



Town and Country Garden Club

Founded April 1, 1960

18 Active Members and 2 Associate Members

Member of:

National Garden Clubs, Inc. - Central Atlantic Region

Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc. - Eighth District, Section Erie V

Club President: Joy Sarkisian

Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage interest in all phases of better horticultural practices and the art of arranging plant material. We foster measures for the conservation of natural resources and to encourage civic beautification.

Club Flower: The flower of this organization shall be the violet.

Membership: A prospective member must attend two meetings to be eligible for full club membership. We are a fun club with a common interest in our gardens. Come join us!

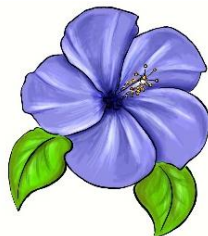
Please contact Membership Chairperson Linda Anscombe for information at:
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Regular Meetings

Second Thursday of each month,
2:00-4:00pm

Ransom Oaks Community Clubhouse
101 Ransom Oaks Drive
East Amherst, NY 14051

(Unless noted otherwise on the list of events)



Events and Meetings for 2022-2023

April 7, 2022: Installation Luncheon

(Special time: 12:30-4:00pm)

Following a luncheon catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill, we welcome a new Garden Club year with the installation of officers. Performing the honors will be Nancy Kalieta, Past President of FGCNYS District 8 and current Advisory Committee Chairperson. Nancy will also provide us with a presentation on the "Victorian Language of Flowers."

May 17, 2022: Celebrating the Joy of Spring Planting

(Special date, time & location: 6:30pm at Transit Rd. Middle School)

Early each year, Club Members learn about the new flower offerings from Ken Henry Sons, Inc. nursery and place their orders for the distribution of plants at the May meeting. Thus begins our garden season!

June 9, 2022: Celebrating the Welcome of Spring

(Special time & location: 6:30pm at the home of a Club Member)

Maria Gerbracht, long-time Club Member, will provide a lecture on seasonal perennials and offer a tour of her garden. Maria is a former Instructor of Docents at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens and a National Garden Club Accredited Master Judge, Emeritus.

July 14, 2022: Succulents and Cacti

Club Members welcome Evelyn Mietlowski as she offers a presentation on Succulents and Cacti, based on her trip to the Las Vegas Botanical Gardens. Evelyn is a member of the Amherst Garden Club and a Niagara County Master Gardener.

August 11, 2022: Annual Garden Club Picnic

(Special time & location: 6:00pm at the home of a Club Member)

A relaxed potluck dinner and garden tour at the home of a long-time Club Member. In addition to sharing a love of gardening, Club Members share a common love of food and drink!

September 8, 2022: Landscaping our Yards

Club Members welcome Cassandra McCallum, a designer and licensed landscape architect. Cassandra will offer a presentation on design ideas for landscaping our yards.

October 13, 2022: Putting our Gardens to Bed

(Special time & location: 5:00pm at Mischler's Garden Center)

Mark Yardon, Greenhouse Manager and co-owner of Mischler's, will provide us with tips for closing our gardens for the winter months.

November 10, 2022: Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens

(Special time & location: 11:30am-Blackthorn Restaurant and 1:00pm- Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens)

Following lunch, Club Members will tour the Botanical Gardens. This masterpiece, based on the famous Crystal Palace, in England, opened in 1900. It is full of exotic horticulture treasures from around the world.

December 9, 2022: Celebrating the Holiday Season

(Special time & location: 12:00pm at Adelaide's, in Clarence)

Club Members will celebrate the holidays with an Afternoon Tea at the former Asa Ransom House, recently renamed Adelaide's. A repeat event from last year as everyone enjoyed the finger sandwiches, delicate desserts and sampling of teas.

January 12, 2023: Planning Meeting

Following a board meeting, all members are encouraged to share their ideas for programming for the 2023-2024 garden club year.

February 2023: Planning for the Garden Season

(Via Email and Zoom)

In early February, Club Members will receive a detailed presentation by email showing the flowers offered by Kenneth A. Henry Sons, Inc. nursery. The 2023 photo catalog shows the available colors, along with a detailed description of the flower...size, habitat, characteristics (e.g., deer & rabbit resistant), price, and so forth. Club Members can browse the catalog on their own and select what they want for their garden. A follow-up Zoom call offers an opportunity to split flats.

March 16, 2023: Learning & Shopping at Plantasia

(Special date, time and location: 11:30am at Pegasus Restaurant and 1:00pm at Plantasia)

Club Members meet for lunch and a business meeting at Pegasus Restaurant before heading to WNY's Premier Garden & Landscape Show at the Hamburg Fairgrounds. Once at Plantasia, members can attend educational seminars, shop at the vendor booths, and enjoy the flower show offered by the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, District 8.

Special Projects and Activities

Clearfield Library Garden

In 2019, Town & Country Garden Club adopted the Clearfield Library on Hopkins Road, in Amherst. Over the past several years, Club Members removed the original overgrown plantings and replaced them with an assortment of shrubs, perennials and annual flowers. Each year the garden continues to grow and evolve to the pleasure of library patrons.



Dash's Markets Tape Saver Program

To fund the Clearfield Library Garden, Town & Country Garden Club participates in the Tape Saver Program offered to 501(c)(3) organizations. For every \$5,000 in Dash's Markets grocery receipts, the club receives \$125 to fund the renovation of the garden. The Clearfield Library has a collection box set up where library patrons can drop off their receipts.

Horticulture Project

Each year a new project is selected. This year, we will be growing LA Hybrid Lilies. The lilies are named for their parentage and are a cross between longiflorum lilies (L) and Asiatic hybrids (A). The LA Hybrid gets a signature trumpet shape, has great strength and a long vase life.



Recycle and Reuse Program

Several times during the year, Club Members can bring in used design and garden items which will be auctioned off to a new user and save the items from ending up in a landfill. The proceeds are used to subsidize Town and Country Garden Club postage needs.

Holiday Collection Drive

Each year a new project is selected to support the community. In 2021, we collected personal care items for Afghan refugees.

Federated Garden Clubs of NYS

Club Members support the activities of District 8; including, luncheon meetings, sale of calendars and wreaths, and publication of the Figure 8 newsletter.