585-747-6780.

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

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

**Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53** meets the third Thursday of each month (except December and February) at 10am, First Baptist Church, Hubbell Hall, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. 585-301-6727, 585-402-1772, rochesterikebana@gmail.com, ikebanarochester.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Seabreeze Bloomers Garden Club** meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (except January) at 7pm, location varies depending on activity. Meetings may include a speaker, project or visit to local garden-related site. Monthly newsletter. New members

welcome. Meetings are currently cancelled; contact Bonnie Arnold with any questions. Bonnie Arnold, 585-230-5356, bonniearnold@frontiernet.net.

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

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

**Williamson Garden Club.** On-going community projects and free monthly lectures to educate the community about gardening. Open to all. 315-524-4204, grow14589@gmail.com, growthewilliamsongardenclub.blogspot.com.

## CLASSES / EVENTS

**F** Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

**S** Indicates plant sales.

**O** Online event.

**November 11: Year-round Indoor Salad Gardening,** 6:30–7:30pm. \$5/person. Learn how to grow fresh, nutritious salad sprouts throughout the winter months. These sprouts are grown in soil and include sunflower, radish, buckwheat, pea, and broccoli. They are grown for the stem and seed leaf unlike typical sprouts which are grown for root, stem, and seed leaf in jars. All supplies will be provided. A salad made with sprouts will be available to sample. To register call 585-394-3977 x 427 or email Nancy with your name, address, and phone number. Fee \$5.00. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ontario County, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. 585/394-3977 x427; nea8@cornell.edu; cceontario.org.

**November 14: Yoga in the Pines,** 1pm. Take your yoga practice into the great outdoors - in the majestic red pines of the Cumming Nature Center. In this unique and powerful experience, you will have the opportunity to practice yoga and meditation in a sacred and serene setting. Details and registration on website. \$18/person. Cumming Nature Center, 6472 Gulick Road, Naples NY 14512. 585/374-6160, rsmc.org.

**O November 17, Dwarf Conifer Program,** 7pm. Garden Communicators International is offering a Zoom program with Ted Hildebrandt of Coldwater Pond Nursery (Phelps, NY). Hildebrandt, member of Dwarf Conifer Society, will discuss propagation, care, and conifer species for our region. Garden Comm welcomes all gardening influencers: writers, bloggers, master gardeners, podcasters and professionals in the industry. To attend (free) please send your e-mail to Charlie Nardozi (cnardozi124@gmail.com) who will forward the link for the program.

**November 17: Horticulture for Mind and Body: Nature Décor,** 6–7pm. Using natural objects as home decoration, project: DIY garland. Fee Sliding Scale, pre-payment on website. For details and registration see orleans.cce.cornell.edu/events/2021/02/24/horticulture-for-mind-and-body.

**F S November 28, December 5, December 12, December 16: Holidays at the Market,** 8am–2pm except for the special evening event on December 16 which is 6–9pm. A Rochester holiday tradition for over 25 years, Holidays at the Market features dozens of holiday-focused vendors (fresh-cut trees and wreaths, decorations, specialty foods and beverage products, hand craft items, and much more!) The Market will be decked out in holiday lights, festive music, and have limitless local shopping and unique gift items. This year, Santa and the horse-drawn

carriage rides are back from 9am–2pm. There will be a virtual holiday scavenger hunt that is fun for the whole family. Rochester Public Market, 280 North Union Street, Rochester, NY. 585-428-6907, cityofrochester.gov/flowercitydays.

**November 29: Starting Seeds Indoors/Raised Bed Gardens, 6:30–7:30pm.** Learn the key steps to ensure a successful vegetable garden as well as cover planting and harvesting techniques. Topics include best practices for indoor seed starting; how to transition seedlings from indoor to the raised bed garden; advantages of raised bed gardening; and vegetables to start indoors. Free. Register at website. Held at the Seymour Library, 161 East Avenue, Brockport, NY. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Monroe County, 2449 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, NY 14617. 585/753-2550; monroe.cce.cornell.edu.

**O December 2: Garden Talk - Gifts from the Kitchen, 12pm. FREE.** Join our Master Food Preserver as she demonstrates some wonderful ideas that you can use this holiday season. Register for your Zoom link at [genesee.cce.cornell.edu/events](http://genesee.cce.cornell.edu/events). Cornell Cooperative Extension, Genesee County, 420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020. 585-343-3040, [genesee.cce.cornell.edu](http://genesee.cce.cornell.edu).

**F December 4–5, December 11–12: Christmas Open House, 11am–3pm.** Bring your family to visit Santa, pick out your Christmas tree together and decorate your home for the holidays! Bristol's Garden Center, 7454 Victor Pittsford Road, Victor, NY. 585/924-2274; [customerservice@bristolsgardencenter.com](mailto:customerservice@bristolsgardencenter.com); Facebook: [bristolsgardencenter.com](http://bristolsgardencenter.com).

## SYRACUSE

### REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

**Bonsai Club of CNY (BCCNY)** usually meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Pitcher Hill Community Church, 605 Bailey Road, North Syracuse. 315-436-0135, [lnewell1@gmail.com](mailto:lnewell1@gmail.com), [cnybonsai.com](http://cnybonsai.com).

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

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

**Federated Garden Clubs NYS – District 6.** 315-481-4005, [dist6fss@gmail.com](mailto:dist6fss@gmail.com).

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

**Gardeners in Thyme** (a women's herb club) meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm, Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville. 315-635-6481, [hbaker@twcny.rr.com](mailto:hbaker@twcny.rr.com).

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

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

**Koi and Water Garden Society of Central New York** usually meets the third Monday of each month at 7pm. See website for meeting locations. 315-458-3199, [cnykoi.com](http://cnykoi.com).

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

**Southern Hills Garden Club** meets the third Tuesday of each month February through November at the LaFayette Community Center, 2508 US Route 11, LaFayette, NY 13084. Meetings typically take place at 7:00 pm. Some meetings are offsite; these typically have an earlier start time. Guests are welcome and membership is open to anyone interested in gardening. For information regarding meetings or membership, contact Cathy Nagel at 315-677-9342 or [CEN42085@aol.com](mailto:CEN42085@aol.com).

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

### CLASSES / EVENTS

**December 8: Maple School w/ Aaron Wightman, 6–8pm.** Are you interested in maple syrup but don't know where to begin? Beginners and backyard sugar makers, this workshop is for you! The workshop will be presented by Aaron Wightman, Cornell Maple Specialist. The workshop will be held at the CCE Onondaga classroom, 6505 Collamer Road, East Syracuse, NY. \$10/person. Contact Kristina Ferrare with questions at [kaf226@cornell.edu](mailto:kaf226@cornell.edu) or 315-424-9485, ext. 231. Register at [reg.cce.cornell.edu/OnondagaMaple2021\\_231](http://reg.cce.cornell.edu/OnondagaMaple2021_231)

## AND BEYOND

### FREQUENT HOST

**LONG:** Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348, [longwoodgardens.org](http://longwoodgardens.org), 610-388-1000, [educationoffice@longwoodgardens.org](mailto:educationoffice@longwoodgardens.org).

### CLASSES / EVENTS

**O Online event.**

**O November 17: Floral Spotlight: Contemporary Harvest, 6–7:30pm.** The last colors of the fall harvest deserve just as much attention as the peak of the summer bounty. Join Jerome Boodoo online as he

weaves sticks, branches, rocks, vegetables, and more materials into bold, contemporary floral designs that will re-shape your take on autumnal flower arranging. Online class, \$29/person and \$26/members. See website for details and registration. **LONG**

**O December 1: The Artist Dives into the Archives: Cyclamen, 1–3:30pm.** Join artist Carol Gangemi online as she dives into Longwood's archives and retrieves a cyclamen image to demonstrate watercolor technique. Follow along at home and paint your own cyclamen in the style of early botanical illustrators, just in time for the holiday season. Online class. More details and registration on website. \$65/General and \$59/members. **LONG**

**O December 1: Elegant Garlands: New Spin on a Holiday Classic, 5–8pm.** Looking to put a new, elegant spin on a traditional holiday garland design? Join Jane Godshalk AIFD as she demonstrates the versatility of garland design and the beauty it can bring to your home. Using hard goods and floral materials shipped directly to your home, follow along and craft your own masterpiece as Jane creates a flowing table design or a tall cascading arrangement using a thoughtful mix of pine cones, fresh greens, and accent flowers. Online class. More details and registration on website. \$145/General and \$131/members. **LONG**

**O December 13: Floral Spotlight: Branches and Boughs Online Class, 6–7pm.** During this online class, slow down and spend an evening with Ikebana designer and educator Brandon Forsht as he highlights the principles and techniques of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana while creating a wonderfully artistic seasonal design. Online class. More details and registration on website. \$29/General and \$26/members. **LONG**

**O December 17: A Very Citrus Christmas: Holiday Cocktails, 6–8pm.** The scents and flavors of citrus during the holidays evoke feelings of nostalgia for many. In this online offering, learn how to deliciously integrate the flavors of locally grown citrus in your holiday cocktails and mocktails. Join Linda Shanahan and Eric Vanderhyde from Barefoot Botanicals, Vivek and Seema Malik from Bhumi Growers, and Longwood educator and former bartender Matt Thomas as they mix up delicious herbal and citrus creations. Online class. More details and registration on website. \$89/General and \$80/members. **LONG**

**O January 16–February 13: Introduction to Graphic Communications, 9–11am.** Color rendering is a creative and dynamic device used to bring your landscape design to life. Learn the standard tools and practices used to represent the landscape in this informative online series. Online class. More details and registration on website. \$129/General and \$116/members. **LONG**

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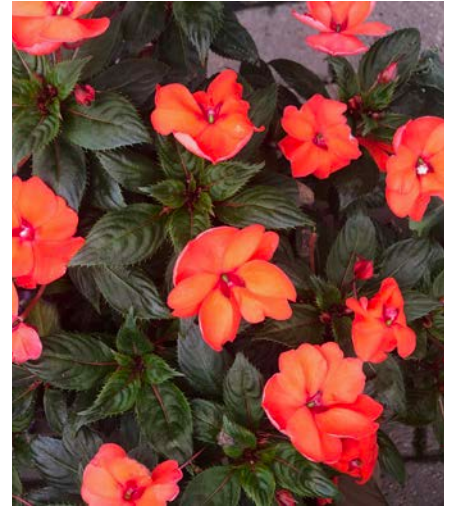
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Open garden



# Bring the color and texture of your garden indoors this winter

By Donna De Palma

If you love being in the garden, the end of summer is bittersweet. But you can keep on growing impatiens, geranium, fuchsia, ageratum, dusty miller, wax begonia, and more—even Scotch moss—indoors.

If you have a sun-filled section of your living space, hibiscus, mandevilla, jasmine, asparagus fern, bird of paradise, and crown of thorns can each thrive inside in colder months.

Whether you take cuttings from outdoor plants to start new plants or bring full-grown plants indoors, there are a few tips to follow.

Some plants, like coleus, grow better from cuttings. Start a healthy cutting in water and once it takes root, plant in a pot. If you're bringing plants inside, avoid shock by taking them in before it gets cold. If the temperature gets too chilly, when transferred indoors, plants drop leaves.

To help plants adjust to being indoors, move them to a porch or patio for a week or more to help them handle lower indoor light conditions. Cut back on watering prior to transferring them into the house. Trim most varieties back by one-third (geraniums by a half).

Wash plants with a hose before you bring them in to help remove insects and dirt. Shower them with a mild soap like Dr. Bronner's and water. Repeat this again in the shower indoors if pests appear mid-winter.

If you're taking Scotch moss indoors—my favorite variety because of its tiny white flowers—be sure to provide firm, packed soil with a lower pH. Moss prefers moist soil and loves to be misted. Use filtered water—it doesn't respond well to chlorine in tap water.

A rush of color from an ornamental coleus with its variegated, patterned leaves, the exquisite leaf patterns of caladium in shades of white, green, rose, pink and red or the brightly colored teardrop-shaped flowers of fuchsia,

can enliven the greyest winter's day.

Cultivating rex begonia with its striking foliage, a healthy geranium in vibrant shades of hot pink and red, or the exotic blooms of hibiscus, can improve wellbeing in winter.

If colorful vines bring back notes of summer, sweet potato vine ("Margarita" with chartreuse foliage (mounding or trained to be a climber) or "Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Red" with its burgundy, heart-shaped leaves) can thrive indoors. Herbs like parsley, rosemary, lavender, chives, thyme, and basil will also survive indoors under correct conditions.

A rule of thumb for outdoor plants you grow indoors: they need plenty of sunlight. Overwinter plants by a sunny window or under plant lights. Some, like impatiens, geraniums, begonia, and fuchsia, will bloom indoors by a south-facing window. Most prefer moist soil and need direct light to bloom. Begonias will bloom even with indirect light but require humidity.

If you plan to return plants back to the garden in spring, prune them back in late winter so they'll develop new shoots.

Experiment with what you can grow. There are few things more satisfying than colorful, healthy blooms indoors in winter.

Donna De Palma is a freelance writer based in Rochester.

## OPPOSITE

### TOP ROW FROM

**LEFT:** hypoestes; red New Guinea impatiens with coleus; orange New Guinea impatiens

### MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT:

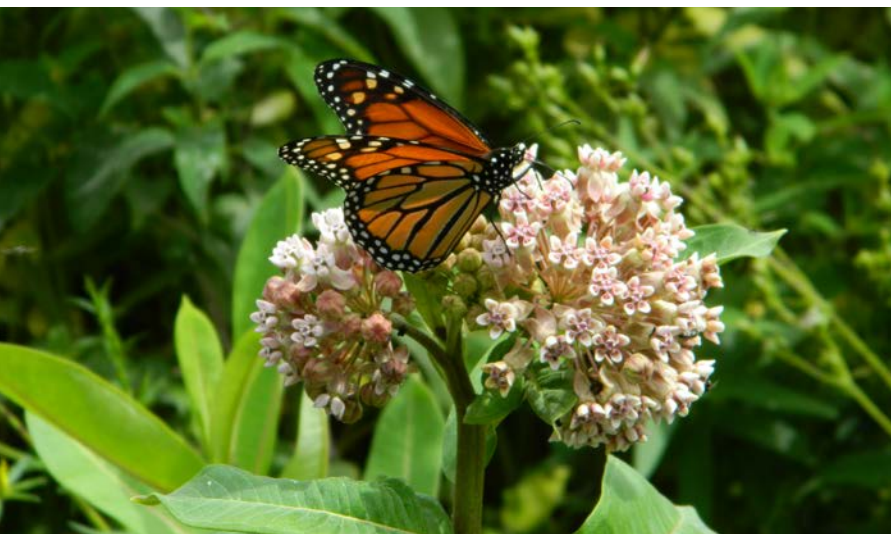
ornamental pepper; jasmine; tradescantia

### BOTTOM ROW FROM LEFT:

coleus; calla lily; caladium

# Native plant tips

Story and photo by Kimberly Burkard



**ABOVE:** Monarch on Milkweed

**W**hitney Carleton, Biologist for New York State Parks' Finger Lakes Environmental Field Team and a member of the Steering Committee for the Finger Lakes Native Plant Society, suggests the following tips and resources for learning more about native plants and making a positive ecological difference in your own neighborhood. (See the full article with Whitney Carleton talking about New York State Parks' efforts in conserving our native flora on [upstategardenersjournal.com](http://upstategardenersjournal.com).)

## NEW YORK NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM, [nynhp.org](http://nynhp.org)

Many natural resources including citizen science programs to take part in and Community Conservation Guides that help homeowners to better understand the natural habitats and key species that may still exist on their property and around it. Even fostering the couple of native species that are flourishing at your home can make an impact.

## NEW YORK FLORA ATLAS, [newyork.plantatlas.usf.edu](http://newyork.plantatlas.usf.edu)

This is the ultimate of all online resources for NY'ers to check the NYS native status of any plant. All search listings have a column with a simple "yes" or "no" for the plant's native status in NY State. This is critical as not all plants marked "native" at your local nurseries are native to NY. Bookmark this website and look up the plants you find before purchasing, even on your phone as you shop!

## LOOK FOR AND ASK FOR THE STRAIGHT NATIVE SPECIES

These plants can be challenging to find but are worth it as they have the best ecological impact. These are the native plants of wild types and with wild ancestors. Cultivars of native plants, especially those that substantially alter the plant—double blooms, other colors, etc., are plants that have never grown in the wild and are not proven to offer the same value to local fauna. If you don't find the straight species, ask your nurseries for them. Nurseries need to understand that there is a desire, need, and market for these plants or they will have no reason to stock them.

## FINGER LAKES NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, [flnps.org](http://flnps.org)

Events and activities about native plants. Also look for recorded past talks on the website. If you like a challenge, look for their March 2021 program on the Rare Plant Watch List for the Finger Lakes. Perhaps you can spot some of these rarities and alert the Natural Heritage Program to their existence.

## WRITINGS AND TALKS OF DOUG TALLAMY

Having trouble getting started or need easier information? Look for the writings of and recorded various speaking engagements with Doug Tallamy. He has a wonderful way of relating to any and every one on this topic. Two of his books that you should definitely look for are "Nature's Best Hope" and "Bringing Nature Home." Here is the link to his publisher's page: [timberpress.com/authors/douglas-w-tallamy](http://timberpress.com/authors/douglas-w-tallamy)

## FINGER LAKES PRISM, [fingerlakesinvasives.org](http://fingerlakesinvasives.org)

One of the best resources on invasive species with fact sheets, educational resources, volunteering, and more.

## YOU DON'T JUST HAVE TO FOCUS ON PLANTS

You can also think about other native species you are already seeing in your yard and focus on what they need to promote their life cycle. Specific birds eat specific caterpillars, those caterpillars need specific plants to eat or pupate and so on. This will help direct what you do and include in your space.

Kimberly Burkard is a life-long gardener, herbalist, and general "plant nerd."



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# Branch candleholder

By Cathy Monrad

**N**atural decor never goes out of style, especially when preparing for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. This simple candle holder really shines when gourds or greenery with berries are added for holiday meal tablescapes.

This project is best created with an extra set of hands to hold the scrap wood and branch when using the drill (mainly to avoid a trip to the emergency room.)

## MATERIALS

Large branch  
Tea lights  
Piece of scrap wood

## TOOLS

Drill  
1½ inch woodboring spade bit  
Ruler  
Painters tape  
Pencil or marker

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Measure height of tea light.
2. Use painters tape to mark tea light height on spade bit.
3. On scrap wood, drill a test hole to depth marked on spade bit. Insert tea light—it should sit flush with branch. Adjust location of painters tape on spade bit if necessary.
4. Lay branch on flat surface. Place tea lights on branch where desired. Mark placement of each candle with pencil or marker.
5. Drill holes to depth marked on spade bit.
6. Add tea lights to holes and decorate your mantle or table with your new candle holder as desired.

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



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