

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
10:00 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 46 years.



Adopt a Box

Other Activities

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

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site: Members combine forces to decorate an area of this historic mansion for the annual Victorian Christmas.

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

Educational Workshops: Four workshops are planned each year to encourage our creative talents.

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

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

Youth Gardening: Programs are developed for children to foster their interest in horticulture and conservation. Children from the Belmont YMCA are engaged in planting seeds and related garden activities.

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.

Programs for 2023

April 28th “Arbor Day Tree Planting”

The Town of Tonawanda Highway Department, Town officials and the Kenmore Garden Club will plant a Bicolor Oak tree on April 28th on the Lincoln Park Rails to Trails path at 9:00 AM. Trees donated by Linde in the name of KGC will also be planted. The Town will receive its 26th Tree City Award for Arbor Day participation.

May 9th “Cinco de Mayo Herbs & Spices” – Barbara Blackburn

Barbara will give a presentation related to cooking with herbs and spices found in various cultures and gardens throughout the Buffalo area. She will bring handouts and some herbs; she writes for magazines and began Kiddie Gourmet.

May 19th “Plant Sale”

9 AM - 5 PM at 939 Delaware Road, Town of Tonawanda, NY. Annuals, perennials, herbs and hanging baskets will be available; cash or check only.

May 20th “Plant Sale” at 9 AM - 2 PM

June 13th “Using Native Plants in Your Garden” - Lyn Chimera, Master Gardner

Lyn will give a PowerPoint program highlighting the importance of using natives as well as noting a large variety of native plants that will grow successfully in our area; what is a native plant vs. a weed or an invasive; the advantages and disadvantages of growing natives, how to grow them and where to get them.

August 16th “Annual Bus Tour” 10:00 AM to Hurd Orchards in Holly, NY

There will be a speaker on Monarch butterflies followed by a multi-cultural lunch. Seasonal fruit will be available for picking.

September 12th “Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve” - Kristen Rosenberg, DEC Staff

Kristen will give a presentation on the flora and fauna of Reinstein, native landscaping and invasive species. She will give a general history of Reinstein Woods, current programming and information on why using native plants is important for our ecosystem.

October 10th “It’s the Talk of Our Town” - Joe Emminger, Supervisor Town of Tonawanda

Mr. Emminger 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 14th “Pelion Program at City Honors” – Caesandra Seawell

Caesandra is an instructor and manager of Pelion Outdoor Program at City Honors which has gardens composed of 50% edible flowers/produce and includes a rain garden. Its mission is stewardship and eco-literacy geared towards students. She will provide us with garlic to plant.

December 12th “Christmas Luncheon” 11:00 AM at Classic V Banquet Center

Programs for 2024

January 9th “Houseplants” – Mark Yaden, Mischler’s Greenhouse

Mark will demonstrate an indoor dish garden and will bring houseplants available for members to purchase.

February 13th “Greenhouse Management & Production” – Jason Henry of Kenneth Henry Sons

Henry Sons has supplied top quality plants for our club for many years. Jason will enlighten us with a PowerPoint presentation of behind the scenes on the family growing business from seed to sale. He will also address hemp production.

March 5th Installation & Awards Luncheon – Sean Patrick’s Restaurant

Installation of New Officers, The Year in Review Historian: Linda Blyth

April 9th “Get Crafty With Your Garden” – Connie Oswald Stofko

Connie publishes a weekly online magazine, Buffalo-NiagaraGardening.com, which features local events and timely articles of interest to gardeners. She will demonstrate some ideas for items you can make for your garden as well as from your garden.