



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!

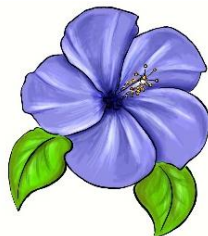
Please contact Membership Chairperson Linda Anscombe for information at:
lanscombe@roadrunner.com

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 2023-2024

April 14, 2023: Installation Luncheon

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

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 Renata Fischer, Town & Country Garden Club member, Life Member with FGCNYS and former NYS Horticulture Judge. A presentation on "Storm Damage and Spring Cleanup" will be given by Carol Ann Harlos, an Erie County Master Gardener, writer and speaker.

May 15, 2023: Highland Park

(Special time & location: 10:30am in Rochester)

A visit to Rochester for a personally guided tour of Highland Park to view the lilacs the day before the Lilac Festival commences. Then, it is on to Warner Castle and a visit to the Sunken Garden. The tour will be conducted by April Kimball, a former resident of Rochester and current member of the Town and Country Garden Club. Reservations are required for carpooling and travel instructions.

June 8, 2023: Siberian Iris Gardens

(Special location: 2:00pm at the home of David Baehre)

At the peak of Iris season, we will visit the Iris Gardens of David Baehre to view his extensive collection of both Bearded and Siberian Irises. David is a long-time member of the WNY Iris Society and currently serves as secretary. After our tour, we will stop for ice cream and a business meeting at a local ice cream spot.

FRIDAY, July 14, 2023: Visiting Gasport, NY

(Special day, time and location: 10am in Gasport)

Club Members will take a field trip to Gasport, NY, to view the "Gardens by the Mill" at the home of Dave and Carrie Snediker. Guests enter their garden through a six-foot "Moon Gate" that leads to 400 daylily hybrids, along with other perennial gardens. Then, we will visit the "Heartland Organics' Mushroom Farm". Owner Elaine Barnett will give us a tour of the certified organic specialty mushrooms grown on the farm. Following our tours, we will have lunch and a business meeting at the Village Eatery, in Lockport.

August 10, 2023: Annual Garden Club Picnic

(Special location: 2:00pm at the home of a Club Member)

Two Club Members will provide tours of their garden. At the home of Nancy Schifferle, we will hold our "Recycle and Reuse" Auction. Then, our pot-luck dinner will be at the home of Linda Anscombe.

September 14, 2023: The Flower Arranger's Garden

Club Members welcome Christine Wheaton, of the Holland Garden Club. Christine will conduct a workshop on flower arranging using flowers gathered from Club Member gardens.

October 12, 2023: Using Native Plants in Your Garden

(Special location: 2:00pm at Audubon Library, 350 John James Audubon Pkwy.)

This special event is held in conjunction with the Amherst Public Libraries and will be open to all library patrons and Club Members. Our speaker for the event is Lyn Chimera, a Cornell University Affiliated Master Gardener. She is a prolific writer for *After 50 Magazine*, *Upstate Gardener's Journal* and the monthly electronic newsletter, *Lessons from Nature*. She is also the author of *Five Keys to Better Gardening*.

November 9, 2023: Member Workshop and Tea

Club Members April Kimball and Janice Rogers will teach fellow members how to grow microgreens and sprouts. In addition, they will offer recipes and growing tips. Following the workshop, Club Members will have tea and refreshments made using fresh herbs. Each Club Member must bring 12-16 oz. Ball jar and a dish to share.

FRIDAY, December 9, 2022: Holiday Luncheon

(Special date time & location: 12:00pm at The Italian Village Restaurant, in Depew)

Club Members will celebrate the holidays with a luncheon and a chance to sit back and relax. As always, we will take up a collection for a local charitable organization.

January 1, 2024: Planning Meeting

Following a board meeting, all members are encouraged to share their ideas for programming and officer nominations for the 2024-2025 garden club year.

February 8, 2023: Gardening 2023-24 in Pictures

Club Member Michelle Lepine will provide a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the club's activities for the year in photos. Also in February, we will conduct our annual flower sale offered by Kenneth Henry Sons Nursery.

March 16, 2023: Learning & Shopping at Plantasia

(Special date, time and location: 11:15am at the Olive Garden Restaurant, in Blasdell, and 1:00pm at Plantasia, at the Hamburg Fairgrounds)

Club Members will meet for lunch and a business meeting at the Olive Garden Restaurant before heading to WNY's Premier Garden & Landscape Show.

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.



This year, we will be participating in the Amherst Garden Walk on July 8 and 9.

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 Hardy Gladiolus.

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 and office supply needs.

Holiday Collection Drive

Each year a new project is selected to support the community. In 2022, we collected personal care items, cleaning supplies and more for the Hope Project.

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.