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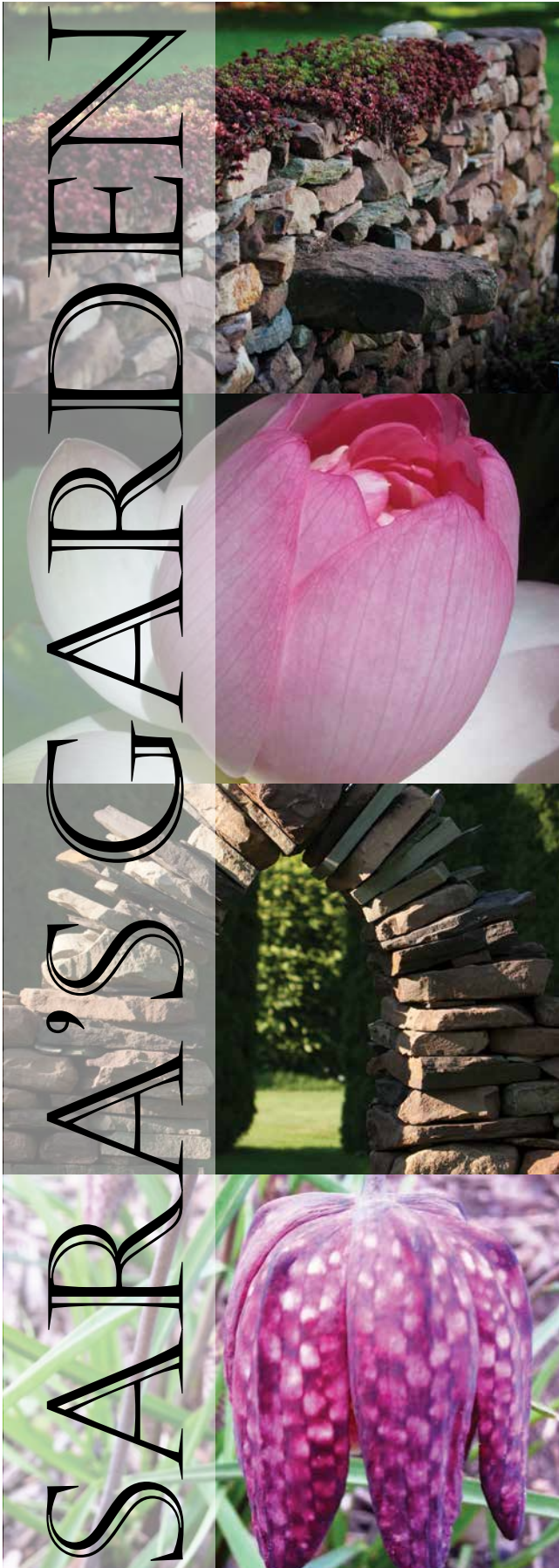
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Annual Customer Appreciation Days are happening now... and every growing thing we offer is on sale. Mother Nature may have a mean sense of humor but it's gonna give and we're ready!

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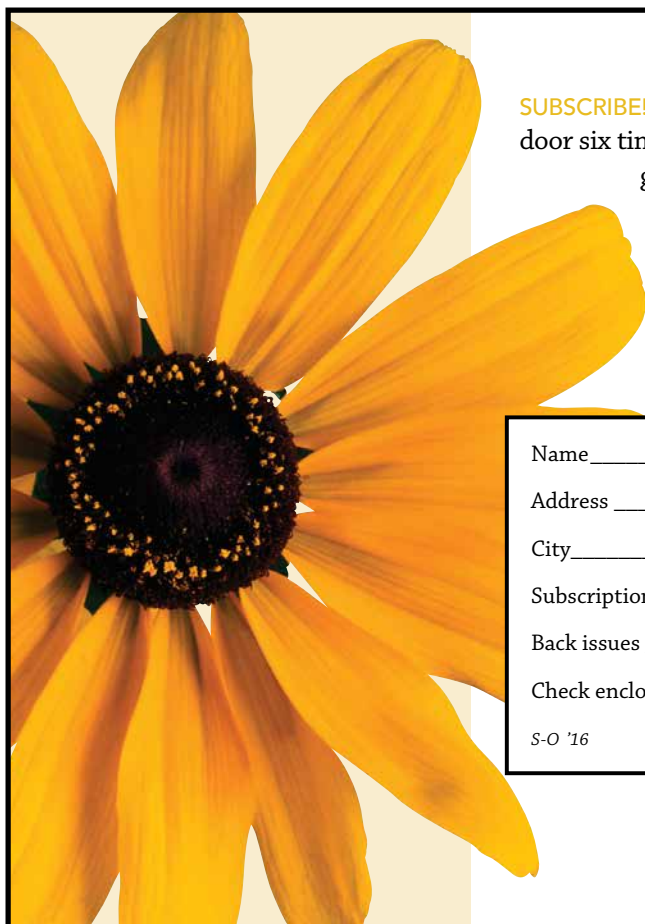
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Last year, I asked our readers to send me some of their home remedies for stink bug control. I was shocked to see just how many people have issues with stink bugs taking up residence where we'd rather they not – or at least that's the general consensus. As temperatures start to dip, the little critters will begin their search for a warm cushy place to hibernate. Here are some natural ways to keep them from calling your house their own:

Hot pepper spray - hot peppers kill the stink bugs, when sprayed on them. Make a hot pepper solution by diluting the peppers in water. Spray this solution onto the stink bug, it will burn the exterior of the bug and kill it immediately.

Damp towel - soak a towel in water and remove the excess water. Now hang the damp towel in the garden. In the morning, you will find it full of stink bugs. Put the towel in soapy water and pour the water in the drain.

Garlic - Garlic has a strong odor and can drive away stink bugs, and many other insects. To make a solution, mix four tablespoons of dry garlic powder in two cups of water. Pour the solution into a spray bottle and spray it in the garden, near the entrance of your house and other places from where the bugs can enter. Repeat again after every three days, until the bugs disappear.

Mint - to make a solution, mix 2 teaspoons of freshly crushed mint leaves or 10 drops of liquid mint into 2 cups of water. Spray the solution in all the places, where you may find stink bugs.

Always keep the bushes and weeds in your garden trimmed, so the bugs don't have a place to lay their eggs. Turning lights off at night help to keep them away as they are attracted to light. Hopefully we'll all see a decline in the population – at least in our homes!

Until next time,

Megan



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Stump the Chump



HINTS: Its bean a long time since I've seen this one,
Not even at Palmiters, southwest,
Nor at the nearest herbarium,
Where I once was a frequent guest (pre Google).

Its leguminous, deciduous, entomophilous,
procumbent it is not.
It produces much better with some support
a reputation tasty its got.

Mike Viens and Greg Frank know the answer,
So they cannot participate.
Nor can Greg's pal in Darien
Despite his status as tree potentate.

"Catalpa" said Greg at first viewing
and I laughed at his precipitous guess
Saying "Greg, you're a super salesman,
But your mind's a botanical mess."

—Ted Collins, AKA Doc Lilac

The first person to answer correctly, genus and species please,
will win a \$50 gift certificate to Aladdin's. Please call **585/301-7181**
or email megan@upstategardenersjournal.com to guess.

We will accept guesses starting **September 19, 2016**, in order to
give everyone a fair chance. Good luck!

The answer to the July-August 2016 stumper: *Syringa reticulata*

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What to do in the Garden in September & October

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Continue to remove weeds to prevent perennial weeds from having a head start in the spring and to prevent annual weeds from setting seeds. If time constraints prevent digging up weeds, cut off the seed heads before they mature.

Water trees and shrubs to encourage full vigor and hardiness in preparation for the winter ahead.

Add compost to your beds to improve soil texture, promote beneficial microbes, and to prepare the garden for next spring.

Mulch newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs when the soil temperature reaches 50 F to prevent heaving in the winter. Make sure the mulch is not touching tree or shrub trunks. Pile leaves on your macrophylla hydrangeas.

Allow annuals such as nicotiana, annual poppies, cleome, and Verbena bonariensis to drop seeds in the garden.

Prevent mouse and rabbit damage to thin-barked trees and shrubs by installing 18 inch to 24 inch high hardware cloth. Cut any grass around the base of trees short to discourage nesting by these critters.

Don't heavily prune trees or shrubs at this time. Severe pruning can disrupt normal dormancy.

Don't prune your lavender. Wait until spring.

PERENNIALS

Remove and discard all diseased plant material. Do not place in compost pile as some fungal spores winter over and may re-infect plants next season.

Disinfect your pruner after working on diseased plants before moving to a new plant. A quick spray with Lysol, a dip in a 10% Clorox solution, or using alcohol wipes all work well on your tools.

Remove and destroy iris foliage to eliminate the eggs of the iris borer.

Mound soil around your roses after the temperature drops. Bring in fresh soil to avoid disturbing roots.

Leave the seed heads of astilbe, black-eyed-Susan, coneflower, daisies, intact to provide food for the birds as well as giving winter interest. Also, leave ornamental grasses, red osier dogwood, asters, Russian sage, for

winter interest.

Divide any perennials that have become overgrown, exhibit diminished bloom or have formed a "doughnut" shape with a bare spot in the center of the clump. It's best to transplant early in the fall while there is still enough time for the roots to settle in for the winter. Extra plants can be shared with a friend.

BULBS

Plant spring bulbs. You will get better results if you plant when there is a month of 40 degree or above soil temperature (mid Sept. - Oct.). This allows the bulbs to set strong roots and will give you a better bloom next spring.

Plant bulbs 2 to 3 times as deep as their height, a little deeper for naturalizing varieties.

It's difficult to tell the top from the bottom of some bulbs. The skin is loose at the top and attached at the bottom. If you can't tell, plant them sideways!

To deter moles, voles and squirrels, put a layer of pea gravel or small gauge chicken wire between the bulbs and soil surface.



INSET: Kale, photo courtesy National Garden Bureau

LAWN

Overseed bare spots in the lawn. Filling in bare spots helps prevent weeds in those areas next year.

September is the best time to seed a new lawn. A top dressing of good compost is an ideal natural fertilizer.

Water the grass seeds regularly to keep the soil moist. Choose high quality seed appropriate for your site.

In early September check your lawn for grubs by lifting up about a square foot of sod. If there are more than 10-12 grubs per square foot you may want to treat for grubs. Complete your grub control program by the middle of September. Contact your Cooperative Extension for help in grub identification and treatment options.

Continue mowing the lawn. Make the last cutting one inch lower than usual to prevent matting and to discourage snow mold.

If the leaves aren't too thick on your lawn leave them and mulch them in when you mow. They feed your soil naturally.

VEGETABLES & HERBS

Any time after the first frost through late October is a good time to plant garlic. Plant the largest cloves 3 inches deep in loose rich soil.

Pot up some parsley, chives, oregano, or mints to use indoors. You can also freeze or dry herbs for winter use. Wash off the plants to prevent insects from entering your home.

Pinch off tomato blossoms that won't have time to develop so the nutrients go into the tomatoes already growing on the vine.

Plant cover crops when you harvest your vegetables. This will reduce the need for weeding and will add nitrogen to the soil.

Dig mature onions on a dry day. Store in well ventilated mesh bags (or even panty hose). Plant radish, kale, spinach, and lettuce seeds in early September as your last crops. Pull up your hot pepper plants and hang them until the peppers are dry. (Or thread them on a string to dry.)

If you had any vegetables with fungal problems make sure that area is cleaned of all plant debris and rotate vegetable locations next year.

Mulch strawberry plants.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dig and store summer blooming bulbs, caladium and elephant's ears before frost and tuberous begonias, cannas, dahlias after the foliage is blackened by frost.

Bring in or take cuttings of annuals and tender perennials such as scented geraniums, begonia and rosemary and any annuals you want to overwinter before you have to turn on the furnace.

Take cuttings from annuals such as scented geraniums, begonias, strobilanthus, and coleus.

Collect seeds from open pollinated plants such as Kiss-me-Over-the-Garden Gate, Big Max Pumpkin, and Brandywine tomatoes.

If collecting seeds be sure to keep them dry and cool. Join a seed exchange such as Seed Savers. Contribute extra seeds to organizations such as the American Horticulture Society and the Herb Society of America.

Plant trees and shrubs now. They will have time to develop roots before winter sets in.

Fallen leaves are one of the most wasted natural resources the home gardener has. They can be used as a mulch to improve soil texture and to add nutrients. (Get some from your neighbors as well!)

Small leaves like linden or birch trees can be spread on gardens directly. Larger leaves can be shredded or run over with your lawn mower before spreading. Avoid using black walnut or butternut, as they can be toxic to many plants. Excess leaves can be composted for use next spring. They decompose faster if shredded first.

Begin bringing in houseplants that lived outdoors all summer. Wash them off with a good spray of soapy water. Check for diseases and insects before bringing them inside.

Take pictures of your gardens and notes for next year's gardens now: what worked, what didn't, what to add, remove, or move. (You think you will remember next year but you probably won't.)

Let your amaryllis bulbs begin a 2 month rest period.

Lay out thick layers of cardboard or newspaper covered with mulch over areas that will become new beds in the spring. These will smother grasses and weeds as they break down making spring efforts easier.

— Carol Ann Harlos & Lyn Chimera,
Erie County Master Gardeners

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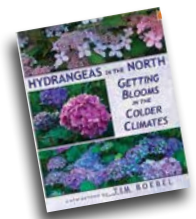


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Bringing Cycles to Light: Phenology, Gardeners, and Nature's Notebook



by Michelle Sutton

GARDENERS ON A MISSION

Phenology is a rather clinical-sounding word that describes a passionate field of study. The word comes from the Latin root “pheno,” meaning “to appear” or “to bring to light,” and it refers to the timing of seasonal changes and life cycle events in the natural world. New York Phenology Project (nyphenologyproject.org) Founder and Project Manager Kerissa Battle says, “Gardeners are intuitive phenologists—even if they don’t know it! Skilled gardeners closely track seasonal change—their success in the garden depends on it.”

“Phenophases” are distinct life cycle events; for plants, they include such things as fall color emergence, fruiting, budding, flowering, and leafing out. “When gardeners start seeds, plant, harvest, or collect seeds, they are essentially tracking phenophases in order to grow what they want,” Battle says. “Gardeners also tend to keep records year to year of when things happen in their gardens. This is the essence of tracking phenology—paying close attention to seasonal change and keeping records.”

Across the country, more than 15,000 citizen scientists are tracking phenological data for a proscribed set of plants and animals. Many of them are gardeners collecting data from plants in their own gardens; others are going to designated “phenology trails” and other sites in the community. Many of them are entering their data in an elegant national endeavor utilizing Nature’s Notebook, a data-collecting tool of USA National Phenology Network (usanpn.org).

In 2015, New York Phenology Project (NYPP) observers contributed more than 10% of the national dataset. The national total number of observations recorded in Nature’s Notebook in 2015 was 1.8 million!

The mission of Nature’s Notebook is to encourage close observation of nature, both for the joy of it and the data that results. Theresa Crimmins is assistant director at USA National Phenology Network. “As climate changes, the timing of these life cycle events also changes for many species. However, not all species are exhibiting changes, and the changes that are occurring are not all in the same direction or of the same magnitude.”



Crimmins says that the implications for this are wide-ranging and not yet completely realized, but include mismatches in the timing of open flowers and the arrival of pollinators, spread of invasive species, and changes in species ranges. “Local observations of phenology can provide critical data for scientists studying the effects of changing climate,” she says.

WHEN THE LILAC LEAVES UNFURL...

One of those data collectors is garden writer, speaker, and photographer Marie Iannotti (*gardeningthehudsonvalley.com*), whose name may sound familiar because she is the gardening expert for About.com. She has written three books, including *The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Northeast*.

Iannotti remembers getting phenology-based planting advice from an older gardener who advised her to “plant your potatoes when you spot the first dandelion.” She says, “I started poking around to see if this kind of advice was just folklore or if there was some research behind it. When I found out the research on phenology is ongoing and anyone could participate in tracking, I jumped in, and I started collecting all the tips that had



to do with gardening.”

Iannotti takes part in the New York Phenology Project through Nature’s Notebook. She says, “Tracking phenology is a great way for gardeners to get to know the cycles of nature and which things tend to occur at the same point in time. I started by tracking lilacs and know that when the lilac leaves first start to unfurl, I can plant lettuce and carrots, and when the lilac blooms, it’s safe to plant cucumbers and beans. When the forsythia blooms, I plant peas. It’s not an infallible system, but it’s a great tool for planning and for increasing your knowledge of natural phenomena. And since weather can be so variable, it’s more accurate than counting backwards from your last expected frost date.”

According to Iannotti, phenology makes us more aware of not just the changes, but also when something is wrong. For instance, why would we suddenly be seeing so many grasshoppers, or an increase in poison ivy? When should we be on the alert for Japanese beetles? When will cabbage worms be hatching, so we remember to go looking for them? “I’m also tracking my garden nemesis, the groundhog,” she says.

OPPOSITE: The timing of fall foliage color emergence is a phenophase that citizen scientists can track for Nature’s Notebook.

LEFT: Phenology aficionados track “phenophases,” like bloom time of native witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*). Photo by Michelle Sutton

RIGHT: Time of fruitset, like on this winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*), is a phenophase that is tracked by phenologists. Photo by Michelle Sutton

INSET: About.com Gardening Expert Marie Iannotti participates in phenology data collection for Nature’s Notebook and uses phenology in a variety of practical ways in her home garden. Photo courtesy Marie Iannotti

TRAILS AND SITES NEAR/BY YOU

Kerissa Battle says that one of the great things about the New York Phenology Project (NYPP) is that anyone can create a monitoring site almost anywhere. “Even if you only have space for a container garden outside of your house, or you just tag one red maple on the street in front of your house, or you get permission from the town to mark plants on your favorite local trail—you can join this effort,” she says.



Currently most monitoring sites are situated downstate. Battle would like to see more phenology trails and monitoring sites get established in central and northern New York. “Phenology data has been used mostly to monitor long-term patterns,” she says. “However, if monitoring sites are situated along a gradient—such as north to south or urban to rural—the data collected becomes relevant in the short-term as well.” How does urbanization affect the timing of flowering? Are the same pollinators being seen along an urban-rural gradient? Battle says that an array of monitoring sites that represent all of New York’s diverse ecosystems would allow these types of questions to be addressed.

In addition, central and northern New York are home to some of our State’s finest organizations and academic institutions—many of whom are already well-positioned to set up a site and engage students and the public in citizen science. “Indeed some of the most beloved nature preserves and institutions in New York are already involved—and new monitoring sites pop up every year,” Battle says.

Lime Hollow Nature Center in Cortland recently established a one-mile phenology trail with a focus on five woody plants: red maple (*Acer rubrum*), sugar maple (*A. saccharum*), American beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), and eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*). They are also tracking the wonderful herbaceous woodland forb, skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*).

The Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT), based in Ithaca, set up a phenology trail in Roy H. Park Preserve in Dryden, where they are monitoring red and sugar maple as well as black cherry (*Prunus serotina*), Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) and Eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*). They are

looking for more volunteers to get involved with this phenology trail. The FLLT has an intimate history with phenology; one of its founders and its first president was Carl Leopold, son of beloved naturalist and author Aldo Leopold, who was an avid phenology data collector.

According to the FLLT website:

While Aldo is well-known for his phenological observations at his farm and shack in Wisconsin from 1935-1948, the whole family participated in observing nature ... those observations have proved extremely important ... years later, Aldo’s children Carl and Nina used Aldo’s records to publish a study in 1999 showing that temperature-dependent phenological events are occurring earlier. In 2013, a team of researchers used those same records to publish a new study on record-breaking early flowering in 2012. Just think—the observations you contribute today could lead to an important scientific paper down the road!

A BUSTLING PLAY

Battle set up a phenology trail around her property (which includes her garden) and checks her plants nearly every day when she takes her dogs for a walk. “I get my exercise and slow down my mind while I take in everything I am observing,” she says. “It is meditative and enlivening all at the same time. What could be better?”

“Beyond the pure pleasure of phenology monitoring, you can also craft your garden or yard within the larger context of the surrounding ecosystem,” Battle says. She goes on:

You begin to notice the same pollinators on your tomatoes that you are observing on the milkweed in the field. You begin to notice that the red maples in your yard are flowering later than the red maples in town. You start wondering if the heavy fruit set on the mountain laurel near your garden is because your garden is so lush this year that native pollinators decided to nest nearby and are now pollinating everything in sight. What insects are arriving and when; what birds are hanging around your gardens; what else is in bloom near your garden that might be attracting pollinators?

Suddenly you realize that the pollinators are not just servicing your garden—you are actually feeding them. And then they are moving from your garden to the patch of wild bergamot down the road and the fertilized seeds of the wild bergamot are feeding the birds at the end of the summer, and bam! Your intentional watching has placed your garden in the center of a bustling play—with you as both actor and audience.

Battle encourages those who are interested in creating a new NYPP site—which could be in your backyard—to visit nyphenologyproject.org.

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ABOVE: Citizen scientists around New York State are collecting phenology data and entering it into Nature’s Notebook. Photo by Kerissa Battle

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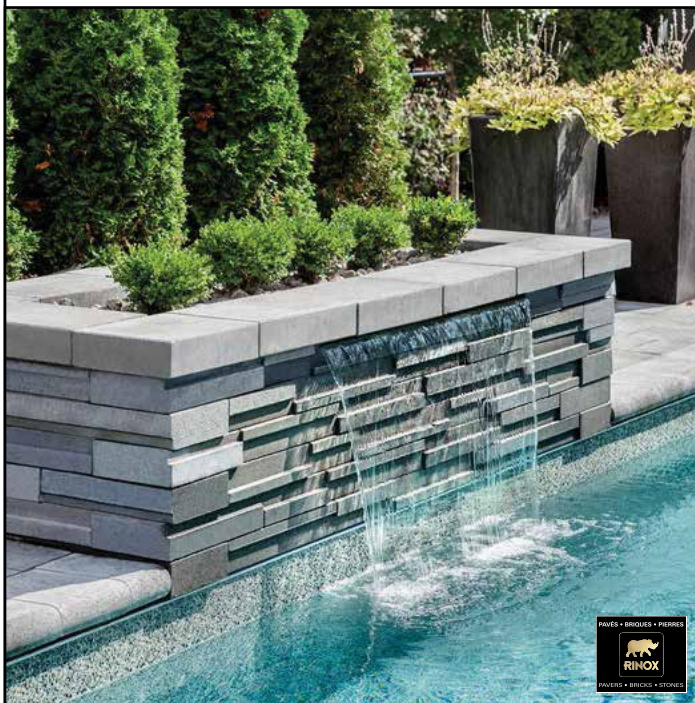


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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of Kenan Herb Club meets Monday evenings, Kenan Center for the Arts, 433 Locust Street, Lockport. Meeting dates, times and campus locations: kenancenter.org/affiliates.asp; 716/433-2617.

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

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

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

Ken-Sheriton Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7:30 pm, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 576 Delaware Road, Kenmore. Monthly programs, artistic design and horticulture displays. New members and guests welcome. *October 11: Fall & Winter Backyard Birds, presented by Danielle Pecoraro. November 8: 45 Gardening Tips in 45 Minutes, presented by Connie Oswald Stofko. 716/833-8799.*

Lancaster Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, St. John’s Lutheran Hall, 55 Pleasant Avenue, Lancaster. No meetings January, July & August. *September 14: Floral Designs for Your Enjoyment, hands-on workshop. October 12: Community Service Project. November 9: Open Show, see calendar (below). 716/685-4881.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Western New York Hosta Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. A group of hosta lovers who have come together to promote the genus hosta. *September 17: Fall Hosta Forum. 716/941-6167; h8staman@aol.com; wnyhosta.com.*

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

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

Western New York Rose Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville. *September 21: Educational Rose Show judged by Gene Noto. October 19: Gardening on a Dime with Less Time, with Lyn Chimera. 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.

CLASSES / EVENTS

• Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

Ongoing: Family Walk at Beaver Meadow, Sundays, 2 pm. Naturalist-led walk through the preserve. Donations appreciated. Registration required. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, 1610 Welch Road, North Java. 585/457-3228; buffaloaudubon.org.

Ongoing through October 2: Succulents, 10 am – 5 pm. Included with admission. **BECEBG**

September 10: Lockwood’s Fall Festival, 9 am – 5 pm. Talks, food, music, plant specials. Sign up in advance to attend two lectures, one demonstration (see below). **LOCK**

September 10: Fall Festival Lecture – Daylilies, the High-Performance Perennial, 10 am. Presented by Carol Haj. \$10 single lecture; \$25 three lectures. Registration required. **LOCK**

September 10: Fall Festival Lecture – Hydrangeas for Every Garden, 11:30 am. Presented by Joan Mariea. \$10 single lecture; \$25 three lectures. Registration required. **LOCK**

September 10: Hydrangea Wreath Workshop, 1:30 pm. \$45. Registration required. **LOCK**

September 10: Fall Festival Demonstration – Floral Artistry with Fall Flair, 2 pm. Presented by David Clark. \$10 single lecture; \$25 three lectures. Registration required. **LOCK**

September 10 – October 22: Horticulture I Certificate Series, 6 Saturdays, 11 am – 1 pm. Instructor David Clark will cover: *Botany 101, Plant Propagation, Pest Management & Disease, Shrubs & Trees, Annuals & Perennials, Garden Design.* Series: \$105 members; \$135 non-members. Single class: \$22 members; \$27 non-members. Registration required. **BECEBG**

September 12 – October 3: Intermediate Watercolor, 4 Mondays, 8:45 – 10:45 am. Taught by Joan Saba. Series: \$60 members; \$66 non-members. Single class: \$17 members; \$18 non-members. Registration required. **BECEBG**

September 14 – October 5: Drawing, 4 Wednesdays, 8:45 – 10:45 am. All skill levels welcome. Series: \$60 members; \$66 non-members. Single class: \$17 members; \$18 non-members. Registration required. **BECEBG**

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

September 17: Landscape Design, 10 am. Kathy Sokolowski will share ideas on creating an outdoor living area by adding new plantings, patios and water features to increase usable space while providing privacy, fragrance, color and sound. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 17: Woodland Scene Workshop, 10:30 am. \$35. Registration required. **LOCK**

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

LOCK: Lockwood’s Greenhouses, 4484 Clark Street, Hamburg, NY 14075. 716/649-4684; weknowplants.com.

MENNE: Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY 14228. 716/693-4444; mennenursery.com.

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

September 17: Autumn in the Garden, 1 pm. Learn how the addition of a new plant or two, along with some timely maintenance, will get the garden in shape for months to come. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 17: Bonsai for Beginners, 2 pm. Peter Martin will demonstrate how to prepare bonsai for fall and winter by pruning, re-potting and shaping along with the basics of watering and fertilizing. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 18: Dollar Day, 10 am – 5 pm. \$1 admission; members & children under 3 free. **BECBG**

September 18: Hydrangea Wreath Workshop, 1:30 pm. \$45. Registration required. **LOCK**

September 24: Trees of Reinstein Woods, 10:30 am. Free. Registration required. **REIN**

September 24: Wrap Up the Gardening Season, 10:30 am. Sally Cunningham will share helpful tips. \$10. Registration required. **LOCK**

September 24: Make & Take Terrarium, 2 pm. Make your own easy-care terrarium. Includes instruction, container, soil, 3 plants, stone and moss. Additional accents and plants available for purchase. \$30. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 24: Fall Wreath Workshop, 2 pm. \$45. Registration required. **LOCK**

September 24 – October 15: Kids Art Classes, 3 Saturdays, 9 – 10:30 am. A piece of art will be completed at each class. Ages 5-15. Series: \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Single class: \$13 members; \$15 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

September 27: Fairy Garden, 6 – 8:30 pm. Adults will create their own unique miniature garden using found and natural materials. Includes container, plants and soil. Fairy trinkets, statuary, accessories and pre-made twig furniture available for purchase. \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

September 30: Gala at the Gardens, 6 – 10 pm. Cocktail reception, silent auction, baskets, wine wall, sit down dinner, live auction and more. \$175. Reservation required. **BECBG**

October 1: Pumpkin Planter Centerpiece Workshop, 10:30 am. \$35. Registration required. **LOCK**

October 1: Woods Walk – Nature Guide's Choice, 11 am. Guided nature walk through the woods. Free. **REIN**

October 1: Make & Take Fall Container Garden, 12 pm. Discussion will cover the elements of a good container garden and combinations of plants that work well together. Participants will select the plants they wish to use to create their own container. Includes 12" pot, soil, fertilizer, a designated number of plants and instruction. \$35. Registration required. **MENNE**

October 1: Make & Take Fairy Garden, 2 pm. Create your own unique miniature garden. Includes instruction, container, soil, plants, a fairy and one fairy accessory. Additional items available for purchase. \$35. Registration required. **MENNE**

October 4 – 25: Beginner Watercolor, 4 Tuesdays, 5:30 – 8 pm. Taught by Joan Saba. Series: \$65 members; \$70 non-members. Single class: \$18 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 8: Art in Bloom – Watercolor Fall Leaves, 10 am. In this introductory class, Sherryl Perez will explain watercolor techniques, color mixing/theory, design layout and more. Participants will leave with a fully completed, matted painting. Materials included. \$30. Registration required. **MENNE**

October 8: Pumpkin Planter Centerpiece Workshop, 1:30 pm. \$35. Registration required. **LOCK**

October 12 – November 2: Drawing, 4 Wednesdays, 8:45 – 10:45 am. All skill levels welcome. Series: \$60 members; \$66 non-members. Single class: \$17 members; \$18 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 15: Woods Walk – Nature Guide's Choice, 1 pm. Guided nature walk through the woods. Free. **REIN**

October 15: Orchids 101, 2 pm. Peter Martin will demonstrate potting and pruning while discussing requirements for growing media, light and maintenance. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**

October 16: Fungi with a Fun Gal, 10 am. Learn about local fungi. Indoor presentation and guided outdoor foray. Free. Registration required. **REIN**

October 17 – November 7: Intermediate Watercolor, 4 Mondays, 8:45 – 10:45 am. Taught by Joan Saba. Series: \$60 members; \$66 non-members. Single class: \$17 members; \$18 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 20: Kokedama Hanging Gardens, 6 – 8:30 pm. Kokedama is a Japanese hanging garden that originated from bonsai styles. Arrangements are created with mosses, a packed soil mixture and string. \$45 members; \$50 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 22: Autumn Fairy Garden, 9 – 10:30 am. Kids ages 5-12 will make their own miniature garden for fairies or gnomes using found and natural materials. Parents and guardians are encouraged to work with their child. Includes container, soil and plants. Pre-made twig furniture available for purchase, \$5 for 2 pieces. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 22: Winterizing Your Landscape – An Outdoor Demonstration, 10 am. Staff members will share and demonstrate professional methods for pruning, mulching and preparing the landscape for the winter months. Learn how to protect your plants from damaging snow and ice as well as rodents, rabbits and deer. Free. Registration required. **MENNE**

October 22 – November 13: Mums, 10 am – 5 pm. Included with admission. **BECBG**

October 29: Family Indoor Worm Composting, 10:30 am. Make a wiggler worm starter kit to take home to create compost during the fall and winter for use when spring planting. Per kit: \$3 members; \$5 non-members. Registration required. **REIN**

October 29: Halloween Centerpiece, 1:30 pm. \$40. Registration required. **LOCK**

October 29 – November 19: Kids' Art Classes, 3 Saturdays, 9 – 10:30 am. A piece of art will be completed at each class. Ages 5-15. Series: \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Single class: \$13 members; \$15 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 29 – January 14: Horticulture II Certificate Series, 6 Saturdays, 11 am – 1 pm. Instructor David Clark will cover: *Soil Science for Gardeners*,

Advanced Plant Propagation, Hydroponics, Water Gardening, Practical Principles of Pruning, Intro to Landscape Design. Series: \$105 members; \$135 non-members. Single class: \$22 members; \$27 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

November 1 – December 6: Beginner Watercolor, 4 Tuesdays, 5:30 – 8 pm. Taught by Joan Saba. Series: \$65 members; \$70 non-members. Single class: \$18 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

November 5: Woods Walk – Nature Guide's Choice, 11 am. Guided nature walk through the woods. Free. **REIN**

November 9: Lancaster Garden Club Open Show, 7 pm. Program presented by Cheryl Gicewicz from Flowers by Nature. Chinese auction, food & door prizes. \$10. Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway, Lancaster. 716/685-4881.

November 9 – December 7: Drawing, 4 Wednesdays, 8:45 – 10:45 am. All skill levels welcome. Series: \$60 members; \$66 non-members. Single class: \$17 members; \$18 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

November 12: Lockwood's Open House, 9 am – 3 pm. **LOCK**

November 12: Nature's Gathering – An Evening of Art, Wine & Cheese, 5 – 8 pm. Enjoy regional wines, craft beer and hors d'oeuvres. Shop Western New York artisans' nature-themed artwork and specialty items. Proceeds benefit Friends of Reinstein Woods. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga. Reservations required. **REIN**

November 12 – 13: Orchid Show, Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm. Presented by Niagara Frontier Orchid Society & Mid-American Orchid Congress. Vendors and judged displays. Included with admission. Fall conference international speakers, November 12, \$25 all-day pass. **BECBG**

November 14 – December 12: Intermediate Watercolor, 4 Mondays, 8:45 – 10:45 am. Taught by Joan Saba. Series: \$60 members; \$66 non-members. Single class: \$17 members; \$18 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

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November 22: Fresh Thanksgiving Arrangement, 6 – 8 pm. Create your own arrangement for the holiday. \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

ITHACA

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

Adirondack Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (ACNARGS) meets the third Saturday of the month (except in summer) at 1 pm, Whetzel Room, 404 Plant Science Building, Cornell University, Ithaca. Meetings are open to all. *September 17: Seeing Flowers, Teri Dunn Chace, based on her book. October 15: Pocket Gardens/Pocket Ponds, Jill M. Nicolaus. November 12: Primroses, Elizabeth Lawson. 607/269-7070; acnargs.org; facebook.com/acnargs.*

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

Windsor NY Garden Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10 am, members' homes or Windsors 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.

CP: Cornell Plantations, 1 Plantations Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Inquire ahead for meeting locations. 607/255-2400; cornellplantations.org.

CLASSES / EVENTS

• Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

Ongoing through September 25: Garden Explorations, Saturdays & Sundays, 2 pm. Guided tour of the Botanical gardens. Content will vary week to week depending on what is in bloom and interests of the group. Rain or shine. Free to members & Cornell students; \$5 non-members. **CP**

September 13 – 27: Advanced Compost Series, 3 Tuesdays, 6 – 7:30 pm. Series will cover the composting process, testing and use, troubleshooting and advanced techniques. \$5 single session; \$10 series. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

September 21: Seed Saving 101, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Participants will collect different types of vegetable and flower seeds from the CCE gardens then learn to clean them using different techniques and tools. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

September 24: Compost with Confidence – Indoor Composting, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Master Composters will explain how to maintain an indoor bin using a double bin/stealth system. Free. Ithaca Community Gardens, Compost Demo Site, Ithaca. **CCE/TOM**

September 28: Lecture Series: Planting in a Post-Wild World, 7:30 pm. Speaker: Claudia West. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CP**

October 5: Fall Propagation of Fruit and Nut Trees, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Sean Dembrosky of Edible Acres will demonstrate techniques such as stratifying seeds of a variety of fruit and nut trees and striking cuttings from fruit bushes. Participants will be able to take home seeds and cuttings. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 14: Lecture Series: The Wayfinders – Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in a Modern World, 7:30 pm. Speaker: Wade Davis. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CP**

October 17: Spring Bulbs – Three Months of Bloom, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn about various bulb varieties, planting and growing tips and suggestions for use in the landscape. Demonstration of potting up bulbs for forcing. Handouts will include a list of deer-resistant bulbs and information on forcing bulbs for indoor bloom. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 19: Introduction to Home Cidermaking, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn about blending different apple varieties for flavor, equipment needed for pressing, fermentation, sanitation, yeast, bottling and other details to get you started with making your own hard cider. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 26: Lecture Series: Bread, Wine, Chocolate – Saving and Savoring our Favorite Endangered Foods, 7:30 pm. Speaker: Simran Sethi. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CP**

October 27: Getting Your Landscape Ready for Winter, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Class will cover timing and how-to for cutting back, mulching, watering, providing protection from deer and rodents, cleaning up the vegetable garden and other seasonal tasks. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 29: Compost with Confidence – Winter Composting, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Master Composter volunteers will provide information & hands-on demonstrations. Free. Ithaca Community Gardens, Compost Demo Site, Ithaca. **CCE/TOM**

November 2: Rainwater Harvesting, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Sean Dembrosky of Edible Acres will discuss sourcing and placement of containers, connecting multiple containers in series, techniques for designing overflow systems and farming techniques that complement erratic rainfall and turbulent growing seasons. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

November 2: Lecture Series: It's for the Birds, 7:30 pm. Speaker: Doug Tallamy. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CP**

November 5: Indoor Composting, 10 am – 12 pm. Learn about vermicomposting, an indoor composting system using a worm bin. Participants will go home with a working worm bin. \$10 per household. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

November 7: Deer-Resistant Ornamental Plants for Your Garden, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn about easy-to-grow deer-resistant plants - including flowers, shrubs and trees - as well as fencing and repellents. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **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 – June, at 7 pm, St. John's Home, 150 Highland Avenue, Rochester. All are welcome.

October 5: How to Grow African Violets for Show.
November 2: What is a Gesneriad? Stacey Davis, 585/426-5665; stacey.davis@rit.edu.

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

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

Blue Belles & Beaus Garden Club (formerly Valentown Garden Club) meets the third Tuesday of each month. Victor. Contact Pat Bartholomew; 585/869-5062.

Bonsai Society of Upstate New York meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Brighton Town Park Lodge, Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester. 585/334-2595; 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 Brighton Town Hall, Door 9, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, on the first Monday following the first Sunday of each month (dates sometimes vary due to holidays, etc.). GROS is an affiliate of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and Orchid Digest Corporation. *October 3: Orchid Plant Auction, see calendar (below).* 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; sebukner@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.

Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS) meets Sundays at 2 pm, dates vary, St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Avenue, Honeoye Falls. *October 9: Annual Business Meeting & Review of American Iris Society 2016 Convention.* Public welcome. 585/266-0302; thehutchings@mac.com.

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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. *September 17: Rose Show, see calendar (below).* *October 1: Winterizing Your Roses, 10 am, Maplewood Garden.* 585/694-8430; 585/621-1115; rochrosesociety@gmail.com; Facebook.

Henrietta Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except May-August & December) at 6:30 pm, Main Meeting Room, Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Road, Henrietta. Guests welcome. *October 12: Rare and Unusual Perennials, with Michael Hannen.* *November 9: Flower Wisdom – What Flowers Can Teach Us, with Charlotte Clarke.* 585/889-1547; henriettagardenclub@gmail.com; henriettagardenclub.org.

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

Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 meets the third Thursday of each month (except December and February) at 10 am, First Baptist Church, Hubbell Hall, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. *October 7: Exhibit & Demonstrations, see calendar (below).* *October 15 – 16: Exhibit & Demonstrations, see calendar (below).* *November 17: Demonstration by Saskia Eller, Ohara School of Ikebana.* \$5 guest; \$3 audit. 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. *September 17: Dahlia Show, 1 – 5 pm, see calendar (below).* 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 the month, except January, at 7 pm in East Irondequoit. Some meetings feature speakers others are visits to local gardens or special events. Members receive a monthly newsletter. All are welcome. Contact Suzanne Flanigan: 585/544-1356; sflaniga192@gmail.com.

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

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

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

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

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

CLASSES / EVENTS

• Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

September 14: Succulents & Common Houseplants Workshop, 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Master Gardeners Carol Sitarski and Barb Null will discuss how easy it is to grow and propagate indoor plants with virtually no insects or diseases to worry about. \$10. Registration required. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Belmont Office, 5435A County Road 48, Belmont. 585/268-7644 x12; cc746@cornell.edu.

September 15: Sogetsu Ikebana Demonstration & Workshop, Demonstration, 10 am; Workshop, 1 pm. Sogetsu Ikebana is a sculptural composition of flowers and plant material arranged uniquely in a container. Hosted by Ikebana International Chapter 53, acclaimed Japanese floral designer Kaye Vosburgh will present this day-long event. First Baptist Church, Hubbell Hall, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. \$10 demonstration; \$20 workshop; \$25 both. Registration required. 607/368-5713; rochesterikebana@gmail.com.

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

September 17: Dahlia Show, 1 – 5 pm. Floral arrangements for sale: Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 1 pm. Free. The Garden Factory, 2126 Buffalo Road, Rochester. 585/247-6236.

September 17: Rose Show, 1:30 – 4 pm. Presented by the Greater Rochester Rose Society. Irondequoit Public Library, 1290 Titus Avenue, Rochester.

September 20: Tour RMSC's Regional Green Infrastructure Showcase, 6 pm. New features at the Museum include rain gardens, rain barrels, bioretention areas, porous pavers, porous asphalt and a new educational pavilion with a green roof, a large, water-themed glass sculpture and exhibits

on green infrastructure. The tour, led by local experts, will explore the new infrastructure and gardens, discussing how this project functions to help improve local water quality. Free. Registration required. **RCGC**

September 20 – October 6: Basic Professional Floral Design Certificate, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 – 9 pm. Instructor Alana Miller will guide students through the basic principles and techniques of floral design. Each class 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**

September 22 – December 8: Botanical Drawing, 8 Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Deb Ver Hulst-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 plants and flowers. Class will explore the use of graphite pencils with colored pencil added to give depth and definition to drawings. No previous experience needed. \$99 members; \$120 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

September 23 – November 11: Botanical Drawing, 6 Fridays, 9 am – 12 pm. See description under September 22. \$99 members; \$120 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

September 28: Visit Rochester's Castle, 5:30 – 7 pm. Enjoy refreshments and guided tours of the gardens and the interior of Warner Castle, home of the Rochester Civic Garden Center. Peruse the horticultural library and stroll the newly renovated border gardens which have been reestablished to their original style with refurbished lawn, fencing and trellises. \$12. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 3: Orchid Plant Auction, Preview, 6 – 7 pm; Auction, 7 pm. Presented by Genesee Region Orchid Society. Open to the public. Brighton Town Hall, Lower Level, Door 9, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester. geneseeorchid.org.

October 4: Garden Talk – Winter Bird Feeding, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**

October 7: Ikebana Exhibit & Demonstrations, 10 am – 12 pm. Presented by Rochester Chapter of Ikebana International. George Eastman House, 900 East Avenue, Rochester. ikebanarochester.org.

October 8: Fall is a Great Time for Propagating, 10 am – 1 pm. Michael Hannen will discuss which plants to divide now and how to handle them for fall or spring planting, either in the ground or in pots. He will also demonstrate how to collect viable seed and winter-sow it for spring seedlings. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 8: Fall Gardening Symposium, 10 am – 5 pm. Keynote Speaker Dr. Allan Armitage. \$75 members; \$85 non-members. Registration required. Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, 151 Charlotte Street, Canandaigua. 585/394-4922; sonnenberg.org.

October 9: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. Guided tour of historic park conducted by Community Forester Volunteers. Be prepared to traverse moderate hills and wooded trails. Meet: kiosk on Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

October 13: Soirée – A Pastoral Retreat in Pittsford, 5:30 – 7 pm. This former dairy farm's property is defined by mature trees and the formal lines of hedges of boxwood, privet and hornbeam. Garden designer Nellie Gardner has developed the gardens to suit the tastes of the owners with an herb garden, vegetable garden, large pond and naturalistic plantings with fragrance, texture, form and color. \$12. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 15 – 16: Ikebana Exhibit & Demonstrations, Saturday, 10 am – 9 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Barnes & Noble Community Room, Pittsford Plaza, 3349 Monroe Avenue, Rochester.ikebanarochester.org.

October 16: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. See description under October 9. Meet: kiosk on Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

October 18: Preparing for Winter with an Organic Approach, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Rick Stecher, NOFA-certified Organic Landscape Specialist, will discuss fall fertilization, composting, mulching, pruning, general cleanup, wind breaks, wraps, covers, cages and a bit of plant physiology related to how plants survive the dormant season. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 19: Fall Pruning of Woody Plants, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Emily Lidie of Arbour Barber will demonstrate selective pruning techniques that can be used to save shrubs that have been subjected to annual shearing, how to reduce the size of overgrown shrubs, how to prune specialty ornamentals and common issues regarding the pruning and maintenance of large trees. Students will have the opportunity to do some pruning with instructor feedback. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 19 – November 30: Sumi-e, the Art of Japanese Brush Painting, 6 Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Dennis Burns will introduce students to the use of Oriental tools and approaches, including control of the brush, use of the ink and simplicity as a form of beauty. Skills will be learned and incorporated with repetition and gradual progress. Entry-level course for those who have never experienced Japanese-style brush and ink painting, as well as for those who would like an opportunity to continue the art form. \$80 members; \$95 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 20: Introduction to Flower Preparation for Design Work, 7 – 9 pm. In this workshop with floral designer Alana Miller students will learn how to prepare and stabilize fresh flowers, as well as dried and silk, and gain hands-on experience in wiring and taping. Materials included. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 21: Dinner Lecture: Landscaping with a Purpose – Creating Parks in our Back Yards, 5:45 – 8:30 pm. Laurie Broccolo will share her experiences as an environmentalist and professional landscaper as she talks about future trends in landscaping. In this slide-presentation she will show ways to help save pollinators and bring nature close using native plantings and techniques such as rain gardens and mini meadows. \$30. Registration required by October 18. **RCGC**

October 22: Intermediate Professional Floral Design Certificate – Bouquets, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Styles covered 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**

October 22: Putting the Garden to Bed, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. In this outdoor demonstration class Christine Froehlich will cover what and how to divide in the fall, cutting back, what to leave up for winter interest and wildlife, fertilization, recordkeeping, cleaning and putting away tools and equipment. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 23: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. See description under October 9. Meet: kiosk on Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

October 26: Putting the Garden to Bed, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. See description under October 22. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

• **October 30: Haunted Garden Stroll,** Family-friendly event through the grounds and gardens. Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, 151 Charlotte Street, Canandaigua. 585/394-4922; sonnenberg.org.

October 30: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. See description under October 9. Meet: kiosk on Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

November 1: Garden Talk – Holiday Swag Demonstration, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Demonstration on how to make a swag decoration using materials from the garden. Bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**

November 5 – 6: Holiday Sale, 9 am – 5 pm. Seasonal floral arrangements and wreaths, fully decorated holiday trees from tabletop to 6.5', swags, centerpieces and more in all styles and color schemes all created by the RCGC floral design team. The work of several local artists will also be featured. Open to the public. Free. **RCGC**

November 9 & 16: Workshop – Landscape Drawing Made Easy, a Step-by-Step Plan for Success, 6 – 8 pm. Garden designer Christine Froehlich will demonstrate easy, step-by-step methods in this two-part workshop. Part one will focus on evaluating the site, soil, style of house, etc., to create a preliminary design based on basic shapes and plants that will be most effective. In the second session participants will learn to calculate the number of plants needed, the best varieties to choose from and how to put them all together. \$40 members; \$50 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 12: Advanced Professional Floral Design Certificate – Sympathy Arrangements, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Instructor Alana Miller will focus on free-standing easel sprays, large one-sided arrangements for visitation and altar, religious and theme wreaths. Students will take home all arrangements created during class. Prerequisite: *Intermediate Professional Floral Design Program* or floral shop experience. \$150 members; \$225 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 15: Health from Your Garden, 6:30 – 8 pm. Bonnie Bullivant, retired family nurse-practitioner, will highlight plants that have been shown to be safe and effective in university and National

Institute of Health research trials and will also talk about commonly available plant remedies which are ineffective or dangerous. Participants will take home seeds of some of the perennials and annuals discussed plus handouts of medicinal plants and sources which can be used to verify safety and benefits. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

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.

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

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

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

Habitat Gardening Club of CNY (HGCNY) meets the last Sunday of most months at 2 pm, Liverpool Public Library. HGCNY is a chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes; for-wild.org. Meetings are free and open to the public. *October 2: Tree Committees in Your Town. November 6: A Viewing of the Movie "Hometown Habitat."* 315/487-5742; hgcny.org.

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

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

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

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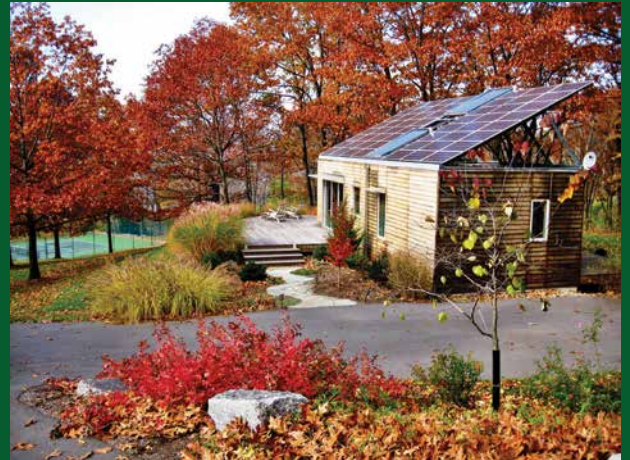


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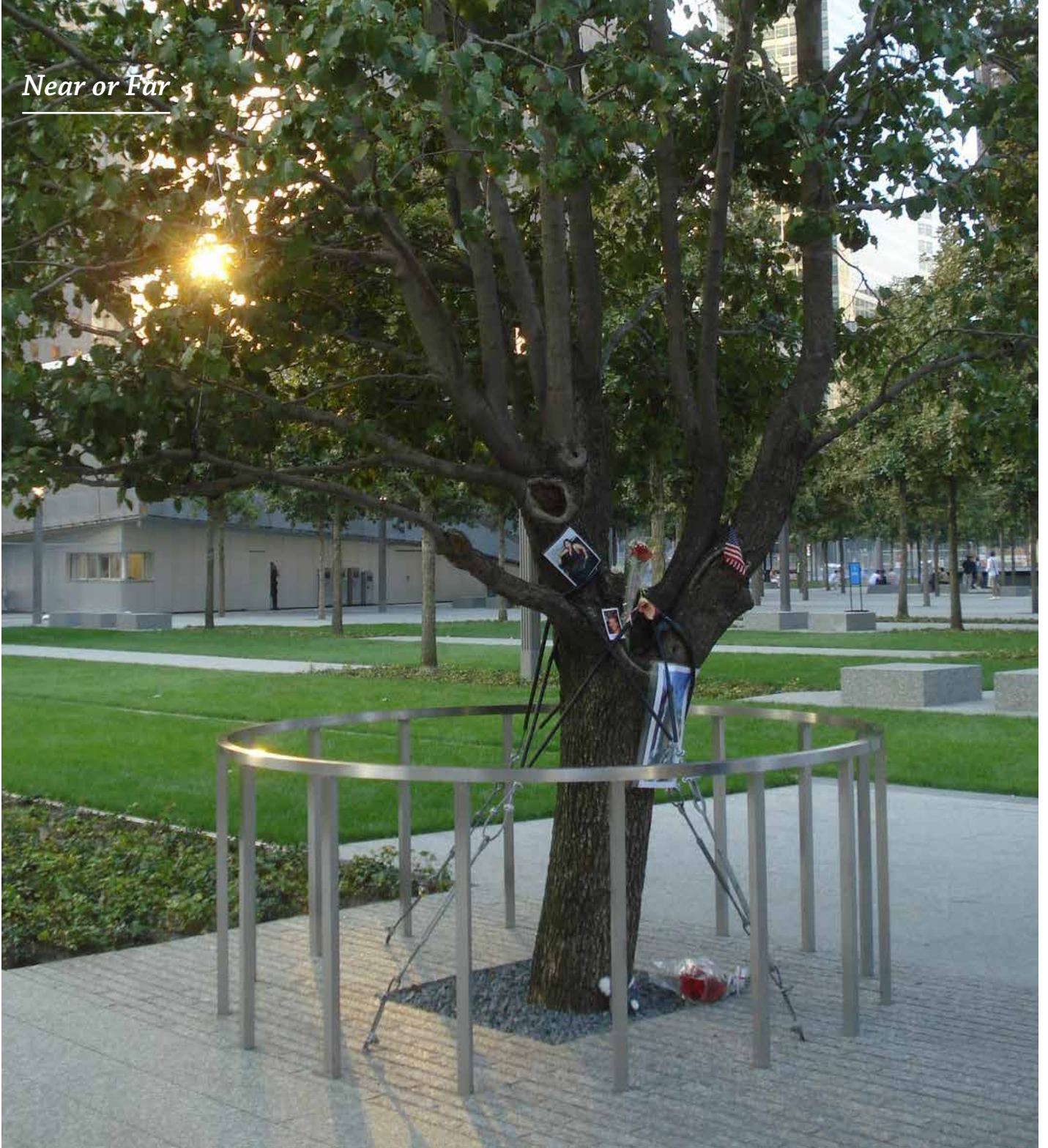
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Location: National September 11 Memorial & Museum

Name: Survivor Tree (note: there is a tree of the same name that survived the 1995 Oklahoma City's bombing)

Genus/species: *Pyrus Calleryana*

Common name: Callery Pear

Age: Unknown, but it has been part of the memorial since December 2010

Submitted by: Joshua Ingrowski

Joshua says: Pulled from the rumble of Ground Zero, this tree was merely a charred stump with little life left in it. The tree was rescued and nursed back to health for over nine years. Once the director of design and construction at the memorial tracked down the tree at the Parks Department nursery in the Bronx, he and the horticulturist who cared for the tree planned its return. There is a short documentary titled "The Tree That Will Not Be Broken" chronicling the journey of the tree—very powerful!

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Summer Squash "Pasta" with Green Goddess Dressing

Yield: 4 servings



2 lbs. mixed summer squash
1 tsp. sea salt
½ cup plain whole milk greek yogurt
3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
⅓ cup fresh chopped basil, plus more for garnish
3 Tbsp. fresh chopped parsley
3 Tbsp. fresh chopped chives

2 Tbsp. fresh chopped tarragon
1 small garlic clove
1 anchovy (minced) OR 1 Tbsp. drained capers
¼ cup shaved parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish
¼ cup toasted pinenuts
fresh ground pepper

1. Cut the squash into thin strips using a julienne peeler or spiralizer. Sprinkle the squash with salt, toss gently, and place in a colander to drain for 20 minutes. Carefully squeeze the squash over the colander to release excess liquid and pat dry with a clean kitchen towel.
2. In a food processor or blender, combine the yogurt, olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, basil, parsley, chives, tarragon, garlic and anchovy or capers and blend until smooth.
3. Toss the drained squash with the parmesan, pinenuts and desired amount of dressing.
4. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with more parmesan, pinenuts and basil and serve immediately.

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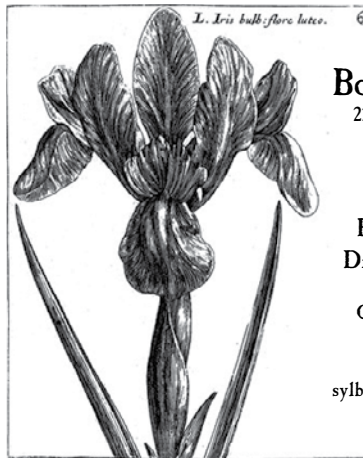
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Potted Bench

by Cathy Monrad

Looking for a place to sit down and read the latest *Upstate Gardeners' Journal*? This bench design I saw online and updated is suitable for placing on a deck/patio or on the ground. Don't let this project intimidate you; while a bit labor intensive, it's not complicated to build. A helper and access to the power tools listed are must-haves to complete this project.

Before building, you must choose planters for the bench seat to rest on. The pots should be sturdy, thick-walled and wide-lipped; see the materials list for height and width dimensions. High-fired, glazed ceramic planters are best, although I found two hexagonal pots made of an extremely heavy molded material that is neither plastic nor resin.

After bench is built and in use, periodically inspect pots for cracks as a safety precaution.

A special thanks to Woodcraft Supply, LLC. for supplying the beautiful cypress lumber used for this project. Also, a big shout out to my father, Leon Mundt, whose knowledge and craftsmanship were essential to make a sketch into reality. Thanks Dad—you're the best!

TOOLS

Power saw
Electric drill and bits
Tape measure
Pencil
Electric sander
Router (optional)
Paintbrush

MATERIALS

Two sturdy matching planters, 18-20 inches tall, width of outside edge no more than 18¾ inches and no less than 18 inches
2x6 dimensional lumber like redwood, cedar or cypress, cut to these lengths:
A. Two 95½ inches
B. Seven 19 inches
C. Two 96 inches
D. Four 12 inches
E. Two 48½ inches
2 pounds of 3-inch stainless steel deck screws
Medium-grit sandpaper
Deck stain/sealer

1. Using saw, cut lumber to lengths noted in materials list.
2. Layout frame boards (A & B) on a flat surface as shown in Diagram 1.
3. Measure, mark and pre-drill holes as shown by black dots in Diagram 2. Attach frame together with screws, countersinking them.
4. Sand the frame.
5. Referring to Diagram 3, place outside seat boards (C & D) on the frame (boards overhang outside edge ¼ inch; space between boards is ¼ inch). Measure, mark and pre-drill holes, then attach boards to frame with screws, countersinking them.
6. Place inside seat pieces (E) on frame using measurements as shown in Diagram 3 with ¼ inch space in between boards. Measure, mark and pre-drill holes, then attach boards to frame with screws, countersinking them.
7. Sand the seat top. *Optional: use a router to round the outside edges before sanding.*
8. Using paintbrush, seal the wood with a deck stain/sealer. Let dry according to manufacturer instructions.
9. Place the pots in their desired location and position bench top. Fill planters as desired.

Diagram Key: 2x6 board lengths

- A** 95½ inches (2 boards)
- B** 19 inches (7 boards)
- C** 96 inches (2 boards)
- D** 12 inches (4 boards)
- E** 48½ inches (2 boards)

Diagram 1 (overhead view of bench frame; not to scale)

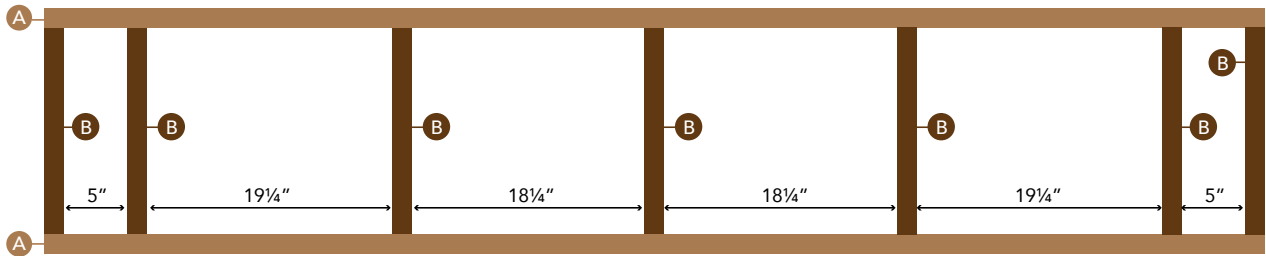


Diagram 2 (side view of "A", bench frame front and back; not to scale)

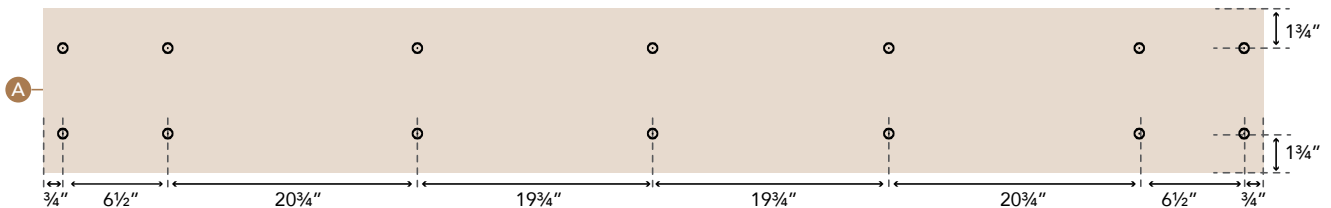
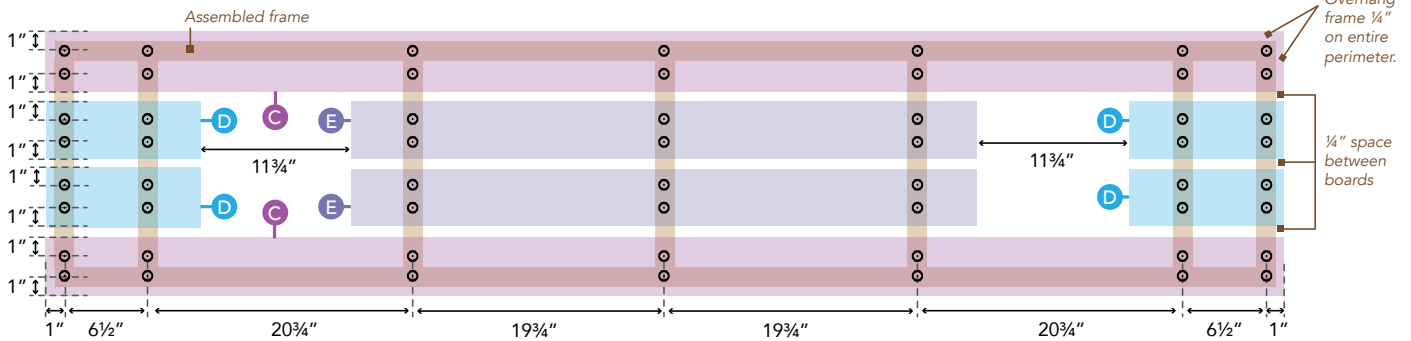


Diagram 3 (overhead view of seat boards; not to scale)



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Fall Birding News

by *Liz Magnanti*

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As the days grow shorter and the temperatures begin to subside, birds are preparing for the winter months ahead. You may have noticed an abundance of birds recently at your feeders. Some of these birds are nestlings that have recently fledged. They usually appear clumsy, not sure about how to land on the feeder. Their feathers are ruffled, not yet in their adult plumage and sometimes they still accompany their parents, begging to be fed an easy meal. Goldfinches are a good example as they nest late in the season and their young will be some of the last fledglings you will see at your feeders.

The first year is the toughest for fledglings as they learn to find their own food and avoid predators. Some of these young will also migrate south for the winter. In order to make the journey successfully, they must store up enough fat to make the trip. If you are currently seeing flocks of grackles and red-winged blackbirds gorging themselves at your feeders, this is almost certainly the reason why. In contrast, hummingbirds will continue to visit feeders through the end of September. Their breeding range stretches north into Canada and as those hummingbirds travel south through our area, they will visit feeders like yours along the way.

That said; don't ever be concerned about over-feeding this time of year. Keeping seed and nectar feeders out will not stop birds from migrating. Feeders are only a small supplement to their natural diets. Birds use light cues as a signal for when to migrate, and feeders can actually be important stopover sites for them, an important place to rest and refuel for their continued journey.

For the many birds that stay here all year, fall is an important time for scouting out food sources. Nuthatches and Blue jays are often seen taking seeds from feeders only to cache them away under leaves or in the bark of trees. They will seek out the cached food again once the natural food supply becomes scarce in winter. As temperatures fall and insect populations start to decrease birds will begin to switch their diet to mostly seeds and fruits. The colder the temperatures get the more you will find birds going to suet feeders to get the fat they need to keep their body temperatures warm.

So what does all this mean for you? It means that now is a great time to check feeders for wear. Make sure they are clean and the seed inside them is fresh. Most feeders can be taken apart for cleaning and should be cleaned thoroughly twice a year. Any mold or seed buildup in the feeder can be harmful to birds so maintenance is a must. Feeders can be cleaned in hot water with dish soap. Dunk them in a light bleach solution of 10 parts water 1 part bleach and rinse well. Once dry they can go back out for the birds to enjoy. Keeping your feeders clean and seed fresh is the key to having birds flock to your feeders all year long!

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