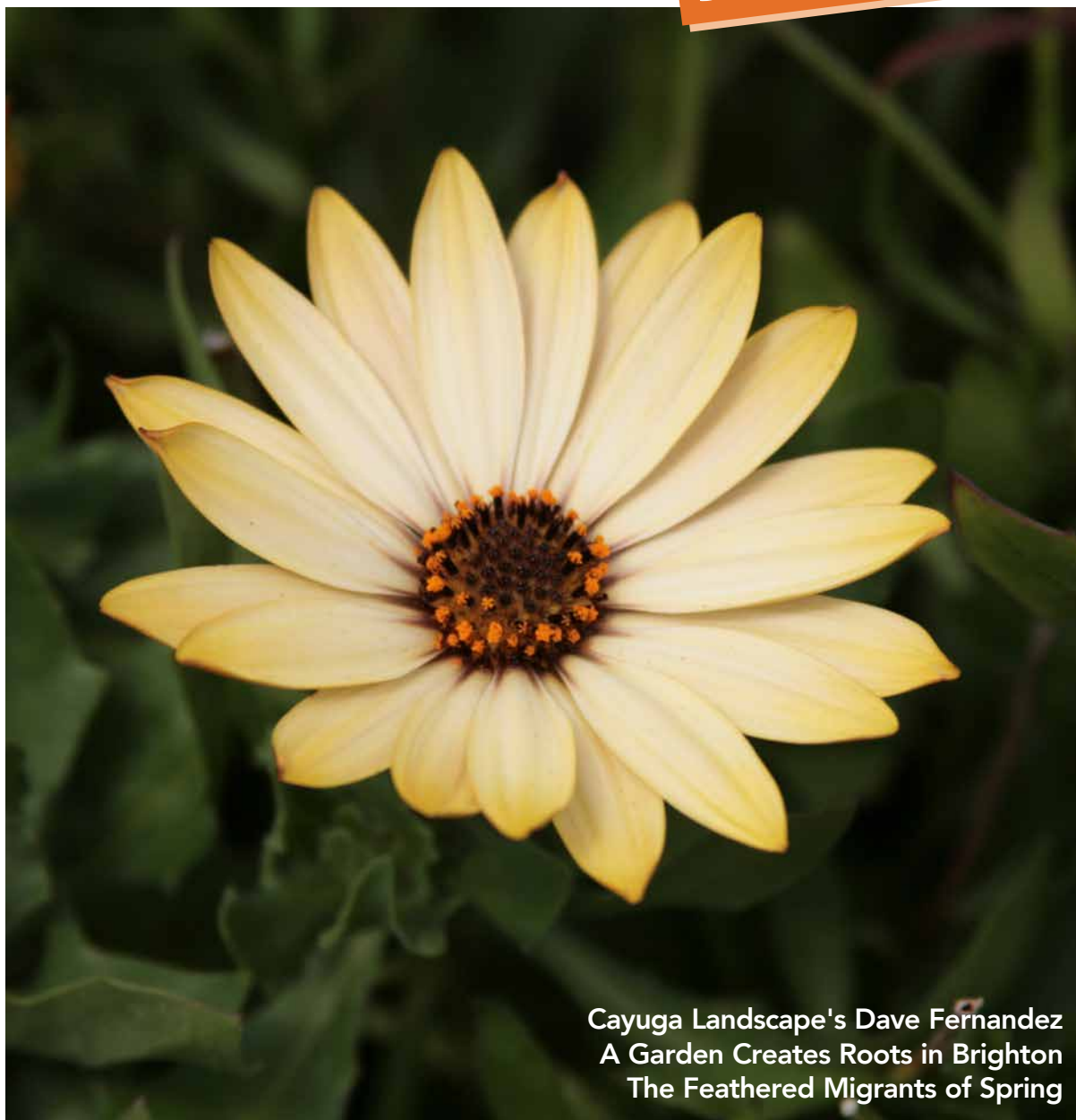


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For this season we want all of your plant choices be good ones. Plant the things you love but that you can grow! Our aim is to help you come to the place in your landscape that creates the vision you want to see every day. We want to help address and then assist with the things that may be making your garden a chore as opposed to a joy; your level of garden knowledge, plant knowledge and the big one... your time for maintenance.

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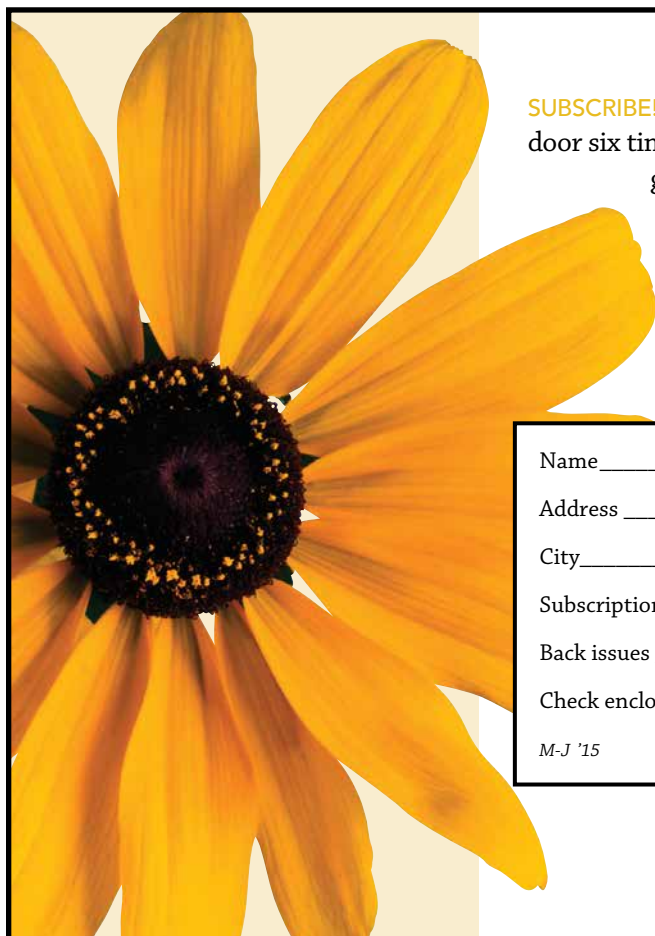
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Ear to the Ground



Glorious spring has finally arrived, and with it the voracious desire of every gardener I know to **get out there**.

We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world—go see it! Grab your copy of our 2015 *Directory*, stash it in your glove compartment, and refer to it whenever you're out and about. Don't have a copy? You can get it online—

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Cayuga Landscape and David Fernandez

Story by Michelle Sutton

ABOVE: Sedums in circular patterns on the roof of Milstein Hall
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INSET: David
Fernandez. Photo by
Michelle Sutton

Cornell's landscape architecture program brought David Fernandez to Ithaca in 1975. He's since made deep roots in Ithaca, founding Cayuga Landscape (cayugalandscape.com) there in 1978. He and his wife, the naturalist Elizabeth Lawson (elizabethwin-pennylawsom.com) live adjacent to the Cornell campus. David runs through the campus most mornings, allowing him to check on work that Cayuga Landscape is doing there as well as in Cornell Plantations, for which David serves on the advisory council.

How did your interest in plants get started?

David Fernandez: As a kid I was profoundly interested in nature. My mother, Audrey, tells me I identified a brown thrasher when I was four. Our parents bought an abandoned vineyard with a beautiful sweeping view of the south end of Canandaigua Lake near Naples. My brother, sister, and I spent our youth there pruning and opening trails and untangling vines from trees; I loved doing that type of land care and still do. As a kid I wanted to be a naturalist. Interestingly, both my brother and I ended up in landscape architecture. He studied at SUNY ESF and

Penn, and I got my degree from Cornell.

But before that, I'd first attended Columbia in the tumultuous years of 1968-70. I wasn't finding my way there, so I took a leave of absence, lived in a commune in Virginia for four months, then came back to Rochester where I'd grown up and where I'd been active in the

Rochester Zen Center since I was 16. I would do 6 a.m. sitting meditation at the Center then go work on nursery crews.

At 19, I'd started working summers for Isaac DeVisser in Penfield on beautiful sandy soil.

The nursery crew was a bunch of fascinating old men who taught me all kinds of basic nursery practices. Mr. DeVisser had learned grafting in the third grade and was well known for grafting Japanese maples and European beech in Rochester. One March day he was pointing to a tree in the brush pile with its roots in the air; he said, "If you take that and plant it, it will grow," and he was right. It was a good lesson in the power of bare root trees to live during the dormant season.

We hand-dug all the stock, which taught me a lot about tree root morphology, like the fleshy nature of yellowwood roots that makes it hard to hold the



ball together, the dense fibrous roots of maples, the serviceberry with almost no roots at all. Forty-five years later, all those observations are still useful to me.

I worked in a variety of nursery and landscape settings and also did an internship with the well known landscape architect, James Rose. He specialized in Japanese gardens; the Zen Center basically sent me to study with him and bring back knowledge for their gardens.

How did you end up back in school for Landscape Architecture (LA)?

DF: I decided to go to Cornell because LA strongly appealed to me as a mix of environmental care, artistry, aesthetics, and useful site engineering. I think it's an unusual discipline. Since 1975, I've had the same single-minded focus: to try and build an excellent design-build landscape firm. That's what I went back to school to do.

Please talk about the early years of the business.

DF: I finished in 1978 and immediately registered the name Cayuga Landscape in reference to the county and nearby lake. At the time landscape firms tended to have much more flowery names, but I figured one guy in his 20s with a beat-up GMC truck would be better off with a conventional name. I started with one assistant, Laurie, a friend who'd had her desk next to me in the Cornell LA studio. It was an exciting time, though I made the classic small businessperson's mistake of not charging nearly enough, even though I had taken business management classes while at Cornell. Eventually I raised my rates and fortunately, clients stuck with us. We've had many of the same clients since those early days.

We grew very quickly. After 10 years in business, we had a summer staff of about 60 people. (Right now our summer staff is about 50. We have more machines now, and fewer people.) Growing quickly means enormous stress and strain. For one thing, your clients pay you monthly, but your staff needs to be paid weekly. Happily, I was able to set up an excellent line of credit with Farm Credit East, which is one reason why we established a farm-nursery to grow our own trees on West Hill. Farm credit services are much easier to deal with than commercial banks; for instance, the interest rates and terms are better. Working with Farm Credit East has been a significant part of our success.

Another thing that helped the financial side of things is that I spent very little money on myself in the early years. I got married when I was 42; so for the first 15 years of Cayuga Landscape, I put everything into the business. Another key to our success had been the fact that many of our crew leaders have been with us for a long time, 15 to 30 years. Having a lot of continuity like that, and such excellent staff who have the institutional memory for how to do things, makes things go so much more smoothly in a business.

What are the different categories of work Cayuga Landscape engages in?

DF: There are three major areas: 1) The garden center, 2) the tree farm, and 3) the landscape contracting side,



which includes design/build, landscape maintenance, and commercial bid work.

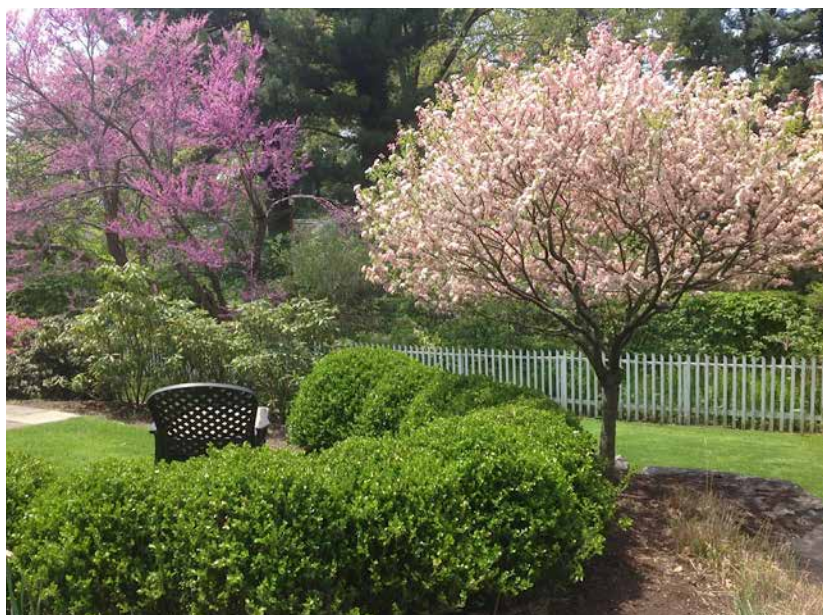
The garden center has its own retail rhythm and seasonal pressure and also serves as a means for us to have a lot of plants funneling through here that we use for our installations. It focuses on deer-resistant plants like boxwood, hellebores, catmint, and other members of the mint family like agastache. The tree farm grows 20 acres of shade trees and evergreens. We grow a lot of trees from bare root.

These days there's a bewildering array of cultivars for woody and herbaceous plants and on many of these jobs, what's specified is going to be a little different from what we're growing. Sometimes we can use the particular cultivars that we're growing here, but we also have to go to the ends of the earth to find plants, so we use horticultural brokers to help.

For our residential design/build work, we seek to create a completely aesthetic environment and one that also works functionally in terms of outdoor entertainment, drainage, snow plowing—all of that. We

TOP: Tiger Glen Garden water feature at the Johnson Art Museum at Cornell. Photo courtesy Cayuga Landscape.

BOTTOM: David and staff are exploring creating rustic garden features, like this cleft oak gate. Photo by Michelle Sutton.



ABOVE: A Cayuga Landscape residential design, including Coral-burst dwarf crabapple
Photo courtesy Cayuga Landscape

don't have one garden style; we tailor to the client. I try to listen carefully and observe how the clients interact with their kids, their pets, their family as a whole; to observe what they have in their house and the way they express themselves; and to some degree, I try to open up windows into new areas of outdoor life the clients might enjoy.

For landscape maintenance, where our crew does seasonal care, pruning etc., our goal is to provide clients with continuity in the staffing. There's a lot to know in maintenance, and if you have to train new gardeners every year, there's no way you can have a large volume of business and do a good job. Our crews know the properties, they know that this little plant over here needs this kind of care and that we need to wrap these shrubs over here or else the deer will eat them in the winter.

One of our biggest areas is commercial bid work, where big LA firms team up with prizewinning architects for, say, a big new building at Cornell. For instance, we recently completed the landscape for Milstein Hall which was designed by Rem Koolhaas, a world-sensation Dutch architect. The landscape includes a $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre green roof of sedums that create a pattern best viewed from above.

We also worked closely with Ithaca-based LA Marc Peter Keane, who specializes in Japanese gardens and designed the Tiger Glen Garden for the Johnson Museum addition. We procured and installed the plants for the garden, including a huge old Tanyosho pine, a large multi-stem red pine that required complicated rigging to move

into place. That whole project was a great experience; I really enjoyed working with Marc, who was on site the whole time of installation and actually became one of the volunteers who tend this amazing garden, keeping it free of debris. You can read more about this little jewel at www.mpkane.com.

We've done several big projects for Cornell Plantations, including restoration/creation of a significant natural area called Park Park and putting in the soils and trees around the Nevin Welcome Center and associated new parking lots and bioswale. We also have a longstanding relationship with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. One neat project we did was to create wetlands, including installing turtle logs and raptor perches. The latter required sinking 50-foot dead trees into the swamp; we worked in the wintertime so we could drive over the frozen swamp without damaging it.

Do you have energy left over after work for your home garden? What aspect of horticulture are you personally into right now?

DF: We have a very small city garden that does not require much work. I designed it when we first moved in and we really enjoy taking care of it. I have a 60 x 60 foot vegetable garden, although some busy years it doesn't get fully planted. I grow small fruits like black currants and berries. But my big love is working at our family farm; about five years ago we bought a 95-acre parcel, and on that parcel is 20 acres of forest on top of a hill with a beautiful view. I'm fascinated by forest cultivation and what I call gentle management—by that I mean removing invasive plants and thinning some trees to use for firewood, while protecting the soil. Last year I cut and split 18 face cords myself by hand. In the end I figure I made about \$2 an hour ... but it was enormously enjoyable. We also coppice (cut back to the ground) the black locust trees in the hedgerows and use the regrowth for deer fencing for our nursery and for vegetable garden fencing for clients.

My big interest right now is in the work of British bodgers (craftsmen) who make rustic wood furniture and fencing, including riven and cleft and woven wood products. At Cayuga Landscape, we've been weaving alder branches in particular to make woven hurdles (fence sections) and crafting benches that are not expensive, but really perk up the landscape. I'm really into these very natural, old hand craft ways of interacting with wood.

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"I started here at Cayuga Landscape in the summer of 2007. I really appreciate David's willingness to educate his staff, and I have enjoyed being able to progress professionally through the company. David hosts a weekly meeting, where he and other senior staff discuss safety and educational topics. In addition, he pays for those interested to attend educational seminars, and has even paid for several staff members to become CNLPs (Certified Nursery and Landscape Professionals). In the time I've been here, I have been able to work my way from a simple garden center laborer to my current position as garden center manager. I think Cayuga Landscape really is a great place to work both for the opportunities you are given, and the beautiful scenery that surrounds you."

—Gerry Towne

Lemony spinach pesto

Serves 4

- 1 lemon
- 1 ½ cups packed fresh spinach
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 3 Tablespoons finely shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed

1. Finely shred 1 teaspoon peel from lemon and set aside.
2. Juice lemon – You should have 3 T. juice.
3. In food processor, combine spinach, almonds. Cheese, lemon peel and juice and garlic.
4. Cover and pulse with several on/off turns until chopped. With motor running, add olive oil in a steady stream through the opening until combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

5. Steam or blanch asparagus until crisp tender. Submerge in ice water to stop cooking. Drain and pat with paper towels to dry thoroughly.

6. Divide asparagus onto four serving plates and top with 3 T. spinach pesto.

Optional: Top each serving with a poached egg.

Editor's note: We made this dish in the *Upstate Gardeners' Journal* test kitchen for someone who, as it turns out, eats neither asparagus nor eggs. The pesto tasted equally fabulous over a nice piece of pan-seared salmon.

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



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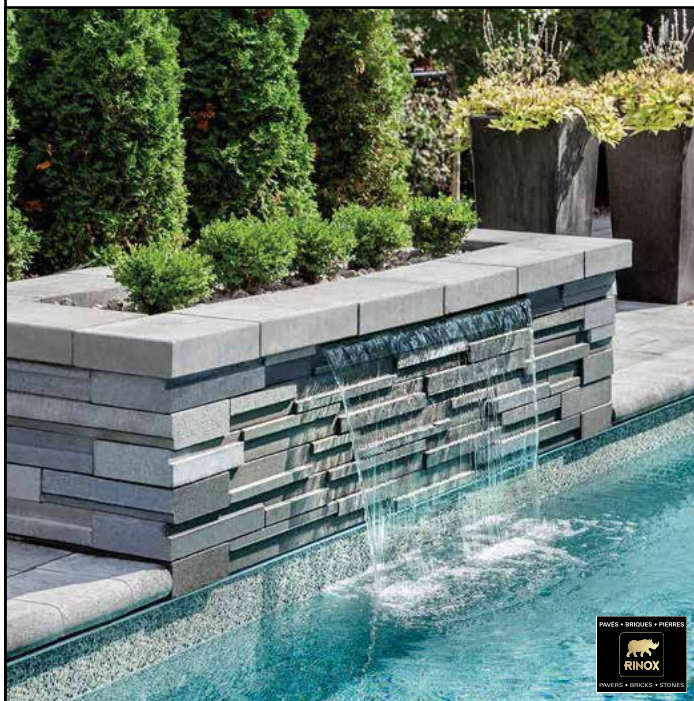
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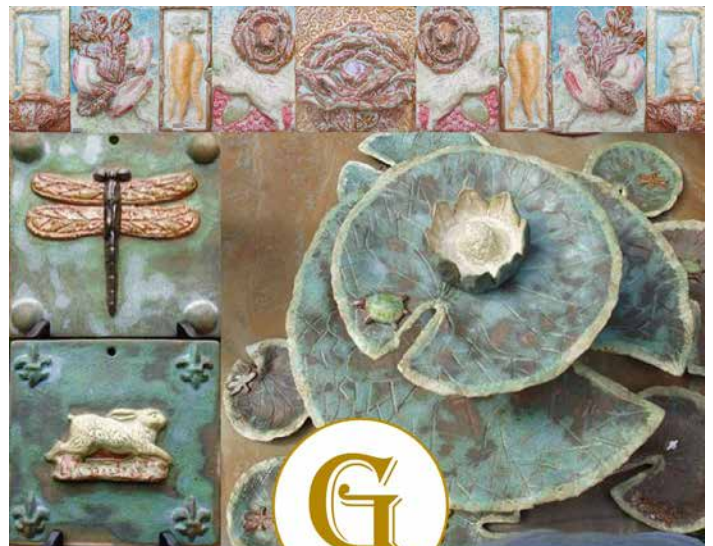
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A Garden Creates Roots in Brighton



by Ruth E. Thaler-Carter

ABOVE: The author's gift of a magnolia is now a fine, mature specimen.

My mother used to say that when she first walked into what would become our family's home in Brighton, she could feel her roots sink right through the floor. That turned out to be appropriate, because my mother had a gardener's soul, and the yard of that Home Acres house became an icon of the neighborhood. There are probably very few yards in Home Acres that don't have plants that started out as cuttings from my mom, either given on request or, well, taken on the sly. When she died, I thought of getting a bench in her (and my dad's) memory for the little park at the Elmwood Avenue end of the neighbor-

hood, but it was our house and yard that mattered to her, and she wouldn't want to "be" anywhere where else in that immediate area.

When I was 9, we moved to Brighton from the University Park neighborhood of the city, near Mt. Hope Plaza and Strong Memorial Hospital, from a house with a willow tree taking up most of the front yard and a swing set and another nice willow in a good-sized backyard. The front-yard willow was perfect for climbing. I don't remember much about the rest of the yard, except that it was big enough to play in out back (we put the picnic table between the swing-set supports

and used it as a pirate ship) and great for birthday parties—lots of space to run around. If Mom did much gardening there, it was mostly making sure the yards were mown and kempt. I don't remember any flowers. Looking after three lively children probably left little time for anything else. I've always thought that it took the Home Acres property for my mother's gardening instincts to not just kick in, but reign supreme.

We found the house in Home Acres through friends down the block who heard that the owners—a retired judge and his mother, if I remember right—were thinking of selling, but hadn't put it on the market yet. I got to see it with my mother before everyone else, because I was home recovering from strep throat on the day she went to look it over. I still remember the arch of elm trees meeting over the entire street—a canopy that invited us into the neighborhood and made it feel like a little world of its own. Those trees, sadly, were gone in a couple of years, decimated by Dutch elm disease. Losing them was heartbreaking for my mom, and everyone in the neighborhood.

The property is three-quarters of an acre, with a three-story house (plus attic and finished basement) and a detached two-car garage at the end of the driveway. It has a generous front yard and a huge backyard.

For us kids, the yard was a playground. Two mature blue spruce trees on either side of the front path—one of which is still standing—made great tents for all kinds of games, although there was a disastrous time that I got so much sap in my hair that extracting it required major effort to leave me enough hair to look presentable. A mulberry tree yielded delicious fruit. Flower beds alongside the sidewalk and lining the front walk were — and still are — a lovely sight for passersby and a “welcome home” whenever we used the front door.

Three trees and a corner of the garage formed a natural baseball diamond out back, close enough to the house to put windows at risk. The biggest of those trees was easily climbable and eventually harbored a rudimentary treehouse. At the far back, a thicket of bushes turned out to include raspberry canes—Dad's favorite part of the space—and created a natural fence between us and the neighbors behind us. Since Mom was an early environmentalist, a back corner became a compost heap; I hated taking leftovers out there because I was afraid of spiders and other bugs.

For my dad, the yard was a pleasure to view and a chore to mow, although we kids were often—reluctantly—responsible for that. For my mom, it became her palette.

Mom's garden “design” was informal, exuberant and impulsive. She planted what she liked wherever she saw space for it. There was no special pattern or structure. She planted rose bushes in a narrow bed between house and driveway. The area next to a screened-in back porch became a small field of lilies of the valley. The space tucked between a small hedge and the back porch featured a variety of colorful flowers. Beds all around the backyard were full of annuals and perennials: crocus, tulips, phlox, daffodils, narcissus and more. They made a lovely frame for the yard itself.

An oval bed between the garage and the back door was for peonies, with a small patch of chives at the end nearest the door. Those chives were the cause of the only time I ever remember my mother being furious enough with me for a spanking to be a real possibility. One evening, she asked me to pick some chives for the evening's salad. I asked her

which they were, and she said something about the purple ones in front. I went out and started cutting down peonies with wild abandon; I didn't even notice the chives. For the rest of her life, my mother swore that I did that on purpose because I didn't want to help in the first place. She eventually did forgive me, and peonies became a somewhat rueful joke between us.

It probably helped that my dad let me buy a magnolia tree for Mom's birthday when I was 12 or so (our April birthdays were three days apart). We planted it in front of the dining room window. As with the gift of any live plant, the magnolia was a permanent way of saying, “I love you.” I still think of it as the best present I ever gave her.

My dad died at home in 1996, as he had always wanted to do, and my mother stayed put in the house with the yard and gardens she loved so much for another four years. She decided to leave when two realities came together. Her sister came to visit and was on crutches due to a broken foot, showing Mom how difficult it would be to manage in a three-story house with even a minor injury or health condition, and she could no longer handle the gardening herself. She could have hired someone to take it on, but her heart and soul were in the dirt of the place. If she couldn't plant, prune, replant, harvest and otherwise enjoy her gardens herself, it wasn't quite the same.

My mother sold the house to a couple who loved the garden almost as much as she did and still haven't made any drastic changes to the landscape. She moved to a spacious apartment with a balcony where she could continue to indulge her gardening roots, although it was also never quite the same as a real yard and garden. She did keep up with her indoor gardening, which was almost as prolific as her outdoor efforts.

A few years later, she suddenly stopped getting out of bed and my husband and I eventually moved her to an apartment in the same building where we live. We made a point of setting up her old desk in the window of her bedroom and loading it with potted plants, so she could still have a view of living plants and flowers. Most of them are still going strong in our apartment. I didn't get the gardening (or home-owning) gene, but I do seem to have inherited the green thumb.

We swing by the old house in Home Acres every couple of months, and it always raises my spirits to see that most of my mother's touch is still visible in the garden. There's only one blue spruce out front now, the mulberry tree seems to be gone and there are a few new splashes of color decorating the space, but the other spruce continues to dominate the landscape and “my” magnolia tree towers almost to the roof of the house. The yard still says “Welcome”—and “Mom”—and I'm sure today's neighbors still help themselves to the odd cutting now and then.

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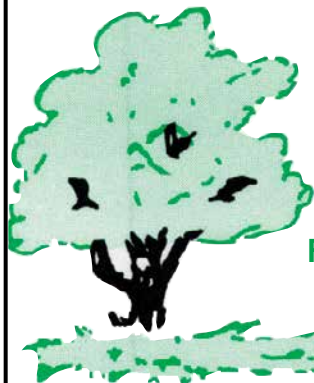
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African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY meets the third Tuesday of the month, March – November, at 7 pm, Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corp, 40 Embury Place, Lancaster. Contact: Judy O'Neil, judyoneil1945@gmail.com.

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.

Amarna 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. May 17: *Making Friends & Daylilies for Sale from Bret Clement.* August 22: *Plant Sale, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens* (see below). 716/ 698-3454; info@buffaloareadaylilysociety.com.

Federated Garden Clubs NYS – District 8. 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. May 30: *Plant Sale, see calendar (below).* 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. wnycpcub@aol.com; facebook.com/wnycpcub.

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

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

Western New York (WNY) Hosta Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. A group of hosta lovers who have come together to promote the genus hosta. 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. May 20: *Silent Auction and Fertilizing with Tea.* June 17: *Preparing Your Roses for the Show and Arrangement & Design.* June 20: *Rose Show* (see below). wnynrosesociety.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.

COOP: Chicken Coop Originals, 13245 Clinton Street, Alden. 716/937-7837; chickencooporiginals.com; Facebook.

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

CLASSES / EVENTS

• Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

S- Indicates plant sales.

T- Indicates garden tours.

May 7 – 10: Spring Open House. COOP

• May 8: **National Public Gardens Day,** 10 am – 5 pm. National day used to raise awareness of America's public gardens and their important role in environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and

water conservation, and education in communities nationwide. \$1. BECBG

May 9: Fairy Garden Workshop. Call for details. Registration required. COOP

• **May 9: Kids' Workshop – Spring Fairy Garden,** 9 am or 3 pm. Kids will make their own miniature container garden using found and natural materials. Includes container, soil and plants. Pre-made twig furniture, \$5 per two pieces. Ages 4-12. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

• **May 9: Children's Workshop – Container Gardens,** 10 – 10:45 am. Children will plant a container garden to take home and care for. Materials included. Ages 6-10. \$10. Registration required. MENNE

May 9: Wildflower Walk – Birds and Buds, 10 am – 12 pm. Meet at the visitor center for a quick presentation on spring wildflowers and birds followed by a walk in the refuge to see native wildflowers and birds. Led by Kathy Contrino. Free. Registration required. Buffalo Audubon Society. Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Road, Basom. 585/948-5445 x7036. buffaloaudubon.org.

• **May 9: Fairy & Gnome Festival,** 10 am – 3 pm. Activities, scavenger hunt, fairy house building, story time, nature walks. Included with admission. BECBG

May 14: Invasive Species – Best Management Practices, 1 – 3:30 pm. *Invasive Species Management Options for Land Managers and Private Landowners.* Buffalo Audubon and WNY PRISM representatives will discuss what works, what doesn't, and what is required when it comes to the control and removal of invasive species. Free. Registration required. lockas@buffalostate.edu; 716/878-4708. BMAC

May 15: Hands-On Gardening Event, 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn about container gardening as you make your own to take home. Also learn about hypertufa and make a hypertufa brick for your garden. Door prizes. Refreshments. \$20. Registration required. Cornell Cooperative Extension, 5435A County Road 48, Belmont. cc746@cornell.edu; 585/268-7644 x12.

S- **May 16: Orchard Park Garden Club Plant Sale,** 8 am – 2 pm. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, accent plants, hanging baskets. Orchard Park Railroad Depot, behind OP Library.

• **S- May 16: Garden Faire,** 9 am – 2 pm. Plants, birdhouses, crafts, vendors, auction, kids' projects. Presented by Silver Creek Hanover Garden Club. Silver Creek Town Park and Gazebo, Main Street & Central Avenue, Silver Creek. duke.sue@roadrunner.com; 716/934-7608.

May 16: Creating Container Gardens – Demonstration, 9 am or 11 am. Step-by-step instructions on how to create container gardens including which containers work best, choosing soil mixes to ensure success and maintenance tips. Some new plant introductions and the latest containers will also be discussed. Registration required. MENNE

May 16: Zoar Valley Ephemerals, 10 am – 1 pm. Naturalist Mark Carra will lead this long hike in search of early blooming wild flowers. Be prepared for steep terrain and uneven footing. Meet: Tops, Springville, 10 am. Bring a bag lunch. \$5 members; \$7 non-members. Registration required. BMAC

May 16: Orchids For Everyone, 2 pm. Demonstration of how to pot orchids along with a discussion of requirements for growing media, light and maintenance. Participants are invited to bring an orchid for consultation and advice. Registration required. MENNE

May 16: Vegetable Gardening, 3 pm. Instructor: David Clark. Registration required. Urban Roots, 428 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo. 716/362-8982; info@urbanroots.org; urbanroots.org.

S- **May 16 – 17: The Great Plant Sale,** 9 am – 4 pm. Hanging baskets, ornamental trees & shrubs, Japanese maples, rare and unusual plants, ornamentals, natives, tropicals, annuals, perennials and more. BECBG

May 19 – 26: Chelsea Flower Show & Great Gardens of London. Travel to England with Sally Cunningham. Eight days, seven nights. Pre-registration required. GGT

May 20: Make & Take – Container Garden, 6:30 pm. Brief discussion of the elements of a good container garden and combinations of plants that work well together followed by hands-on planting of your own container. Bring a 12- or 16-inch container, or purchase before class. Includes soil, fertilizer, a designated number of plants and instruction. \$35, 12-inch container; \$45, 16-inch container. Registration required. MENNE

May 21: Make & Take – Container Garden, 6:30 pm. See description under May 20. \$35, 12-inch container; \$45, 16-inch container. Registration required. MENNE

May 23: African Violets, 10 am. Learn care tips including pruning, proper potting mixes, correct lighting and feeding. Presented by members of the African Violet & Gesneriad Society of WNY. Registration required. MENNE

May 23: Nature Sketching in the Outdoors, 1 – 3 pm. Learn to draw quick sketches to help you remember the plants and animals that you see on outdoor excursions. Bring pencils, sketch journal provided. Ages 14 and up. Free. Registration required. Buffalo Audubon Society. Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, 1101 Casey Road, Basom. 585/948-5445 x7036. buffaloaudubon.org.

May 23 or 30: Hypertufa Workshop. Call for details. Registration required. COOP

S- May 29 – 30: Erie County Master Gardener Plant Sale, Friday, 9 am – 4 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 2 pm. Perennials, natives, herbs, annuals, shrubs and vines from Master Gardeners' gardens. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice. Free. Central Park Methodist Church, 216 Beard Avenue, Buffalo.

May 30: Odyssey to Ithaca. Join UGJ staff as we travel by motor coach to tour the Ithaca region, including Cornell Plantations, with opportunities to shop at a variety of nurseries. \$75. Registration required. Upstate Gardeners' Journal, 1140 Ridge Crest Drive, Victor, NY 14564. 585/538-4980; 716/432-8688; upstategardenersjournal.com.

S- May 30: Ken-Sheriton Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 am – 2 pm. Perennials, garden items, baked goods, basket raffles. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 576 Delaware Road, Kenmore.

May 30: Make & Take – Container Garden, 10 am, 1 pm or 4 pm. See description under May 20. \$35, 12-inch container; \$45, 16-inch container. Registration required. MENNE

S- May 30: Friends of Kenan Herb Club Plant Sale, 10 am – 3 pm. Herbal and garden plants, garden gifts, raffle, herbal food tasting, herb garden viewing. Kenan Center for the Arts, 433 Locust Street, Lockport.

May 30: Garbage Can Composting, 10:30 am. Learn how to use a plastic garbage can for outdoor composting. Adults only. Registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew. 716/683-5959; dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html.

May 31: Native Plants in the Wild, 3 pm. Indoor presentation followed by outdoor walk around the preserve to observe the plants in their natural environment. \$3 members; \$5 non-members. Registration required. BMAC

Ongoing June – July: Garden Walk Buffalo Niagara. Formerly *National Garden Festival*. Weekend neighborhood garden tours; 90+ Open Gardens on Thursdays & Fridays; Garden Art Sale (see June 28); GObike Buffalo garden tour (see June 20); educational events; art exhibits; public space makeover. nationalgardenfestival.com.

June 5: Beginning Bonsai Workshop, 6 – 8:30 pm. Participants will create a juniper bonsai tree while learning about the art of bonsai, techniques and styles. Materials provided. \$45 members; \$50 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

June 6: Discovering Japanese Maples, 10 am. Presentation will cover many varieties with varying color, growth habit and size as well as growing conditions and care tips. Registration required. MENNE

June 6: Garden to Table, 10 – 11 am. Class will discuss the easiest vegetables to grow in a home garden, explore varieties and cover garden basics. Free. Registration required. Zittel's Country Market, 4415 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg. 716/649-3010; zittels.com.

June 6 – 7: Bonsai Show, 10 am – 5 pm. Presented by the Buffalo Bonsai Society. Bonsai masters and novices display prized trees at their peak. Included with admission. BECBG

June 8: "Cure them All" Pot Planting Party, 6:30 pm. Proceeds to go to the American Cancer Society. Hosted by Seneca Greenhouse, 2250 Transit Road, West Seneca.

June 9 – 11: Great Gardens of Niagara & Ontario. Travel with Sally Cunningham. Motor coach tour to seven private gardens and the Royal Botanical Garden. Two hotel nights, dinner, speaker/author Dan Cooper. Registration required. GGT

• **June 13: Children's Workshop – Fun With Herbs,** 10 – 10:45 am. Children will experience the scent of herbs hands-on as they create an herb craft project. Materials included. Ages 6-10. \$10. Registration required. MENNE

June 13: Gardening in the Shade, 10 – 11 am. Learn to select the right plant for a variety of shade conditions: dry, wet, partial. Free. Registration required. Zittel's Country Market, 4415 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg. 716/649-3010; zittels.com.

June 13: Pruning Hydrangeas, 2 pm. Learn proper pruning times and techniques along with care tips for the many varieties of hydrangea. Registration required. MENNE

• **June 13 – July 19: Garden Railway Exhibit,** 10 am – 5 pm. Presented by Western New York Garden Railway Society. Included with admission. BECBG

June 13 – August 2: Celebration of Coleus & Color, 10 am – 5 pm. Included with admission. BECBG

• **June 14: Pollinator Festival,** 10 am – 3 pm. Native gardening, butterfly, honey bee and pollinator activities. Speakers include Sally Cunningham, Dave O'Donnell and others. Vendors. Included with admission. BECBG

• **June 14 – August 2: Pollinator Exhibit,** 10 am – 5 pm. Native butterflies and bees in new exhibit. Learn ways to grow nectar and host plants in your own garden. Included with admission. BECBG

June 17: Starry Night in the Garden, 6 – 9 pm. Live music, food, wine, beer. All proceeds benefit the Gardens. \$45 general admission; \$100 VIP. ticketfly.com. BECBG

• **June 20: Pressed Flower Creations,** 9 am or 10 am. Optional make-&-take opportunity with donation to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. All ages, children may require guidance. Free. Registration required. MENNE

T- June 20: City Garden Bicycle Tour, 10 am – 1 pm. Bicycle tour of gardens in the city of Buffalo. Box lunch included. \$25 GObike Buffalo members; \$30 non-members. Registration required. 716/218-7161; gobikebuffalo.org.

June 20: Rose Show, 1 – 5 pm. Presented by Western New York Rose Society. Galleria Mall, Walden Avenue, Buffalo. wnyrosesociety.net.

• **June 20 – 21: Fairy Garden Festival,** 9 am – 4 pm. Classes begin at 9 am; children's activities begin

at 12 pm. Ongoing activities include craft projects, face painting, scavenger hunt. Fairy attire welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Check website for additional information. \$9 per child; \$8 each for 2 or more children. Registration required. MENNE

T- June 20 – 21: Lewiston GardenFest, 10 am – 5 pm. Self-guided. Headquarters: 411 & 493 Center Street, Lewiston. Free. 716/297-5925; lewistongardenfest.com.

• **June 20 or 21: Make & Take – Indoor Fairy Garden,** 1 – 3 pm. Guided instruction to create and care for a 10-inch container garden. Materials included. All ages, children may require guidance. \$35. Registration required. MENNE

• **June 20 or 21: Make & Take – Outdoor Fairy Garden,** 1 – 3 pm. Guided instruction to create and care for a container garden. Materials included. All ages, children may require guidance. \$45. Registration required. MENNE

June 27: All About Herbs, 2 – 4 pm. Nellie Gardner will discuss using herbs in various types of gardens: formal edging, rock gardens, containers and combinations. She will also share how to harvest herbs for drying and cutting them for use in nosegays, bouquets and teas. Participants will design an herb collection in their own container, bring from home or purchase before class. All other materials included. \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. Darwin Martin House, 125 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo. 716/856-3858; darwinmartinhouse.org.

T- June 28: Parkside Garden Tour, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided. Maps: Garden Central–Church of the Good Shepherd, 96 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo. \$8. Guided walking tours: \$10, 12 pm & 2 pm. 716/834-5412; 716/838-1240; parksidebuffalo.org.

June 28: Garden Art Sale, 10 am – 5 pm. Forty vendors of garden and garden-related art in stone, wood, steel, copper, glass and more. Rain or shine. Parkside Lodge, Delaware Park, 84 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo. nationalgardenfestival.com/art-sale.

July 2 – 9: Paris to London – Great Gardens. Travel with Sally Cunningham. Tour the Monet Garden at Giverny, Hampton Court Flower Show, Sissinghurst Castle, Great Dixter and Open Gardens of London. Registration required. GGT

• **July 6 – August 21: Junior Botanist Camp.** Weekly sessions; full or half day. A different topic will be covered each week: *Water, Pollinators, Edible Garden, Plants & Our Planet, Survival Adventure, Nature Explorers*. Ages 5-12. Full Day: \$150 members; \$160 non-members. Half Day: \$95 members; \$105 non-members. Advance registration and completed forms required. BECBG

S- July 10 – 12: Hosta Tailgate. Presented by WNY Hosta Society. Hamburg Fairgrounds. 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/gardenwalk.

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

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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. snyderclevehillgardenview@gmail.com; Facebook.

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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. lancastervillage.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.

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 24 – 31: Horticulture Camp**. Ages 10-16. Advance registration and completed forms required. BECBG

T- July 25 – 26: Garden Walk Buffalo, 10 am – 4 pm. Self-guided, self-paced; 370+ urban gardens and historic neighborhoods. Headquarters: Richmond Summer Senior Center, 337 Summer Street; Buffalo Seminary, 205 Bidwell Parkway; Evergreen Health Services Victorian, 204 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; brtourofgardens.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; brtourofgardens.com.

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

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

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.

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FREQUENT HOSTS

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

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

Ongoing – May 31: Wildflower Walk, Sundays, 1 pm.
Led by volunteers from Cornell Plantations. Sapsucker
Woods, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca. Rain or
shine. Free. **CP**

May 12: Gardening with Native Plants, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
Dan Segal of The Plantsmen Nursery will show a range
of native plants that grow in shady and dappled sun
environments. Coir logs and erosion control plantings
as well as working around trees and tree roots will
also be featured. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration
required. **CCE/TOM**

May 14: Evening Wildflower Walk, 7 – 8 pm. Guided
tour of woodland pathways and plant habitats of
the Mundy Wildflower Garden. Learn to identify
wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, trillium,
bloodroot and Solomon's seal. \$5 suggested
donation. **CP**

S- May 16: Spring Garden Fair & Plant Sale, 9 am – 2
pm. A variety of vendors offering organically grown
and heirloom vegetable transplants, annuals, herbs,
hanging baskets, small flowering shrubs, hardy roses,
fruit crops, evergreens and specialty perennials.
Master Gardeners will be available to test soil pH
and answer gardening questions. Free. Ithaca High
School, Cayuga Street, Ithaca. **CCE/TOM**

May 16: Smartphone Cameras in the Garden,
12:30 – 3:30 pm. In this hand-on class, professional
photographer Paul Schmitt will share some basic
techniques, photo apps, equipment and file
management strategies. All smartphones welcome,
particular emphasis will be placed on iPhone
capabilities. \$36 members; \$40 non-members.
Registration required. **CP**

May 19: Ash Seed Collecting, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
Participants will learn how to identify ash species and
the protocol for collecting ash seed. The information
gained will hopefully result in contributions of ash
seed collections to both MARSB (Mid-Atlantic
Regional Seed Bank) and the National Ash
Conservation Project. Free. **CCE/TOM**

May 19 – June 23: Painting the Trees, six Tuesdays,
1 – 4 pm. Sketch and paint a variety of specimens,
outdoor setting and progression of spring will offer
continual inspiration. Gentle hike to discover different
species to draw each session. \$160 members; \$180
non-members. Registration required. **CP**

May 20: Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces,
6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn some creative ways to grow
vegetables in small spaces such as using containers
and vertical space. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration
required. **CCE/TOM**

May 20: Home Grown Peppers, 7 – 8:30 pm. Learn
about the natural and cultural history of peppers
plus varieties, tips and best practices for cultivating.
Participants will receive six different types of young
pepper plants to grow at home. Registration required.
\$12 members; \$15 non-members. **CP**

May 26: Container Gardening, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
Participants will learn about growing vegetables and
herbs in containers. Bring a container to plant. \$5-\$10
sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

June 2: Dye Plants, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Textile artist Tracy
McLellan will show slides of plants that can be used
for dyeing fibers and fabrics. Discussion will include
native plants and some that can be grown in the
garden as well as common foods that can be used for
dyes. Methods for dyeing with plants and examples
of plant-dyed fibers and fabrics will be shown. \$5-\$10
sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

S- June 6: Spring Plant Sale, 9 am – 12 pm. Shop a
variety of perennials including some new additions to
the horticulture trade. **CP**

June 11: Introduction to Permaculture, 6:30 – 8:30
pm. Sean Dembrosky of Edible Acres will introduce
the basic concepts of permaculture, plant guilds and
polycultures and shed light on some of the concepts
that inform permaculture ethics and design in gardens
and beyond. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration
required. **CCE/TOM**

**Ongoing June 13 – 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**

June 15: Turning Gardens into Pollinator Habitats, 6:30
– 8:30 pm. Learn about attractive pollinator plants
that can be grown in a variety of site conditions: hot
and dry, wet, clay, sand or dry shade. \$5-\$10 sliding
scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

June 24: Designing a Pollinator-Friendly City Garden,
6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn how to select the right plants to
attract butterflies and native bees to difficult locations,
often including shade and space issues. \$5-\$10 sliding
scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

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June 27: Compost with Confidence, 11 am – 12 pm. *Getting Started with Composting*. Master Composters provide information and demonstrations. Each class covers compost basics with a different focal topic each month. Free. Compost Demonstration Site, Ithaca Farmers' Market, Steamboat Landing, 3rd Street, Ithaca. **CCE/TOM**

June 30: Maple to Monarda: Gardening with Native Plants, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Get tips on how to use native plants in the landscape, including specific plants for various garden styles and growing conditions. Includes a tour of the recently planted native garden at Cornell Cooperative Extension. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

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**

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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*. See description under June 27. Free. Compost Demonstration Site, Ithaca Farmers' Market, Steamboat Landing, 3rd Street, Ithaca. **CCE/TOM**

ROCHESTER

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

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; bonsaisocietynyupstateny.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; kadxion@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; sebeckner@frontiernet.net; geneseevalleyhosta.com.

Genesee Valley Pond & Koi Club meets the first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, except in summer when it tours local ponds. bobwheeler58@gmail.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. *May 31: Iris Show, Marketplace Mall (see below)*. 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 Thursday of the month (except May-Aug & December) at 6:30 pm, Main Meeting Room, Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Road, Henrietta. Guests welcome. *May 16 – 17: Spring Plant Sale (see below)*. 585/889-1547; henrietagardenclub@gmail.com; henrietagardenclub.org.

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

Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 meets the third Thursday of each month (except December and February) at 10 am, First Baptist Church, Hubbell Hall, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. 585/872-0678; 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; gwebster@rochester.rr.com; Facebook; rochesterdahlias.org.

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

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

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

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

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

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

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

LET: Letchworth State Park Interpretive Program, 1 Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427; 585/493-3625.

LIN: Linwood Gardens, 1912 York Road, Linwood, NY 14486. 585/584-3913; linwoodgardens.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.

RPM: Rochester Public Market, 280 North Union Street, Rochester, NY. cityofrochester.gov; pmarket@cityofrochester.gov.

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

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May 4: Pansy Bed Dedication, 9:30 am. The Rochester Garden Club's ribbon cutting and dedication of the recently renewed Pansy Bed at the entrance of Highland Park, corner Highland and South Clinton Avenues.

May 7: Wildflower Walk, 1 – 4 pm. Upper & Middle Falls area. 1 mile. Meet: Museum. **LET**

May 7: Gardening in the Shade, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn how to assess different levels of shade and how this influences appropriate plant choices. Carol Southby will show images of some of the many plants that thrive in shade, spring flowers and interesting foliage through the seasons, and discuss combining plants for maximum impact. Members \$22, non-members \$32. Registration required. **RCGC**

May 8 – 17: Lilac Festival. Highland Park, Rochester. rochesterevents.com.

S- May 8 – 17: Master Gardener Plant Sale, 10 am – 8 pm. During Lilac Festival. Locally grown annuals and perennials, organic vegetable plants, herbs, shrubs, trees, selected lilacs. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension Monroe County Master Gardeners. 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester. 585/753-2550.

May 9: Warblers & Wildflowers Walk, 8 – 10:30 am. Guided tour of Alasa Farms in Sodus led by retired naturalist Bob Cooper. Registration requested. **GLT**

S- May 9: Webster Arboretum Plant Sale, 8 am – 12 pm. Perennials from standard to uncommon, annuals, dwarf conifers, geraniums, dahlias, various garden club offerings and more. 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster. websterarboretum.org.

S- May 9: Rochester Dahlia Society Plant Sale, 8 am – 12 pm. Dahlia plants and tubers. Webster Arboretum Plant Sale (above), Kent Park, 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster. rochesterdahlias.org.

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

May 9: Wildflower Walk, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Lower canyon woods. 1 mile. Meet: Parade Grounds parking lot, will carpool. **LET**

May 9 – 10: Visit Ellwanger Garden, 10 am – 4 pm. Historic landscape originally planted in 1867 by nurseryman George Ellwanger. Few blocks from Lilac Festival. Donation. Ellwanger Garden, 625 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester. 585/546-7029; landmarksociety.org.

S- May 10: Flower City Days at the Market, 8 am – 2 pm. Over 250 local nurseries & growers. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, ornamentation, hard to find specialty items, garden accessories. **RPM**

S- May 10 & 24: Rochester Dahlia Society Plant Sale, 7 am – 1 pm. Dahlia plants and tubers. *Flower City Days at the Market* (above), Rochester Public Market, 280 North Union Street, Rochester. rochesterdahlias.org.

May 13: Spring Blooms Stroll, 6 – 7:30 pm. Michael Hannen will lead a tour of his gardens in the Upper Monroe neighborhood where he grows 800 varieties of plants at his home-based nursery. Arrive early to shop or preview the gardens. \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

May 14: Wildflower Walk, 1 – 4 pm. East of Lee's Landing. 1 mile. Meet: Parade Grounds parking lot, will carpool. **LET**

S- May 16: Pittsford Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 am – 12 pm. Parking lot behind Pittsford Public Library, 24 State Street, Pittsford.

S- May 16: Spring Garden Gala, 10 am – 1 pm. Presented by Genesee County Master Gardeners. Plant sale featuring indoor and outdoor plants, geraniums, chance auction, free soil pH testing. **CCE/GC**

S- May 16: Native Plant Sale, 10 am – 2 pm. Over 12

nurseries and Genesee Land Trust volunteers donate native plants, shrubs and trees. Rain or shine. Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton. **GLT**

May 16: Special Event with Amy Stewart, 12 – 2 pm. Entertaining lecture by Amy Stewart, author of *The Drunken Botanist*. \$20. Registration required. Broccolo Garden Center, 2755 Penfield Road, Fairport. 585/424-4476; broccolotreeandlawn.com/giftsandtickets.

S- May 16 – 17: Henrietta Garden Club Spring Plant Sale, 9 am – 4 pm. Member grown plants at inexpensive prices. Gro-Moore Farms, 2811 East Henrietta Road, Henrietta. 585/889-1547; henrietagardenclub.org.

May 16 – 17: Tree Peony Festival, 9 am – 4 pm. Suggested contribution \$8; Guided Tours \$12. **LIN**

May 16 – 17: Visit Ellwanger Garden, 10 am – 4 pm. See description under May 9 – 10. Donation. Ellwanger Garden, 625 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester. 585/546-7029; landmarksociety.org.

May 16 – 17: International Bonsai Arboretum Open House & Sale, 10 am – 4 pm. International Bonsai Arboretum, 1070 Martin Road, West Henrietta. 585/334-2595.

May 16 – 17: Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition & Sale, 10 am – 5 pm. Monroe Community Hospital, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester. \$5; \$3 seniors.

May 16 – 17: Ikebana Exhibition, 10 am – 5 pm. Displays of Japanese live art. Presented by Ikebana International Chapter 53. In conjunction with *Upstate New York Bonsai Exhibition & Sale* (above). Monroe Community Hospital, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester. \$5; \$3 seniors; children under 12 free.

S- May 17: Flower City Days at the Market, 8 am – 2 pm. See description under May 10. **RPM**

May 19: Basic Perennial Gardening, 6:30 – 8 pm. Pat McCullough will discuss choosing the best perennials for a location, planning a succession of bloom and season-long color and the basics of care such as soil, pest control, light and water requirements. \$25. Registration required. **RCGC**

May 20: Create a Fairy Garden, 6 pm. Create your own unique container garden. Bring a container, no bigger than 14 inches across. Potting soil, decorative stones & plants provided. \$25, one container. Registration required by May 13. **CCE/GC**

S- May 22 – 23: Bloomfield Garden Club Plant Sale, 9 am – 5 pm, Friday; 9 am – 3 pm, Saturday. Annuals, herbs, hanging baskets, raffle items, home-grown perennials. Historical Academy Building, 8 South Avenue, Bloomfield. 585/978-2687.

S- May 22 – 25: Flower City Days at the Market, 8 am – 2 pm. See description under May 10. **RPM**

S- May 23: Proud Market Plant Sale, 8 am. Shop perennials, trees, shrubs, native plants, summer bulbs, annuals, vegetables and more. Vendors include garden clubs and small independent plant specialists. **RCGC**

S- May 23: Rochester Dahlia Society Plant Sale, 8 am. Dahlia plants and tubers. *Proud Market Plant Sale* (above), Rochester Civic Garden Center, 5 Castle Park, Rochester. rochesterdahlias.org.

May 23: Bird Friendly Backyard, 10:30 – 12 pm. June Summers from the Genesee Valley Audubon Society. Registration required. Broccolo Garden Center, 2755 Penfield Road, Fairport. 585/424-4476; broccolotreeandlawn.com.

May 23 – 24: Tree Peony Festival, 9 am – 4 pm. Suggested contribution \$8; Guided Tours \$12. **LIN**

May 26 & 28: Advanced Professional Floral Design Certificate – Sympathy Arrangements, 6:30 – 9 pm. 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**

May 27: Linwood Gardens Tour, 10 am – 12 pm.

Enjoy a private tour of the gardens, buildings and landscape of Linwood Gardens, a historic estate 35 miles southwest of Rochester. Linwood is known today for its collection of tree peonies started by William Gratwick in 1940. The landscape was designed in the early 1900's and includes an Italian walled garden, an Arts and Crafts style summerhouse, a labyrinth and more, all with views over the Genesee Valley. \$20. Registration required. **RCGC**

May 27: Grapevine Tree Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm.

Charles Lytle will guide participants as they create a 36"-tall stylized tree using a wire form and natural grapevines. Charlie will demonstrate different embellishments and discuss various seasonal uses. Materials included. \$28 members; \$35 non-members. Registration required by May 21. **RCGC**

May 30: Odyssey to Ithaca, 7:45 am – 6:30 pm. Visit

Cornell Plantations' container garden collection, herb, flower, heritage vegetable and winter gardens, groundcover collection and rhododendron knoll. Other stops will include family-owned garden centers: Cayuga Landscape, Baker's Acres, The Plantsmen Nursery and Bedlam's display gardens. Travel by luxury coach with ample room to transport purchases. Lunch provided. Bus will depart and return to Marketplace Mall, Henrietta. \$60. Registration required. **RCGC**

• **May 30: Fairy Garden Workshop**, 10:30 am – 12 pm.

Create a unique container landscape using small plants, mosses and choice of decorative materials. All ages, no extra charge for children accompanied by a paying adult (one garden per group). Materials included. \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

• **May 30: Webster Arboretum 25th Birthday**

Celebration, 1 – 4 pm. Music, entertainment, children's activities, seed sowing in the Wild Flower Garden. 1700 Schlegel Road, Webster. websterarboretum.org.

May 30 – 31: Tree Peony Festival, 9 am – 4 pm.

Suggested contribution \$8; Guided Tours \$12. **LIN**

S- May 31: Flower City Days at the Market, 8 am – 2 pm. See description under May 10. **RPM**

May 31: Iris Show, 1 – 4 pm. *It's High Time for*

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June 2: Garden Talk – Fight Late Blight, 12:15 – 12:45

pm. Learn how to help prevent late blight in your tomatoes and potatoes. Lunchtime talk, bring your lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**

June 2: Create an Edible Container Garden of Flowers

and Herbs, 6:30 – 8 pm. Sue Lang and Sheryl Roets of Gallea's Greenhouses will guide participants in planting a decorative container with a selection of herbs and flowering plants. Materials included. \$50. Registration required. **RCGC**

June 4: Purposeful Perennials – Using Perennials

in Containers, 6 – 8 pm. Christine Froehlich will demonstrate how to create container plantings as she discusses what to look for in a potting mix, how to plant for optimum performance, the many varieties of perennials that hold up well in containers and how to select combinations for color and texture. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

T- June 6 – 7: Landmark Society House & Garden Tour,

10 am – 4 pm. Landmark Society of Western NY. 585/546-7029; landmarksociety.org.



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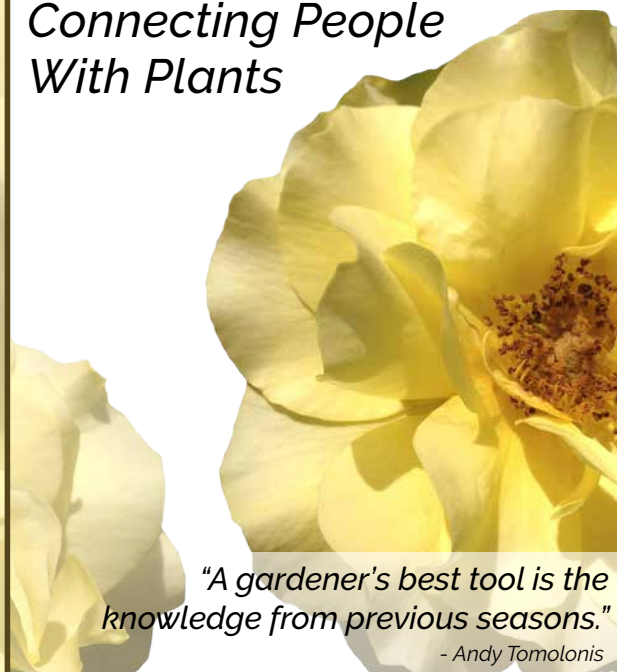
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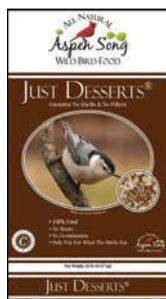
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S- June 7: Flower City Days at the Market, 8 am – 2 pm. See description under May 10. **RPM**

June 8: Roses & Rosés. Kick off the start of *Rose Week* where Sonnenberg's thousands of rose plants are celebrated. Event showcases over 30 wineries and restaurants of the Finger Lakes Region. \$25 members; \$30 non-members. Reservation required. **SG**

June 9: Living Wreath Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm. Create a wreath of living plants that will grow and become more decorative throughout the season. Choose from an assortment of succulents, flowering and foliage plants which can be used outdoors through the summer and then brought inside. Materials included. \$55. Registration required. **RCGC**

June 11: Summer Container Workshop, 6:30 – 8 pm. Join Deb VerHulst-Norris at her lakefront property in Hilton for this workshop and tour. Deb will discuss the principles of a balanced and interesting design, care and maintenance. Bring a pot of 16" diameter or less; potting soil and a variety of plants appropriate for sun or shade provided. \$30 members; \$35 non-members. Registration required by June 4. **RCGC**

June 13: Summer Pruning, 9 am – 12 pm. Mike Tanzini will cover how to properly prune flowering trees and shrubs as well as broadleaf evergreens and conifers. Prerequisite: *Pruning Basics* or another pruning class. \$36 members; \$46 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

T- June 13: Greece Performing Arts Society – Notable Garden Tour, 10 am – 4 pm. *Gardens Large and Small*. Tour 8 gardens in Greece. Light refreshments, live music, visual artists. Rain or shine. \$17 advance; \$22 day of. Tickets available at several Garden Centers in Greece by May 10. Greece Performing Arts Society. 585/234-5636.

June 13 – 14: Peony & Rose Weekend, 10 am – 4 pm. Ellwanger Garden, 625 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester. 585/546-7029; landmarksgarden.org.

June 15: Butterflies and the Plants They Need, 9 am. Wesley Hill Preserve, near Naples. Carpool, approx. one-hour drive. Full day. Bring lunch & folding chair. Meet: Park & Ride, Bushnell's Basin Exit, I-490, Rochester. 585/425-2380. **RBC**

June 17: Tour Windy Hill Flower Farm, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Join Lisa Mauro on her 4.5-acre Mendon property where she will discuss various aspects of flower farming from seed to sales, including growing your own seedlings, preparing soil, selecting cultivars, sustainable practices, harvest/post-harvest considerations, marketing cut flowers and more. Lisa will also demonstrate some of her techniques for arranging cut garden flowers. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

T- June 20: Backyard Habitat Tour, 9 am – 4 pm. Tour seven gardens in Brighton, Penfield, Fairport and Webster, right on the lake. Free refreshments available at Broccolo Garden Center. \$12 members; \$15 non-members. **GLT**

June 21: Trail Adventures, the best Rochester and NY waterfall hikes, 12–1pm by author Nic and Randi Minetor. Call Broccolo Garden Center at 585-424-4476 for more information.

June 23: Butterflies and the Plants They Need, 9 am. Mt. Morris Dam Area & Rattlesnake Hill. Carpool, approx. one-hour drive. Full day. Bring lunch & folding chair. Meet: Park & Ride, Routes 15 & 251, I-390 exit 11, Rush. 585/425-2380. **RBC**

June 23: Early Summer Blooms Stroll, 6 – 8 pm. Join Michael Hannen at his home-based nursery in Rochester's Upper Monroe neighborhood where he grows rare and unusual plants in great variety including many new and rare additions. Arrive early to shop or preview the gardens. \$10 members; \$15

non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

June 24: Jerry Kral's Incredible Landscape in June, 6:30 – 8 pm. Spend a relaxed summer evening strolling through Jerry Kral's landscape. See how he uses small and medium-sized evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs in combinations with perennials and annuals linked by pathways and stone walls. Rock gardens include slab, tufa crevice and pumice. \$12. Registration required. **RCGC**

June 25: Creating Pots with Pizzazz – Using Dwarf Shrubs in Containers, 6 – 8 pm. Christine Froehlich will show how to plant for optimum performance, which varieties to choose and how to combine them for color combinations that will last all summer and well into the fall. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

• **July – August 7: Moonlight Stroll Concert Series**, Fridays, 8 – 10 pm. A different musical act each week. **SG**

July 5: 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 6: 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 7: Butterflies and the Plants They Need, 9:30 am. Ganondagan State Historic Site. Half day. Optional: bring lunch & folding chair. Meet: parking lot, Boughton Hill Road, west of intersection with Route 444. 585/385-4725. **RBC**

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

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. **RCGC**

July 12: Butterflies and the Plants They Need, 10 am. Mendon Ponds Park. Explore the butterfly garden and nearby meadows. Meet: Visitor Center / Wild Wings parking lot, Mendon Ponds Park, 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.

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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@bristolsgardencenter.com;

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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.

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.

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.

S- August 8: Finger Lakes Daylily Society Plant Sale. Bristol's Garden Center, 7454 Route 96, Victor.

August 15 – 16: Arts at the Gardens. **SG**

September 12: Gathering of Gardeners, 8 am – 4 pm. Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester. gatheringofgardeners.com.

Oct 10: Fall Gardening Symposium. **SG**

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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; hgcnycny.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.

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May 9: Wildflower Walk, 2 – 3 pm. Led by caretaker Audrey Loewer. Each week new species will bloom and Audrey will reveal their past and present medicinal and culinary uses. Free, donation appreciated. **BWNC**

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Buying plants:

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Check for signs of insects (chewed leaves, puncture wounds, sticky substances) or disease (yellow leaves, stunted growth, signs of fungi). Be sure to look on both sides of the leaves before buying any plant.

Check the roots as well. Circling roots may be difficult to spread when the plant is to be put into the ground.

Check plant tags to make sure your growing conditions meet the plant's needs and that the final height and width is appropriate for your space.

Buy yourself at least one new plant!

In the Garden:

Leave bulb foliage intact until it yellows and wilts but remove spent flowers to prevent seed formation, but leave the foliage—it's required to give the bulb energy for blooming next year.

Watch for pale yellow trails on columbine leaves caused by leaf miner. Remove and destroy infested leaves throughout the season.

Cut back perennials such as phlox, beebalm, sedum 'Autumn Joy', asters, and solidago (goldenrod) by one-third to one-half to control height or delay flowering.

Cut back spring flowering perennials such as pulmonaria and perennial geraniums after they bloom to encourage the growth of new foliage.

Deadhead perennials and annuals to prevent seed formation, encourage new growth and more flowers.

Place stakes next to taller flowering plants or put other supports over them so they can grow up through them without damage to foliage and flowers later in the season.

Plant dahlias, gladiolas, lilies, begonias, and cannas when the soil is warm.

Place plants in the soil at the proper depth. Be sure to spread out the roots.

LAWN

Mow lawn at least three inches high. This encourages deeper, healthier root growth. Leave grass clippings on the lawn to return nutrients to the soil.

The first application of lawn fertilizer can be put down around Memorial Day. If fertilizer was applied in fall a spring application is not necessary. A top dressing of

compost is an excellent and natural fertilizer.

For optimal pre-emergent crabgrass control, do not apply until soil is close to 60 degrees. Crabgrass doesn't germinate until the soil temperature 2 inches deep is between 60 & 64 degrees. Applying when the ground is too cold is a waste of money and chemicals.

VEGETABLES

Avoid overcrowding plants to discourage disease.

Check the Cornell Recommended Vegetable list for suggested and disease resistant varieties.

Plant your brassicas now: broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, summer cabbage.

Reseed bush beans every few weeks to replace plants that have finished producing.

Leeks may be moved to their final growing place in the garden. Plant your tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, and peppers when the ground is warm to promote growth, lessen the chance of disease, and to prevent blossom end rot in tomatoes.

If plants were grown from seed be sure to harden them off before planting them in the garden.

Harvest salad greens, radishes, and spring onions if ready. Stake tomato plants. Pinch out sucker growth.

GENERAL GARDENING

Start slug control.

Check for four lined plant bugs. Use deer repellants or consider deer resistant plants.

Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs after blooming is finished.

Weed now while weeds are small.

Keep newly planted trees, shrubs, vegetables, perennials, and flowers well watered (about one inch per week.)

Renew mulch if necessary.

Turn your compost. Add finished compost to all beds. Distribute about one-quarter inch depth over your lawn as well.

Thin out your fruit trees to ensure fruit of a reasonable size.

Gradually move houseplants outdoors. They will benefit from the sun, rain and humidity.

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INSET: Prune pieris and other spring bloomers right after they flower.

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Think outside the pot

by Cathy Monrad



While terra cotta and ceramic pots are most common, almost anything can be repurposed into a plant container. Unique vessels add charm and character to your garden. Scour thrift stores, flea markets, garage sales, and your own home for eclectic planters.

Be creative—you are only limited by your imagination! Some ideas to get your creative juices flowing:

- Footwear such as rain boots or tennis shoes
- Kitchen items like a colander or teakettle
- Vintage birdcages, tins, or books
- Metal toy dump truck or wagon
- For gardens with ample space, consider a chest of drawers, clawfoot tub, or rowboat

The only “rule” is make sure the container has adequate drainage. Drilling or punching holes into materials such as wood, metal and plastic is relatively simple; ceramic or glass is more difficult. For the latter, being conscious not to overwater is easiest.

Cathy Monrad is the graphic designer for Upstate Gardeners’ Journal.

LEFT: Dad’s old tool box adds a vibrant pop of color to the garden.

RIGHT: A plastic purse makes an adorable planter for the fashion forward gardener.

Do you have a whimsical planter you’d like to share? Send pictures and description to cathy@upstategardenersjournal.com or post to the Upstate Gardeners’ Journal Facebook wall. We’d love to share them with our readers!

The Feathered Migrants of Spring

by Liz Manganti



ABOVE: Baltimore Oriole courtesy Kelly Colgan Azar

The sound of spring is in the air, each dawn full of the chorus of birds. Soon more singers will join—migratory birds that call upstate New York their home for a few months each year. Two of these, the Baltimore oriole and the ruby-throated hummingbird, are among the favorites of backyard birdwatchers.

Orioles are the first to arrive, making their first appearance late in April. The key to attracting orioles is to put your feeder out early in the season, before you see or hear one. Orioles are attracted to backyard feeders that provide nectar, jelly, and fruit. Nectar can be made right in your kitchen using one part white granulated sugar to five parts water—boil the water to insure proper mixing with the sugar. Powdered and liquid nectar concentrates are also available. These just need water added to them; no boiling is required. But grape jelly seems to be most preferred by orioles. I have had my best luck using the commercial product Birdberry Jelly, a mix of grape and blackberry jelly that is made without any preservatives especially for orioles. Orioles will also eat oranges, which you should slice in half to serve.

When selecting an oriole feeder it is important to get one that has large perches and large feeding ports. Many people rely on their hummingbird feeders to

provide orioles with nectar but this does not typically work. Orioles are much larger than hummingbirds and small perches are hard for them to land on, and the nectar ports of hummingbird feeders are usually too small for an orioles' large beak. Orioles are naturally attracted to the color orange, so an orange feeder helps to draw them in. Later in the season adding mealworms to your banquet helps keep orioles coming to your feeders. Mealworms provide more nutritional value and protein than jelly and nectar and many birds feed these insects to their young.

Hummingbirds arrive to the area in early May, around Mother's Day. Providing nectar and nectar-producing plants in your yard is the best way to attract these birds. Hummingbirds are attracted to the color red, so when selecting a hummingbird feeder look for one that is at least partially red in color and easy to clean. The nectar recipe for hummingbirds is one part sugar, four parts water. Again, be sure to boil the water before mixing in the sugar. No-boil nectar concentrates are also available for hummingbirds. Tubular, nectar-producing plants also draw in hummingbirds. Fuchsia, bee balm, trumpet honeysuckle, trumpet vine, and cardinal flower are among their favorites. Here on the east coast we only have one species of hummingbird, the ruby-throated. Ruby-throated hummingbirds are known for being territorial and will actively defend their food source. Because of this, if you are looking to have multiple hummingbirds come to your yard your best bet is to have multiple small feeders scattered throughout your yard instead of one large one. Hummingbirds are also creatures of habit and will visit the same feeders year after year and visit them around the same time each day.

When feeding orioles and hummingbirds make sure to keep the nectar fresh, and the feeder clean. If the nectar is not changed often enough it can start to grow mold which is detrimental to the birds' health. Nectar should be changed every two to three days. New products such as Nectar Defender by Sapphire Labs will keep nectar fresh longer by using micronutrients. When you add this, your nectar can last for a week or more in a feeder.

Liz Manganti is the manager of The Bird House in Brighton.



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