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CHEERS TO 90 YEARS!

Michelle Wilson



1934- 2024

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The club's first Standard Flower Show in 22 years!

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Judy Weinstock, Advertising Editor; 648-6669

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Director's Message



Every Season brings something to look forward to. The flower show at the Erie County Fair was wonderful. As our Summer gardens wind down, the trees start to show a beautiful display of colorful leaves. Apples, apple cider and pumpkins start to appear at farm stands and markets.

I hope to see you at the District Fall meeting and luncheon on October 10.

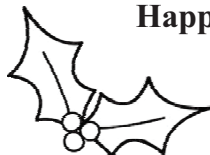
I look forward to meeting with Club presidents and seeing Club members and Board members. There will be vendors with unique items for sale. I enjoy seeing the creative table arrangements made by Club members. Nicole Fair of the Basket Barn will present "Artful Basketry" demonstrating creating unusual baskets with interesting plant materials and showing how they can be used with a variety of plants.

Thanksgiving is a special holiday for appreciating our blessings. I am thankful for all that the Garden Clubs and members do to contribute to their communities. It is appreciated.

Many Clubs participate in decorating the Theodore Roosevelt Site for the Holidays. This year's theme is 'Memories of Christmas Past.' It is always a pleasure to see the creative ways in which the rooms are decorated. Many visitors come especially to view the displays. The District has been participating in this event for 50 years!

As gardeners, we appreciate the beauty of nature through all the seasons. There is something special about a fresh wreath; the smell of conifers, the shade of green, the welcoming of one placed on the door. Please remember to order your wreaths from Dorothy Romanczuk. The order form is in this issue. You will receive high quality, beautiful wreaths and support the District. Thank you.

Happy Holidays,



Melissa Marcus

Nominating Committee Report - 2024

Nominating Committee members: Susan Loughran, , Gail McGee, Adrienne Pasquariello, Susan Suchak, Monica Hansen- FGCNYS Representative

This summer our committee has worked tirelessly to establish an executive board to lead us in 2025-2027.

The District By-laws state the 2025-2027 slate of officers has to be voted on at the Fall District Meeting (October 10,2024) and presented to the eligible voting members prior to the meeting.

Therefore, the slate presented is as follows:

District Director-----Nancy Kalieta
1st Assistant -----Dorothy Julius
2nd Assistant -----Dawn Seggio
3rd Assistant -----Debbie Adams
Corresponding/Recording Secretary-----Sharon Low
Treasurer-----Anne Dyet

Any eligible voter unable to attend the Fall District Meeting should send their absentee vote to: Adrienne Pasquariello, at apasquarie@roadrunner.com Please refer to our District By-laws on Voting eligibility, Article VII: Sections 1-6 which are included on the district website.



EIGHTH DISTRICT

FALL MEETING & LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024

THE COLUMNS BANQUETS

2221 TRANSIT ROAD, ELMA, NY 14059



9:00 am	Registration (coffee & tea)
10:00 am	Business Meeting
12:00 noon	Luncheon followed by Presentation

Table Design: For the Fall, the design should include some Mums and the designer's choice of other components.

Place your design in the center of your table by
10:30 am for judging.

Program: 'Artful Basketry' Nicole Fair of the Basket Barn will present an exciting program discussing and demonstrating the making of creative baskets out of plant material in varying shapes and sizes. The focus will be on the use of baskets using horticulture displays.



Pumpkin Tips

1. As you contemplate carving your pumpkin into a Jack 'o lantern consider removing the BOTTOM of the pumpkin instead of the "handle" end. You won't have to fiddle around trying to get that top replaced in the correct position.
2. AND you can slice off a little extra of the bottom to make that Jack 'o lantern sit up straight and stop it from wobbling.
3. If your Jack 'o lantern's candle keeps blowing out in a late October breeze, try placing it in a glass drinking glass or use a battery powered tea light.



Squash Tips

1. Do you have trouble slicing into your winter squash? Poke a skewer into the seed end then put it in the microwave for two or three minutes to soften it up. A sharp knife will go through it with no problem.
2. Place cut squash pieces in a microwave safe casserole dish, cover and cook in microwave for about 10 minutes. Scoop out cooked squash and mash.
3. Try making your pumpkin pies and other pumpkin based recipes using butternut or delicata squash. The large end of butternut produces lots of string-less, smooth "pumpkin".
4. Place one cup portions of mashed squash in plastic bags and freeze for pre-measured use in your mid-winter recipes.

Youngstown Hosts Free Holiday Tours '24

Youngstown Garden Club is hosting a second year of Holiday Tours this December at a local historic hotel. Last year over 800 people visited and the club expects another fabulous season. Set at the village crossroads, the Ontario House aka Stone Jug will be decorated for the holidays with live greens, floral designs and an array of sparking botanical décor. Two upper floors of this iconic building will be filled by the small and creative club. Displays of all new themes this year will include "French Noel", "Christmas Glamour", "Santa's Workshop" and more.

Special "sneak peek" evenings on December 12th and 13th give ticketholders a preview as local storytellers regale everyone with "The Secrets of the Rooms", tales of romance and intrigue, followed by a complimentary Christmas Cocktail to toast the season.

Thanks to generous sponsors the Holiday Tours will then open **FREE** to the public for self guided tours for seven days. Youngstown Garden Club welcomes Garden Club members and friends to celebrate the holidays. See the ad on page 20.

DISTRICT VIII WREATH SALE

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Saturday BEFORE Thanksgiving

12:00 NOON TO 4:00 P.M.

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TO: Dorothy Romanczuk
3921 Monroe Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075



2024 DISTRICT VIII WREATH ORDER

GARDEN CLUB: _____

Member Responsible for Order: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-mail _____

OF WREATHS _____ @ \$18.50 EA. \$ _____

DEADLINE: November 14, 2024

One check per club: CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT VIII FGCNYS
Send to: D. Romanczuk, 3921 Monroe Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075

Exhibits and Events

Open Daily: 10am-4pm

NEW! \$10 Thursdays: 10am-8pm from
September 19-November 14

NEW! Unwind Wednesdays: 4-8pm every 3rd Wednesday

Mutation Invasion: Flesh-eating Flora Exhibit:
September 13-October 31

Poinsettia Exhibit // Poinsettias After Dark:
November 22- January 6 // Select nights in Nov and Dec

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Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site Christmas Decorating

Judy Cavagnaro and Adrienne Pasquariello, *Co-chairs*

The decorating at the TR Site has a new name "Home for the Holidays". They will no longer be using "Victorian Christmas", although the decorations are still to be done in a Victorian Style. Another change this year is that there is no tree in the Visitor's Center.

They are planning to use this smaller tree in the Gallery. The piano was also removed from the Gallery.

This year's theme, "Memories of Christmas Past", was chosen to reflect the 50 years of our District's involvement in decorating. Your club is invited to use something in your decorations to evoke this memory. Our colors are Christmas plaids, red, green and gold.

The TR Site has requested that the following room/areas be decorated on the following days:

Monday, December 2: Morning Room, Restored Dining Room, North Hall, Front Hall & Stairway

Tuesday, December 3: Visitor's Center Interior, Exploration Room, Rotating Exhibit Area, Gallery Tree, Gallery Windows, Doorway to the 2nd Floor

Wednesday, December 4th (morning) for rescheduling due to weather or unplanned conflicts

Decorations should be removed no later than Friday, January 3rd, 2025 (details to follow).

Happy Holidays! from Adrienne Pasquariello and Judy Cavagnaro



Just Desserts

*A Small Standard
Flower Show
Presented By
The East Aurora Garden Club*

*Saturday November 16, 10AM-3PM
Nativity Lutheran Church
970 E. Main St. East Aurora N.Y.*



WORLD GARDENING

Sharon Low, Chair

Reminder:

**District 8 is still sending
donations to World Gardening.**

Checks should be made payable
to FGCNYS and sent to

**Sharon Low, District 8 Chair
5251 Bronson Dr.
Lewiston, NY 14092**

Please mention in the memo
section where the donation should
go, either Water for South Sudan
or Dig Deep.



8th District HONOR ROLL

Terry Skura, Chair



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Barbara Henneman

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In Remembrance:

Honoree

Martha Quinn

Donor

Smallwood Garden Club

Ellen Stancliffeby

Smallwood Garden Club

Terry has a new mailing address and phone number:

Terry Skura

4331 Berkeley Place - Bldg. N - 2

Hamburg NY 14075

New landline: (716) 648-4073

November 26, 2024 is the deadline for submissions to appear in the winter issue. Honor Roll grants are awarded at the District Spring meeting in April. Please know that all funds stay in the District. Remember to honor someone for the contributions and hard work done to further the success of your club. Consider submitting names to the Honor Roll with a \$10 donation.

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Youth Report

Dorothy Julius, Chair

It is that time of the year again. The leaves are falling. Our days are filled with getting ready for the holidays : cleaning up the yards, baking, and buying presents.

This year why not get the kids together and make presents for the family with all the treasures you collected.

Make some potato print gift tags and wrapping paper. Cut out a pattern like a leaf in the cut half of a white potato. I like to trace the shape on the potato using a real leaf. Add a stem and some veins. Have the kids dip the potato cutting into acrylic paint and then onto the paper. Let it dry before you use them.

You can use those same potato cuttings on gauze bags as gifts for the family.

Remember all those dried flowers you have hanging in the garage? Why not make small arrangements for Grandma. She will treasure that arrangement because it was made by her grandchildren. Add a small piece of Styrofoam or dried flower foam (Sahara) in a clean laundry detergent lid or a shell they collected this summer. Add a little moss and some dried flowers. This is a great way to teach the children about flower arranging and have fun doing it.

Or make a grapevine wreath. Add some dried flowers and a bow to be enjoyed all fall.

Think out of the box. Each Thanksgiving Day I would sit at the dining room table after the meal with the kids making gift tags and ornaments from my bags of treasures. Even some of the grownups joined in the fun. This is the time to make memories to treasure.

Don't forget the deadline to send me the children's entries for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest to me by December 31, 2024.

Email: dorothymjulius@gmail.com, Phone #: (716) 681-1473

*Remember the seeds we sow today
will become the flowers of tomorrow.
Happy Holidays! Let's make some memories!*

LIABILITY INSURANCE NOTICE REMINDER TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

Debbie Adams, treasurer

District VIII Insurance coverage due Date is **October 1, 2024**. Please send your check for \$6.00 per member, One check per club, made Payable to Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, District VIII. Mail to Debbie Adams, 5410 Roberts Road, Hamburg, NY 14075. Appreciate you sending this in a timely manner.

Box Tree Moth

Boxwood is the number one selling evergreen shrub in the US because of its attractive evergreen foliage and deer resistance. If you have any boxwoods, be on the lookout for the Box Tree Moth (*Cydalimaperspectalis*). It's an invasive pest native to East Asia that mainly feeds on boxwood. It was first detected in Europe in 2007, in Ontario in 2018 and Niagara County in 2021. In just the past 3 years it has spread quickly and is now more common in WNY being reported in 6 counties including Erie and Niagara. There is currently a quarantine on boxwoods shipped from countries that have the moth.

Keep a close eye on your boxwoods as this damaging invasive can kill the shrubs. It's the larva (caterpillars) that do the damage. The moth lays its eggs in clusters on the underside of the leaves. Symptoms are chewed leaves, green-black frass (excrement) and unsightly webbing from the larva. Once the leaves are eaten, they will start on the bark. Once the bark is girdled the shrub will die. The overall look is browning of the partially chewed leaves. One telltale sign is the caterpillars eat the leaf but leave the midrib which turns a creamy color and curls which looks very strange. If there is a serious infection the webbing can cover the shrub.

Currently there is no treatment specific for box tree moths. Some insecticides are effective if the damage is not too severe. If you do decide to treat look for an appropriate product and follow the directions carefully including personal protection.

Below are two links to Cornell information.

<https://cals.cornell.edu/new-york-state-integrated-pest-management/outreach-education/fact-sheets/box-tree-moth>
<https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/invasive-species/box-tree-moth>



The Color Purple:



Amherst Garden Club members: Evelyn Mietowski's: Cacti and Succulent collections and Eleanor Wolford's coleus collection were **Color Purple** worthy.

A detail from a photo by Eileen Carrier of Hamburg House and Garden's outdoor display which captured the vibrance & pace of The Erie County Fair.

District 8 Website has more pictures.



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One August afternoon some of the Orchard Park GC Deadheaders, tending the Village Garden, met 3 young men who were part of the Sri Chinmoy Home Peace Run. This international run began in March 2024 in Portugal. It follows a 21,000 kilometer run through Europe and 27 countries and will finish in Hungary October 18.

Photo above: Wendy Zebehazi applauds as Gail Klanian is passed a model of the Olympic torch to hold. This picture was sent via phone from one the trio taking pictures with this note: *As we entered Orchard Park , we stopped by to have a chat with these lovely gardeners and admired their beautiful flower garden.*



Amana GC: Always charming
L to R: standing: Susan Schroeder, Debbie Tabacznski, Connie Trawinski , Marie Taber, Janice Frasier. Seated: Gertie Schober.



ON THE MARCH... during the Youngstown Labor Day parade: Peggy Nash, and waving is Joan Gillespie.



Club activities for October, November, December 2024

Erie I Peggy Koppman, Section Chair

Cinderella Isle GC (President, Pat Fabin) *Meetings – 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm* Members will finish up the season of maintaining the gardens of the Grand Island Memorial Library during October. Our meeting in October will feature John Szalaszny of the Sierra Club speaking on environmental issues. Tara Hahn, owner of Hahn's Honeybee Haven will be our speaker at the November meeting. The annual Holiday Party will bring members together for a festive evening in December and a celebration of our 66th year.

Erie II Lily Zendano, Section Chair

GC of the Tonawandas (President, Cathi Ullenbruch) *Meetings -3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm, Tonawanda City Hall.* With summer gardening behind us, we are ready to resume our monthly meetings. October will be a floral greeting workshop. November is a lesson of how to make Christmas Lantern Swags. We also decorate the Long Homestead Museum using items typical of its era. December finds us decorating the Tonawanda City Hall, followed by a Christmas Celebration.

Kenmore GC (President, Carole Zeiher) *Meetings - 2nd Tuesday at 10 am, Kenmore United Methodist Church* October is “The Talk of Our Town” by Joe Emminger, Town of Tonawanda Supervisor. He will update us on things planned and accomplishments. There will be a workshop on making Christmas decorations for the TR site and a Reinstein Woods Nature Walk. Our speaker for our November Meeting is Steve Sypniewski, Arboretum Manager, Buffalo State. He will give us tips on the How, When, Why and Where of pruning in our garden. We will continue our workshop for decorating the TR site. Our Christmas luncheon will be held at the 20th Century Club in Buffalo. It will resemble a Williamsburg setting.

Ken-Sheriton GC (President, Therese Malchiore) *2nd Tuesday at 7 pm. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 576 Delaware Road.* In October we will meet at St. Mark to work on individual, versatile Porch Pots that carry us through winter. November is preparation for the TR site. We will be decorating the North Hall. There will be no December meeting. Our Holiday Party will be in January.

Erie III Dorothy Romanczuk, Section Chair

Eden Garden Study (President, Dawn Seggio) *Meeting 2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m.* Eden's programs this year focused on design and in October, Holiday Easy Table Ideas is the theme with a centerpiece design that transitions from

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fall to Christmas designed by The Snail's Place own Carol Melnik. Their Small Standard Flower Show October 4th and 5th celebrates their 90th anniversary at the Eden Library. November's program has the same transitional design, but members Lana Gardner and Dawn Seggio will be the designers. A Veterans Day wreath will be hung at their Blue Star Memorial marker. December's Christmas party and White Elephant Exchange will be catered by Eden Seafood & Pizzeria. Garden Therapy at Eden Heights will be making Christmas cards with the residents.

Eden Garden Study (President, Kathy Connolly) *Meeting 2nd Tuesday - 7:00 pm* The Evans GC will have Wayne Bennett of Bee in Your Bonnet Honey from Hamburg speaking in October, He will bring his honey extractor machine along with other display materials as well as honey to taste and sell. He has worked with Masterson's doing honey education too. Jerry Saab from The Christmas Tree Farm in Angola will speak about the benefits of tree farms on both the environment and wildlife at our November meeting. December is our Christmas dinner at a venue yet to be picked. We will have a bring one, pick one gift exchange.

Hamburg House & Garden Club (President, Michelle Hietanen) *Meeting 4th Wednesday.* October's meeting is Medicinal Herbs with Lynn Chimera on Herbal Properties of Native Plants - Natives that grow locally and how they were used medicinally throughout history. November 19th is a Holiday Floral Design/Workshop led by our talented Members – interchangeable design for Thanksgiving to Christmas, Chanukah, etc. via choice of flower colors. December 10th is the Annual Christmas Party, a catered dinner @ B&B, 195 Main Street, Hamburg. Our club sponsors a Family for the Holidays. Last year, over \$600 in gift cards was given along with personalized gifts for the parents and two children. This year, we are excited to be adding a second area to design/decorate, the TR Site.

Hamburg GC (President, Paula Gober) *Meeting 2nd Wednesday - 10 am* "The Foods we Love Today and How do we Ensure they are Here Tomorrow" will be Dr. Moira Sheehan's theme at the October meeting. Dr. Sheehan focuses on specialty crop breeding. In November, Pati Aine will discuss the history and folklore of trees. Wreaths will be laid at the Gold Star and Blue Star Memorial markers for Veterans Day and for the holidays. The Nominating Committee will be appointed. December's Holiday Brunch will be catered at the VFW meeting place. HGC will also be decorating at the TR Site.

Erie IV Evelyn Mietlowski, Section Chair

Amherst GC (President, Evelyn Mietlowski) In October we are looking forward to a guided tour of the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. There will be a presentation at the November meeting by Nicole Kimowicz from the Erie County Parks Department. The topic will be "Wildlife in the Winter". There is nothing planned for December.

Cheektowaga GC (Co-Presidents, Cindy Zaborowski and Eileen Beiter) Our October 14th meeting will feature a presentation by Natalie Bolyard "Food Forests of Western NY". On November 11, we are doing a craft. On December 9, we will have our club's Christmas party at La Bella Sicilia.

Forest Stream GC (Co-Presidents, Nancy Trimble and Joann Puccio) OCTOBER 17th - Meeting at the Williamsville United Methodist Church will be Pumpkin Night. A small pumpkin will be provided (with the lid cut out)

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along with oasis and plant material. NOVEMBER 21st- In preparation for decorating "Home for the Holidays 2024" at the Theodore Roosevelt Site, our members will participate in a workshop to complete decorations for the Exploration Room. DECEMBER 12th – Our Garden Club will celebrate the holidays with dinner at Rizotto's Restaurant.

Smallwood GC In October, members will learn ways to downsize and manage our gardens for more enjoyment and less stress presented by Master Gardener, Carol Ann Harlos who entitles her talk "I Can't Do This Anymore...But." In November we will be "Planning for Three Seasons of Bloom" presented by our own member Susan Kusneske. Sue will teach us to reap the benefits of having continuous blooms. Seasonal plants, both perennials and annuals that support pollinators will be discussed. We will hear how birds and other creatures are an integral part of our gardens. Finally, in December we will come together to decorate the dining room in the TR mansion. We will join, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, DONNA, and Blitzen with Santa's favorite Elf 'lil JOANNE, for the event of the season a holiday luncheon at Rizotto's Restaurant. Merry Christmas to All!!!

Erie V Carol Ottaviani, Section Chair

Bowmansville GC (Executive Board: Kathy Kwiatkowski, Lynne Lowery and Sue Maue) The meeting on October 7th will take place at Akron Acres on State Rd. in Akron at 6:00 pm. Marilyn Kelkenberg will do a demonstration on dried flowers and gourds. The November meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the Bowmansville Fire Hall. Amy Fry, from Country Florist will be the speaker. Members will create a floral centerpiece to be used throughout the holiday season.

Lancaster GC (Co-Presidents, Diven Fialkowski and Debbie Page) The speaker for the October meeting will be Robert Poczik who will be discussing Japanese Gardens. Club members will collect and donate pet supplies as a community service project as well. In November, members will donate canned goods and non-perishables for the food pantry at St. John's Church. A committee from Lancaster and Bowmansville Garden Clubs will visit the Teddy Roosevelt Inaugural Site to decorate the Christmas tree. Club members will attend the annual Christmas Party at a local restaurant in early December.

South Town Gardeners (President, Nancy Pankow) On October 18th members will make Stove Top Lavender Potpourri at The Kin Loch farm. The potpourri will be donated to a local nonprofit. On November 16th, members will learn basket weaving. December 6th is the date for the Club's Christmas luncheon. Location TBD. The new meeting location is The American Legion Post#567 in Orchard Park.

Town & Country GC of Williamsville, NY (President, Ricki Gormley) The program on October 17th will take place at Ransom Oaks Club House at 2:00 pm. Exhibitor Nancy Schifferle will present "Crafting with Pressed Flowers." Members will be asked to bring a selection of votives, candles or pumpkins as well as pressed flowers from their gardens. The program for November 14th, is Winter Sowing. Kathy Contrino, owner of CW Native Plant Farm in Akron, NY. Kathy is committed to the preservation of plants not typically found at local nurseries. The Holiday Luncheon will take place at Linguini's Italian Restaurant in Bowmansville at 12 pm with a business meeting to follow.

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Erie VI Esther Kopp, Section Chair

Amana GC (President, Janice Frasier) *Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am.* OCTOBER - The members will have a "Witches broom" workshop using a variety of grasses, led by member, Marie Taber. They'll also bring a variety of apples to compare their taste and textures. NOVEMBER - Member, Connie Trawinski will guide members in making a "Pine Cone Swag" to display for the holidays. DECEMBER - Members will gather for a Christmas luncheon at Chef's Restaurant.

Countryside GC (President, Annette Walter) *Meetings 2nd Wednesday 10:00 am.* OCTOBER - Meeting held at a club members home followed by lunch and a guided tour of the Elma Historical Museum house and barn. The garden club members maintain the herb garden that is next to the museum. NOVEMBER - Meeting held at a club members home with the election of officers followed by lunch. Carol Ann Harlos will be giving a presentation on "Making Gardening Easier". DECEMBER - Club members will celebrate their Christmas party at Elma Towne Grill.

East Aurora GC (President, Ellen Moomaw) *Meetings 2nd Monday of the month at 12 noon.* OCTOBER – “Artichoke Flowers”. Club members, Shirley Marshall and Esther Kopp will lead a hands-on workshop demonstration on making a flower out of an artichoke. NOVEMBER – Harry Potter Herbology Magic and Buffalo Style Gardens, presented by author/master gardener, Jim Charlier who will talk on his new book, “Harry Potter Herbology Magic”. Mr. Charlier will have his books available for purchase. Members will put the final touches on their Small Standard Flower Show, “Just Desserts” to be held on Nov. 16th at Nativity Lutheran Church, East Aurora, NY. DECEMBER – Annual Christmas Party Luncheon and Gift Exchange to be held at the East Aurora Country Club.

Holland GC (President, Barbara Brant) *Meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am.* OCTOBER -members will be going to Beaver Meadows, where there will be hiking and shopping followed by a potluck luncheon. The program this year will be on Halloween. NOVEMBER - meeting will include a hands-on Fall workshop. After the meeting, members will make 16 centerpieces for the Fall Senior Citizens Dinner put on by Holland Kiwanis. DECEMBER – Members will enjoy their Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Orchard Park GC (President, Pat Leach) *Meetings 1st Thursday of the month at 11:30 am.* OPGC meeting place has moved to the American Legion Post, 5784 Ellis Rd, Orchard Park. OCTOBER - Auction: Use, Recycle, Reuse any garden related items. NOVEMBER - "OH DEER" - Presented by Connie Oswald of Buffalo Niagara Gardening. Find out why gardeners now have so many problems with deer and get some tips on how to deal with these hungry critters! DECEMBER - Christmas Luncheon; a time to relax and celebrate the beauty and friendship of this special season, as members exchange friendship gifts. Also, the election of our officers for 2025-2026 will take place. **The Seedlings**, evening branch of the Orchard Park Garden Club (Liaison, Carol-Jo Pope) *meeting 2nd Tuesday at 6 pm in lower level of Orchard Park Municipal Building.*

Niagara I Barbara Stafford, Section Chair

Lewiston GC (President, Sharon Low) October's meeting of the Club will be a potluck supper at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lewiston, followed

by an evening program. Colleen Gaskill, CNLP (Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional) will speak on the topic of landscape design. November is “Fluff and Stuff” month, when members prepare wreaths and bows to be hung along Center Street for the coming holiday season. Members who wish to may also select a family in need from a list provided by the Community Missions. We will donate items and make wreaths which will accompany holiday gift baskets. Later in November members will help decorate the village of Lewiston by hanging greens along Center Street. In December the club will hold its annual holiday luncheon. Following lunch, we will assemble the gift baskets to be delivered to our “adopted” Community Missions families.

Youngstown GC (President, Rose Livingston) Following a business meeting, October's program will be “Not Just a Pretty Face: Medicinal Native Plants.” Kathleen Contrino, owner of C. W. Native Plant Farm and Native Botanika, will speak on the medicinal virtues of native plants that can be found in backyards, fields and woods and teach the group how to use them. In addition, in October members of the YGC will clean up the civic beds in Youngstown and prepare them for winter. In November the club will present a program by environmental engineer Al Gilewicz entitled “A Garden Revolution: A Call to All Trowels.” Designed for the home gardener, this presentation focuses on the potential impact 90 million home gardeners could have on climate change. The public is invited to both the October and November presentations with a \$5 admission but free to teachers, students, and members of any garden club. The Youngstown Garden Club has a tradition of decorating a local historic site for the holidays. In December members will decorate the historic rooms at the Ontario House on Main Street in Youngstown using natural botanicals and other seasonal elements in preparation for the Holiday tours. These tours will be led by YGC members telling stories of the building's history, romantic tales, rumors and secrets. Finally, the club will hold its annual Christmas party at a date and location to be determined.

Cayuga Island GC (President, Kathleen Hesson) At the end of September, the Club will have a planting booth for children at the Wildlife Festival at the Power Vista in Niagara Falls. During October club members will trim bushes and clean the front of the LaSalle library for winter, and in November the group will be decorating the historic LaSalle library for the holidays. For December a Christmas party with an ornament exchange is planned. There will also be a collection to brighten Christmas for a needy family.

Chautauqua Marcia Becker, Section Chair

Enchanted Mountain GC (President, Stacy Seip) This is our 4th year presenting the Scarecrow Row: community created decorations displayed throughout the village. We also do Fall and Holiday decorations at the Town Square Gazebo. Please refer to our web page: www.alleganygardenclub.com

Fredonia GC (Co- Presidents, Debbie Messere & Annabell Hahn) October brings our main fundraising event at the Forestville Fall festival, attending the District Fall Meeting and Luncheon, and touring of the Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville, NY. November members will host Steve Rees as he presents on the Revitalization Program in Northern Chautauqua County. December we will learn wreath making by Members Shaun Lord and Aimee Rodgers. The year culminates with the annual Christmas party held at the home of Thomas & Kathy Buckley where we bring non-perishable food items for the depleted Forestville Food Pantry.

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Jamestown GC (President, Sharon Reed) Lots of activity happening in Jamestown. Our members are busy planning their annual fundraiser. We will be hosting our annual fall symposium on Saturday, October 5th at the YWCA Lake Lodge. The event will be 10:00 am -12:30 pm with doors opening at 9:30 am. We have scheduled two fascinating speakers; we'll have a basket raffle, and light refreshments will be served. Details will be sent to all clubs. A fun item to note, there will be the Lakewood Fall festival that day so there will be plenty of other activities to enjoy. As the gardening season slows, fun and interesting activities fill our schedule. Club members will be visiting Green Heron Growers, a local mushroom farm, where we will learn about growing shitake mushrooms and enjoying a great lunch. A special class at Francesca's Floral shop where members will make a beautiful seasonal wreath. The culmination of the year will be the Holiday Tea at the Historic Marvin House. Members will share their favorite holiday treats and will participate in a holiday ornament exchange.

Bud 'n Bloom GC (Judy Wilcox, President) no report

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We owe a debt of gratitude to the garden club members who filled the show with beauty, to the judges who evaluated design and horticulture, to the clerks who followed the judges, and to the workers who dealt with the public, watered, and washed the multitude of vases. You have heard the expression “it takes a village to raise a child”. Well, it takes all of you to create, execute, and maintain a successful flower show. Thank you for all you did.

Sweepstakes Winners:

Garden club winning the most blue and red in Design
Division FD is Eden. GC

Garden club winning most blue in Horticulture
Division FH is Amherst. GC

Garden Club winning most blue in Botanical Arts
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Environmental Report

Anne Dyet, *Environmental Chair*

This summer broke the list of the top 10 hottest summers in Buffalo. It also marked the most tornadoes in Western New York in more than 30 years, with six tornadoes – yes, six – touching down across three counties in the region.

Most of us garden in Zone 4-5. We gardeners study our hobby and note the changing environmental conditions. Have you noticed the success of your efforts is directly related to available sunlight, soil conditions, wind, and natural rainfall?

I've been gardening in the same location for some years. I can plant annuals at least 2-3 weeks sooner than in years past. Plants that would not previously have survived winter might now if I provided shelter and mulch.

Some of my beloved annuals aren't suited for the heat and humidity characteristic of a WNY summer. Natural rainfall isn't sufficient, so watering becomes the norm.

Most of us acknowledge something is happening, but is it a big deal?

According to the Department of Environmental Conservation:

Temperature: New York's average temperature has increased by 3°F since 1970 and is projected to rise by another 3°F by 2080.

Greenhouse Gas Mitigation uses the best available science to develop regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, establish greenhouse gas accounting practices, conduct research and demonstration projects, and to aid in the development of climate change plans.

Climate Change Adaptation and Communication conducts climate change impact analysis, coordinates climate adaptation planning, coordinates communication and public outreach, and supports the development of climate change resilience and adaptation policies and strategies to help New York respond to current and future impacts of climate change.

Consider inviting a DEC speaker to your club to inform how tax dollars are being spent to address the issues of climate and carbon emissions, thought to be a major contributor to climate warming.

Source:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/climate-change/new-york-response#Office>



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- October 10** District VIII Fall Board Meeting & Luncheon Meeting 10:00 AM
- October 22-23** Central Atlantic Region-SCC Convention
The Old Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, New Jersey
- November 14** Deadline for submitting wreath order
(see ad in this issue)
- November 16** “Just Desserts” An NGC Small Standard Flower Show presented by the East Aurora Garden Club at Nativity Lutheran Church, 970 Main Street, East Aurora, NY (see ad in this issue).
- November 23** Pickup date for wreath orders
- December 2-3** Setup for Victorian Christmas at Theodore Roosevelt Inauguration Site.
9:30 am -4:30 pm both days.
- December 4** Additional Hours for TR Site set up if needed in case of weather or schedule conflicts
- December 12-18** Holiday Tours ‘24 of Ontario House by Youngstown GC (see ad in this issue).
- May 18-22** National Convention North Charleston, South Carolina 5055 International Blvd.
- June** First week in June: FGCNYS Annual Convention, Desmond Hotel Crown Plaza, Albany, NY



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- ✓ Provide a copy of your club's yearbook to Melissa Marcus, District Director, your section chair, and Linda Blyth, Figure Eight editor
- ✓ Please remember to update your club's website information. If your club has its own website, please let Susan Loughran, Website Manager, know and she can link the address to your club's name on our Eighth District Website.
- ✓ Send in your Club's District VIII Liability Insurance check to Debbie Adams by October 1st. See Insurance reminder in this issue.
- ✓ Remember to invite our director to a club meeting or function, so she can meet and interact with your members.

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