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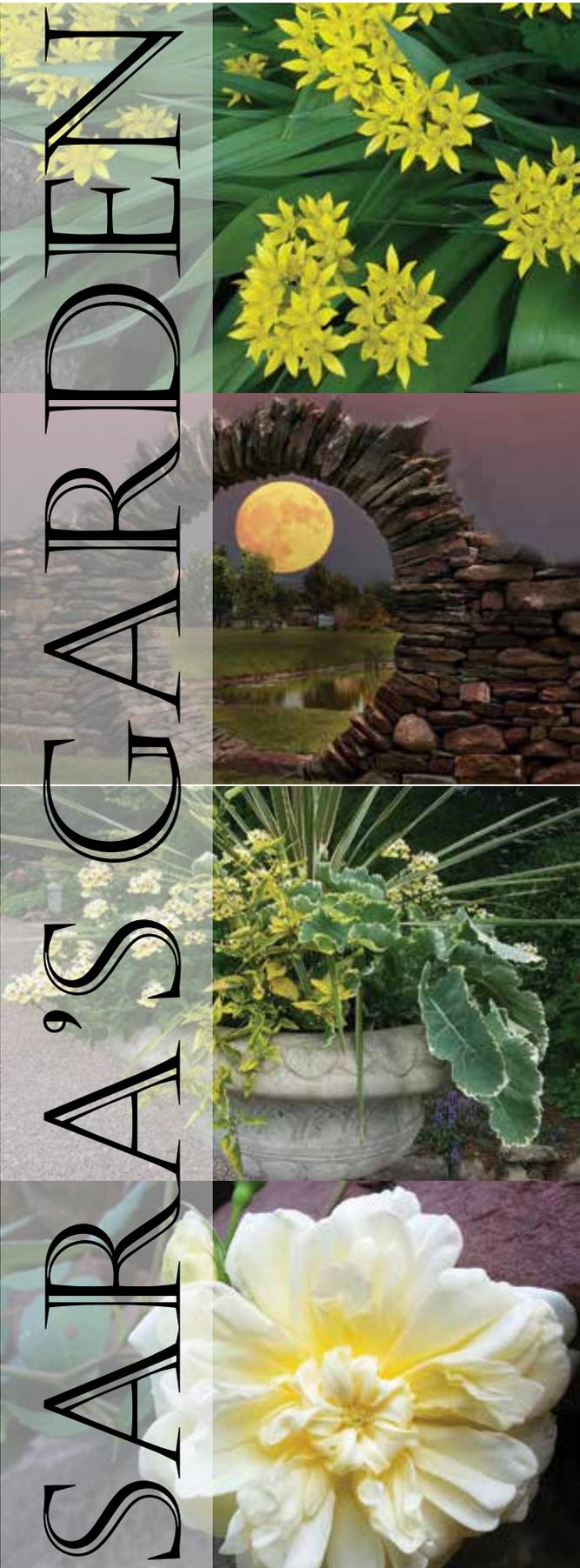
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He Who Controls the Weather...

Our message for last September's issue is pretty much the same as this issue...it's all about the weather! Look at us, stuck at the mercy of Mother Nature's fanciful whims once again. All things considered, we are benefitting from this rain-filled season while other are expressing the sadness of losses of wonderfully loved plants. But this is why we love the change of seasons so much! This coming season is the next renewal of the love affair with gardening. And it's also the season that we share that affair with you—our **Annual Customer Appreciation** days are happening now! Summer is over and the sale is just beginning. All plants are on sale till the snow flies!

Plant Now for Spring Beauty

Remember bulb planting? Do you plant bulbs? Did you know that flower bulbs cost about the same as they did 10 years ago? Did you know that they are one of the easiest things to plant and grow? Have you heard the phrase "Dig, Drop Done"? Did you know that bulbs are one of the most efficient batteries on the planet? How come you can plant a bulb upside down, sideways, or whatever way and they still come up and bloom beautifully? All of these questions are a reminder to you that fall is not just for planting all things leafed out and growing; it's time for putting those amazing batteries into the ground...and yes, we have those too!

Stone Wall Follies 2017

If you have not seen the special project that the experienced wallers did during our Follies last year...well can I just say that no matter your level of stone exposure, this particular feat will give you goose bumps; one year later I still get the chill!! The class is nearly sold out for 2017, but this is our reminder to you that if you have that thing, that thing that makes you pick up stones and take them home, you must visit and see. The largest class of newbie wallers ever will be building an amazing wall from the ground up while our veterans will attempt the next challenge.

The Follies are October 7 & 8 with the FREE presentation by world-class teachers at the nursery on the 7th at 7 p.m.

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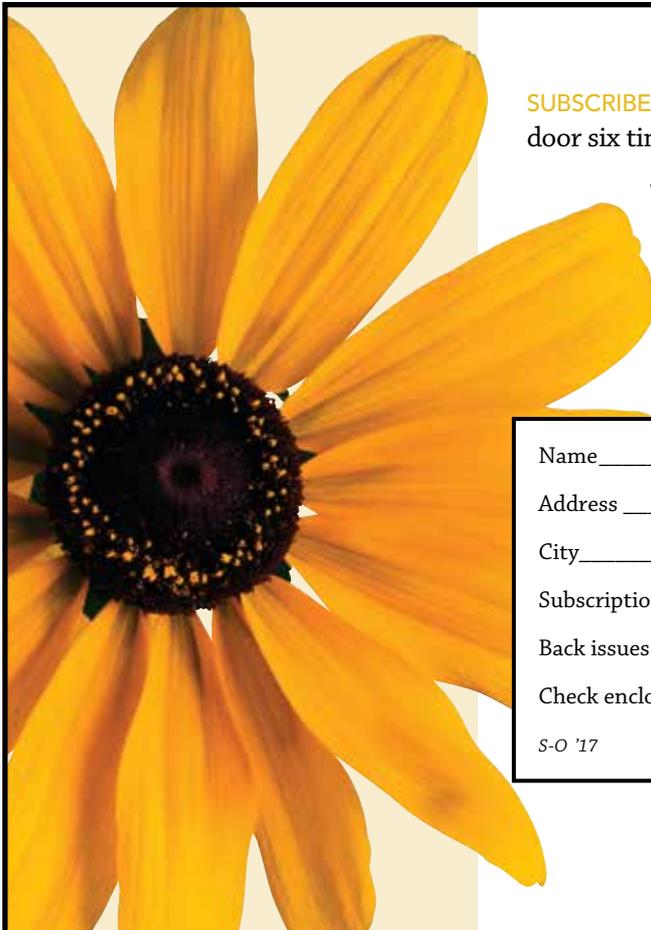
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Ear to the Ground



LEFT: I visited Carl Linnaeus's garden in Sweden this summer! (See story, page 20.) While in Europe, I got around the cities mostly by bike.

RIGHT: Sara's Garden Center Stone Wall Follies

INSET: July-August 2017 Stump the Chump stumper

Hi there! Thank you for picking up this issue of *Upstate Gardeners' Journal*. We are very pleased to have you.

There is a lot going on in the great world of upstate New York horticulture these days. If you are in the Western New York area and not living under a rock, then you already know that Buffalo was host to the **Association for Garden Communicators** convention this summer, and that garnered a whole lot of well-deserved press for the area, press that will continue in the months and years to come, all promoting the amazing Buffalo horticulture scene.

In Ithaca, check out the **Cornell Botanic Gardens** (formerly Cornell Plantations) **Fall Lecture Series**. Shannon Dortch, associate director of communications and marketing, writes, "A few of the speakers may be of particular interest to upstate gardening enthusiasts. R. William Thomas, executive director of Chanticleer: A Pleasure Garden, will talk on the art of gardening on September 27. Cassandra Quave (October 12) is an ethnobotanist who will speak on plants as remedies. And Alizé Carrère (November 8) is a cultural ecologist and National Geographic Explorer, who will talk on living in a climate-changed world." I've been to many previous lectures in this series, and (assuming you live outside of the area) they are definitely worth the drive. (If you're near Ithaca, this is a no-brainer.) Stay overnight and take in all the botanic gardens, and the city, has to offer. While you're at it, visit some of our advertisers there—you will find unique offerings, knowledgeable people, and great prices.



Just outside Rochester, visit Sara's Garden Center for its annual **Stone Wall Follies**. While registration for the workshop is full, you can witness amazing craftsmanship firsthand—and who knows? You might just catch the "walling" bug yourself. See more on Sara's ad in this issue, inside front cover.

And guess what! **GardenScape** is back for 2018. Yes! Dates are March 8 through 11, and it will again be at the Dome Center in Henrietta. We are very excited. Keep an eye on rochesterflowershow.com for details, and "like" the GardenScape page on Facebook.

Wondering about last issue's **Stump the Chump**? Well, we do have a winner, **Barbara Lassen**, who gets a gift certificate to one of my favorite eateries (especially if I'm lucky enough to be dining with the great stumper himself, Ted Collins), Aladdin's in Pittsford. The correct answer was **lilac, apple blossom, rose of Sharon seed heads, allium in bud, purple smoke bush, and tulip**.

The Winter Photo Contest is back for 2017. See page 31 for information on how to vote for your favorite. Winners will be announced in the November-December issue. Good luck to all who entered!

There's so much going on! If we've missed anything, and I am sure we have, please email me at jane@upstategardenersjournal.com or, for calendar listings, deb@upstategardenersjournal.com.

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—Jane Milliman, *Publisher*

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What To Do in the Garden in September & October



ABOVE: Hairy bit-tercress

SEPTEMBER

The best time to renovate or install a lawn is late August through September. Cooler, longer evenings and moist weather encourage root growth. It's easier to keep the seedbed moist for germination, and annual weeds such as crabgrass will be unable to set seed before frost.

Plant colchicum and the true fall crocus bulbs as soon as they are received. Otherwise, Colchicum may bloom in the bag! Go ahead and plant them anyway, and they will be ok.

Replace tree guards around vulnerable tree trunks to prevent "buck rub" deer damage.

Start planning to bring houseplants inside, especially tropicals. This allows for an adjustment period (maybe even quarantine in case they have pests). Holiday cacti and cymbidiums need cool temperatures to set flower buds, but not cold or frost. A cool room inside should suffice.

It's your last chance to plant veggies outside—only radishes and maybe spinach are fast-growing and hardy enough to get a crop. Consult csetompkins.org/gardening/food-gardening/last-planting-dates.

Plant a hardy cover crop such as winter rye in vacant garden spaces. Otherwise, I sheet-compost there instead (flattened cardboard covered by leaves).

Consider planting hardy veggies in a cold frame or low (or high) tunnel for winter crops. Think about overwintering potted herbs on a sunny windowsill. I have had good luck with basil, parsley, and sage. Rosemary needs careful watching and watering, as it doesn't wilt when dry, it just dies.

Keep up with the weeding, but ease off on the deadheading. Roses, for instance, will be better prepared for winter if allowed to set hips.

Visit your local nurseries for great sale plants. Also, tour display gardens and note what is blooming now. There are many fall-blooming perennials besides mums! Hybrid anemones that have not become invasive at my house, even after 20 years, are 'Honorine Jobert' and 'September Charm.' Cimicifuga 'White Pearl' is a fragrant late bloomer susceptible to early fall frosts, so plant it in a sheltered part shade location. Ditto for Korean wax bells (*Kirengeshoma spp.*) and hardy begonia (a zone six plant that has overwintered for me several years in a sheltered spot). Mark the hardy begonia well since it doesn't come up until almost June. Fall monkshood is very frost-hardy and brings that deep marine blue to the garden (remember it's poisonous, though). There is even a late-blooming hosta called 'Red October', but only the petioles and flower scapes are red.

Divide and replant hardy spring-blooming perennials as soon as possible. You can also move or divide the hardier perennials such as tall perennial phlox, hosta, or daylilies. Avoid disturbing shallow-rooted perennials like heuchera that are prone to heaving.

Make maps or take pictures of your plantings before the first frost hits and the leaves fall. Replace labels if needed. Pencil lasts a long time on plastic labels and doesn't fade in the sun. Take notes about what needed to be moved/divided/replaced next year. Finish planting container perennials and woodies. Keep them well watered. I mulch right after planting to allow more root growth before the soil cools off too much, despite the usual recommendation to wait until the ground freezes.

OCTOBER

October is the best month to move peonies (both herbaceous and tree peonies, if necessary, but this is a big job!). We dig, divide, and pot up herbaceous peonies in October for the May plant sale, and most of them will bloom in the pots around sale time. It's also the best month to dig up and divide hardy lilies. Its time to finish planting your spring-flowering bulbs outside! I mulch crocus and tulips with pea gravel to deter the critters that might be inclined to start digging. Start potting up the hardy bulbs you want to force (you can finish this task in November). Protect potted crocus and tulips from mice.

Mid-October is the best time to plant garlic. Be sure to rotate the garlic to a well-drained area, and mulch after planting. It's recommended to plant the biggest cloves and save the smaller ones to eat.

Late October is a good time to start cleaning up around your perennials. Consider cutting down dead stalks (except for mums, Japanese painted ferns, kniphofia, and semi-woody plants like lavender, sage, Russian sage, and butterfly bush, which overwinter better with the protection of the old stalks). You may choose to leave stalks in place for winter interest (sedum, e.g.), birdseed (echinacea, black-eyed Susan, e.g.), or overwintering beneficial insects, including pollinators. Pull those winter annual weeds that have sprouted! Hairy bittercress (*Cardamine hirsuta*) is a particular pest because it blooms at such a tiny size. If you see little clumps of circular white objects resembling tapioca, those are snail or slug eggs. Get rid of them (not in the compost).

This is my best opportunity to apply mulch because my flowerbeds are full of bulb foliage by early spring.

Use your mulching mower on the leaves on the lawn, if possible. Consider collecting leaf bags from your neighbors! I have a special compost bin for leaves. I leave them in the bags (plastic preferred) until the leaves turn into “leaf mold”, which is my main organic soil amendment. Most leaves are wet and ‘dirty’ enough to compost right inside the bag. Any really light bags contain dry leaves—these are set aside for use as mulch in the veggie garden the next season.

Clean up all the old veggie plants, debris from the veggie garden, and fallen fruit. Although most recommendations are to dispose of this in the trash, I have too much to do that. Instead, I put it in a long-term inactive compost pile, so I’m isolating diseases and pests that the debris may hold. Applying fresh mulch will help isolate disease organisms. Be sure to protect fruit tree trunks up to four to five feet above the ground from nibbling wildlife.

Continue preparing to protect vulnerable plants from deer, rabbit, and rodent damage – with fencing, hardware cloth (which is actually wire), plastic tree protectors, and/or repellents.

Move a bucket of good garden soil and/or woodchips into a freeze-proof location. This can be used during winter thaws, to cover the roots of frost-heaved, shallow-rooted perennials such as heuchera. Otherwise, heaving causes the roots to dry out, and generally the ground is still frozen enough a few inches down to prevent replanting. This tip is from the late Elisabeth Sheldon, author of several excellent gardening books, who used to have a nursery near Ithaca.

It’s too early to wrap evergreens in burlap, but not too early to get prepared. The goal used to be to prevent winter wind and sun from desiccating and killing the foliage, especially of broadleaf evergreens such as rhododendrons and hollies. This is still important, and despite the controversy about them, I have been applying antidessicant sprays the last few years, but generally not until Thanksgiving or even later. But now with global warming, early spring damage has become just as important. Warm weather in March is no blessing when it is followed by drastic cold snaps that kill twigs, buds, and leaves that have become de-acclimated. Be sure not to let woody plants go into winter in a drought-stressed condition.

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Animals in Every Garden: The Artistry & Craft of Goff Creek Pottery

Story and photos by Michelle Sutton

TOP LEFT: Birds don't seem to mind dwelling in this cat's belly.

TOP RIGHT: The rabbit-and-cabbage finial. Finials can pull together rebar to make a support for climbing vegetables and flowering vines.

INSET: Mary Lynn and Bob Good. Photo by Hilary Argentieri Photography

Nearly twenty years ago, native Chicagoans Mary Lynn and Robert Good discovered the Finger Lakes region of New York State on a return trip from NYC. The charm and natural beauty of the area kept them coming back for more adventures and explorations. The Goods are artists, history buffs, and historic home restorers—they restored three Victorian houses in Chicago and have always lived in homes of historic significance.

After Mary Lynn's parents passed on, she and Bob were ready for a change. On a trip to the Southern Tier in 2002, they happened by accident on the William Goff House (1830) in Howard, near Bath. "It was everything we were looking for," Mary Lynn says. "It's one of the oldest, most historic houses in Steuben County.

It's a stone-and-brick, super-solid house with original everything—historic features intact. We were thrilled."

William Goff purchased several hundred acres of land in 1812. He built Goff House by milling timber from his forest and making bricks from the white clay that runs in veins along Goff Creek. Goff was a stonemason who found and cut all the stone himself for lintels, thresholds, and foundations. He created an early 19th-century hub around him, operating grist, carding, and fulling mills, an inn, a post office, a distillery, and a tailor shop on the stagecoach line.

At the same time that the Goods threw themselves into fixing up Goff House,

Mary Lynn started pursuing her longtime (since 1985) interest in pottery more seriously, taking classes at 171 Cedar Arts Center in Corning. "I would volunteer to make



glazes so I could learn how to do it. Anything they wanted done, I would do it for free—to learn,” she says.

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For the Goods, 2006 was an auspicious year. They decided to open for retail sales at the studio of Goff Creek Pottery, and they went to Connecticut for their first flower show, where their flower pots, birdhouses, and sculptures sold like crazy. Each piece was unique, as is still true today. All of their work is created with a specially formulated red clay that can be fired to 2300 degrees in the kiln, hot enough for the clay to vitrify. The vitrifying process closes the pore spaces, which means that water cannot penetrate into pores like it does in terra cotta, where it would normally freeze and cause the structure to crack. “Basically, vitrifying turns the clay back into stone,” Mary Lynn says.

Closed pores is also the reason why the sculptures can be so heavy—some of the larger pieces are 300 pounds or more. It’s a good thing all Goff Creek Pottery pieces are frostproof and can stay outside all winter; that’s one of the hallmarks of the Goods’ work.

For eight years Bob and Mary Lynn took pieces—even the very large ones—to major garden shows around the country, including those in Rochester, Buffalo, Philly, Chicago, and Atlanta. “We loved doing the shows but we’ve tapered way back, in part because of the stress of moving such heavy pieces,” Mary Lynn says.

It’s also because Mary Lynn, who loves science as much as art, went back to school and became an ICU nurse. “I’d been thinking about it for a long time,” she says. “I’m equal parts right brain and left brain, and I’m happiest having both science and art in my life.” (Her first degree was in design and commercial art.) Bob is busy with Goff Creek Pottery, maintaining the house and larger physical complex, and writing his childhood memoirs.

Goff Creek Pottery ships anywhere in the U.S.—including heavy pieces. As you can imagine, the shipping for those is exorbitantly expensive, but Bob has also hand-delivered larger shipments, such as a suite of sculptures for a retirement community in Phoenix known for its huge art collection. “We saved them money on shipping, and they were very pleased,” Mary Lynn says.

Those heavy pieces were a longtime dream of Mary Lynn’s. “I’d always been drawn to English gardens [including follies] and had this idea of making a big lawn chess set of rabbits v. toads. Bob and I mean it as a nod to gardeners by having rabbits—which destroy the garden but everyone loves because they’re so cute—and toads—which are ugly but so beneficial for the garden—spar with one another.” A handful of clients have purchased entire sets, while many others buy one larger-than-life toad or rabbit.

A customer and friend in Louisville, Kentucky bought several of the chess pieces and then requested an Alice in Wonderland themed set of sculptures. “We made her an Alice, a Queen of Hearts, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, the Mad Hatter, the Dodo, the King, the Knave, the Red Queen, a big tree with the Cheshire Cat in it ... she has 20 different pieces in all,” Mary Lynn says.

For specially requested sets or pieces, or for sculptures



TOP: Front of the William Goff House

BOTTOM: Back of the William Goff House

that are needed for a deadline, Mary Lynn makes two of everything to hedge against occasional accidents and misfires. There are three stages to the process for pieces large and small—the making, the drying, and the firing. For instance, sculpting each detailed piece in the Alice in the Wonderland set takes about two weeks, then the piece is dried in the kiln for a month or longer, then it takes three to four days to fire it. Because the whole process can take several months, Bob and Mary Lynn have to be good planners so that clients are sure to receive their pieces on time.

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Animals are a big part of Bob and Mary Lynn’s life together and the primary inspiration and subject matter for their pottery. They found their very affectionate cat Floyd when they heard a teeny kitten yowling in the nearby woods.



LEFT TOP & BOTTOM: Inside the Goff Creek studio and retail space

RIGHT TOP: A section of a rabbit-and-cabbage themed totem that includes a birdbath.

RIGHT BOTTOM: Cat finials to pull together rebar supports for morning glory, climbing beans, and more.

Floyd loves water, loves the rain, and sits in the sink and waits for Bob or Mary Lynn to turn on the water so he can go in. They have a parti poodle (“parti” refers to white with patches of color, as opposed to solid color) named Agnes who they brought home as a puppy. Floyd and Agnes are buddies who “look like MMA fighters when they wrestle—and Floyd’s always the instigator, whacking Agnes in the face,” Mary Lynn says.

The Goods are known for their toad houses. “Toads use them to hide from the sun and the more toads you have, the fewer snails and slugs you have,” Mary Lynn says. One customer asked Mary Lynn to make a toad house in the shape of a rabbit. From there, the rabbit theme took off

and at Goff Creek you see bunnies on plaques, tiles, finials, birdhouses, birdbaths—and most dramatically, in the larger-than-life chess pieces.

The rabbits of Goff Creek Pottery look at you with some classic lagomorph attitude. Mary Lynn says, “These are real rabbits who, when they’re eating your garden, look at you like, ‘Hey I’m eating here, don’t bother me!’ Look at Victorian woodblock prints of animals—all the animals look like they were having a really bad day,” she says, laughing.

Before Floyd appeared on the scene five years ago, there was an invasion of rabbits one summer. Mary Lynn says, “I’m not kidding you, everywhere you looked were clusters of little rabbit families all over the yard. We had one very



TOP LEFT: Garden sculptures with ornate finials, and a low birdbath with an ever-present toad.

TOP RIGHT: A lively subset of Mary Lynn's Alice in Wonderland sculptures. Each one took two weeks to sculpt.



MIDDLE LEFT: The lawn chess toads show great team unity.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Rabbit lawn chess figures

BOTTOM LEFT: Serving plate



BOTTOM RIGHT: Ceramic bunny flasks

young bunny who would take his dirt baths by the front door and let me pet his stomach.”

The Goods would love to have chickens but fear that the foxes who regularly sail right through the property could crash that party. Deer are abundant in the woods but so far, mercifully, have left the extensive Goff Creek display gardens alone.

Goff Creek Pottery, open to individuals and groups by appointment, is a delightful place to spend a couple of hours. “When I was a kid, my family would go to this one garden center, Amling’s Flowerland, in the suburbs of Chicago,” Mary Lynn says. “My favorite thing was looking for the hidden sculptures among the plantings—I loved to

be surprised! That was something that influenced me a great deal. I like to give that experience of surprise and delight to other people.”

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

Buffalo Area Daylily Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. Friendly group who get together to promote daylilies. Open Gardens in July. *October 21: Hybridizer Curt Hanson, Forestview Restaurant.* 716/ 698-3454; Facebook; buffaloareadaylilysociety.com.

Buffalo Bonsai Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Buffalo Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave, Buffalo. *September 20: Auction, 7pm, see Calendar (below).*

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

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

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

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

Hamburg Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of 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 7pm, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 576 Delaware Road, Kenmore. Monthly programs, artistic design and horticulture displays. New members and guests welcome. *October 10: Leaf Manipulation, learn how to manipulate plant leaves to give floral creations some added pizzazz. November 14: Get Crafty with Your Garden, ideas for items you can make for as well as from your garden.* 716/833-8799.

Lancaster Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, St. John's Lutheran Hall, 55 Pleasant Avenue, Lancaster. No meetings January, July & August. All are welcome. *September 13: Food, drink, socializing & brown bag auction. October 11: Trick or Treat, customs and lore of Halloween. November 8: Don't worry...Bee Happy with David Newman from Newmie's Bees.* 716/685-4881.

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

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

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

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

Smallwood Garden Club meets the third Monday of the month at 7pm, United Methodist Church, 5681 Main Street, Williamsville. New members welcome. *September 18: Victorian Language of Flowers with Nancy Kalieta. October 16: Miniature Forests, the Art of Bonsai with Scott Russo.* Claudia, 716/833-2251.

South Town Gardeners meets the second Friday of the month (except January) at 10:30am, 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 6:30pm, 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 7pm, Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo.

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

Western New York Hosta Society. East Aurora Senior Center, 101 King Street, East Aurora. Meetings with speakers, newsletter, sales. *September 16: Fall Hosta Forum, four speakers, lunch, auction, vendors, Edinboro, PA.* 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 10am, Forestview Restaurant, Depew. wnyhosta.com.

Western New York Iris Society usually meets at members' homes and gardens. Information about growing all types of irises and complementary perennials. *Next Meeting Dates: October 1 & November 5.* Guests welcome. Carolyn Schaffner, 716/837-2285; drsnooks@twc.com.

Western New York Rose Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm, St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville. *September 20: Educational Rose Show. October 18: Winterizing Your Garden & Preparing for Next Year. November 15: Garden Design.* wnyrosesociety.net.

Wilson Garden Club generally meets the second Thursday of each month at 7pm, 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 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, 100 Church Street, Youngstown.

FREQUENT HOST

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

CLASSES / EVENTS

• Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

Ongoing through October 1: Succulents, 10am–5pm. Included with admission. BECBG

September 9: 10th Annual Fall Festival, 9am–5pm. Lockwood's Garden Center, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. 716/649-4684; WeKnowPlants.com.

September 9–October 21: Horticulture I, 6 Saturdays, 11am–1pm. David Clark, Horticulturist and CNLP, will cover: *Botany 101; Plant Propagation; Pest Management & Disease; Shrubs & Trees,* includes a tree tour; *Annuals & Perennials; Garden Design.* Series: \$105 members; \$135 non-members. Single session: \$20 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

September 16: Fall Hosta Forum. *Peace, Love & Plants.* Four speakers, lunch, auction, vendors. Edinboro, PA. wnyhosta.com.

September 20: Bonsai Auction, 7pm. Trees & other Bonsai materials. Presented by Buffalo Bonsai Society. Buffalo Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo.

September 22: Gala at the Gardens, 6–10pm. Cocktail reception, silent, basket & live auctions, dinner. Reservation required. BECBG

October 5: Kokedama Hanging Gardens, 6pm. Create your own unique Japanese hanging garden using mosses, a packed soil mixture and string. \$45 members; \$50 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

October 14–November 5: Mum Exhibit, 10am–5pm. Included with admission. BECBG

October 17: Fairy Garden Workshop, 6pm. Includes Hypertufa container, soil and plants. Fairy trinkets, statuary, accessories and pre-made twig furniture will be available for purchase. Geared for adults. \$40 members; \$45 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

October 28–January 20: Horticulture II, 6 Saturdays, 11am–1pm. Horticulturist David Clark will cover: *Soil Science; Advanced Plant Propagation; Hydroponics; Water Gardening; Practical Principles of Pruning; Introduction to Landscape Design.* Series: \$105 members; \$135 non-members. Single session: \$20 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

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November 21: Fresh Thanksgiving Arrangement, 2–4pm or 6–8pm. Create your own unique holiday arrangement. \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. BECBG

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REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

FREQUENT HOSTS

CBG: Cornell Botanic Gardens, formerly known as Cornell Plantations, 1 Plantations Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Inquire ahead for meeting locations. 607/255-2400; cornellplantations.org.

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

CLASSES / EVENTS

- Indicates activities especially appropriate for children and families.

Ongoing through October 1: Garden Tours, Saturdays & Sundays, 2–3pm. Guided tours will include the Herb Garden, Flower Garden, Groundcover Collection, Tropical Container Display and more. Content will vary week to week depending what is in bloom and the interests of the group. \$5 suggested donation. Registration not required. **CBG**

September 12: Kitchen Garden Tour – Owl Moon Gardens, 6–7:30pm. Tour this two-acre garden and learn numerous tricks and tips to reduce labor including straw mulch, cover crops and compost to suppress weeds; various ways of preserving the harvest; starting plants from seed. Free. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

September 13: Lecture Series: The Song of the Trees – Tree Acoustics, Ecology & Ethics, 7:30pm. Speaker: David G. Haskell, Ph.D. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CBG**

September 17: Heirloom Tomato Fest, 11am–2pm. Sample several varieties of heirloom tomatoes and take home saved seeds to grow in your home garden. Drop in. \$5, suggested donation. Registration not required. **CCE/TOM**

September 17: Paint and Sip – Botanical Watercolors, 2–5pm. Enjoy an afternoon of painting and wine in this introduction to botanical watercolors. Includes light snacks & basic watercolor materials; wine by the glass available for purchase. Participants must be 21 or older. \$36 members; \$40 non-members. Registration required. **CBG**

September 27: Lecture Series: The Art of Gardening at Chanticleer, 7:30pm. Speaker: R. William Thomas. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CBG**

September 28: Dividing Perennials, 6–7:30pm. Learn how to dig and divide perennials, which plants should be divided in fall and the benefits of this routine maintenance. Work with Master Gardeners to gain hands-on experience and learn proper techniques. Participants will go home with a small division. \$5–10, sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 4: Native Plants for Pollinators, 5:30–6:30pm. Learn about pollinator plants suited to hot, dry sites, clay, sand and dry shade and how to diversify your plantings to support pollinators throughout their life cycles. Free. Tompkins County Public Library, 101 E Green Street, Ithaca. **CCE/TOM**

• **October 7: Apple Festival**, 11am–3:30pm. Bakers Acres, 1104 Auburn Road, Groton. 607/533-4653.

October 12: Introduction to Permaculture, 6:30–8:30pm. Learn the basic concepts of permaculture (permanent agriculture) by looking at examples of plant guilds, polycultures and the use of perennial plants for food sources. \$5–10, sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 12: Lecture Series: Plants, Magic & Molecules – The Search for New Cures from Old Remedies, 7:30pm. Speaker: Cassandra Quave, Ph.D. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CBG**

October 18: Impacts of Invasive Plants on People & Wildlife, 6:30–8pm. Class will look at the causes of plants becoming invasive, their impact upon wildlife and plant communities and uses for food, medicine and beyond. \$5–10, sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

October 19: Winterizing Your Garden, 5:30–6:30pm. Learn how to prepare and protect the soil from winter cold and spring rains plus how to ensure optimal nutrition and soil tilth for improved growing conditions next season. Free. Tompkins County Public Library, 101 E Green Street, Ithaca. **CCE/TOM**

October 23: Lecture Series: Park Rx America – Prescribing Parks to Prevent and Treat Chronic Disease, 7:30pm. Speaker: Robert Zarr, MD, MPH. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CBG**

November 8: Lecture Series: Adapt & Thrive – Creatively Living in a Climate Changed World, 7:30pm. Speaker: Alize Carrere. Free. Registration not required. Statler Auditorium, Statler Hall, Cornell University. **CBG**

November 9: Winterizing Your Garden, 5:30–6:30pm. See description under October 19. Includes hands-on demonstration in CCE garden. \$5–10, sliding scale. Registration required. **CCE/TOM**

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November 16: Emerald Ash Borer Impacts, 6:30–8pm. Jeanne Grace, Ithaca City Forester, will teach participants how to identify ash trees and how to search for early signs of EAB infestation. Class will also cover different treatment options for EAB. **CCE/TOM**

ROCHESTER

REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

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

African Violet and Gesneriad Society of Rochester meets the first Wednesday of each month, September–June, at 7pm, St. John's Home, 150 Highland Avenue, Rochester. *October 4: Planting Leaf Cuttings and Answers to African Violet & Gesneriad Questions. November 1: Potting Clinic, when and how to repot and keep plants thriving.* All are welcome. Stacey Davis, 585/426-5665; stacey.davis@rit.edu; avgsr.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS) meets every month, September–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. *September 10: Orchid Auction, see calendar (below).* facebook.com/geneseeorchid; geneseeorchid.org.

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

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

Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS) meets Sundays at 2pm, dates vary, St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Avenue, Honeoye Falls. Public welcome. *October 21: Water Lovers of Asia with Chad Harris, \$20, registration required, see calendar (below). November 12: Median Iris by Wendy Roller, 585/266-0302; thehuttings@mac.com.*

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

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

Henrietta Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (except May–August & December) at 6:30pm, Department of Public Works Building, 475 Calkins Road, Henrietta. *October 11: Siting, Pruning & Maintenance of Common Trees & Shrubs with Jeanine Fyfe from Broccolo. November 8: Floral Designer Charles Lytle will construct a fall arrangement.* Guests welcome. 585/889-1547; henriettagardenclub@gmail.com; henriettagardenclub.org.

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

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

Ikebana International Rochester Chapter 53 meets the third Thursday of each month (except December and February) at 10am, First Baptist Church, Hubbell Hall, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester. *September 23–24: Ikebana Exhibit & Demonstrations, see calendar (below). October 19: Demonstration in Ichiyo School of Ikebana, 10am–12pm; How-to for Ikebana Photography & Photo Editing, 1pm. November 16: Demonstration in Ohara School of Ikebana, 10am–12pm; Tips for Photographing Asian Garden Scenes, 1pm. 585/301-6727; 585/402-1772; ikebanarochester.org.*

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

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

Pittsford Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 11am, Pittsford Public Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street, Pittsford, except in July & August when it visits members' gardens. 585/425-0766; BKRU888@aol.com; pittsfordgardenclub.wordpress.com.

Rochester Dahlia Society meets the second Saturday of the month at 12:30pm, Trinity Reformed Church, 909 Landing Road North, Rochester, except August & September. Visitors welcome. **September 16: Dahlia Show**, see calendar (below). Facebook; rochesterdahlias.org.

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

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

Seabreeze Bloomers Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (except January) at 7pm, Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 3760 Culver Road, Rochester. Some meetings feature speakers others are visits to local gardens or special events. Members receive a monthly newsletter. **September 27: The Artful Gardener**, learn about the new garden behind the store and the challenges in dealing with deer and other wildlife in the area, 727 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester. All are welcome. Contact Bonnie Arnold: 585/230-5356; bonniearnold@frontiernet.net.

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

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

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.

FREQUENT HOSTS

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

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

CLASSES / EVENTS

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September 9: Gathering of Gardeners, 8am–4pm. *Making the Most of Change*. Three talks: *Evolving Shady Gardens* with Janet Macunovich; *Great Plants and Their Companions* with Steven Nikkilä; *Gardener, Hedge Your Bets* presented by Janet & Steven together. Silent auction & parking lot plant

sale. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, Monroe County. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester. gatheringofgardeners.com.

September 10: Orchid Auction, 12pm. Presented by Genesee Region Orchid Society. Free & open to the public. Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester. geneseeorchid.org.

S- September 16: Fall Garden Gala, 10am–1pm. Plant sale featuring indoor and outdoor plants, mums, basket auction, free soil pH testing. **CCE/GC**

September 16: Dahlia Show, 1–5pm. Presented by Rochester Dahlia Society. Arrangements available for purchase. The Garden Factory, 2126 Buffalo Road, Rochester. Facebook; rochesterdahlias.org.

September 16: September Blooms Stroll, 3–4:30pm. Visit Michael Hannen's display gardens at his home-based nursery where he has planted almost 200 new varieties for fall bloom in the last couple of years. Arrive early to shop or preview the gardens. \$10 members; \$15 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

September 18–October 4: Basic Professional Floral Design Certificate, 6 sessions, Monday & Wednesday, 6:30–9pm. Professional floral designer Alana Miller will guide participants through the basic principles and techniques of floral design. Each class will consist of lecture and hands-on workshop. Styles discussed will include round, triangular, vase, symmetrical, elongated, corsages and more. Students will create one or two arrangements to take home at each class. Materials included. \$395 members; \$495 non-members. Registration required by September 14. **RCGC**

September 21: Fall Wreath Making, 6:30pm. Use dried local flowers and grasses to create a one-of-a-kind wreath. \$15. Registration required. Broccolo Garden Center, 2755 Penfield Road, Fairport 14450. 585/424-4476; info@broccologroup.com.

September 23: Make Your Own Salsa Workshop, 9am–12pm. Join Nancy Marrer at her professional home kitchen to learn how to prepare and can your own salsas and hot sauce. Students will make two different salsas, one green, one tomato-based, to take home, along with recipes for hot and savory condiments. \$35 members; \$45 non-members. Registration required by September 19. **RCGC**

September 23–24: Ikebana Exhibit & Demonstrations, Saturday, 10am–5pm; Sunday, 10am–4pm. Presented by Rochester Chapter of Ikebana International. Demonstrations by certified Ikebana teachers: Saturday, 1, 2:30 & 4pm; Sunday, 12, 1:30 & 3pm. Barnes & Noble Community Room, Pittsford Plaza, 3349 Monroe Avenue, Rochester. ikebanarochester.org.

September 26: Gardening for Fall Interest at a Showpiece Garden in Pittsford, 5:30–7pm. Tour this property that has sun, shade, perennials, ferns, ornamental trees, shrubs, annuals and tropicals. Cindy Cali will describe designing the garden for all-season interest and how she maintains it. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

September 27: Film – Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home, 7:30pm. Gain inspiration to support habitat for wildlife and ways to bring natural beauty to your yard or garden. Introduction by Dr. Douglas Tallamy. Presented by Genesee Valley Audubon Society. Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Brighton. 585/865-6047.

September 28: Visit Rochester's Castle, 5:30–7pm. Enjoy refreshments and guided tours of the gardens and interior, built in 1854 by Horatio Gates Warner to resemble his wife's ancestral castle in Scotland. Volunteers have completed rehabilitation of the border gardens, initiated in 2012, that were originally designed in 1932 by landscape architect Alling DeForest. \$15. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 3: Garden Talk – Photo Tour of America's Tea Plantation, 12:15–12:45pm. Learn about the Charleston Tea Plantation, the only working tea farm in the United States and a living piece of American history. Bring lunch. Free. **CCE/GC**

October 6–December 8: Botanical Drawing, 6 Fridays, 9am–12pm. Deb VerHulst-Norris will teach participants to draw plants and flowers in accurate detail. Drawing skills will be developed by closely observing the structure and textures of plants and flowers. Class will explore the use of graphite pencils with colored pencil added to give depth and definition to drawings. No previous experience needed. \$99 members; \$120 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 7: Fall is a Great Time for Propagating, 10am–1pm. Michael Hannen has over 20 years' experience propagating all of the plants he sells from his home-based nursery. In this demonstration class, he will discuss which plants to divide now, demonstrate how to divide them and how to handle them for fall or spring planting, in the ground or in pots. \$18 members; \$25 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 7: Fall Gardening Symposium, 10am–5pm. Featuring keynote speaker Claudia West, garden speaker and writer. *Planting in a Post-Wild World*: Learn how to marry aesthetic and ecological goals in your next planting project. *Creating Stunning Plant Communities that Stand the Test of Time*: Learn about perennials and grasses that used in combination increase the ornamental, functional and ecological value of the landscape. Book signing; books available for purchase. Includes lunch. \$55 members; \$65 non-members. Registration required. Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, 151 Charlotte Street, Canandaigua. 585/394-4922; sonnenberg.org.

October 8: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2–4pm. Tour conducted by Community Forester Volunteers. Be prepared to traverse moderate hills and wooded trails. Meet: kiosk, Zoo Road, next to park maintenance center. Free; donations appreciated. bob.bea@gmail.com; 585/261-1665.

October 15: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum Tour, 2–4pm. See description under October 8. Free; donations appreciated. bob.bea@gmail.com; 585/261-1665.

October 16 & 18: Intermediate Professional Floral Design Certificate – Bouquets, 6:30–9pm. Styles covered will include vegetative, landscape, botanical, Biedermeier and bouquets. Students will take home all arrangements created during class. Materials included. Prerequisite: *Basic Professional Floral Design Certificate* program or floral shop experience. \$150 members; \$225 non-members. Registration required by October 12. **RCGC**

October 18 & 21: Tree Identification – Leafy Trees, Wednesday, 6–9pm; Saturday, 10am–12:30pm, field trip. Carol Southby will explain how to distinguish leafy trees using characteristics like leaf shape, arrangement of leaves on twigs and the shape and arrangement of buds. Wednesday, hands-on classroom session; Saturday, field trip to Highland Park where participants can practice identification skills learned in class. \$45 members; \$55 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 18–November 18: Tree Identification Certificate – Trees Up Close and Personal. Useful for both amateur and professional gardeners wishing to identify trees as well as for those who would like to know more about the trees they see on a walk in the woods. Two sessions will consist of class room instruction followed by field trip: *Leafy Trees*, see October 18 (above); *Conifers*, see November 15 (below). Series: \$80 members; \$100 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 19: Create a Spooky Halloween

Arrangement, 7–9 pm. Alana Miller will guide participants in creating a basket arrangement using silk floral materials and a variety of spiders and seasonal embellishments. \$32 members; \$42 non-members. Registration required by October 17. **RCGC**

October 21: Iris Lecture – Water Lovers of Asia.

Featuring Chad Harris, Japanese Iris Hybridizer. Hosted by Greater Rochester Iris Society. Hampton Inn and Suites, 7637 Route 96, Victor. Includes lunch. \$20. Registration required. thehutchings@mac.com; neil.houghton@me.com; 585/266-0302.

October 22: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum

Tour, 2–4pm. See description under October 8. Free; donations appreciated. bob.bea@gmail.com; 585/261-1665.

October 25: Fall Pruning of Japanese Maples & Conifers, 1:30–3:30pm.

Dennis Burns will describe and demonstrate the principles of pruning a variety of types and sizes of Japanese maples, other deciduous plants and conifers. Class takes place at Webster Arboretum. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 28: Seed Collecting Practicum, 10am–1pm.

Join Michael Hannen at his home-based nursery to help collect seed from his display gardens. Learn proper timing for collecting from different plants, how to dry and process it and how and when to plant for good germination. Rain date: November 4. Two follow-up classes for cleaning the seeds collected: January 10 & 13, 10am–1pm. Free. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 28: Putting the Garden to Bed, 10:30am–12:30pm.

Christine Froehlich will discuss what and how to divide in fall, recordkeeping, cutting back, what to leave up for winter interest and wildlife, fall fertilization, cleaning and putting away tools and equipment. Class will take place outside. \$22 members; \$32 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

October 29: Durand Eastman Park Arboretum

Tour, 2–4pm. See description under October 8. Free; donations appreciated. bob.bea@gmail.com; 585/261-1665.

November 1: Holiday Decorating – Make the Magic Happen, 6:30–9pm.

Lend a hand in transforming the Castle stairway and fireplace into a themed holiday setting. Participants will learn how to work a decorating theme from choosing a design to completing the plan. Led by Charles Lytle and Alana Miller. Free. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 2: Holiday Decorating – Behind the Scenes, 10am.

Come for part or all day to help set up for the annual Holiday Sale. Learn how to display different themed looks, create traffic patterns, use visual props to enhance displays and more. Led by Charles Lytle and Alana Miller. Free. Registration required. **RCGC**

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November 7: Garden Talk – All about Amaryllis, 12:15–12:45pm.

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November 8: Winter Care for Houseplants, 7–8:30pm.

Master Gardener and RCGC Librarian Carolyn Van Ness will discuss the different types of plants that do well indoors in winter, where and how to care for them, trouble-shooting of potential problems such as insects and diseases, repotting and what to do with holiday plants once they start to look a bit tired. Free. Registration required. **RCGC**

November 13 & 15: Advanced Professional Floral Design Certificate – Special Events, 6:30–9 pm.

Alana Miller will focus on free-standing easel sprays, large one-sided arrangements and wreaths for weddings, sympathy, altar and theme occasions. Students will take home all arrangements created during class. Materials included. Prerequisite: *Intermediate Professional Floral Design Certificate* program or floral shop experience. \$150 members; \$225 non-members. Registration required by November 9. **RCGC**

November 15 & 18: Tree Identification – Conifers, Wednesday, 6–9pm; Saturday, 10am–12:30pm, field trip.

Learn to distinguish local conifers with Carol Southby. Wednesday, hands-on classroom session; Saturday field trip to Highland Park where participants can practice identification skills learned in class. \$45 members; \$55 non-members. Registration required. **RCGC**

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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.

Bonsai Club of CNY (BCCNY) usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Pitcher Hill Community Church, 605 Bailey Road, North Syracuse. *September 9–10: Annual Show, Liverpool Public Library (see calendar, below).* 315/436-0135; Inewell1@gmail.com.

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

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

Gardeners of Syracuse meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, 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 7pm, 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 2pm, Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. HGCNY is a chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes; for-wild.org. Meetings are free and open to the public. *October 1: Gardening for Caterpillars and Butterflies. October 29: Habitat Network Update.* 315/487-5742; hgcnyc.org.

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

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

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

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æSeptember 9–10: Bonsai Show. Presented by Bonsai Club of CNY. Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. 315/436-0135; Inewell1@gmail.com.

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October 1: Gardening for Caterpillars and Butterflies, 2pm. Presented by Habitat Gardening Club of CNY. Free. Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. 315/487-5742; hgcnyc.org.

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What's in a Name?

A visit to the garden of Carl Linnaeus



by Reynolds Kelly

It's summer in upstate New York, and all our flowers are in bloom. Few are as appealing to me as black-eyed Susans. Some call them coneflowers, and they're in the sunflower, or daisy family (Compositae): bright and cheerful. Horticulturists and botanists call them by the genus *Rudbeckia*. As a layperson, that name, like so many scientific names for plants, has always puzzled me. Rudbeckia? I never knew what it meant, but it sounded "rude" for such a friendly flower.

Turns out that the origin of that name goes back to the earliest days of botany as a science. Plants, of course, have been around forever. But the modern system of naming plants, binomial nomenclature, dates back to the mid-1700s in Sweden, and was the brainchild of botanist, physician, and zoologist Carl Linnaeus, the "Father of Modern Taxonomy." Linnaeus started gardening as a boy, and Sweden's climate is not unlike that of our own upstate growing season. In the 1720s, Linnaeus attended Uppsala University, about 50 miles north of the capital, Stockholm. By his second year he was selected to give lectures, a rare

distinction for someone his age. After growing to doubt the common plant classification system then in wide use, Linnaeus went on to publish *Systema Naturae*. By the time Linnaeus published his twelfth edition in the 1750s, people sent specimens from all over the world for inclusion, and Linnaeus is credited with inventing the index card to keep track of his work.

As a successful botanist and physician in Uppsala, Linnaeus enjoyed a country estate (the Hammarby) and a city home, both with extensive gardens. Out in the country he constructed a private fireproof museum for his botanical specimens. He wasn't about to risk losing the world's most extensive collection to fire, as happened to his mentor years before. A stately home, with outbuildings for the needs of his household, embraced a formal garden. A turf roof offered not just more opportunity to grow plants, but protection from fire—a spark landing in a garden is less likely to burn your house down than one landing on dry wooden shingles.

While Linnaeus's country estate offered

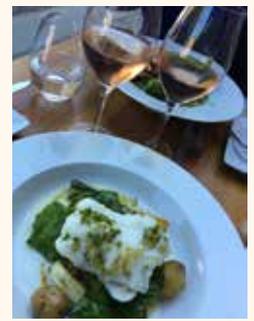
ABOVE: Rudbeckia in Linnaeus's country garden

IF YOU GO:

Stockholm is wonderful in summer. Nights are long and the city is easily traversed by bike (citybikes.se). Pedal through the Old Town of Gamla Stan, and head to B.A.R. for dinner (restaurangbar.se).

Rent a car to explore Uppsala. Start with the Hammarby (botan.uu.se/our-gardens/Linnaeus-hammarby/), then head to the quaint university town

center to see the Linneträdgården (botan.uu.se/our-gardens/the-linnaeus-garden/). Stop for a relaxing lunch at Hambergs Fisk (hambergs.se), and be sure to sit outside along the banks of the River Fyris. Later you can drive to the outskirts to see ancient burial mounds at Gamla Uppsala, just a few miles out of town.



beautiful botanical bliss, in town he was all business. Linneträdgården—Swedish for “the Linnaeus Garden”—was and is a living laboratory of plants and flowers, all carefully designed by Linnaeus and maintained today by Uppsala University. All of the plants are known to have been grown by Linnaeus himself (he kept scrupulous records) and are organized by his Sexual System. There are careful distinctions between spring and autumn flowering plants, with separate sections for different aquatic ecosystems. The garden is a jewelbox of botany: No more than an acre, it is rich with specimens and alluringly organized.

But back to Rudbeckia. Naming seems to have been a fond hobby for Linnaeus. Born Carl Nilsson, he adopted the last name Linnaeus from a linden tree that grew out of an old stone heap on his father’s farm. When it came to naming the cheerful black-eyed Susan, Linnaeus chose the name of his longtime mentor at Uppsala University, botanist Otto Rudbeck. This time of the year, I see these flowers every day in my own garden, and think of Otto.

TOP: Lunch at Hambergs Fisk

LEFT: Linnaeus's private, fireproof museum

MIDDLE RIGHT: Building with a sod roof in the country garden

BOTTOM RIGHT: UGJ publisher Jane Milliman in Linnaeus's town garden



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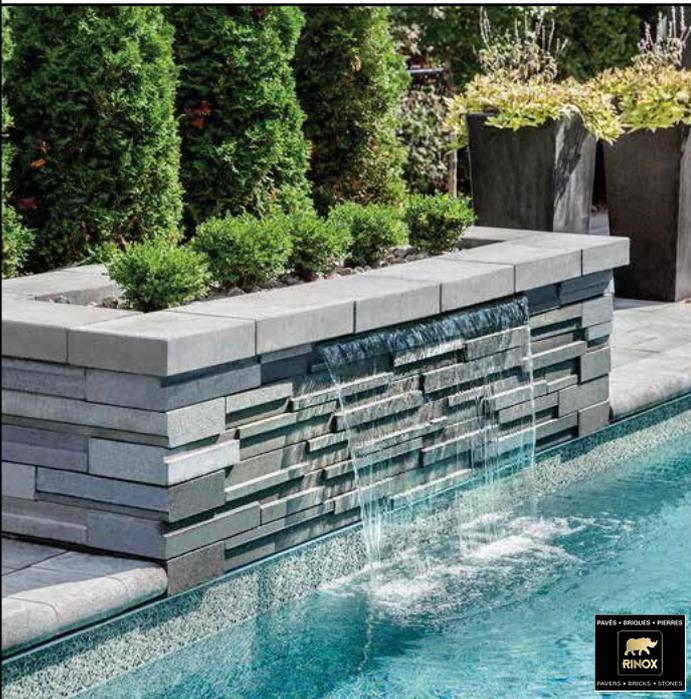
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RED WINE VINAIGRETTE

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
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- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard

1. Combine all vinaigrette ingredients in a non-stick reactive bowl, whisk vigorously to emulsify. Set aside.
2. In a small pan, caramelize fennel over medium heat with olive oil, salt and pepper. Let cool.
3. Combine all salad ingredients in a salad bowl and toss with the vinaigrette. Garnish with fennel fronds and freshly grated parmesan cheese.

To serve as a main dish with chicken:

1. Double vinaigrette recipe
2. Marinate two boneless, skinless chicken breasts in half of the vinaigrette for 4 hours up to overnight, reserve other half of unused vinaigrette for dressing the salad.
3. Grill chicken on high for 7 minutes a side.

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Compared to a typical Blonde or Pale Ale, Red Ales balance the additional malt flavors with a presence of American or English hops depending on the version. This balance allows the beer to pair with bigger flavors and more fatty foods like sausage or roasted chicken. We chose to pair with a chicken farm fresh salad. The salad boasts a bitter, earthy flavor that will complement the Centennial hop in the beer. The Red will also balance the umami and subtle roast flavors in the chicken.

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Those Amazing Mason Bees



by Steven Jakobi

Three years ago, I got a mason bee nest kit for a Christmas present. I confess that up to that point I had never heard of mason bees. The kit sat on a shelf for a year or so, but last year I decided to give it a try. I followed the instructions on the insert and I placed the nest in a sheltered area according to recommendations. Nothing happened. The contraption sat there without any insect activity all spring and summer and fall. I would periodically look at it, shrug my shoulders, and move on with my outdoor chores.

All of that changed this year. The mason bees discovered this wonderful nesting place and most of it has been occupied. Now I am excited because I have been reading about these amazing bees and their contribution as pollinators, and I welcome them to my garden.

A non-stinging species, the orchard mason bee is native to North America. It is one of several hundred kinds of bees world wide but, unlike the European honey bee, it is a solitary insect that does not have a queen, workers, soldiers, or other members of a hive. After a female breeds with one or several males, she begins to lay

her eggs in tree bark crevices, cracks or channels in rocks, or tubular nesting places. Several eggs are deposited in one nesting site. Eggs that develop into females are laid first in the deepest part of the cavity and those destined to be males are at the outer edge. Then the outermost opening is plugged with mud, which forms a tight, secure cover over the eggs. It is for this reason that this animal is called a “mason bee.”

Like other bees and most wasps, mason bees have a complete life cycle that includes larval, pupal, and adult stages. Males emerge first from the nest and wait for the appearance of females. Once mating has taken place the males die, but the gravid female begins to collect large amounts of pollen for her eggs. As each of six to ten eggs is laid, a cache of pollen is deposited as a food source for the emerging larva. Each egg is in its own compartment, separated by a mud barrier from the next, so that there is no competition for food among the newly hatched babies.

It is during the collection of food for her eggs that that mason bee provides invaluable service to agriculture as a pollinator. Some people suggest that this bee is ten times more efficient as an agent of pollination than the honey bee. So it is not the production of honey, which the mason bee does not make, but the cross-pollination of flowers of vegetables, fruits, and other economically important crops that makes the mason bee so useful.

My Christmas present nest kit was a commercially produced tubular structure that probably cost a lot of money. I went to YouTube to look at home-made nest kit ideas and I was not disappointed. There are videos of people constructing nests from paper towel- and toilet paper cardboard rolls, by drilling 5/16 inch diameter drill



holes into blocks of scrap wood or fire wood, tubular nests made by rolling cut up shopping bags pieces on a pencil and taping the rolled up sections, and many other methods. I am very happy to have discovered this small, attractive, non-stinging bee and I have many ideas for home-made nests to encourage their presence in my back yard and garden.

ABOVE: A 60-tube commercial mason bee nest kit, partially occupied in June. Photo courtesy Steven Jakobi

INSET: Mason bee at her future nursery. Photo courtesy Flickr: stanze

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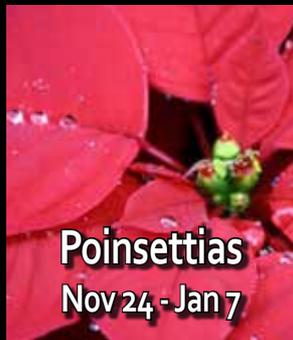
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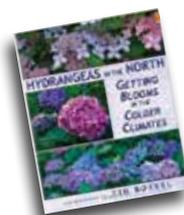


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Birds, Butterflies, and Water

by Liz Magnanti



ABOVE: Blue jay. Photo courtesy Flickr: C Watts

One of the easiest ways you can attract birds to your yard is with a resource we have at hand throughout the year—water! When you add water, or a water feature, to your landscape, it attracts birds and wildlife that may not come to feeders or birdhouses. This is particularly true in the hot summer months when shallow bodies of water are quick to evaporate, and winter, when water easily freezes over. Birds need water to bathe in and drink all year. Some birds, like goldfinches, do not eat berries or insects, which are great sources of water for most animals. Instead they rely on a source of water to flush their digestive system.

Fresh water is also important to birds throughout the year because without it

they wouldn't be able to keep their feathers clean. Clean feathers prevent feather mites and allow for birds to fly unobstructed. In the winter, clean feathers insulate better than dirty ones. Birds will fluff up their feathers to trap in warm air, which heats their body. This is why in the winter it is common to see birds sitting on a branch all fluffed up.

An easy way to add water to your yard is with a birdbath. Most birds only want one to two inches of water, so be careful not to get a birdbath that is too deep. If you get a deep birdbath you will get birds, but it may only be the larger species, such as blue jays and robins, who will sit in the bath and bathe. If you have a deep birdbath, don't fret. Adding stones or rocks to it will create a shallow reservoir and will give birds something to perch on. Rocks can be added to the entire birdbath, or just a section, giving it multiple layers for different sizes of birds. Adding many layers of rocks, or even sand, to a birdbath is an attractant to butterflies. Layering your birdbath full of sand or rocks and filling it with just enough water to keep them wet creates a butterfly puddler (see our last issue for instructions on making your own).

Butterflies will land on the wet sand or rocks and siphon off nutrients such as salts and amino acids.

Moving water is especially attractive to birds. The sound and sight of it draw them in. Solar fountain kits, plug-in fountain pumps, and water wigglers are all great ways to get your water moving. Mistlers and drippers can be attached to a hose to keep a small steady supply of water running for birds. Hummingbirds especially love mistlers. They will fly through the mist to clean their feathers. Drippers are little spouts that allow a drop of water to come out one at a time. Goldfinches and chickadees love drinking from drippers! Water wigglers are small plastic domes that sit in a birdbath. They have a little propeller that dips into the water and makes it ripple. Moving water is not only a great way to attract wildlife, but it also makes it impossible for mosquitoes to lay their eggs on it.

In the winter there are several options for providing water to wildlife. Heated birdbaths plug in and operate on a thermostat. They keep the water unfrozen, but don't make the water hot. The same goes for birdbath heaters. These plug-in thermostatically operated heaters go into an existing birdbath and keep the water from freezing. If you keep a water feature out in the cold make sure it can withstand our winters. When water freezes and thaws, as it does throughout the winter, it can cause birdbaths to crack. Do not keep cement or pottery birdbaths out for this reason. Metal, granite, plastic and new fiber clay birdbaths can be left out all year and are safe to put a heater in.

Keeping a water feature clean is also very important. Non-toxic natural enzymes called "birdbath protectors" or "fountain protectors" will break down some of the stains, sludge and mineral deposits that may occur in a birdbath. Giving a birdbath or fountain a good scrubbing is also important. Use a stiff bristled brush and some elbow grease to get the grime off a few times a year, at least.

My favorite part about putting out water features is I never know what will come to it! Scarlet tanagers and warblers flock in the spring, butterflies and hummingbirds in the summer, and cardinals and blue jays all winter! Keeping wildlife hydrated has never been so much fun.

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Autumn in the Air

by Cathy Monrad

Nothing reminds me of fall more than apples and cinnamon. This homemade potpourri will not only make your house smell wonderful, but also makes a nice hostess gift—so make a few batches to set aside for those last minute holiday get-togethers.

MATERIALS PER PINT

1 large orange
1 large apple
2 tsp whole cloves
4 cinnamon sticks, 3 inches long
pint jar with vented lid

TOOLS

oven
paring knife
mandolin (optional)
parchment paper
sheet pan

1. Preheat oven to 250° F.
2. Using paring knife, peel rind from orange, then cut or rip into 2-inch strips.
3. Using mandolin or knife, cut apple into 1/8" thick slices.
4. Place orange rinds and apple slices on sheet pan lined with parchment paper.
5. Bake for 2 or more hours, flipping each piece every half hour, until fruit and rind are completely dehydrated. Apple slices should be crisp and orange rinds should not emit moisture when squeezed.
6. Cool completely. Add orange rinds, apple slices, cloves, and cinnamon sticks into desired container. I used a wide mouth mason jar and ring with a round of burlap inserted to provide ventilation.

by Cathy Monrad

VARIATION IDEA

Potpourri packs an aroma punch when used in a "simmer pot." Place mixture in a small slow cooker and fill with water. Turn slow cooker on high with lid on until water comes up to a bubble. Remove lid and simmer up to 6 hours, adding water periodically if needed.

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