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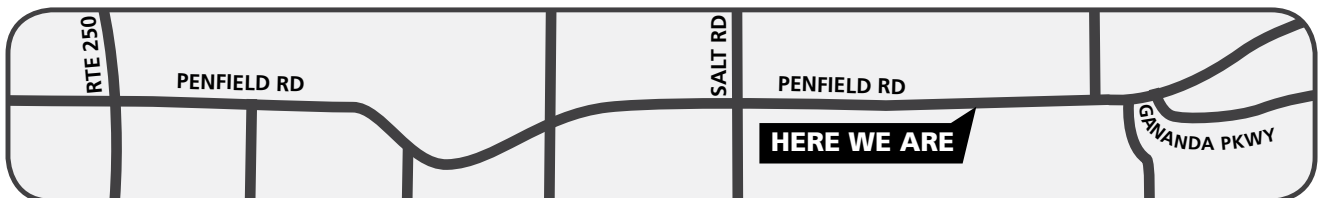


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The GardenAerial: Rochester's Next Big Thing



By Ulysses P. Hedrick

The High Falls District in downtown Rochester is one of upstate New York's greatest hidden treasures. It is a neighborhood filled with historic buildings, startup businesses, and one of New York's lesser-known natural attractions, High Falls, an impressive 10-story waterfall and gorge running through the heart of the city.

This neighborhood is also home to a new and innovative project, the GardenAerial. It is hoped the project will transform downtown Rochester into a world-class destination. In March of 2011, local business owners Michael Philipson and Lewis Stess recognized the untapped potential for the neighborhood and founded the not-for-profit Friends of the GardenAerial as a way of drawing attention to the spectacular setting.

"It has always been apparent to me that this neighborhood is something very special and truly unique. Where else do we find a spectacular natural wonder intermixed with a vibrant historic neighborhood located in the heart of a major urban center", said Michael Philipson, Co-Founder and Board Chair of the GardenAerial, "It needs to be better known, appreciated, and promoted."

According to Philipson, the major drawback is the lack of access and interaction with the Genesee River as well as High Falls. Currently the only place to truly appreciate the falls is from the distant vantage point of the Pont de Rennes Bridge. The primary mission of the GardenAerial is to preserve and return access and enjoyment of the Genesee waterfront at High Falls back to the community.

The initial phase of the master plan, now underway, includes development of a new walking bridge over the falls itself, a pedestrian connection directly into downtown Rochester, and completion of a ¾ mile looped trail. These will be threaded together with a rich variety of public gardens and terminate at the heart of the project, a spectacular urban green space on the 900 foot long Pont de Rennes Bridge.

"This is the first phase of a much larger project that will ultimately benefit the community - attracting visitors, providing educational opportunities and promoting commerce." says Lewis Stess, CEO and co-Founder of Friends of the GardenAerial.

"Completing this looped trail allows us the ability to better integrate the High Falls and Middle Gorge areas into the fabric of our downtown - an achievement which will transform this forgotten area and, with further development, even help to lead to a new identity for the city of Rochester." Philipson said.

When finished the GardenAerial will provide a place where preservation of natural beauty and ecology is in harmony with sensitive, sustainable development and will become a world-class model for neighborhood-based projects. More information on the project is available at Gardenaerial.org.



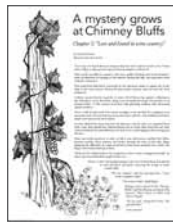
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**THE SAGA CONTINUES—
REALLY!**

Many readers have contacted the office asking when the next installment of Jonathan Everett and Steve Smock's micro-fiction series, "A Mystery Grows at Chimney Bluffs," will appear. We're skipping this issue, but watch for a new chapter in our holiday edition!

In the meantime, please feel free to catch up, if you've missed any, or just re-enjoy the stories by visiting our Ear to the Ground blog: upstategardenersjournal.com/ear-to-the-ground, where you'll find PDFs of all four previously published chapters. Not all browsers can see the embedded files, but there is a link to each one as well for easy download.



SONNENBERG IN OCTOBER

There is a lot going on at Sonnenberg Mansions and Garden this fall. Saturday the 5th brings author and photographer Ken Druse to its Natural Gardening Symposium. Druse will be joined by Dr. Jana Lamboy, formerly of Finger Lakes Community College, and Katherine Leiner, a writer and natural food activist. Tickets are \$85 (\$75 for members) and include a boxed lunch. Call 585-394-4922 or visit the events page at sonnenverg.org for details.



Western New York readers are invited to join the *Upstate Gardeners' Journal* on the following Saturday, October 12, as we head down to Canandaigua for a full day of shopping, wine tasting, and of course a special tour of Sonnenberg's gardens highlighting many of its magnificent trees, with stops at Bristol's Garden Center and The Apple Farm in Victor. Tickets are \$72 (including transportation via luxury motorcoach, lunch and treats) and available at upstategardenersjournal.com/sonnenberg-gardens-2013 or by calling 585-538-4980.

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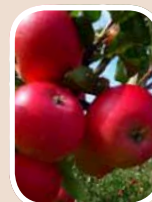
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The Urban/Home Horticulture Overlap

(Hint: It's all Urban!)

by Michelle Sutton

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ABOVE: Common woadwaxen (*Genista lydia*) can be used as a woody groundcover in dry, sandy, infertile soils and in extremes of pH.

“Urban Horticulture” sounds exotic and specialized, but it’s perhaps the most broadly applicable branch of horticulture. According to Cornell Urban Horticulture Institute Director Nina Bassuk, urban horticulture used to be called “human-impacted landscapes,” and among the landscapes in which we live, which ones are not greatly impacted by humans?

“Wherever people live,” Bassuk says, “the soil has been disrupted and probably significantly compacted, which reduces oxygen, nutrient, and water availability to tree roots. Frequently, housing construction debris has been buried on the site; buried cement blocks and

cement sidewalks alike will drive the soil pH up. Heat is reflected off of buildings, paved surfaces, and cars, putting more water stress on plants. Salts used on paved surfaces run off into the soil, desiccating plant roots. Roots that are in the vicinity of pavement and structures often have limited soil volume to explore.” You get the idea: “urban” stresses, while particularly grievous along city streets, are present to varying degrees in our home landscapes.

One can use urban horticulture principles every day in residential situations to have greater success with plants. Site assessment and proper plant selection techniques are just as relevant to homeowners as they are to

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ABOVE: Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*) tolerates extremes of wet and dry. Photo by Michelle Sutton

city foresters.

GETTING STARTED

You'll want to bookmark www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi. Go to the publication called "Recommended Urban Trees" (RUT), then go to "Site Assessment Checklist" and the adjacent document about how to complete it. The process of site assessment has you consider things like sun and shade exposure, USDA Hardiness Zone for your area, microclimates (for instance, the south side of your house versus the north), soil texture, pH, and drainage. This is a useful process for considering all types of plant material, not just the trees in RUT.

The checklist in RUT includes visual assessment of existing plants—both cultivated and wild. Noting what's growing well—and what's not—will give you insights into the site conditions. For instance, if rhododendrons, azaleas, and mountain laurel have lustrous dark green leaves and other signs of vigor, your soil is probably acidic to some degree. If your red maple or pin oak tree leaves are pale yellow, your soil may be alkaline. If you see girdling surface tree roots on more than one species of tree, there may be drainage and/or soil

compaction problems.

This is a very sophisticated, thorough checklist. Will you fill out every box for every situation? No. But using the checklist gets you in the habit of thinking systematically about your site, and then you can engage in some informed plant-site matching. RUT is a great resource for any homeowner who has site challenges (i.e., every homeowner!) It includes profiles of more than 90 tough trees.

SAMPLE SCENARIOS

This is a matching game. What are the site opportunities and restraints? What kind of tree (or shrub, or perennial) would you like to have? Which one will satiate your need for beauty but also perhaps fulfill practical functions like privacy/screening, habitat for wildlife, or shading your house? Do the site assessment results look favorable for your intended tree?

Scenario A

- You live in USDA Hardiness Zone 5a.
- Your soil is a desirable clay loam, easy to dig, and drains well, but you can tell by the kinds of plants growing wild there (or by doing a pH test) that you have a higher-than-average pH.
- You have a spot in full sun where you'd like to plant a shade tree that will make your back yard more hospitable in summer.
- There are no overhead wires or underground utilities in the vicinity.
- You would like something that is drought-tolerant, because the spot you have in mind is far enough from the house that you don't realistically see yourself dragging hoses out there. (You'll want to water it in the first few critical years, though, until it gets established—and in drought years).
- You want something with fabulous fall color.

A good match: RUT has a small tree section and a medium-to-large tree section. For shade trees, we're looking at the latter. RUT shows that most of the listed red maples and Freeman maples have beautiful fall color, but these maples are not especially drought tolerant. A katsura tree would be beautiful but again, can't take things dry. A-ha! What about a ginkgo tree (a male cultivar, like 'Autumn Gold', with excellent golden yellow fall color)? It can take "prolonged periods of dry soil", is sufficiently hardy (to Zone 4b), does fine with high pH ... we have a winner!

Scenario B

- You live in USDA Hardiness Zone 6a.
- You want a small tree in a pocket garden between your driveway and the front porch. It has to be a small tree because the bed is approximately 15 x 18 feet; there isn't enough room above or below ground for a bigger tree.
- It's the south side of the house, and due to the heat radiating from the house, driveway, and sidewalk, it gets hot and the bed dries out quickly, but it's near the

spigot, and you plan to water the tree.

- You would like showy flowers.
- There are no overhead wires or underground utilities in the vicinity.
- This garden bed gets salt runoff from the sidewalk.

A good match. It's challenging to find something small enough to fit this spot, but there is a whole page of compact crabapple cultivars in RUT that would do nicely, ones that are both disease resistant and have extra showy flowers. They can tolerate periods of dry soil and some salt runoff. Ding, ding, ding!

Scenario C

- You live in USDA Hardiness Zone 6b.
- This part of your yard is flooded in the spring, but then gets quite dry in late summer. Ergo, you need something that can tolerate extremes of soil hydrology.
- There are no overhead wires or underground utilities in the vicinity. There is plenty of above- and below-ground space.
- Your soil is acidic to neutral (under 7.5).
- You like big trees, but you hate raking leaves.

A good match. You have lots of room, so why not go for something that gets really tall (60 feet or more)? RUT shows that the majestic baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*) is adapted to both seasonally wet and dry soils. It is hardy to Zone 5a or better. The leaflets are tiny and need no raking. We have a match!

Scenario D, Or, Not Every Site Can Support a Tree

Your soil is impenetrably hard to dig in and/or bedrock is close to the surface. You could remediate a discrete area of poor soil with compost and deep tillage, but it will be expensive to create enough hospitable soil volume for tree roots, which grow well beyond the canopy. Bassuk says, "There is one site problem that we cannot select for—and that is lack of rooting space." Best not to plant a tree here.

Or, you'd love a weeping cherry but there is only 10 feet clearance between house and sidewalk (weeping cherry trees get much bigger than that over time). Or, you want an oak tree, but there are overhead wires in the vicinity. Find a place in your landscape where these



trees will have adequate above- and below-ground room.

In terms of aerial room, RUT will tell you how big you can anticipate a tree getting. How much soil volume is adequate to support a tree of a given size? There is a terrific soil volume calculation guide on p. 20 of this UHI publication: www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/outreach/pdfs/walk1.pdf.

TOP: Male cultivars of *Ginkgo biloba* with showy fall color offer both beauty and, once established, drought tolerance.

BOTTOM: The woody groundcover creeping silver willow (*Salix arenaria*) handles most soil textures and pH ranges beautifully.

More UHI Resources for Homeowners

The Cornell Woody Plants Database is another great tool for site-plant matching and includes shrubs as well as trees: <http://woodyplants.cals.cornell.edu>. Bassuk says a grant has been awarded to UHI that will enable the database to be upgraded soon, making it more user-friendly and field-friendly. The search function will be improved and a Cornell Woody Plants Database app for smartphones will be released.

Bassuk also wants readers to know about the community forestry resources page through the UHI site: www.hort.cornell.edu/commfor/resources/index.html. Here you can find pruning and transplanting guides, advice on how to avoid construction damage to trees, pest and disease problems, and much more practical information.

When we think about providing protective cover for slopes and other difficult sites, herbaceous groundcovers

come to mind. Here is a really useful guide to deciduous woody groundcovers for such sites, borne from former graduate student Jamie Blackburn's field testing of such underutilized plants in the city of Ithaca: www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/outreach/pdfs/dwgc.pdf.

If you have a large enough property and are thinking about putting in a double row, or allée, of trees, instead of sinking all into a vulnerable monoculture, there is a way that you can plant a visually compatible diversity of trees; see: www.hort.cornell.edu/uhi/outreach/pdfs/visually_compatible_trees.pdf.

Lastly, for site assessment purposes, to find out down to an "a" or "b" what your Hardiness Zone is, go to this USDA site for an interactive map: <http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/Images/150dpi/NY.jpg>.

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Invasive Species

Story and photos by Rich Finzer

One of the greatest strengths of any woodlot, forest or open stretch of ground is its biodiversity. The greater the variety of species, the less chance disease or insects will ravage the entire area. Ironically, biodiversity may also become a glaring weakness, particularly if land begins hosting invasive species. Here in Cayuga County, we're plagued by several of these invaders and unfortunately we're not alone. Many invasive plants range across wide swaths of the U.S. Of the time spent managing my woodlot, a good portion is devoted to eradicating these unwelcome and often alien pests.

Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) is a perfect example. Introduced into the U.S. in 1806 to help combat soil erosion, no one anticipated how invasive the plant would become. On my farm, the shrubs proliferate where the cropland meets the edge of the woodlot. Every spring, while the ground is soft, I make a concerted effort to rip out as many as I can. Fortunately, the shallow rooted honeysuckle is easy to identify and easy to dislodge.

The flowers, which occur in pairs, range in color from pure white to a creamy whitish-yellow. The ovate leaves are set opposite on the woody branches. Following pollination, each bloom produces a black berry containing a single seed. As birds eat the fruit, the seeds are deposited in their droppings, accounting for the speed with which the plant can overtake an area.

One of the other invasive trees I regularly confront is white mulberry (*Morus alba*). Native to China where it is used to feed silkworms, it was introduced during colonial times as our British masters tried to establish

a fledgling silk industry. The trees produce a tart edible fruit about the size of a raspberry. Wild birds, especially robins and bluebirds consume them and deposit the seeds in their droppings. The plants are stubborn to remove, and even if cut off at the ground line will often re-sprout. While I like songbirds, I'm no fancier of white mulberry. The only sure-fire method I've found for completely killing one is cutting it flush with the ground and then auguring a hole into the center of the stump. Following that, I insert a funnel filled with bleach. Once the roots absorb the bleach, it's curtains. [While this is undoubtedly an effective method, using bleach—or any substance not labeled an herbicide—to kill plants is actually illegal, and we therefore cannot recommend it. —Ed.]

Another invasive species is Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*). Native to southern Europe, it was brought to the U. S. during the late 1800's. Like other introduced alien plants, it too will quickly overtake native trees. Its leaves are slender, shiny on top and a fuzzy olive-gray underneath. The tree produces hundreds of tiny yellow flowers that bloom at the base of the leaves. Following pollination, each forms a small olive-colored fruit roughly the size of a chickpea. The plant prefers partial sun, and removing one can be nasty business, as the branches are armored with 1 to 3 inch thorns. If Russian olive has a sole redeeming quality, it's that the thorns afford great protection to nesting birds, particularly catbirds. As a nod to my avian friends, if I encounter one, I generally spare it until nesting has concluded. I am not nearly as merciful with wild roses.

The wild or multiflora rose, (*Rosa multiflora*) is another challenging adversary native to China.

RIGHT: Sumac flower plume

LEFT: White mulberry with fruit just beginning to ripen

Brought to the U.S. sometime during the 1700's, the plant is covered with long, extremely sharp thorns, tough enough to pierce heavy leather work gloves. It proliferates by sending out runners, rooting its drooping canes to the soil and by seeds. According to some biologists, a single plant may produce as many as 17,000 seeds during a single growing season! If I locate a large one, I attach a cable noose around the main trunk and tear out the entire plant using my pickup. In Midwestern states like Ohio, wild rose is subject to massive state-sponsored eradication programs. According to USDA estimates, it infests as many as 45 million acres. How much land is that? It's roughly the combined land area of New York and Connecticut. I don't blame anybody for anything they do to eliminate this scourge. Have at it.

While many invasive plants were imported, one native species, staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*), is equally challenging to control. Classified as a woody shrub, sumacs are shallow rooted and spread by both rhizomes and seeds. After flowering, the familiar rusty-red, fruiting head begins forming. It's actually a compact cluster of fruits known as drupes. Drupes measure 1/4 inch in diameter and contain one seed. Interestingly, the germination rate of sumac seeds is enhanced after passing through the digestive systems of rabbits. So if you've got lots of sumacs, you probably have a thriving bunny population too. Sumacs prefer sunny locations and are often the first trees to grow on abandoned farmland. The yellow 12-inch flower plumes emerge in early June. By late summer, the ripening drupes take on their trademark rusty-red hue. I've found the easiest method of destroying sumacs is tearing them out by the roots. For larger ones, I sometimes employ my truck and a length or two of logging chain.

Up until now, the plants I've described might be classified as troublesome or stubborn, but giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is justifiably described as vile. It's extremely invasive and it's extremely poisonous as well. It's a phototoxic plant. When exposed to the UV rays in sunlight, the sap from the stalk is capable of burning exposed flesh (a condition known as phytophotodermatitis). If even a small amount of sap gets near your eyes, it may cause blindness! A mature plant can reach a height of 15 feet, and the main flower growing atop the stalk may attain a diameter of 30 inches. Giant hogweed is native to Central Asia, and was introduced into the U.S. during the early part of the twentieth century as an ornamental (what were those idiots thinking?). Classified by the USDA as a noxious weed, it is a perennial and once fully established is nearly impossible to eradicate. Regular mowing keeps it under some measure of control, but for total elimination only two methods are known. The main taproot must be severed about 6 inches below the ground or the plant must be killed chemically. Regrettably, giant hogweed prefers moist soils, particularly along stream banks and gullies, making it difficult to reach. Five summers ago, I discovered a lone plant growing along the bank of the creek bisect-

ing my property. While wearing heavy gloves, heavy clothing and eye protection, I sprayed the entire plant with herbicide. After drenching the entire plant, it quickly perished. [*The DEC instead cautions citizens to use only the manufacturer's recommended dose. For more on controlling hogweed with herbicides, see dec.ny.gov/animals/40961.html. —Ed.*] If you encounter a solitary plant as I did, you may be able to destroy it on your own. However, if a large colony develops, you may require the assistance of professionals with their arsenal of federally regulated herbicides. Either way, it must be killed wherever it's found. The DEC has taken notice of giant hogweed too. Since 2008, a 14-person team regularly attacks and destroys the plants whenever/wherever its presence is reported. To report giant hogweed, contact the DEC's Hogweed Hotline at 845-256-3111.

Rounding out the rogue's gallery is another stream-side pest, the wild grape (*Vitis riparia*). Also known as riverbank grape, it flourishes along creeks or streams. Growing to an ultimate height of 50 feet, this woody vine looks to surrounding trees for support, growing into the crowns until it smothers them. Found across the entire northern half of the U.S., it's the bane of landowners everywhere. Small plants may be pulled out by the roots; larger specimens with their shaggy bark should be chopped off at the ground line and the woody vines pulled down.

The beauty of our woodlands, stream banks and fields is something too many folks take for granted. But responsible stewardship requires every landowner to rid their space of any invasive species they encounter. It's hard work. It requires persistence, coupled with the enthusiasm of a fanatic; and it's worth it.



ABOVE: Giant hogweed

Additional Information: Visit www.usda.gov or the individual websites listed.

Japanese honeysuckle: www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/honeysuckle.shtml

Russian olive: www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/russolive.shtml

White Mulberry: http://plants.usda.gov/plantguide/pdf/pg_moal.pdf

Multiflora rose: http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CREP/CREP_WS_2_ROSMU.4.27.07.pdf

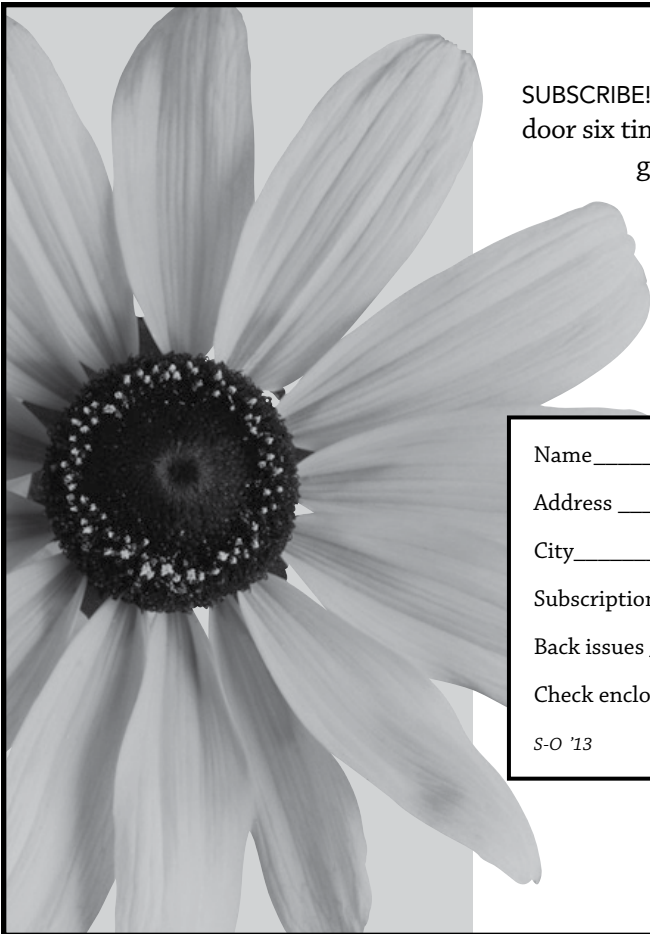
Staghorn sumac: http://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs_rhhi2.pdf

Wild grape: <http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=VIRI>

Giant hogweed: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/39809.html>

Giant hogweed: <http://www.9wsyr.com/mostpopular/story/Beware-the-giant-hogweed-agency-warns-NYS/QApZhBF4qEqWL5BPOFoTmg.csp>

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little air movement. The easiest way to prevent it is to strip the lower leaves from the plant and keep weeds down.

If you plan to grow hops, be prepared. They grow tall and they grow fast. Hops can easily grow to heights in excess of 20' and poles or trellises should be sized accordingly.



This issue's guest expert Erin Luchsinger Hull, a fourth generation farmer in Onondaga County, where she works as a general agriculture educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension.



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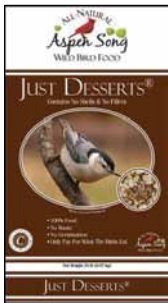
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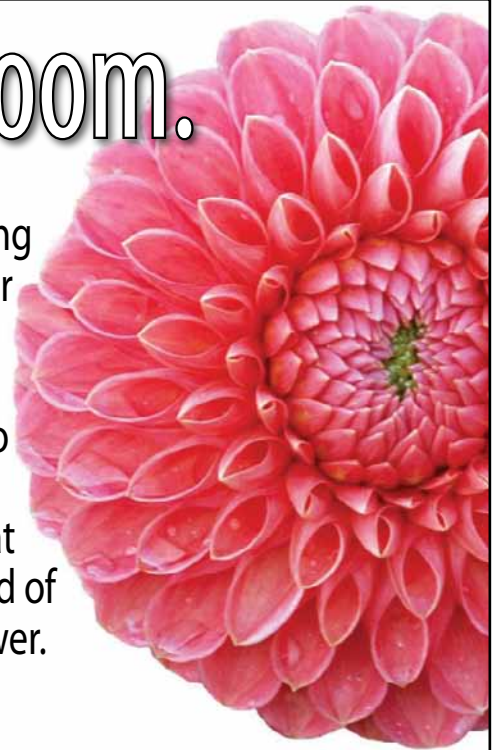
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8th District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. Maryann Jumper, District Director.

October 10: District meeting and luncheon, Brookfield Country Club; dlfb2@msn.com.

November 16: Luncheon, Fashion Show & Floral Show Club Competition, 11 am, \$25 advance only; 716/662-6997; 716/983-3764. 716/435-3412; mjump50@gmail.com; gardenclubsofwny.com.

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of WNY meets the third Tuesday of each month, September - June, at 7:30 pm, LVAC Building, 40 Embury Place, Lancaster. avgswny@verizon.net; gesneriadsociety.org/chapters/wny.

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.

Buffalo Area Daylily Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. 716/ 649-8186; buffaloareadaylily@hotmail.com.

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.

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. niagarafntierorchids.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. October 3: Garden Treasures auction. November 7: David Swarts, President & CEO, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens Society, Inc. President: Beverly Walsh, 716/662-7279.

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

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

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

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

Western New York Honey Producers, Inc. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County, 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora. September 14: Winterizing Your Bees, 9 am - 12 pm, \$10. wnyhpa.org.

Western New York Hosta Society. East Aurora Senior Center, corner of Oakwood & King Streets. 716/941-6167; h8staman@aol.com; wnyhosta.com.

Western New York Hosta Society Breakfast Meetings, a friendly get-together, first Saturday of the month

at 10 am, Gardenview Restaurant, Union Road, West Seneca.

Western New York Iris Society 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. Pat Kluczynski: 716/633-9503; patrizia@roadrunner.com.

Western New York Rose Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm, St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville. 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

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

GGB: Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo/Urban Roots Community Garden Center Cooperative. 716/362-8982; workshops@urbanroots.org; grassrootsgardens.org.

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

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Ongoing through November 27: East Aurora Farmers' Market, Wednesday & Saturday, 7 am - 1 pm. Local vendor produced/grown products. Aurora Village (Tops) Plaza, Grey Street, East Aurora.

September 7: Walk at Knox Farm State Park, 9 am. Guided walk to search for woodland ferns. Donations appreciated. Knox Farm State Park. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, 1610 Welch Road, North Java. 585/457-3228; 800/377-1520; buffaloaudubon.org.

September 7: Fungi with a Fun Gal, 10 am. Indoor presentation and guided outdoor fungus foray. Registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew. 716/683-5959; dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html.

September 7: The Challenges of a Perfect Lawn, 10 am. Jack Bryant will advise how to install, maintain or renovate a lawn as well as how to prepare it for fall and winter. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 7: Backyard Landscape, 2 pm. Gary and Kathy Sokolowski will share ideas on creating an outdoor living area by adding new plantings, patios and water features using thoughtful planning to increase usable space while providing privacy, fragrance, color and sound. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 7 - 8: Fall Garden Fair. Vendors, garden talks & demos, plants, food. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark Street, Hamburg. 716/649-4684; weknowplants.com.

September 7 - 8: Standard Flower Show, 12 - 5 pm. A Salute to the Movies. Presented by Orchard Park Garden Club. Free. Fox Run, One Fox Run Lane, 20A & California Roads, Orchard Park.

September 7 - October 6: Succulent Show, 10 am - 5 pm. Included with admission. **BECEBG**

September 13 - 14: Fall Plant Sale, 9 am - 7 pm Friday; 9 am - 2 pm Saturday. Perennials, flowering shrubs, bulbs and more. **BECEBG**

September 14: Success with Spring Bulbs, 10 am. Sharon Webber will share information on how to select, plant and care for some favorite spring blooming bulbs. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 14: Master Gardeners at the Gardens, 10 am - 1 pm. Master Gardeners of Erie County will be available to answer questions. Soil testing done while you wait, \$5 for up to 3 samples. **BECEBG**

September 14: Tree Festival, 10 am - 1:30 pm. Learn how to select trees, plant & care for them and identify species. South Park Arboretum tree walks. Tree planting clinic. 11 am: Tree selection and health with dendrologist Rochelle Smith. \$8 members, Master Gardeners, seniors & students; \$10 non-members. **BECEBG**

September 14: Orchid 101 - The Basics, 2 pm. Peter Martin will demonstrate potting and pruning while discussing requirements for growing media, light and maintenance. Participants may bring their own orchid specimen for consultation and advice after class. Registration required. **MENNE**

September 15: Garlic, 10 am. Presenter: Tom Szulist of Singer Farms Naturals. Free. Registration required. Urban Roots, 428 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo. **GGB**

September 17: Ten Plants That Rocked History, 6:30 - 8 pm. Learn the real reason the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock instead of their original destination of Virginia. Includes beer, wine and light refreshments. \$20 members; \$24 non-members. Registration required. **BECEBG**

September 21: Preserving the Harvest - Tomatoes, 10 am. Presenter: Liz Kent. Free. Registration required. **GGB**

September 21: Fall Hosta Forum. The Edinboro Fringe. Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA. wnyhosta.com.

September 27: Gala at the Gardens, 6:30 pm. Cocktail reception with live music, silent and basket auctions, complimentary bar. Sit-down dinner with wine. Live auction. Reservations required. **BECEBG**

September 27 - 28: Spooky Fairy Garden Workshop, 10 am & 2 pm each day. Registration required. Mischler's Florist & Greenhouse, 118 South Forest Road, Williamsville. 716/632-1290.

September 28: Bulbs, 3 pm. Presenter: David Clark. Free. Registration required. Urban Roots, 428 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo. **GGB**

September 28 - January 18: Horticulture Certificate - I, six Saturdays, 11 am - 1 pm. Basic Botany and Plant Environment; Basic Propagation; Pest Management and Disease; Shrubs and Trees; Annuals and Perennials; Garden Design. \$105 members; \$130 non-members. Registration required. **BECEBG**

October 1: Putting Your Garden to Bed Workshop, 5 pm. Presenter: Caesandra Seawell. Free. Registration required. Pelion Community Garden, 206 Best Street, Buffalo. **GGB**

October 5: Seasonal Decorative Door Initial, 9 - 10:30 am. Make your own jute-wrapped 12" letter to decorate with the seasons. \$18 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **BECEBG**

• **October 5: Autumn Festival,** 10 am - 6 pm. Fresh fall produce, demonstrations, vendors, pumpkin decorating and kids' activities. Harrington's Produce Market, 5282 Clinton Street, Batavia.

October 5: Beginner Bonsai Basics, 2 pm. Peter Martin will demonstrate pruning and repotting techniques and share information on basic care including grow-

ing media, watering and fertilizing. Registration required. **MENNE**

October 5 – January 25: Horticulture Certificate – II, six Saturdays, 11 am – 1 pm. *Soil Science; Advanced Propagation; Practical Principles of Pruning; Hydroponics; Water Gardening; Landscape Design 2*. \$105 members; \$130 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 12: Bus Trip to Sonnenberg Gardens.

Join the *Upstate Gardeners' Journal* for a day-trip to Victor & Canandaigua, NY. Traveling by motor-coach, our first stop will be Bristol's Garden Center to do some shopping. Next, visit Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua where we will have a special tour highlighting the arboretum's many historic trees. After lunch on the grounds there will be time to re-visit garden areas, tour the mansion, taste and buy New York State wines, and simply stroll and enjoy the day. On our way home we'll stop at The Apple Farm in Victor for pastries, cider, doughnuts, honey, maple syrup, wagon rides and pick-your-own apples. Coach departs from Eastern Hills Mall in Buffalo. \$72. Registration required. 585/538-4980; upstategardenersjournal.com.

October 12: Native Plants, 2 pm. Presenter: Beaufort Willbern. Free. Registration required. 2495 Main Street, Suite 408, Buffalo. **GGB**

October 12 – 13: Orchid Show, 10 am – 4 pm. Displays, demonstrations and vendors. Presented by Niagara Frontier Orchid Society. 716/835-2132. **BECBG**

October 15: Succulent Wreath, 6:15 pm. Create a 12-16" living wreath of desert plants. \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. **BECBG**

October 19: Composting, 10 am. Presenter: Nicole Dionne. Free. Registration required. 2495 Main Street, Suite 408, Buffalo. **GGB**

October 19 – November 10: Chrysanthemum Show, 10 am – 5 pm. **BECBG**

October 20: Doors Open Niagara. Part of Binational Doors Open Niagara Weekend. Free. **BECBG**

November 15 – 18: Christmas Open House, 10 am – 5 pm. Chicken Coop Originals, 13245 Clinton Street, Alden. 716/937-7837; chickencooporiginals.com.

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November 23 – 25: Christmas Open House, 10 am – 5 pm. Chicken Coop Originals, 13245 Clinton Street, Alden. 716/937-7837; chickencooporiginals.com.

December 7: Holiday in the Park. Sale of holiday designs made by members of Orchard Park Garden Club. Held in conjunction with other community activities. Proceeds go to beautify Orchard Park.

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

Adirondack Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society (ACNARGS). Meets in the Whetzel Room, Room 404, Plant Science Building, Cornell University, Ithaca. Free and open to all. acnargs.blogspot.com; facebook.com/acnargs.

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

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

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Ongoing through September 28: Botanical Garden Highlights Tour, Saturdays, 10 – 11 am. Enjoy a guided tour through the Botanical Gardens. Tour content will vary depending on the plants, season, interests of the group and whim of the docent. Meet: Nevin Welcome Center. Free. **CP**

Ongoing through October 13: Arboretum Highlights Tour, Sundays, 10 – 11 am; no tour September 22. Enjoy a guided tour through the F.R. Newman Arboretum. Tour content will vary depending on the plants, season, interests of the group and whim of the docent. Meet: Sculpture Garden, Newman Arboretum. Free. **CP**

• **September 8: Cornell Family Field Day**, 1 – 4 pm. Open house featuring hands-on activities led by faculty and staff researchers on the latest techniques and proven practices for organic gardeners and small farmers. Learn a bit about how our food is produced, what new things growers and researchers are trying out, and how to improve your gardening and growing practices. Thompson Research Farm, 133 Fall Creek Road, Freeville.

September 11: Fall Lecture Series – New and Trendy Plants for Today's Gardens, 7:30 pm. Bill Hendricks, President Klyn Nurseries. Statler Hall Auditorium, Cornell University. **CP**

September 15: The Compost Doctor is In, 11 am – 1 pm. Advice & demonstrations. South end of Ithaca Farmers Market Pavilion. **CCE/TOM**

September 20: Plantations Guided 5k Running Tour, 12 – 1 pm. The pace will be a moderate jog, with several stops to interpret the plants and landscapes, or just admire the view from one of several scenic overlooks. Bring water. Meet: garden overlook, Tower Road. Free. **CP**

September 21: The Gardener's Trail, 10 am – 4 pm. Eight locally-owned nurseries and garden centers will offer free talks, tours and demonstrations on a wide range of gardening topics. Free. ccetompkins.org/garden/garden-events/gardeners-trail. **CCE/TOM**

• **September 22: Judy's Day - A Fruit-ful Afternoon**, 1 – 5 pm. Educational event for kids of all ages. Free. **CP**

September 25: Fall Lecture Series – Conserving Species in a Changing World, 7:30 pm. Peter H. Raven, President Emeritus, Missouri Botanical Garden. Statler Hall Auditorium, Cornell University. **CP**

September 26: Spring Bulbs – Three Months of Bloom, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Pat Curran will discuss bulb varieties, planting and growing tips, and suggestions for using them in the landscape. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

September 28: Compost with Confidence – Indoor/Stealth Composting, 11 am – 12 pm. Learn ways to compost indoors. Compost Demonstration site, Ithaca Farmers' Market. Free. **CCE/TOM**

• **September 28: Apple Harvest**, 11 am – 3:30 pm. Fun-filled day for the entire family. Bakers' Acres,

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October 4: Plantations Guided 5k Running Tour, 12 – 1 pm. See description under September 20. Bring water. Meet: garden overlook, Tower Road. Free. **CP**

October 5: Rain Gardens, 10 am – 12 pm. Learn how to create a shallow, vegetated depression that collects, absorbs, cools and filters stormwater runoff. Designed with native plants, once established they require little or no maintenance. \$20 members & Cornell students; \$24 non-members. Registration required. **CP**

October 9: Fall Lecture Series – My Weedless Garden, 7:30 pm. Lee Reich, Ph.D., author. Statler Hall Auditorium, Cornell University. **CP**

October 11 – 13: Continuing Education in Herbal Medicine Series. Chanchal Cabrera of Boucher Institute & Innisfree Farm. Heartstone Herbal School, Van Etten. 607/589-4619; heart-stone.com.

October 18: Plantations Guided 5k Running Tour, 12 – 1 pm. See description under September 20. Bring water. Meet: garden overlook, Tower Road. Free. **CP**

October 20: The Compost Doctor is In, 11 am – 1 pm. Advice & demonstrations. South end of Ithaca Farmers Market Pavilion. **CCE/TOM**

October 21: Getting Your Landscape Ready for Winter, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Class will cover what can still be planted, when and what to cut back, mulching, watering, protecting woodies from deer and rodents, and other seasonal tasks. Handouts will include a list of deer-resistant plants. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 23: Fall Lecture Series – Nature Wars: the Incredible Story of How Wildlife Comebacks Turned Backyards into Battlegrounds, 7:30 pm. Jim Sterba, acclaimed journalist & author. Statler Hall Auditorium, Cornell University. **CP**

October 26: Fall Into Gardening, 9 am – 5 pm. Eight classes will cover: planting bulbs, getting the garden ready for winter, growing indoors with lights, caring for houseplants, using low tunnels to grow salad greens in winter, winter pruning, and more. \$10 individual classes; \$30 four classes. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 26: Compost with Confidence – Winter Composting, 11 am – 12 pm. Learn ways to successfully compost outdoors over the winter. Compost Demonstration site, Ithaca Farmers' Market. Free. **CCE/TOM**

November 4: Pick a Durable Tree for Your Site, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Learn how to analyze your site and its challenges and find out which trees will thrive there. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

November 6: Fall Lecture Series – The Search for Botanical Gold, 7:30 pm. Manuel Aregullin, Senior Research Associate, Departments of Plant Biology & Molecular Biology and Genetics, Cornell University. Statler Hall Auditorium, Cornell University. **CP**

November 9: Vote for Worms, 10 am – 2 pm. Learn about vermicomposting, an indoor composting system. Participants go home with a working worm bin. \$10 per household. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

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November 16: Winter Garden Tour, 1 – 2 pm. Enjoy a guided walk through the Mullestein Family Winter Garden. Meet: Nevin Welcome Center. Free. **CP**

November 24: Seed Swap, 10 am – 3 pm. Bring home-saved seeds or surplus purchased seeds to share with other gardeners, learn to clean and store seeds. Free if you bring seeds to share; otherwise \$5. **CCE/TOM**



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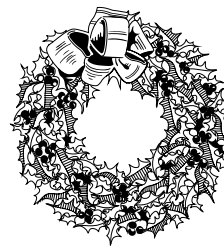
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- December 7: Evergreen Wreath-Making Workshop,** 10 am – 12 pm. Session geared for beginners, includes how-to instructions. See description under December 6. \$18. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**
- December 7: Designing Habitat on Your Property,** 2 – 4 pm. This workshop will cover site analysis, site design and creating a master plan combined with information on using native plants and lessons from nature to create a native habitat. \$20 members & Cornell students; \$24 non-members. Registration required. **CP**
- **December 8: Holiday Workshop,** 1 – 3 pm. Make your own holiday decoration: evergreen wreath, boxwood tree, evergreen center piece, evergreen/boxwood kissing ball or holiday fairy garden centerpiece. Materials for each project extra. \$8 adults; \$4 children under 12. Registration required. Bakers' Acres, 1104 Auburn Road (Route 34), Groton. 607/533-4653; bakersacres.net.

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

- 7th District Federated Garden Clubs New York State, Inc.** meets the first Wednesday of the month. 7thdistrictgcnys.org.
- African Violet 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 in the Caledonia-Mumford area: 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; bonsaisocietyofupstateny.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.). The GROS is an Affiliate of The American Orchid Society (AOS) and of The Orchid Digest Corporation. geneseeorchid.org.

- Genesee Valley Hosta Society** meets the second Thursday of the month, April – October, at Monroe County's Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester. 585/538-2280; sebeckner@frontiernet.net.
- 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.
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- Greater Rochester Iris Society** meets Sundays at 2 pm, dates vary, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester. Public welcome. *October 13: The Lesser-known Louisiana Iris with MJ Urist, 2 – 4 pm. October 18 – 19: Annual Fall Meeting of Region 2.* 585/599-3502; eschnell@rochester.rr.com.
- Greater Rochester Perennial Society (GRPS)** meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, except in summer when it tours members' gardens. 585/889-4864; laburt@rochester.rr.com; rochesterperennial.com.
- Greater Rochester Rose Society** meets the first Tuesday of the month, April through November, at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester. July & August meetings in members' gardens, December meeting at a member's home. 585/377-0892; 585/621-1115; info@rocrose.org; rocrose.org.
- Henrietta Garden Club** meets the third Wednesday of the month (except July & August) at 6:45 pm, Riparian Lecture Hall at Rivers Run, 50 Fairwood Drive, Rochester. Open to all. *September 18: Jane Milliman, columnist for Democrat & Chronicle and publisher of Upstate Gardeners Journal.* henriettagardenclub.org; henriettagardenclub@gmail.com.
- 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. 585/659-8289; justadesignabove@hotmail.com.
- Rochester Dahlia Society** meets the second Saturday of most months at 1 pm, Trinity Reformed Church, 909 Landing Road North, Rochester, except in the summer, when it tours members' gardens. Visitors welcome. 585/249-0624; 585/865-2291; gwester@rochester.rr.com; rochesterdahliasociety.com.
- 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.
- 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

FREQUENT HOSTS

- CCE/GC:** Cornell Cooperative Extension, Genesee County, 420 East Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020. 585/343-3040; counties.cce.cornell.edu/genesee.
- CCE/MON:** Cornell Cooperative Extension, Monroe County, 249 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY 14620. 585/461-1000; counties.cce.cornell.edu/monroe.
- IBA:** International Bonsai Arboretum, 1070 Martin Road, West Henrietta, NY. 585/334-2595; wnv@internationalbonsai.com; internationalbonsai.com.
- 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.
- TAS:** Thousand Acre Swamp Sanctuary, 1581 Jackson Road, Penfield. 585/425-9561; 585/586-6677. facebook.com/thousandacreswamp.
- WAY:** Wayside Garden Center, 124 Pittsford-Palmyra Road (Route 31), Macedon, NY 14502. 585/223-1222 x100; trish@waysidegardencenter.com; Facebook; waysidegardencenter.com.

- Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

- September 7: Plant Sale,** 8:30 – 11:30 am. *Garden Makeover* drawing, 11 am. Presented by Orleans County Master Gardeners. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Orleans County, 12690 Route 31, Albion. 585/798-4265.
- September 7: Turfgrass,** 9 – 11 am. Tips to get your lawn in shape and ready for winter. \$10. Registration requested. **CCE/MON**
- September 7 – 8: Bonsai Open House,** 9 am – 4 pm. Displays, lectures, demonstrations. Also Upstate NY Suseik Study Group display of 50 miniature stone landscapes. Free. **IBA**
- September 8: Designing and Prepping for Fall,** 2 – 3 pm. Get a head start on the season with maintenance, design and planting tips for fall and winter color. Includes checklist. Free. Registration required. **WAY**
- September 8: Computer-Enhanced Garden Management,** 2 – 4 pm. Presented by Neil Houghton. Hosted by *Greater Rochester Iris Society*. Free. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester. 585/266-0302; thehutchings@mac.com.
- September 11: Fresh from the Farmers Market,** 6 – 8 pm. Chef Rosita Caridi-Miller will turn freshly harvested produce and other products into tasty, healthy dishes. \$30. Registration required. **CCE/MON**
- September 14: Gathering of Gardeners,** 9 am – 4 pm. *Smart Garden Choices! Grow it, Admire it, and Sometimes Eat it!* Featuring Barry Glick and Karen Bussolini. Presented by Master Gardeners of Monroe County. \$50. gatheringofgardeners.com **CCE/MON**
- September 14: Fall Garden Gala,** 10 am – 1 pm. Plant sale offering perennials, locally grown mums & house plants. Flower arranging demonstration, 11 am. Auction, soil testing and gardening advice by Master Gardeners. **CCE/GC**
- September 14: Dahlia Show,** 12 – 6 pm. Hundreds of specimens of many varieties on display as well as arrangements for sale. Presented by Rochester Dahlia Society. Perinton Square Mall. rochesterdahliasociety.com.
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- 1 cup *sugar, divided
- 1 1/2 tablespoons. cornstarch
- 3/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats, not quick or instant
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick unsalted butter (4 oz.), softened



1. Preheat oven to 425°F with rack in the middle position.
2. Stir together fruits, 1/2 cup *sugar, cornstarch, and vanilla and place in a well buttered shallow 2-quart baking dish.
3. Stir together oats, flour, salt, and remaining 1/2 cup *sugar. Blend in butter with your fingertips until mixture forms small clumps. Scatter over fruit and bake until juices are bubbling and topping is golden brown, about 20-30 minutes. Cool slightly before serving. May serve with vanilla ice cream.

**Note: May use 1/2 cup granulated sugar for fruit and 1/2 cup light brown sugar for the crumble. Also may increase oatmeal to 1 1/3 cups.*

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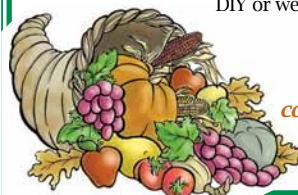
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September 15: Beyond Mums & Pumpkins: Planting for Fall Interest, 2 pm. Explore plant options that will give fall color and texture year after year. Free. Registration required. **WAY**

September 15: Fungi with Fun Guys, 2 pm. Led by Dave Wolf, Carl Wolf, Don Wolf. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon walk while discovering and identifying mushrooms and other fungi. **TAS**

September 16 – October 4: Introductory Bonsai Course, four Mondays, 7 – 10 pm. All classes taught by William N. Valavanis. \$90; supplies extra. **IBA**

September 17: September Stroll in the Garden at Michael Hannen's Nursery, 5:30 – 7 pm. Michael grows over 800 varieties of plants at his urban home-based nursery. See the gardens at their peak of color with blooms that attract butterflies, hummingbirds and bees. Arrive early to shop or preview the gardens. \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

September 17 – October 3: Basic Professional Floral Design Certificate, six sessions, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 – 9 pm. Instructor Alana Miller has over 30 years' experience in the floral industry. This 15-20 hour comprehensive program will guide students through the basic principles and techniques of floral design. Each intensive class will include a lecture and hands-on workshop. Students will create one or two arrangements to take home at each class. Flowers and materials included. \$395 members; \$495 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

September 18: Visit Rochester's Castle, 6 – 7:30 pm. Enjoy refreshments and guided tours of the interior of Warner Castle, built in 1854 by Horatio Gates Warner to resemble his ancestral castle in Scotland, and of its grounds, including the Alling DeForest-designed courtyard and sunken garden. Learn about planned projects for the gardens and see the progress. \$12. Registration requested. **RCGC**

September 19 – October 10: Introductory Bonsai Course, four Thursdays, 7–10 pm. All classes taught by William N. Valavanis. \$90; supplies extra. **IBA**

September 21: Thousand Acre Fall Work Day, 9 am. Volunteer to help keep Thousand Acre's trails in good condition. Refreshments provided. **TAS**

September 21: Raised Bed Workshop, 1 – 4 pm. Hands-on. Participants will assist with building a raised bed of larch wood. \$5. Registration required by September 16. \$35 for those wishing to build their own raised bed. Registration required by September 7. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany & Cattaraugus Counties; 585/268-7644 x12; cc746@cornell.edu.

September 21 – October 12: Introductory Bonsai Course, four Saturdays, 9 am–12 pm. All classes taught by William N. Valavanis. \$90; supplies extra. **IBA**

• **September 22: Fall Equinox Fairy Gardens**, 2 – 4 pm. Bring your own container or purchase one on site before class. Refreshments. Registration required. **WAY**

September 22: Harvest Progressive Dinner, 5 pm or 6:30 pm. Dinner will last about three hours; casual dress code. \$50 members; \$55 non-members. Prepaid reservations required. **SG**

September 24: Arrangements from the Garden, 6 – 8 pm. Learn the basics and then create your own arrangement to take home. Materials included. \$10. Registration required by September 17. Kennedy Building, Genesee County Fair Grounds, Route 5, Batavia. **CCE/GC**

September 27 – 28: Flower Show, 1 – 5 pm Friday; 9:30 am – 4 pm Saturday. *Fall Pleasures*, featuring

floral designs, horticulture and floral crafts displayed through the mansion, carriage house, & grounds. Presented by 10 neighboring garden clubs. Tram, snack area, gift shop, wine center. \$8. **SG**

October 3: Fall is a Great Time for Propagating, 5:30 – 7 pm. Michael Hannen will discuss which plants to divide now and demonstrate the best methods for each as well as how to plant the divisions in the garden, pot them up, or store them for spring planting. He will also discuss collecting viable seed and winter-sowing it now. Arrive early to shop or look at the gardens. \$18 members; \$22 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 3 – December 12: Botanical Drawing, 8 Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Deb VerHulst-Norris, a horticulturist with a B.S. in Fine Arts, will teach participants to draw plants and flowers in accurate detail. Drawing skills will be developed by closely observing the structure and textures of plants and flowers. Class will explore the use of graphite pencils, with colored pencil added to give depth and definition to drawings. No previous experience needed. \$99 members; \$120 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 4 – November 22: Botanical Drawing, 6 Fridays, 9 am – 12 pm. See description under October 3. \$99 members; \$120 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 5: Home Composting, 9 am – 12 pm. Learn how to turn yard and kitchen waste into a valuable soil amendment. \$10. Registration requested. **CCE/MON**

October 5: Brush Hour, 10 am. Enjoy autumn's show of color while learning about trees and shrubs. Led by Frank Crombe & Rick Iuli. **TAS**

October 5: Natural Gardening Symposium, 10 am – 5 pm. Featuring keynote speaker Ken Druse. Additional speakers include retired FLCC horticulture professor, Dr. Jana Lamboy, and Katherine Leiner, author of *Growing Roots: The New Generation of Sustainable Farmers, Cooks and Food Activists*. Book signings. Includes boxed lunch. \$75 members; \$85 non-members. Registration required. **SG**

October 5: Ikebana Exhibit, 10 am – 5 pm. Presented by the Rochester Chapter of Ikebana International. Hourly demonstrations showing the floral arrangement style of a particular school of ikebana. Free. Community Room, Barnes & Noble, Pittsford Plaza, 3349 Monroe Avenue, Rochester.

October 6: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. Conducted by Community Forester Volunteers. Be prepared to traverse moderate hills and wooded trails. Meet: kiosk on Zoo Road, next to park offices lot. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

October 7 – 8: Hypertufa Garden Troughs, choose: Monday 4 – 6 pm or 7 – 9 pm & Tuesday 4 – 5 pm or 7 – 8 pm. Alana Miller will guide participants through the creation of their own hypertufa planter at her home in Webster. The first class will be spent mixing and molding the hypertufa. The second day participants will unmoil their container, discuss curing it and wintering it over, and see examples of planters in the landscape. Materials included. \$65 members; \$75 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 8: Terrariums 101, 6 – 8 pm. Learn the basics to create your own terrarium to take home. Materials included. \$20. Registration required by September 27. Kennedy Building, Genesee County Fair Grounds, Route 5, Batavia. **CCE/GC**

October 9: Make it with Apples, 6 – 8 pm. Chef Bradley Butler will prepare healthy recipes from soups to salads to sides and entrees using NYS apples and/or cider. \$30. Registration required. **CCE/MON**

October 9: Make an Everlasting Wreath, 6:30 – 8 pm. Sue Lang and Sheryl Roets (owners of Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse and Florist) will guide participants in creating a large everlasting wreath using a base of salal (lemon leaf) and baby's breath to embellish with a selection of dried, fresh and silk floral materials. Materials included. \$65. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 12: Jerry Kral's Incredible Garden in Fall, 1 – 3 pm. See this popular private garden in its fall colors. Stroll among Japanese maples, conifers, illex and others, and tropicals finishing out their season. Rain date: October 19. \$12. Registration required. **RCGC**

• **October 13: Family Fall Hike**, 10 am. Paced for families. Led by Jean Squire-Gefell & Lynn Hettel. **TAS**

October 13: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. See description under October 6. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

• **October 13: Kids' Pumpkin Painting Workshop**, 2 – 4 pm. Kids can choose a pumpkin to decorate. Materials and design consultation provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Registration required. **WAY**

October 16 & 19: Leafy Tree Identification, 6 – 9 pm Wednesday, class room; 10 am – 12:30 pm Saturday, field trip. Learn how to distinguish common and not-so-common trees of our region using characteristics like leaf shape, arrangement of leaves on the twigs and the shape and arrangement of buds. Part of *Tree Identification Certificate* (see below). \$45 members; \$55 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 16 – November 9: Tree Identification Certificate – Trees Up Close and Personal. October 16: *Leafy Tree ID*; field trip October 19 (see above). November 6: *Conifer ID*; field trip November 9 (see below). Single session & field trip: \$45 members; \$55 non-members. Certificate Program: \$80 members; \$100 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 19: Putting the Garden to Bed, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Learn what to divide in the fall, what to cut back and what to leave for winter interest. Instructor Christine Froehlich will also cover fertilization, recordkeeping, cleaning and putting away tools and equipment. Outdoor, hands-on class. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 20: Alien Pods, 2 pm. Search for interesting fall seed heads of non-native, and some native, wildflowers. Led by Carl Herrgesell & Carol Southby. **TAS**

October 20: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. See description under October 6. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

October 20: Adults' Pumpkin Painting Workshop, 2 – 4 pm. Choose a pumpkin to decorate with a Halloween, Thanksgiving or fall theme. Free. Registration required. **WAY**

October 22: Designing Floral Arrangements for Your Church or Organization, 7 – 9 pm. Floral Designer Alana Miller will demonstrate the mechanics of creating long-lasting arrangements in designs appropriate to a facility's needs; care and display; supplies and sources; how to refresh and revamp both fresh and silk for maximum useful life. \$18 members; \$23 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 26: Autumn Tree Tour of Highland Park, 10 am – 12:30 pm. Join arborophile and local tree expert Jim Atwater for a tour of this living museum of unusual and seldom-seen plants from around the globe. Be prepared to walk a moderate distance over hilly terrain. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

Calendar

ROCHESTER continued

October 27: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2 – 4 pm. See description under October 6. Free; donations appreciated. 585/261-1665; bob.bea@gmail.com. **CCE/MON**

October 27: Haunted Garden Stroll, begins at dark. Guided walks and spooky tales. Refreshments available for purchase. Enter: Fort Hill Avenue, inside the VA grounds. \$5. **SG**

October 28 & 30: Intermediate Professional Floral Design Certificate – Bouquets, 6:30 – 9 pm. Styles covered in this intermediate program will include vegetative, landscape, botanical, Biedermeier, and bouquets. Students will take home all arrangements created during class. Prerequisite: *Basic Professional Floral Design* or floral shop experience. \$150 members; \$225 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 2: Great Perennials for our Area, 9 – 11 am. Learn what grows well in Rochester's climate. \$10. Registration requested. **CCE/MON**

November 2: Dividing Perennials for Winter Forcing, 7 – 8:30 pm. Michael Hannen will describe his process of potting up perennial divisions from the garden and storing them outside for forcing later. He will discuss which plants work best and show images of some of the results he has achieved. \$18 members; \$22 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 6: Make an Everlasting Wreath, 6:30 – 8 pm. See description under October 9. Materials included. \$65. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 6 & 9: Conifer Identification, 6 – 9 pm Wednesday, class room; 10 am – 12:30 pm Saturday, field trip. Learn to distinguish evergreens by learning about the ten main groups of conifers in the area. Part of *Tree Identification Certificate* (see above). \$45 members; \$55 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 9 – 10: Holiday Sale, 9 am – 5 pm. Shop holiday decorations created by floral designers Alana Miller and Charles Lytle, from fully decorated and lit trees, tabletop to 6.5', to wreaths, swags, centerpieces and more. Botanical artist Deborah VerHulst-Norris will have botanical paintings, cards and stationery. Other local artists will feature handmade purses, Rochester photography, etc. **RCGC**

November 12: Plant an Indoor Winter Herb Garden, 6:30 – 8 pm. Sue Lang and Sheryl Roets will guide participants in creating an indoor herb garden, followed by a demonstration of creative ways to use herbs in cooking presented by Dick Minoia. Materials included. \$65. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 16: Advanced Certificate – Sympathy Arrangements, 9:30 am – 3 pm. Instructor Alana Miller will focus on free-standing easel sprays, large one-sided arrangements for visitation and altar, religious, and theme wreaths. Students will take home all arrangements created during class. Prerequisite: *Intermediate Professional Floral Design* or floral shop experience. \$150 members; \$225 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

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November 16: Holiday House Tour. Presented by 7th District Federated Garden Clubs. 7thdistrictgcny.org.

SYRACUSE

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Syracuse Rose Society meets the second Thursday of every month (except December and February) 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. crbau@aol.com; syracuserosesociety.org.

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

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September 20 – 21: Small Standard Flower Show, 2 – 5 pm Friday; 10 am – 3:30 pm Saturday. Gardens, raffles, tours, soil tests, Master Gardener volunteers and more. Presented by Seed and Weed Garden Club. County Farm & Home Center at Cornell Cooperative Extension. 121 Second Street, Oriskany.

September 29: Collecting Seed of Native Plants, 2 pm. Jim Engel will discuss collecting seed of native perennials, shrubs and trees for use in restoring natural and human impacted landscapes as well as how to use the seed to create, restore and enhance the biological diversity of natural plant communities. Sponsored by Habitat Gardening in Central New York. Free. Liverpool Library 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. hgcnyc.org; ourhabitatgarden.org.

October 2: Pruning Tips & Getting Your Garden Ready for Winter, 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Learn what to prune in the fall and proper techniques to get the job done along with how to winterize shrubs and trees. Learn tips on putting the garden to bed for the season and how to properly care for garden equipment. \$5. Registration required. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Oneida County, 121 Second Street, Oriskany. 736/3394 x125; counties.cce.cornell.edu/Oneida.

October 27: Identifying Plants in Winter, 2 pm. Environmental consultant Joe McMullen will review basic classification and structural features with slides and examples of several native species. Sponsored by Habitat Gardening in Central New York. Free. Liverpool Library 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. hgcnyc.org; ourhabitatgarden.org.

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CLASSES / EVENTS

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Ongoing through September: Herb Harvesting Demonstration, Fridays, 10:30 am. Gardeners will discuss plants in the herb garden, their uses and explain how to harvest different types. **KING**

September 6: Late Summer Wildflowers, 12 – 12:45 pm. Guided 1-mile hike to look for late summer flowers. Free. Registration required. **PINE**

• **September 7 – October 20: Corn Maze**, weekends only. Share time with family and friends while exploring the corn maze. **KING**

September 10: Harvesting & Preserving the Bounty of the Herb Garden, 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Hands-on. Learn how to prepare roots, leaves and flowers for drying, freezing and preserving for teas and seasonings. Take home bunches and bags of herbs plus recipes. Rain date: September 11. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **KING**

• **September 21: Maze by Moonlight**, 8 – 11 pm. Explore the 6-acre corn maze using your flashlight and the light of the full moon. \$10; last entry one hour prior to closing. **KING**

September 28: Nature's Bounty, 1 – 2 pm. Learn about the plants of the Pine Bush and participate in collecting seeds to be used for habitat restoration. Guided 1-mile hike over rolling terrain. Rain or shine. Free. Registration required. **PINE**

September 29: Nature's Bounty, 1 – 2 pm. See description under September 28. Rain or shine. Free. Registration required. **PINE**

October 1: Grapevine Wreath Workshop, 2 – 4 pm. Fashion a wreath from locally harvested materials and learn tips for decorating it with natural and dried materials. Rain date: October 2. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. Registration required. **KING**

• **October 4: Fall Foliage**, 12 – 12:45 pm. Guided walk to observe the changing foliage and fall colors. All ages. Free. Registration required. **PINE**

• **October 5: Fall Foliage**, 11 am – 12:30 pm. Guided 3-mile hike. Ages 8 – adult. \$3; \$5 family. Registration required. **PINE**

• **October 19: Maze by Moonlight**, 7 – 10 pm. See description under September 21. \$10; last entry one hour prior to closing. **KING**

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What to do in the garden in September and October

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Continue to remove weeds to prevent perennial ones from having a head start in the spring and to prevent annual ones from shedding seeds into the soil. If you don't have time to weed, at least cut off and discard the seed heads.

Water trees and shrubs. This is as important as watering your perennials and extremely important for anything planted this season.

Mulch newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs to prevent heaving in the winter. Make sure the mulch is not touching plant and shrub stems or tree trunks.

Add compost to your beds.

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

PERENNIALS

Move, divide, and/or share your perennials so you will have one less thing to do next spring.

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

Disinfect your pruner after working on diseased plants before moving to a new plant. A quick wipe with rubbing alcohol or a dip in a 10% bleach solution works well.

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

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

You can leave the seed heads of plants such as astilbe, black-eyed-Susan, and cone-flower intact to provide food for the birds and winter interest.

Don't cut back grasses and plants such as red osier dogwood. These can also provide winter interest.

Divide any perennials that have become overgrown, have diminished bloom or formed a "doughnut" shape with a bare spot in the

center of the clump. It's best to transplant early in the fall while there is still enough time for their roots to settle in for the winter.

BULBS

Begin planting spring bulbs. You will get the best results if you plant mid-September to mid-October. This allows the bulbs to set strong roots. But if you miss that planting window don't be afraid to plant them later, as long as the ground isn't frozen solid.

Fertilize bulbs when you plant them using compost or 5-10-10. Cover the planting area with 2-3 inches of compost.

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

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

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

LAWN

Over-seed bare spots in the lawn. Filling in bare spots helps prevent weeds in those areas next year.

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

Remember choose high quality seed appropriate for your site and to water regularly to keep the soil moist.

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

Keep mowing the lawn as needed though late fall. Make the last cutting one inch lower than usual to prevent matting and to discour-

age snow mold.

If the leaves aren't too thick on your lawn leave them there when you mow; it feeds your lawn naturally.

VEGETABLES & HERBS:

Any time after the first frost through late October is a good time to plant garlic.

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

Plant cover crops such as peas or clover as you harvest your vegetables. This will reduce the need for weeding and will add nitrogen to the soil. Another option is to sow a cover crop such as rye or winter wheat in the vegetable garden. Turn it over in the spring.

Wait until the seeds of your sunflowers are firm and done growing. Cut off the sunflower head leaving about one foot of stem. Hang in an airy dry place until ripening is complete.

Dig mature onions on a dry day. Store in well ventilated mesh bags (or even panty hose).

Plant radish, kale, spinach, and lettuce seeds in early September as your last crops.

Pull up your hot pepper plants and hang them until the peppers are dry. (Or thread the peppers on a string to dry.)

Allow nuts to fully mature on the trees. Remove the outer green hull of butternuts and walnuts.

Try potting up some of your garden herbs and bring them in the house for fresh herbs during the winter.

If you had any vegetables with fungal problems make sure that area is cleaned of all plant debris. Avoid planting the same variety in the same spot next year.

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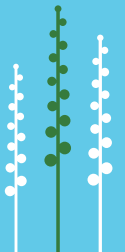
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