

Kenmore Garden Club

Mission

The club's mission is to stimulate an appreciation of gardening and flower arranging among amateurs and to promote civic beautification and conservation.

We Meet

at

Kenmore United Methodist Church
32 Landers Rd. at Delaware Rd, Kenmore, NY
10:30 a.m.

Our meetings open to the public, no admission
September through November
January, February and April through June

Members Only for December Holiday Luncheon, March Installation Luncheon

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Our Civic Involvement

- **Arbor Day Planting:** The Town highway department and garden club plant a tree to celebrate Arbor Day and help designate the Town as a "Tree City USA."
- **Adopt-a-Box:** Members have groomed and watered planter boxes placed throughout the town for 49 years.



Adopt a Box

Other Activities

Annual Plant Sale: Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and hanging baskets are available to the public the 3rd week of May; see our ad in the Figure 8.

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site: Members combine forces to decorate an area of the carriage house for the annual Victorian Christmas.

Members' Garden Tour: Several members open their gardens for viewing during the month of July.

Education Tuesdays: Many of our newer members have commented that they joined garden club to learn more about gardening but have found that information lacking at regular meetings. So, with that in mind, several of us brainstormed how we could meet that need. It was decided to add an informal meeting on the First Tuesday of most months to address that desired area of knowledge...mostly horticulture and garden design.

Garden Therapy: Residents of area nursing homes are led in flower arranging and/or a theme related craft project bi-monthly.

Perennial Plant Exchange: Members divide and share perennials from their gardens in May.

Summer Bus Trip: Field trips usually include garden tours and shopping.

Blue Star Marker Garden: The Kenmore Garden Club purchased a Blue Star Memorial Marker and attended the dedication ceremony at Kenney Field located at Brighton Road and Colvin Boulevard in 2016. A garden is being established around the base of the marker. Last fall daffodil and red tulip bulbs were planted; red geraniums and euphorbia 'Glitz' will be planted this year. Members will plant, mulch, groom and water this garden throughout the summer season. We are honored to plant and maintain this tribute to our American servicemen and women.

Programs for 2026-2027

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April 24th Arbor Day Tree Planting

- May 12th** **“Dumb Things Gardeners Do in the Garden”** Thomas Mitchell.
Tom is a SUNY Horticulture instructor and participates in the Garden Walk. He will entertain us with amusing stories of the dumb thing that gardeners have done in their gardens.
- May 20th** **Plant Sale 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**, Sale of Plants & Garden Related Items
1200 Parker, Tonawanda, NY
- May 21st** **Plant Sale 9:00 am – 7:00 pm**, Sale of Plants & Garden Related Items
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- June 9th** **Arboretum at Elmlawn Cemetery**
Michael Austin, Elmlawn Memorial Park President
Elmlawn is the first and only cemetery in WNY to have an accredited arboretum, sharing a widely recognized set of industry standards in the national arboretum community. Interpretive signage for the many tree species has been installed throughout the park.
- July 14th** **Tour of Members’ Gardens**
Tour culminates with a picnic lunch in a member’s yard.
- August 11th** **Bus Tour to Masterson’s Garden Center and Lunch at the Iron Kettle.**
Masterson’s will present a program on bees, honey and pollinator plants. We will be free to wander around the nursery grounds and shop in the gift shop and the nursery.
- September 8th** **Horticulture at the Buffalo Zoo** Nathan Hoffman
Nathan will give a PowerPoint presentation of horticulture at the Zoo and will discuss some of the new plantings, many natives, which will ultimately provide some food/seed for the animals.
- October 13th** **It’s the Talk of Our Town**
A Town official will bring us up to date on town affairs, enlighten us on what is happening behind the scenes in our town, what things are planned and what has been accomplished.
- November 10th** **Arrangement in a Teacup** Garda O’Keefe
Garda is an accomplished floral crafter who has led workshops for her own Youngstown Garden Club. She will guide us in arranging a small autumn display in our teacups which have been attached to their saucer.

December 8th **A Christmas Celebration** a luncheon at Sean Patrick's Restaurant

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January 12th **Amazing Backyard Plants** Jack Kowiak

Learn the remarkable stories of some everyday plants in your own backyard: the weed that helped the allies win WWII; the bush that is responsible for us speaking English rather than French; and a dinosaur snack in your own backyard. You will be amazed in the ways these plants have impacted both our history and lives today. Jack's goal is to educate and entertain.

February 9th **Flora of the Sonora Desert** Natalie Shaffer

Master Gardener and Kenmore GC member, Natalie has visited the Sonora Desert several times and will give a PowerPoint presentation on the beautiful flora of this Arizona desert.

March 9th **Awards Luncheon at Classic V Banquet Center**

Member recognition, presentation of awards and The Year in Review.

April 13th **Transitioning to a Low Maintenance Garden** Carol Ann Harlos

We're all getting older and less able to garden as extensively as we used to. Master Gardener, Carol Ann, will address what we can do to address the limitations we are dealing with.