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Joys & Responsibilities

Let's talk about the joy part first... the joy of all things plant and gardening related have been a pretty big part of all of our lives the past few weeks. The emotion is present in every smile we see throughout the months of spring, as we gather, plan, and dream of the garden we are about to create. Be it vegetable, perennial, or tree, it is in our DNA to plant.

This joy burns hot and fast and before you know it, the days turn over to summer. The best laid plans of mice and men as they say, are turning the corner to the responsibility portion of the dream.

Now, is the time when all garden center owners hope they have done their job well; selling you the right plant for the right spot, giving you all you need to keep your dream alive. But now, the responsibility lies with you. We need you to nurture your dream for the next few months with plenty of water, weeding, fertilizing... whatever your dream needs; it has to come from you to keep it going.

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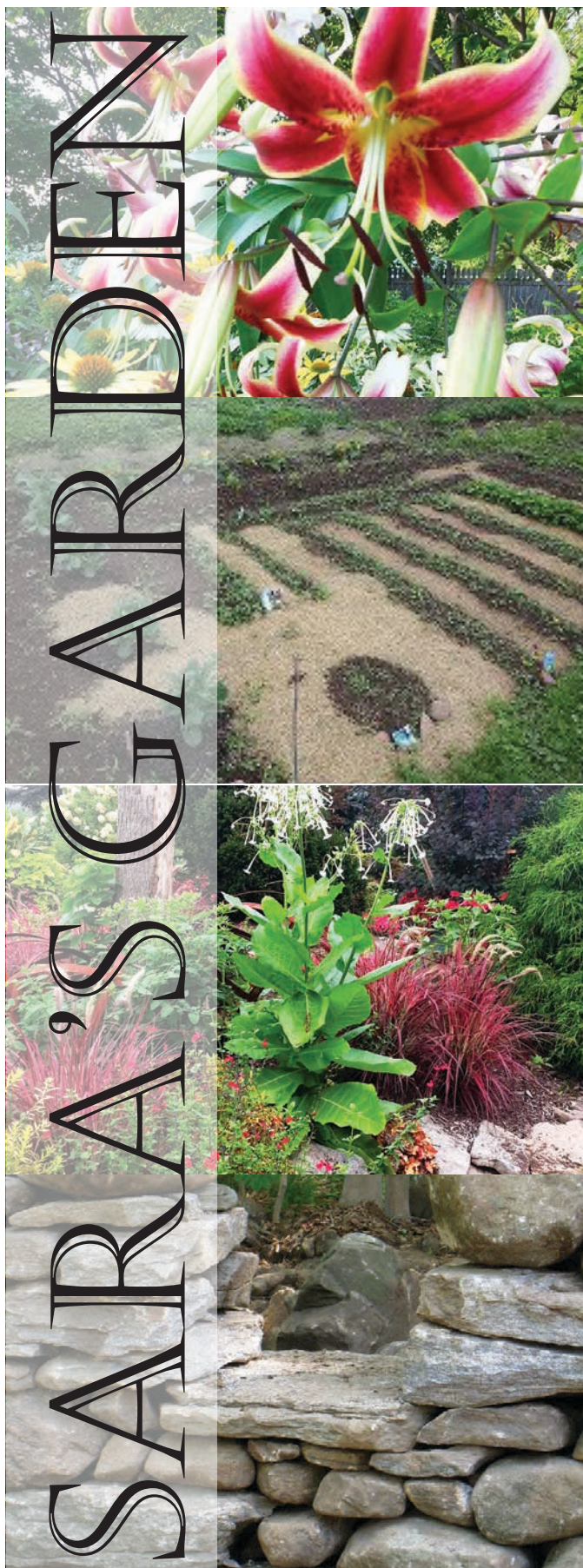
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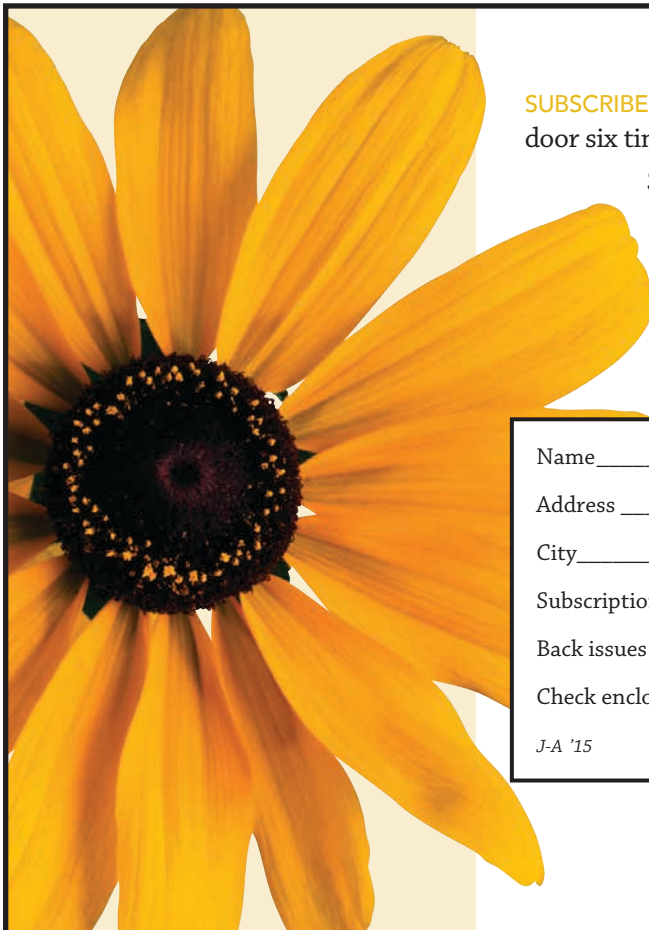
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This spring has brought me an exciting new challenge, one that means I won't be spending as much time on the *Upstate Gardeners' Journal* as I have in the past. But not to worry—The *UGJ* will continue to provide you with the very best in regional gardening news and information six times a year with the help of our talented staff, including our new Associate Publisher, Megan Marsocci.

Megan grew up in the green industry, so she comes with an insider's perspective, and has worked extensively in communications. We are delighted to have her.

You'll be delighted to know her, too. Please email Megan at megan@upstategardenersjournal.com and welcome her to the team!



TOP: Megan Marsocci

BOTTOM: Jane Milliman



Do you recognize this plant? It was first discovered growing wild in a forest in Germany.

The first person to answer correctly, genus and species please, will win an Upstate Gardeners' Journal mug! Please call **585/301-7181** or email **megan@upstategardenersjournal.com** to guess. We will accept guesses starting **July 15, 2015**, in order to give everyone a fair chance. Good luck!

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The Artful Gardener

Jean Westcott:
A horticulturist, garden
designer, and animal-
loving T'ai Chi instructor
embraces retail



by Michelle Sutton

Jean Westcott, owner of The Artful Gardener in Rochester's South Wedge neighborhood, has been designing gardens for more than 30 years. She earned a degree in Horticulture and Landscape Design from Temple University (1985) and a degree in Landscape Architecture from Rutgers University (1992). She is a recipient of the ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) Honor Award for Excellence. "Every project gives me the opportunity to help someone have the oasis of their dreams, no matter how large or small," she says.

How did this horticulturist and garden designer come to transform the once-dilapidated building at 727 Mount Hope Ave into The Artful Gardener, a store featuring home and garden accents by regional artists? How does the store connect to animal rescue, and what is T'ai Chi's role in bringing Westcott to Rochester?

From Zinnia Seeds to Landscape Architecture

The journey started when Westcott started gardening at the age of five, planting zinnia seeds with her mom and grandmother on Long Island. When she was ten, her family moved to Clinton, New Jersey. "It was still rural then," she says. "I fished on the Raritan River and wandered through the woods, learning the wildflowers. Every job I had as a youth was outside, working in gardens and on commercial grounds."

She also had a talent for playing the French horn

and her first major at Temple University was music. Two weeks before her junior year, she walked into the music department and was flooded with a feeling of "This is not right." Westcott called her boss at the time, head of grounds for a retail chain, and asked, "Is there such a thing as someone who designs these things?" He said yes, and she felt the gears click into place. "I always liked arranging things in the garden," she says. Temple happened to have a horticulture and landscape design department, so she made a fortuitous field adjustment.

After graduation she worked for seven years as a designer for a series of landscape companies and garden centers, but she started to feel limited by not having studied the civil engineering side of things. She says, "I knew plants, but I wanted the landscape architecture training, which includes civil engineering, so that I could go into a project and design everything except the house itself."

After she earned her LA degree, Westcott was hired by a firm called Manheimer Hertzog Horticultural Services in northern New Jersey. She says, "Other than working for myself, that was the best job I've ever had. They were a company where we designed, installed, and maintained fine gardens for clients who deeply appreciated them. Being able to stay with these gardens for years, and help them become what the vision was for them, was wonderful."

RIGHT: Westcott fell in love with the building at 727 Mount Hope Ave in Rochester and renovated it to create The Artful Gardener. Photo by Jean Westcott



That's also where Westcott connected with Irish stonemason and design/build firm owner Joe Slattery, whom she teamed up with when she started her own firm, Jean Zimmermann Garden Design, in 2002. "Joe installed every job better than I could have imagined or envisioned."

Slattery says, "Jean turns otherwise mundane spaces into something of great beauty. She is unique among LAs and designers in that she really knows her plant material—especially her use of unusual perennials. Jean can sketch a landscape view in such detail that it looks like a black-and-white photograph, and she does it so fast and with seemingly so little effort that it's clear she is also an artist at heart and that landscape design must be another way to express that."

Upstate Bound

Westcott moved to Rochester in 2006 to be with her future husband Mark Westcott, because his work as an optical engineer at Corning Advanced Optics in Fairport wasn't portable, but her work was. When they started dating in 2005, they had known each other for seven years through T'ai Chi. They share the same teacher, Maggie Newman, who is New York City- and Philadelphia-based. Every summer, Newman teaches a T'ai Chi camp at Keuka College administered by Mark. Jean says, "Mark and I would see each other every year for camp and sometimes in NYC at workshops, and at some point it was like, 'huh!'"



When she first moved to Rochester, Westcott commuted back to New Jersey every five weeks to meet with clients, and she still does some design work in the region, with installations handled by Slattery. Over time, she has built a clientele in greater Rochester. Joan Gaylord of Spencerport has been working with Westcott since 2009, when Gaylord and her husband purchased a home that came with extensive gardens.

Gaylord says, "Jean carefully considered my taste both outdoors and indoors. She came up with a design that incorporated my favorite plants and then worked with me all along the way as I took out the old and put in the new. Those design blueprints are very precise and are striking works of art themselves. I have learned an enormous amount from Jean."

Gaylord is also a regular at The Artful Gardener, which she describes as being laid out like a series of garden rooms that you are pulled through as if on a garden path, with unexpected hidden areas and discoveries around each corner.

She says, "There's always something new or a new artist or new technique that catches my eye. Also I go there because it's a peaceful place to be. In the back Jean's got a sculpture garden that I love to walk through. She's created a wonderful oasis in the city."

Westcott says The Artful Gardener chapter of her life was unexpected. She drove by the little building almost every day for three years. "I could see how sweet the

ABOVE: Use of a container as the focal point at the center of a cottage garden, Montgomery County, PA. Photo by Jean Westcott

INSET: Jean Westcott photo by Stephen S. Reardon Photography



LEFT: Colonial-style entry garden with a traditional four-square layout in Bucks County, PA. Photo by Jean Westcott

RIGHT: Garden visitor in Rochester, NY. Photo by Jean Westcott



building was and thought, 'I really wish someone would do something with that.' And then a giant 'For Sale' sign appeared in the window. I couldn't stop thinking about it. I didn't have the slightest idea what I'd do with it, but I called my realtor, who said it was under agreement. I thought well ok, it wasn't meant to be ... and went on vacation for a week. When I came back, there was a message in my inbox saying the agreement fell through. I just knew that fixing up this 'old lady' was what I was supposed to do next."

It was Slattery who put the idea of a "shop where you sell cool stuff for the garden" into Westcott's head. For months she worked with businessman and volunteer Norm Karsten of the Geneseo Small Business Development Center on a business plan. "He's been such a great advisor to me and many other businesses in the South Wedge Neighborhood," she says. In creating and operating The Artful Gardener, any skill Westcott has picked up over the years, no matter how insignificant she thought it was at the time, comes into play.

Westcott is pleased that The Artful Gardener is located in Rochester's Ellwanger and Barry neighborhood, which is of horticultural significance locally and nationally. "I wouldn't have decided to have a store anyplace else," she says. "It's magical here." The Westcotts live just two blocks away from the store and walk the area all the time. When Jean first walked through Highland Park, she couldn't believe the diversity and maturity of the plants she was seeing. She says, "When you know plants, and you walk through an arboretum like that, and it's that extensive—it makes quite an impression."

T'ai Chi and Animal Rescue

Mark and Jean Westcott's T'ai Chi teacher Maggie Newman is 91 and still teaching in New York City, but in 1982 she decided to turn her Rochester school over to Mark, who named it Great Lake T'ai Chi Ch'uan. There, Jean teaches three classes on Monday evenings, in

beginner and ongoing advanced push hands T'ai Chi and sword fencing. Mark teaches beginner and intermediate classes on Wednesday evenings. Great Lake T'ai Chi Ch'uan is located in the Genesee Center for the Arts on Monroe Ave and shares space with Molly's Yoga Corner.

Mark and Jean were married by Newman, who is one of just six original students of Professor Cheng Man Ch'ing who brought T'ai Chi to the U.S. in the 1950s. Jean says that it is his form that they study, and since Maggie is their primary teacher, it's as close as they can get to learning from Professor Ch'ing, which is an honor.

The Artful Gardener is a venue that supports another of Westcott's passions. "I really love animals," she says. "I have three cats and a dog named Lily. I wanted to do something to benefit rescue organizations and those volunteers who give countless hours to them." For two years in February she's held a Cabin Fever Garden Party. The store is filled with flowers and treats for both dogs and people, there is a pet photo contest, free chair massages and a raffle with items donated by local businesses. Another event in September 2014 was a celebration of animals and the arts; a big tent outside provided space for the rescues to show animals. At all three events, hundreds of people cycled through the shop, and 15% of the days' sales went to rescues.

Joye Turock is a cofounder of Joyful Rescues (joyfulrescues.com), one of the groups that benefitted from the events. Joyful Rescues shows cats and dogs up for adoption almost every weekend in the greater Olean, Rochester, and Buffalo areas. Turock says, "We were absolutely amazed at the amount of money these events raised. We went into the first one thinking it would be this little fun event, but we were all blown away by how much financial help came from it." Westcott plans to host another Cabin Fever Garden Party in February 2016.

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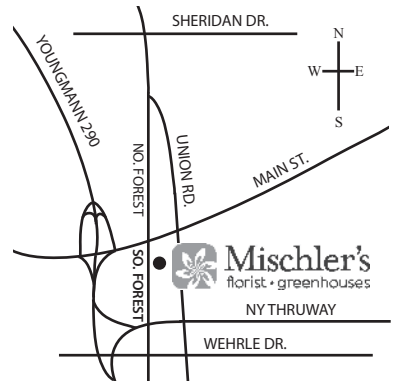
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Daylily – The Perennial For Every Garden

Summertime is daylily time, and it's time to get out and enjoy this easy and versatile perennial

by Kathy Shadrack

ABOVE: George Reihle and Kathy Shadrack in the Webster Arboretum display garden

Hemerocallis (hem-er-oh-cal-is), the botanical name for daylily, is comprised of two Greek words meaning “beauty” and “day.” Yet while it’s true that each daylily flower will only last for one day, a well-grown clump will thrill and reward you with a fresh bouquet each morning for weeks. It can be said that daylilies have a “reset” button. Unlike peonies that may be battered in a thunderstorm and remain bedraggled for the remainder of the bloom period, no matter what calamity befalls your daylily today (hail, wind, rain, marauding children), tomorrow it’s a brand new plant!

First let’s talk about what a daylily is. There is confusion between two genera of plants that bloom at roughly the same time and share part of a name. A daylily is *not* a lily. Here’s the difference; a lily (*lilium*) grows from a bulb on a single, unbranched stalk and has long-lasting flowers. A daylily grows from a mass of roots into a plant with a fountain of graceful arching leaves. Many slender branched stems (called ‘scapes’) arise from these leaves and each carry multiple buds. The flowers bloom along the scapes over a period of weeks. Don’t expect to find a

daylily bulb.

Daylilies are “Perennials 101.” We instruct people that to grow a daylily, dig a hole, drop the plant into it, and get out of the way. Although that may be a little simplistic, daylilies are undemanding, especially when sourcing them from your local daylily dealer or nursery. Mail-ordered plants can be tender, but your nurseryman has already taken out that risk factor. Most of us are familiar with roadside “ditch lilies,” the orange *Hemerocallis fulva* that cheerfully decorates the edges of country fields in the summertime. This species was originally brought over from Asia, presumably for food and possibly for sentiment. It is an aggressive plant and can be invasive. We would not recommend planting *H. fulva* in your garden. Daylily cultivars, however, do not behave in the same way. They will increase each year, but in a polite clump. Although daylilies are easy to grow, they are not going to take over your garden.

So how do you grow a daylily? First of all, select the plant of your dreams from your local daylily grower. In many cases, these will be dug on demand: you will not

be selecting from a potted nursery plant, but instead be walking along rows of growing and blooming cultivars. Your selection will be dug for you, the soil shaken off, and you will be given a bare-root plant to take home. As much as you don't want to sacrifice any part of your new treasure, the best way to help your plant to settle in is to cut off all but 8" of foliage and all of the flower scapes. A hole is then dug wider than the spread of the roots and amended with compost if needed. A mound is built in the center of that hole so that it looks like a "reverse donut." The daylily is then seated on the mound, with its fleshy roots spread out like a party dress, and the crown—the place where roots and leaves meet—just under the level of the garden. The plant is then backfilled and watered. That's it. You should see new growth within the week and maybe even flowers later in the summer.

Daylilies may be planted from early June through summer (especially mid-July to mid-August). This is their peak bloom time. They are actively growing and the soil is nice and warm and welcoming. But again, these are very forgiving plants and you can confidently plant any time you wish with no fear. Given plenty of water while settling in, daylilies will acclimate to your garden quickly. The only caution may be late October when your daylily won't have time to establish a good, anchoring root system before going dormant for the winter.

Which brings us to the modern daylily. If you have not been to a daylily grower, then I have to wonder what you're waiting for. You probably know that daylilies come in orange and yellow, but they also come in all shades and tones of red, purple, pink and cream. Some have contrasting eyes (throats) and some even have petal edges that match the eye. Some daylilies have extra petals and resemble pompoms. Others have contrasting petals and sepals (the inner and outer petals). There are tiny minis. There are towering six-foot high varieties. There are forms where the petals are elongated and twist, causing them to dance in the wind. Some people collect these different forms of daylilies exclusively and others like to grow a mixture.

GROWERS

We are rich in daylily growers here in New York State. We made the rounds of some of the larger gardens from Rochester to Buffalo and asked the growers what visitors learned when they visited.

Webster Arboretum – 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster

The Webster Arboretum is an official American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) Display Garden. This means the daylily garden contains a sufficient variety of cultivar types to have earned that certification by the national organization. The arboretum grows over 250 different daylily varieties, adding 30 new cultivars each year. The garden is sponsored and managed by the Finger Lakes Daylily Society. One member of that group, George Riehle, oversees the garden directly and coordinates the work parties.

Peak season is mid-July for viewing daylilies, an excellent time to take notes for their sale held on August first at Bristol's Garden Center in Victor.

When asked what surprises visitors when they visit the daylily garden, George said most people don't realize how long daylily season lasts. When selected carefully for early, mid and late season bloomers, a garden can be in flower from mid June through late August. Not bad for a carefree garden.

Cobbs Hill – Garden of Charlie Zettek, 1 Hillside Drive, Rochester

This garden represents 30 years of growing daylilies, with a hybridizing program that began in 1995. Charlie's focus is at both ends of the spectrum; he is breeding for small early flowers and for the big late ones. He is also working on a trait he calls "instant rebloom," where new scapes are arising in a daylily that is finishing its first flush of bloom, thus extending the bloom time on a single daylily plant.

Charlie's 'Cobbs Hill Jester' was the winner of the Region 4 Hybridizer's Award not long ago. It's a bicolor medium sized flower—striking, with yellow and light maroon petals.

When asked what surprises visitors to his garden, Charlie said that people are amazed at the range of color in daylilies. We all know that daylilies come in orange and yellow, but the colors actually include everything but pure white and true blue. Charlie says that his advice to a new daylily grower overwhelmed by choice is to "choose your favorite color" and go from there. He likes to help new people and get them started on the road to daylily addiction.

The garden is open:

July 5th from 1-5pm
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 July 31st from 5-7pm
 August 1st from 1-5pm

Orders are taken during the summer for September pickup.

QB Daylily Gardens – 557 Sand Hill Road, Caledonia, NY

Dennis Quackenbush and his wife, Mary, grow over 2400 daylilies in a field hidden behind interesting display gardens. He said that his daylily journey started innocently enough in the mid-nineties with a visit to another daylily grower in the Finger Lakes. He chose a few



TOP: Charlie Zettek's 'Cobbs Hill Jester'

BOTTOM: 'Micro Chip'

plants for his garden, became instantly enchanted, and was soon introduced to the Finger Lakes Daylily Society (FieLDS). His collection grew to 50 plants and then he began hybridizing. He registered his first cultivar in 2013: 'Caledonia Double Doozie', a lovely peach double with a red eye. Before long, Dennis found himself in the daylily business and he applied for, and was certified as, an official AHS Display Garden.

As a grower, Dennis enjoys pleasing his customers as he shares his passion for the plant. He said that his visitors are most surprised by the choice they find at his fields: the breadth of forms, of colors, of sizes and patterns. It can be quite overwhelming.

The garden opens for the season on the last Saturday in June and will be open Wednesday through Sunday each week until mid-August. qbdaylilygardens.com



ABOVE: Brent Ross's 'Cottage on the Lake'

Cottage Gardens – 4540 East Shelby Road, Medina

Picture over 3,500 daylilies in one beautifully designed garden. Some plants are in garden rows for easy viewing, but most others are organized into flowing display beds, mingled with small trees, perennials and annuals in true "cottage garden" style. This is the garden of Brent and Debbie Ross, tucked among farmland in Medina, an oasis of beauty that includes ponds, waterfalls and daylilies of all descriptions.

Brent and Debbie have been growing daylilies for 20 years, and selling them for the past 18. Brent's passion is also in hybridizing his own cultivars; his goal is to provide "the complete package," a pretty face with great plant habits and bud counts. He

is chasing the color blue, and likes the "toothy" edge on petals, but performance is his number one goal.

Brent said that his visitors are amazed at the range of color and forms available in daylilies today, and that even as exotic and delicate as some may appear, our climate is uniquely suited to growing great plants.

Cottage Gardens is open Tuesday through Sunday in mid- July (July 10th) or by appointment. It is a certified AHS Display Garden. daylily.net/gardens/cottagegardens

Lasting Dreams Daylilies – 6425 Abbott Road, Orchard Park

Lasting Dreams is a labor of love by two passionate gardeners, Tony and Carol Haj. Although they both enjoyed gardening most of their lives, they caught the "daylily bug" in 2005, joined the local daylily society, (the Buffalo Area Daylily Society or BADS) and began collecting in earnest. Four years later, Lasting Dreams Daylilies

Nursery was born. They now grow over 2,000 different cultivars including many of their own seedlings. They have extensive display gardens bordering Rt. 219, that literally stop traffic during peak bloom.

At first, due to work schedules, Tony and Carol were only able to manage the gardens in the evenings and weekends.

Upon Tony's retirement in 2013, they gave it their all and the gardens have now exploded. They travel extensively both lecturing and visiting other daylily gardens in order to keep up with the latest plants and trends.

While Tony lays out the beds and handles the other heavy work, Carol has the "vision" for both planning the plantings and working on hybridizing their own cultivars. She likes to educate her visitors on daylilies, pointing out how branching and bud count are important when choosing a plant, how to get the best performance out of the daylilies you grow and to suggest a range of types; unusual forms, doubles and spiders as well as traditional round or "bagel shaped" blooms. She believes the more a visitor learns, the more successful they will be. lastingdreamsdaylilies.com

GETTING UP TO SPEED

The best way to learn about daylilies, have access to better plants and meet other enthusiasts, is to join a daylily club. There are two very active ones in the area. Both publish a regular newsletter, have meetings with speakers on daylily topics, offer "members only" daylily opportunities and plan activities like garden visits. It's a fabulous way to learn.

The Finger Lakes Daylily Society – west central New York (meeting in Canandaigua or Rochester)

Purpose: To enhance a love for daylilies, its culture and attributes, through mutual support in making friends, sharing ideas, learning new or different techniques, and finding and teaching new daylily friends.

Dues are \$10 to join, \$5 annually. Contact Joan Thompson 154 Allwood Dr., Rochester, NY 14617 or <http://flds.weebly.com/>

Buffalo Area Daylily Society – western New York to the Pennsylvania line (meeting in East Aurora primarily)

Purpose: to get together to learn about daylilies and to enjoy the company of others for local tours, speakers, programs and "green" events.

Dues are \$10 to join, \$5 annually. Contact Maurice Malaney, 311 Evane Drive, Depew, NY or buffaloareadaylilysociety.com

It's daylily season in New York. Why not add some new colors and types to *your* garden?

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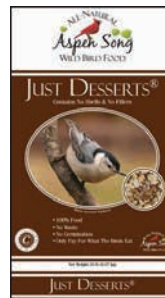


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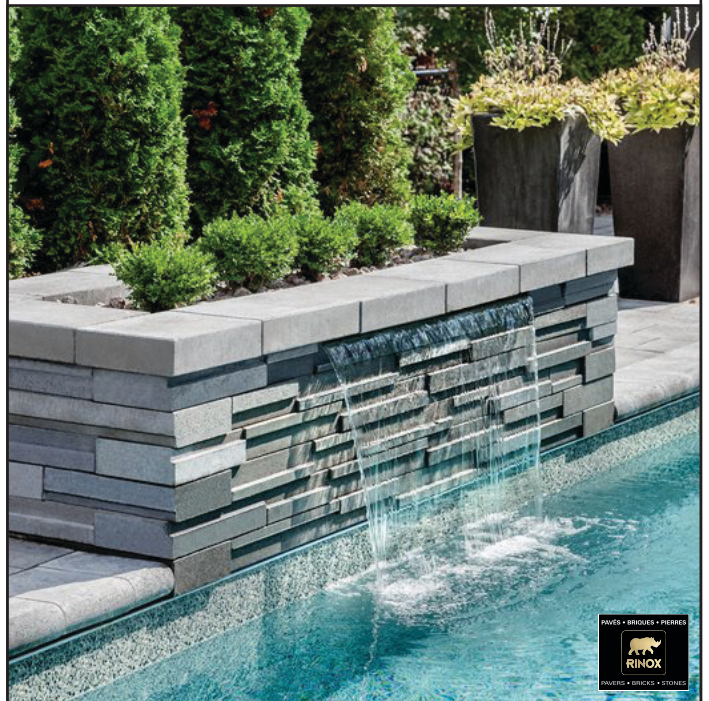
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What to do in the garden in July and August

During the months of July and August, gardeners are tending to their landscapes, gardens, and containers. There is mulching, weeding, deadheading, fertilizing, pruning, and harvesting to be done.

Be on the lookout for pest and disease problems found on your plant materials. Wet and humid weather conditions may spur on the spread of certain host plant-specific fungal diseases. Incorporate integrated pest management practices, scout your landscape and gardens on a weekly basis. Plant pest and /or drought resistant plants, shrubs, and trees. Avoid injury to tree or shrub trunks when using lawn equipment. If you notice an insect or disease problem, identify it. Ask yourself, is the problem severe enough to warrant action? There are biological (Ex. parasitic wasps, Lady beetles), mechanical (Ex.prune out, washing off), and chemical controls. Make sure when using chemical controls that you follow directions on the label and use chemical controls as a last resort. Grow plants in healthy soils. Placement of plant material is important. Does the plant have enough room to grow to a mature height & width? Is there good air circulation, soil pH and drainage? Does the plant like wet or well-drained soils?

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

One to 2 inches of mulch can be added to perennial and annual garden beds around the base of the plants. Mulch helps to reduce weeds, conserve soil moisture, and provides nutrients back to the soil. Use mulch such as aged compost - which should be free of weed seeds, leaf mold, bark mulch or shredded bark. Be cautious of finely chopped wood chips, they may take nitrogen from the soil as they break down.

Prune spent flower blooms on annual and perennial plants (also known as deadheading). Some perennials such as garden phlox and bee balm may need to be trimmed to promote good air circulation and reduce mildew and fungal leaf spots.

Divide overgrown daylilies and iris plants. Remove spent blooms, do not cut foliage back until the end of the season on these plants.

Annual flowering plants such as petunias and alyssum showing long and leggy stems may need to be sheared by a third to help to regain fullness.

HERBS

Most herb plants do not require fertilization. Highly fertile soils will result in plants with excessive foliage with poor flavor. The following herbs are exceptions to this rule and do require moderate amounts of fertilizer: chervil, fennel, lovage, and summer savory. If you are new to herb gardening and unsure when to harvest specific plants, do some research online, look information up in a reference book, or contact your local Extension Office Horticulture/Gardening Line.

It is best to harvest herb leaves or seeds after the

morning dew has disappeared and before the rising daytime temperatures. This helps to ensure higher herbal oil content. When harvesting basil pinch off whole stems not just the leaves. This will help produce fuller plants with more leaves and less flowers.

VEGETABLES

Make sure you water at the base of the plants. Here at Cornell Cooperative Extension Oneida County's Parker F. Scripture Botanical Gardens, we have newly renovated raised wooden garden beds. We have installed a drip irrigation system to help water at the roots of the plants and conserve water in the garden.

Trellis vining vegetable plants such as cucumber and squash. Stake indeterminate tomato plants. Remove the new growth at the base of the tomato plant to help produce larger fruits. Be on the watch for tomato fungal problems such as early and late blight and Septoria leaf spot.

Cornell Vegetable MD is a good online resource, highlighting a variety of vegetable plants. <http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/>.

Enjoy the bounty of your garden!

LAWN CARE

Continue to mow high with the mower deck to 3-3½ inches. This will increase grass density while shading out the weeds. Make sure you are using a sharp mower blade. Leave grass clippings on the lawn: they contain mostly water and nutrients. Overtime, leaving the clippings will help reduce the amount of fertilizer required. To prevent clumping, mow when the grass is dry, when possible. It is better to mow in a different direction regularly. Grass tends to lean towards the direction you mow. Changing the direction of your mowing will help the grass to grow upright and produces a better quality cut.

Cornell University's Extension has a new turfgrass and weed identification online tool site <http://turfweeds.cals.cornell.edu>. Check it out!

Grubs feasting on turf grass roots leads to irregular brown colored sections of your lawn. If grubs are the problem, the grass in the damaged area will lift up and detach from the soil without effort. Grubs are the larva of the Japanese beetle, European chafers, and Oriental Beetles. The best time to treat for grubs is in early July to mid-August. Make sure you read the chemical control product label and follow the directions on its application and timing.

Take time to enjoy all your hard work that you have put into your gardening and landscape endeavors. Notice the birds, butterflies, pollinators and wildlife. Listen to the sounds of the outdoors.

— Holly Wise, Cornell Cooperative Extension Oneida County Consumer Horticulture Extension Educator



ABOVE: Phlox

Roasted Panzanella Salad

Serves 12

Roasted Panzanella Salad, popular in Tuscany, capitalizes on the summery flavors of tomatoes and basil.

- 3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar, white or regular
- 3 Tbsp. Extra Virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 21 ounces cherry tomatoes
- 10.5 ounces yellow cherry tomatoes
- 2-3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 loaf sourdough bread (3/4 to 1 lb.)
- 1 8-ounce package mozzarella pearls or quartered small fresh mozzarella balls
- 1 cup packed basil leaves, torn

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, whisk vinegar, oil, mustard, salt & pepper.
3. Toss tomatoes and garlic with 2 Tbsp. dressing. Spread on two rimmed baking sheets. Roast for 20 minutes, shaking pan after 10 minutes to turn tomatoes. Cool slightly.
4. Turn oven to broil. Slice the bread lengthwise into 1-inch planks and place on baking sheet. Spray with non stick cooking spray or brush with olive oil. Broil 2-3 minutes, until toasted. Cut into 1" bite-sized cubes.
5. In a large bowl, combine bread, tomatoes and garlic, mozzarella and basil. Drizzle with remaining dressing and gently toss. Allow salad to sit for about 20 minutes for flavors to blend and serve.



To make ahead, keep salad components separate and combine 20 minutes before serving.

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

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY meets the third Tuesday of the month, March – November, 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.

Amama Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except January) at 11 am, Burchfield Nature & Art Center, 2001 Union Road, West Seneca. 716/633-9555.

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. August 22: *Plant Sale, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens (see below)*. 716/698-3454; info@buffaloareadaylilysociety.com.

Federated Garden Clubs NYS – District 8. July 16: *Summer Board Meeting & Pot Luck Picnic, 12 pm, Westwood Park Pavilion, Lancaster.* Maryann Jumper, District Director. 716/435-3412; mjump50@gmail.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. 716/836-0567.

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: Joan Sutton, 716/662-4777.

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. September 26: *Pesticides and Poisons in the Hive, a lecture by Dr. Reed Johnson.* Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County, 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora. wnyhpa.org.

Western New York (WNY) Hosta Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. A group of hosta lovers who have come together to promote the genus hosta. August 22: *Plant Sale, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens (see below)*. 716/941-6167; h8staman@aol.com; wnyhosta.com.

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

Western New York Iris Society meets the first Sunday of the month in members' homes and gardens. Information about growing all types of irises and complementary perennials. Shows. Sale. Guests welcome. August 22: *Plant Sale, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens (see below)*. Pat Kluczynski: 716/633-9503; patrizia@roadrunner.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. July 15: *The Art of Roses: Cooking.* August 19: *Tour of Delaware Park Rose garden, 6 pm.* September 16: *Educational Rose Show.* wnyrosesociety.net.

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

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

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

BMAC: Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, 1610 Welch Road, North Java, NY 14113. 585/457-3228; 800/377-1520; buffaloaudubon.org.

GGT: Great Garden Travel with Sally Cunningham. AAA/Horizon Club Tours, 100 International Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221. Pre-registration required; reservation deadlines apply. Call for information or to be added to email list: 800/242-4244. horizonclubtours.com/garden-travel.

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/education/1837.html.

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• **Ongoing: Family Walk at Beaver Meadow,** Sundays, 2 pm. Naturalist-led walk through the Preserve. Donations. **BMAC**

July 9: Make & Take: Miniature Succulent Garden, 6 pm. Fee. Registration required. Details: mennenursery.com. **MENNE**

S- July 10 – 12: Hosta Tailgate. Presented by WNY Hosta Society. Hamburg Fairgrounds, 5820 South Park Avenue, Hamburg. wnyhosta.com.

T- July 11: Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk, 10 am – 4 pm. Tour gardens in neighborhoods surrounding the UB Main Street Campus. Self-guided. Free. Free shuttle. ourheights.org/gardenswalk.

T- July 11: Town of Amherst Garden Walk, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided. Maps, day of: Menne Nursery, Arbdale Nurseries, 111 Campus Drive West, Snyder. Free. Facebook.

T- July 11: Lockport in Bloom - Evening Garden Walk, 6:30 – 9 pm. Participants will be specially designated in the *Lockport in Bloom* map/brochure (see below). Free. 716/439-1524; 716/417-4601; lockportinbloom.com; Facebook.

T- July 11 – 12: Lockport in Bloom, 10 am – 4 pm. Over 40 gardens. Self-guided. Free. lockportinbloom.com; Facebook.

T- July 11 – 12: Hamburg Garden Walk, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided. Maps: Memorial Park Bandstand, corner Lake & Union Streets. Rain or shine. hamburggardenwalk.com.

July 12: Garden Travel – Herb Gardens and Pollinators. Look behind the scenes with the region's largest herb producer; tour private herb and pollinator gardens; visit a bee yard; learn from a master herbalist. Includes herb-themed luncheon. Registration required. **GGT**

T- July 12: Snyder-CleveHill Garden View Garden Tour, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided, self-paced. Tour 25 private gardens and public spaces in the Snyder and Cleveland Hill neighborhoods. Maps, day of: Trillium's Courtyard Florist, 2195 Kensington Avenue, Snyder. \$2 donation. snyderclevehillgardenvue@gmail.com; Facebook.

• **July 13 – 17: Junior Botanist Camp – Pollinators,** 12:30 – 4 pm. Ages 5-12. \$95 members; \$105 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

July 15: Volunteer Open House, 9 – 10:30 am. Learn about volunteering for Buffalo Audubon and participate in some outdoor work around the preserve. **BMAC**

July 17: Garden Travel – Famous Buffalo Gardens and Architecture Tour. Guided tour of many gardens, with an architecture expert onboard to point out housing styles and history. Registration required. **GGT**

T- July 17: Lancaster Garden Walk – Night Tour, 8:45 – 11 pm. Visit 8 gardens lit for evening. Headquarters: Two Chicks and a Rooster, 732 Aurora Street; Petals to Please, 5870 Broadway; Mimi's Central Perks Cafe, 27 Central Avenue. Self-guided. Free. lancastervilleage.org; Facebook.

T- July 17 – 18: Ken-Ton Garden Tour – Night Lights, 8:30 – 11 pm. See the gardens at night. Self-guided. Headquarters: Aquatic and Fitness Center, 1 Pool Plaza, Tonawanda. Free. kentongardentour.com.

July 18: Make & Take: Miniature Fairy Garden, 10 am. Fee. Registration required. Details: mennenursery.com. **MENNE**

T- July 18: Grand Gardens of the Niagara Portage, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided. Speakers, presentations. Headquarters: Oakwood Cemetery, 763 Portage Road, Niagara Falls. Free; donations appreciated. 716/284-5131; myoakwoodcemetery.com.

T- July 18: Village of Williamsville Garden Walk, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided. Headquarters: Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville. Free. walkablewillamsville.com; Facebook.

T- July 18 – 19: Ken-Ton Garden Tour, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided. Headquarters: Aquatic and Fitness Center, 1 Pool Plaza, Tonawanda. Free. kentongardentour.com.

T- July 18 – 19: West Seneca Garden & Home Tour, 10 am – 4 pm. Visit more than 30 gardens. Self-guided. Headquarters: The Charles Burchfield Nature Center, 2001 Union Road; Mike Weber Greenhouses, 42 French Road. Free. 716/824-3995.

T- July 18 – 19: Lancaster Garden Walk, 10 am – 4:30 pm. Self-guided. Headquarters: see description under July 17. Free. lancastervillage.org; Facebook.

T- July 19: South Buffalo Alive, 9 am – 3 pm. More than 60 gardens. Self-guided. Headquarters: Tim Russert's Children's Garden, 2002 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. \$2. southbuffaloalive.com.

July 19: Global Gardening, 12 – 2 pm. See a global garden filled with crops from around the world. Cooking demonstrations, international craftspeople and more. Free. Urban Roots Garden Center, 428 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo. 716/362-8982; urbanroots.org.

• **July 20 – 24: Junior Botanist Camp – Edible Gardens**, 12:30 – 4 pm. Ages 5-12. \$95 members; \$105 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

July 21: Make & Take: Miniature Succulent Garden, 6 pm. Fee. Registration required. Details: mennenursery.com. MENNE

July 23: Garden Travel – Fabulous Flower Gardens of Hamburg and the Lake Shore. Tour includes elegant private gardens, professionally designed country club and estate landscapes, shopping at a daylily farm and visit a fairy garden. Registration required. GGT

July 23: Make & Take: Miniature Fairy Garden, 6 pm. Fee. Registration required. Details: mennenursery.com. MENNE

• **July 24 – 31: Junior Botanist Camp – Horticulture**, 12:30 – 4 pm. Ages 10-16. \$95 members; \$105 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

July 25: Hike at Rushing Stream Audubon Nature Preserve, 10 am. Director Loren Smith will lead this hike through upland areas where hemlock, beech, birch and maple trees flourish, and where woodpeckers can be found. Meet: Denny's parking lot, Camp Road at Route 20, Hamburg. \$5. Registration required. BMAC

• **July 25: Summer Wildflowers**, 10:30 am. Search for seasonal wildflowers and learn their uses and folklore. For adults and children ages 8 and older. Registration required. REIN

July 25: Lost Ladybug Project, 2 – 4 pm. Learn more about participation in this citizen science program through Cornell University to study why we are losing North American ladybug species. Registration required. BMAC

T- July 25 – 26: Garden Walk Buffalo, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided, self-paced; over 400 urban gardens and historic neighborhoods. Headquarters: Richmond Summer Senior Center, 337 Summer Street; Buffalo Seminary, 205 Bidwell Parkway; Evergreen Health Services, 206 South Elmwood Avenue. Rain or shine. Free. gardenwalkbuffalo.com.

T- August 1: Black Rock & Riverside Tour of Gardens, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided, features more than 60 gardens. Free. 716/851-5116; brrtourofgardens.com.

T- August 1: Starry Night Garden Tour, 8 – 10 pm. Self-guided, features 20 gardens. Part of *Black Rock & Riverside Tour of Gardens* (above). Free. 716/851-5116; brrtourofgardens.com.

August 2: Introduction to Herbal Concoctions, 1:30 – 4 pm. Program will include a discussion on several wild and cultivated herbs and their health benefits plus the various methods that can be used to create basic herbal preparations. Participants will work together to make lip balm, salves, moisturizers and infusions and take samples and recipes home. \$25. Registration required. BMAC

• **August 3 – 7: Junior Botanist Camp – Plants and Our Planet**, 12:30 – 4 pm. Ages 5-12. \$95 members; \$105 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

August 8: East Side Momentum Tour, 9 am – 1 pm. A celebration of Buffalo's East Side with visits to the Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Farmer Pirates, ArtFarms, Beltline Railway and a Vietnamese prayer garden. \$25. Registration required. gardenwalkbuffalo.com.

August 8: Summer Tree Tour, 9:30 – 11 am. Get to know some of the tree species in the South Park Arboretum with Kristy Blakely, Director of Education. Rain or shine. \$5. Registration required. BECBG

August 8: Bees and Butterflies, 10:30 am. An indoor learning experience about honey bees and monarch butterflies. Registration required. REIN

August 12: Volunteer Open House, 9 – 10:30 am. See description under July 15. BMAC

• **August 17 – 21: Junior Botanist Camp – Nature Explorers**, 12:30 – 4 pm. Ages 5-12. \$95 members; \$105 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

August 17 – 22: Great Gardens of the Brandywine Valley. Travel with Sally Cunningham. Philadelphia region tour including Winterthur, Longwood, Chanticleer & Hagley Museum. Registration required. GGT

S- August 22: Hosta, Daylily & Iris Sale, 9 am – 2 pm. Large variety of hostas, daylilies and irises offered for sale by local specialist plant societies. Experts and enthusiasts will be available to answer questions and offer advice. Presented by WNY Hosta Society, Buffalo Area Daylily Society & Western New York Iris Society. Free. Administration building. BECBG

August 22: Aliens!, 2 pm. Guided tour will highlight some of the plants and animals introduced from other parts of the world. Registration required. REIN

August 28: Full 'Green Corn Moon' Walk, 7:30 pm. Guided walk along trails while discussing the many uses of corn in America. Adults only. Registration required. REIN

September 12 – 13: Fall Garden Fair. Vendors, speakers, food, entertainment. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark Street, Hamburg. 716/649-4684; weknowplants.com.

SAVE THE DATE...

September 19: Fall Hosta Forum. Four speakers, auction, vendors. Presented by WNY Hosta Society. wnyhosta.com.

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

Adirondack Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (ACNARGS) meets the third Saturday of the month (except December & January), Whetzel Room, fourth floor, Plant Science Building, Cornell University,

Ithaca. Free and open to the public. 607/269-7070; acnargs.org.

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

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

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

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Ongoing through September 27: Botanical Garden Tours, Saturdays & Sundays, 1 pm. Enjoy a guided tour through the Botanical Garden's theme gardens including the herb and flower gardens, groundcover collection, tropical container display and more. Tour content will vary from week to week depending on what is in bloom and interests of the group. Free members, volunteers & Cornell students; \$5 non-members. CP

July 9: Managing Diseases of Tomato Plants, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn to identify common diseases of tomato plants such as early blight, septoria and late blight and learn organic and integrated pest management techniques to keep tomato plants healthy and productive. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. CCE/TOM

July 15: Made in the Shade (and Sun!), 7 pm. Plantations gardener Francine Urda will lead this tour of two very different gardens: the Shady Groundcover Collection and the Heasley Rock Garden. Learn about plants adapted to shade that can help limit weed growth and retain soil moisture, as well as sun-loving plants that can fill in and enhance a dry, rocky, sun-drenched space. \$5. Registration not required. CP

July 25: Compost with Confidence, 11 am – 12 pm. *Troubleshooting*. See description under June 27. Free. Compost Demonstration Site, Ithaca Farmers' Market, Steamboat Landing, 3rd Street, Ithaca. CCE/TOM

T- August 1: Tompkins County Open Day, 10 am – 4 pm. Five private gardens open to the public. Special sights include a lotus pond, prehistoric giant fossil, perennial borders, edible landscaping, extensive shade gardens, garden sculpture and more. Co-sponsored by Garden Conservancy & Tompkins County Community Beautification Program. gardenconservancy.org.

August 4: Growing Fall Vegetables, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn the best varieties and timing for planting fall vegetables including peas, kale, spinach and salad greens. Class will also cover planting fall garlic, cover crops, sheet mulching and other techniques for preparing beds for winter. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. CCE/TOM

August 29: Compost with Confidence, 11 am – 12 pm. *Harvesting and Using Compost*. Master Composters provide information and demonstrations. Free. Compost Demonstration Site, Ithaca Farmers' Market, Steamboat Landing, 3rd Street, Ithaca. CCE/TOM

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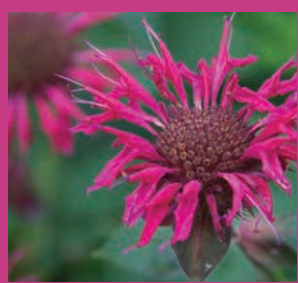
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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

7th District Federated Garden Clubs New York

State, Inc. meets the first Wednesday of the month. 7thdistrictfgcnys.org.

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Rochester

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

Big Springs Garden Club of Caledonia-Mumford

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

Bonsai Society of Upstate New York

meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Brighton Town Park Lodge, Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road, Rochester. 585/334-2595; bonsaisocietyofupstatenyc.org.

Fairport Garden Club

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

Garden Club of Brockport

meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm, Clarkson Schoolhouse, Ridge Road, east of Route 19. Speakers, hands-on sessions. Kathy Dixon: 585/431-0509; kadixon@excite.com.

Garden Path of Penfield

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

Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS)

meets every month from September through May at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, on the first Monday following the first Sunday of each month (dates sometimes vary due to holidays, etc.). GROS is an affiliate of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and Orchid Digest Corporation. geneseeorchid.org.

Genesee Valley Hosta Society

meets the second Thursday of the month, April – October, at Eli Fagan American Legion Post, 260 Middle Road, Henrietta. 585/538-2280; seubckner@frontiernet.net; geneseevalleyhosta.com.

Genesee Valley Pond & Koi Club

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

Gesneriad Society

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

Greater Rochester Iris Society

meets Sundays at 2 pm, dates vary, St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Avenue, Honeoye Falls. Public welcome. 585/266-0302; thehutchings@mac.com.

Greater Rochester Perennial Society (GRPS)

meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 1200 South Winton Road, Rochester, except in summer when it tours members' gardens. 585/467-1678; smag@rochester.rr.com; rochesterperennial.com.

Greater Rochester Rose Society

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

Henrietta Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except May-Aug & December) at 6:30 pm, Main Meeting Room, Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Road, Henrietta. *September 9: The History of Gardening with Jack Kowiak.* Guests welcome. 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. 585/872-0678; 585/586-0794.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLASSES / EVENTS

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July 7: Butterflies and the Plants They Need, 9:30 am. *Ganondagan State Historic Site.* Optional: bring lunch & chair. Meet: parking lot, Boughton Hill Road, Victor. 585/385-4725. **RBC**

July 7: Garden Talk – Gardening in Small Spaces, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Tips for gardening on a small property. Luncheon talk, bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**

July 10: Moonlight Stroll Music Series, 8 – 10 pm. *Tullamore Celtic Band with The Young School of Irish Dance.* See the gardens lit at night. Refreshments available. \$7 members; \$9 non-members; \$4 youth (6-17 years); free ages 5 and under. **SG**

July 11: The Habitats and History of Gosnell Big Woods Preserve, 9 – 11 am. Norma Platt and Margaret Potter will focus on the habitats, plant and wildlife plus some of the history of the land as they lead this walk through the woods. Pellett Road, Webster. **GLT**

T- July 11: RCGC Summer Garden Tour, 10 am – 4 pm. *Hidden Treasures, Stately Pleasures.* Explore 14 gardens hidden in some of Rochester's most charming city neighborhoods, from tiny eclectic city lots to historic estates, artists' gardens and properties designed by Alling DeForest. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Day of: \$20 all. **RCGC**

S- July 12: Daylily Sale, 8 am – 12 pm. Over 40 varieties to choose from, advice on selection and care available. Visit the nationally recognized display garden with over 250 varieties of daylilies including 30 new varieties. Rain or shine. Webster Arboretum, 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster. webstearboretum.org.

July 12: Butterflies and the Plants They Need, 10 am. *Mendon Ponds Park.* Geared for beginners. Explore the butterfly garden and nearby meadows. Meet: Visitor Center / Wild Wings parking lot, 27 Pond Road, Honeoye Falls. 585/383-8168. **RBC**

T- July 12: ABC Streets Garden Walk, 12 – 4 pm. Stroll or bike the ABC Streets neighborhood to see a variety of creative approaches for city front, side and back yard spaces, porches, patios & decks, shade gardens, grassless yards & tree-lawns, found objects, water features. *Garden Talk* with Sara Scott, City of Rochester Coordinator of Horticultural Programming, 1 pm, East Avenue Dentistry. Maps: Morrison Park, Culver Road & Harvard Street; East Avenue Dentistry, 1641 East Avenue. Free. Rain or shine. abcstreets.org.

July 12: Daylily Garden Open House, 1 – 5 pm. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester. 585/461-3317.

July 14: Butterflies and the Plants They Need, 10 am. *High Acres Nature Area, Perinton.* Meet: parking area near Turk Hill Road at Perinton Town Hall, 1350 Turk Hill Road, Fairport. 585/385-3907. **RBC**

July 14: Daylily Garden Open House, 5 – 7 pm. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester. 585/461-3317.

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

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

RBC: Rochester Butterfly Club. Field trips last about 2 hours, some continue into the afternoon, especially those that are further away. Long pants and appropriate footwear strongly recommended. Free and open to the public. rochesterbutterflyclub.org.

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

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

- July 16: Hydrangea serrata Tour – Explore a Lesser-Known Species**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Join Tim Boebel, nursery manager at Wayside Garden Center and author of *Hydrangeas in the North: Getting Blooms in the Colder Climates*, for this tour of his extensive collection of hydrangeas, which includes over 30 serrata cultivars. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- July 17: Moonlight Stroll Music Series**, 8 – 10 pm. *Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra*. See description under July 10. \$7 members; \$9 non-members; \$4 youth (6-17 years); free ages 5 and under. **SG**
- S- July 18: Greater Rochester Perennial Society Plant Sale**, 10 am – 2 pm. Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 South Winton Road, Rochester. rochesterperennial.com.
- July 18: Outdoor Fairy Garden**, 11 am. Create a container garden designed to resemble a miniature world. Includes planter, 3 plants, top dressing and 1 fairy garden accessory. Additional accessories available for purchase. \$30. Registration required. Bristol's Garden Center, 7454 Victor Pittsford Road, Victor. 585/924-2274; customerservice@bristolsgrdncenter.com; bristolsgardncenter.com; Facebook.
- July 21: Butterflies and the Plants They Need**, 9 am. *Hemlock Canadice State Forest Area*. Explore roadsides and visit a private property. All day, bring lunch & folding chair. Meet: Park & Ride, Routes 15 & 251, 390 exit 11, Rush. 585/385-3907. **RBC**
- July 22: Pruning for Style – Transforming an Established Landscape**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Mike Tanzini will discuss the pruning involved in highlighting the potential of mature shrubs, as well as the design and transformation of an existing landscape to create a serene Asian look by preserving some plants, adding new ones, adding appropriate structures and maintenance. Class takes place in a private Asian-style garden in Henrietta. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- July 24: Moonlight Stroll Music Series**, 8 – 10 pm. *Neville Francis & the Riddim Posse*. See description under July 10. \$7 members; \$9 non-members; \$4 youth (6-17 years); free ages 5 and under. **SG**
- July 25: From the Earth**, 9 am – 5 pm. Demonstrations and garden talks. Other topics include working with natural materials like wood or clay, how to make goat cheese, guided bird walk and more. Seven locations, Alfred. 607/587-9877; Facebook.
- T- July 25: Garden Tour**, 9:30 am – 4 pm. Self-guided tour of 15 gardens in Caledonia & Mumford. Sponsored by Cal-Mum Lions Club. \$10. Tickets: 585/538-2643; 585/538-6565. wooleyonmain.com.
- July 25: Rose Insects and Diseases**, 10 am – 12 pm. Presented by Greater Rochester Rose Society. Free. Maplewood Rose Garden, corner Maplewood and Driving Park. 585/621-1115.
- S- July 25 – 26: Plant Sale**, 11 am – 3 pm. Iris and other plants available. Presented by Greater Rochester Iris Society. Gro-Moore Farms, 2811 E. Henrietta Road, Henrietta. 585/266-0302; thehutchings@mac.com.
- July 28: 375 Hydrangeas and a New Method for Getting Blooms in our Area**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Join Tim Boebel at his home in East Bloomfield to see hundreds of blooming hydrangea cultivars growing on his one-acre plot. He will discuss ways to get consistent bloom, the merits of different cultivars, growing hydrangea in patio containers and answer questions. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- July 29: Soirée - Emily's Hilltop Garden**, 6:30 – 8 pm. Enjoy an informal get-together at a scenic 12-acre property on a hilltop in Victor. Emily Webster began developing her gardens 35 years ago, over time they have evolved with the abundant use of perennials, flowering shrubs, including over 60 hydrangeas, and rock-work. Refreshments. \$12. Registration required. **RCGC**
- July 30: Oh No, Now What: Creative Perennial Garden Maintenance**, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Christine Froehlich will share some professional methods to keep the garden looking fresh including proper staking; deadheading; deadleafing; cutting back plants to prevent straggleness, promote a new burst of growth and rebloom; creative pruning of perennials that have gotten too dense; weeding quickly; how to identify problems like low fertility, water, and pest problems. Hands-on class in the gardens of Warner Castle. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- July 31: Daylily Garden Open House**, 5 – 7 pm. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester. 585/461-3317.
- July 31: Moonlight Stroll Music Series**, 8 – 10 pm. *Dan Elliott & the Monterays*. See description under July 10. \$7 members; \$9 non-members; \$4 youth (6-17 years); free ages 5 and under. **SG**
- August 1: Daylily Garden Open House**, 1 – 5 pm. Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden (a National Display Garden), Charlie and Judy Zettek, 1 Hillside Avenue, Rochester. 585/461-3317.
- August 4: Garden Talk – What's Bugging You?**, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Lunchtime talk taught by Master Gardeners, bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**
- August 4: The Art of Pruning of Japanese Maples**, 6 – 8 pm. Elmer Dustman will demonstrate Aesthetic Pruning, a style of pruning that aims to bring out the essence of small trees, using a combination of design principals, horticultural science and good pruning practices. He will demonstrate how to approach an overgrown Japanese maple, pruning it properly as well as artistically to "interpret the essence of the tree." \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- August 5: Cut-Flower Workshop at a Historic Flower Farm**, 6 – 8 pm. Nellie Gardner will give a tour and discuss how she grows flowers for cutting including practices that enhance the health of the plants and soil and lower maintenance. Also covered will be the harvesting of cut flowers, which varieties work best for cutting and landscape use, how to cut and condition flowers, how to prep the water and arranging and care of bouquets. She will share how to create a tussie-mussie with fresh flowers. Participants will be able to select and cut their own bouquet to take home. \$28 members; \$35 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- August 6: Summer Habitat Walk**, 9:30 am – 12 pm. Discover butterflies, birds, flowers and dragonflies on this 2 mile walk through a 115 acre farm that is slowly reverting to wildlife habitat. Presented in conjunction with Rochester Butterfly Club. Meet: 677 Five Points Road, Rush. Free. Registration required by August 5: Martha Zettel, 585/533-2333. **RBC / GLT**
- August 7: Moonlight Stroll Music Series**, 8 – 10 pm. *Paulsen & Baker Band with Tim Chaapel*. See description under July 10. \$7 members; \$9 non-members; \$4 youth (6-17 years); free ages 5 and under. **SG**
- S- August 8: Finger Lakes Daylily Society Plant Sale**, 8 am – 2 pm. Bristol's Garden Center, 7454 Route 96, Victor.
- August 12: Soirée - A Multilayered, Four-Dimensional Garden in the City**, 6:30 – 8 pm. This long city lot in the 19th Ward has been transformed by owners Rick Schaeffer and Marcella Klein into a multilayered garden using stone walls to define a series of gardens that wind through the property. The plants sit atop the walls, closer than normal, interspersed with architectural and a few humorous accents. Refreshments. \$12. Registration required. **RCGC**
- August 13: The Evolution of a Designer's Garden**, 6:30 – 8 pm. Visit the garden of professional garden designer Jean Westcott to learn about the process of designing a small urban landscape. Jean will discuss tying the shapes of the gardens and hardscaping to the geometry and style of the house, maximizing usable space and appeal by borrowing from the driveway and neighbor's walls, creating vertical elements in the face of drainage issues, making adjustments for increasing levels of shade and root competition as plants mature and more. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- August 15 – 16: Arts at the Gardens**, 10 am – 5 pm. Juried fine art show and sale with over 100 artists. Admission includes entrance to the grounds and mansion. Rain or shine. **SG**
- August 22: Butterflies & Summer Flowers**, 10 am – 12 pm. Led by Carol and David Southby of Rochester Butterfly Club. Meet: 727 Wilkinson Road, Macedon. 585/383-8168. **RBC / GLT**
- August 27: Summer Bike Cruise**, 5 – 7 pm. Join Theresa Bowick for this ride along El Camino Trail. Meet: Conkey Corner Park, 92 Conkey Avenue, Rochester. **GLT**
- September 1: Garden Talk – Forcing Spring Bulbs**, 12:15 – 12:45 pm. Lunchtime talk taught by Master Gardeners, bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**
- September 2: Continuous Containers for Late Summer and Fall Interest**, 6 – 7:30 pm. Join Christine Froehlich for a demonstration of how to combine container plants with dynamic foliage to create color combinations that will brighten up the fall landscape. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**
- September 5: Fall Container Garden**, 11 am. Spruce up your porch or deck with a container of fall plants. Includes container of choice and 3 fall plants. \$35. Registration required. Bristol's Garden Center, 7454 Victor Pittsford Road, Victor. 585/924-2274; customerservice@bristolsgrdncenter.com; bristolsgardncenter.com; Facebook.
- September 12: Gathering of Gardeners**, 8 am – 4 pm. Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester. gatheringofgardeners.com.
- September 12: Dahlia Show**, 1 – 6 pm. Presented by Rochester Dahlia Society. Arrangements available for sale during show hours and Sunday, September 13, 10 am until sold out. The Garden Factory, 2126 Buffalo Road, Rochester. rochesterdahlias.org.
- September 15: Redesigning and Reworking the Landscape**, 6 – 7:30 pm. Professional landscaper Cindy Cali will lead this tour of a large modern country-style property in Pittsford as she describes the process of redesigning and reworking overgrown and overcrowded plantings and maintenance of the gardens including a shady woods garden, border gardens around the wrap-around porch and a large dahlia bed. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. **RCGC**

SAVE THE DATE...

- S- September 19: Fall Garden Gala**, 10 am – 1 pm. Plant sale featuring indoor and outdoor plants, chance auction and free soil pH testing. **CCE/GC**
- Oct 10: Fall Gardening Symposium**. **SG**

Calendar

SYRACUSE

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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Ongoing: Volunteer Garden Maintenance, Wednesdays, 8 am – 12 pm. Volunteer to assist the Syracuse Rose Society with maintaining the Mills Rose Garden at Thornden Park. No gardening experience necessary. Thornden Park, Ostrum Avenue, Syracuse. syracuserosesociety.org.

July 11 – 12: Finger Lakes Lavender Festival, 9 am – 5 pm. Market, local artisans, speakers, presentations, culinary items. Stroll lavender fields, harvest a bouquet of fresh lavender. Free. Rain or shine. Lockwood Lavender Farm, 1682 West Lake Road, Skaneateles. 315/685-5369; fingerlakeslavenderfestival.blogspot.com.

September 10 – 13: Fall National Rose Convention.

Hosted by the American Rose Society. Exhibitors, photographers & arrangers. Speakers include: Will Radler, Knockout Rose; Steve Hutton, President/CEO Star Roses; Michael Marriott, Senior Rosarian David Austin Roses; Alain Meilland, Meilland International, France; Thomas Proll, Lead Breeder, Kordes Roses, Germany; and others. Syracuse.newyorkroses.org.

& BEYOND

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

August 27: Pollinator Gardening – Bees, Bats & Butterflies, 5:30 pm. Ages 5-12. Class takes place in the outdoor teaching garden. \$10. Registration required. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County. 845/292-6180; sullivan@cornell.edu; sullivancece.org.

SAVE THE DATE...

September 24: Cooking the Harvest, 5:30 pm. Ages 5-12. Participants will help harvest vegetables and learn how to use them in easy to make meals. \$10. Registration required. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County. 845/292-6180; sullivan@cornell.edu; sullivancece.org.

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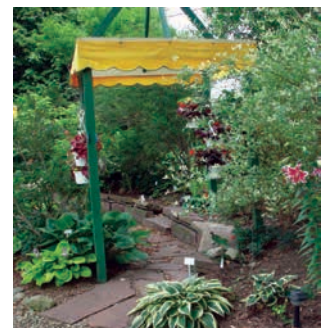
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Step it up

by Cathy Monrad



This wooden ladder, a hand-me-down from my husband's grandfather, was literally on its last leg when my husband decided to throw it out, but I rescued it to reuse as a plant stand. With a little love, our old ladder was transformed into something grandpa would be proud of.

MATERIALS

Wood ladder, painted or stained if desired
Screws, washers and nuts
Plastic containers with drainage holes
Moist potting soil
Plants

TOOLS

Drill with a bit the same size as screws

Materials note: The length of the screws depends on the thickness of the ladder steps. The steps on my ladder were 1 inch thick, so I used 1½ inch long round head machine screws.

1. Drill a hole in the center of each container bottom. If a center drainage hole exists, you can skip this step.
2. Mark the center of each step. Drill a hole through each step where marked.
3. Place container on step, aligning the holes.
4. Add 1 washer to a screw, then push the screw with washer through container and step.
5. Place a second washer on the screw underneath step, then thread a nut on. To avoid cracking the plastic container, only hand-tighten the nut.
6. Repeat steps 3–5 until all containers are attached.
7. Fill each pot with moist soil and plant as desired.

This project could also be brought indoors to display houseplants.

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

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