



Figure Eight

October, November, December 2022 Volume 68 Number 4

MAMMA MIA!



Eleanor Wolford's exuberant interpretation of ABBA's high voltage Broadway Musical: "Mamma Mia" used a mix of blue and white plants including Salvia, Dusty Miller, Euphorbia, Dichondra, Petunias (yes, they are "blue") ... **And** our favorite: "Blue My Mind" Dwarf Morning Glories!

Eleanor received a Blue Ribbon and the Grower's Choice Award for her "mixed planter of 3 or more Blue and White flowering and/or foliage plants in a 24" container". *Footnote: Eleanor has entered the Fair Flower Show every year since joining the Amherst Garden Club in 1986! Mama mia!*

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Judy Weinstock, Advertising Editor; 648-6669

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Director's Message



Fall is my favorite season. Spring is tender and summer lush, but it is fall that gets my vote. I love the freshening wind, the earthy colors, the crackle of leaves when you walk. I love the early twilight, the mushroom harvest, the first snowfall, campfires snapping and birds heading south and of course the coming holiday season.

Fall is the perfect time for making memories, as you put your gardens to bed and dream of what you want to do next year. Take the time to save pictures and make notes, so you can remember the growing season. Then take a breath and enjoy every coming day. Remember, it is the little things that matter, be it a colorful leaf, the planting of bulbs to enjoy in the spring or just sitting and reflecting.

Also, be sure to remember the District 8 FGCNYS Fall Meeting and Luncheon at The Columns Banquet on October 14th. It promises to be a great time, a time when we can meet and greet old friends and make new ones. The speaker will give us insights on how we can evaluate the existing landscape and how to correct common problems – from plant choices and setting to design. You'll leave with plenty of tips for creating the gardens that you want by working with what you have.

We will have special guests at the Fall meeting and luncheon: Ann Johnson Director of District 7 and Dorothy Grant Chairman of District 7 Judges Council. Be sure to stop by and welcome them.

Luncheon Registration is due into Debbie Adams by September 30th

I hope you enjoy all the festivities of the coming season. May the joys of the holidays be extended to you and those you hold dear.

Annette

TIP of the HAT with THANKS & APPRECIATION

From Annette Kuhn to :

- Monica Hansen and Debbie Braun and all those who helped with the Erie County Fair. It was a wonderful fair and all the fantastic exhibits were thoroughly enjoyed by the public and presenting the NGC Environmental schools.





**EIGHTH DISTRICT
FALL MEETING & LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022
The Columns BANQUETS
2221 TRANSIT ROAD, ELMA, NY 14059**



9:00 AM	Vendors are open for business
9:00 AM	Registration (coffee & tea)
10:00 AM	Business Meeting
12:00 Noon	Luncheon

PROGRAM by Christine Froehlich: Christine owned and operated her own business, Flowers Garden Design and Maintenance, in Kent, Ct. for 25 years. Her work as a garden designer and consultant inspired the freelance writing career she embarked upon in 2004 when she moved to upstate New York. Her articles have been published in *The American Gardener*, *Country Gardens*, *American Nurseryman*, *Fine Gardening*, *585 Magazine*, *Rochester Magazine* and *The Upstate Gardeners Journal*. She will be speaking about “Gardening With What You Have”. Christine will show you how to evaluate your existing landscape and how to correct common problems.

We hope to see you there.

Table Design: In honor of Columbus Day, the table design will be a naval theme Including the colors of blue and white. Place your design in the center of your table by 10:30 a.m. for judging.

NOTICE: The vote for our new slate of District officers will take place at this meeting.

**Winter District VIII Board Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**SAVE
THESE
DATES!**

The winter board meeting will be a ZOOM meeting, starting at 10 am, February 9, 2023. Please send your report to Annette Kuhn (akuhn43@yahoo.com) and Dorothy Romanczuk (droman13@verizon.net) no later than 5 days before the meeting (by Saturday, February 4th).

The meeting will be followed with an introduction of the 2023-2024 slate of officers. You will be able to ask them questions or just offer them congratulations.

**Eighth Dstrct Spring Meeting & Luncheon
Thursday, April 13th, 2023**



If your home is anything like ours, you have progressed from celebrating the shade giving leaves on your trees to raking them off the ground. And if your mind works anything like mine does, you wonder... Why? Why DO leaves fall?

Most people think that leaf loss results from colder weather. Yet it's more a matter of light, which gets scarce and less intense as the days get shorter. Even in warmer climes, deciduous trees tend to lose their leaves as the summer sun gives way to the harvest moon.

For trees, the reason is simple: less sunlight means less photosynthesis, less photosynthesis means less sugary-sweet food, and less sugary-sweet food means the party is over... it's time to shed that costly costume (those energy sapping leaves) and go to sleep until spring.

THERE GOES THE SUN - AND THE PHOTOSYNTHESIS, TOO!

Trees love their photosynthesis. Given only water and carbon dioxide, green plants can convert sunlight into chemical energy. The key to this process is a cool chemical called chlorophyll; it's the pigment that makes plants green most of time. Chlorophyll molecules in green plants absorb solar energy.

In fact, other than a few bacteria that can survive on chemical energy from inorganic compounds, all living things ultimately depend on photosynthetic conversion of light energy into chemical energy. If photosynthesis were to suddenly stop, we'd all starve: first the plants, then the animals that eat the plants, then the animals that eat the animals that eat the plants.

THE LIFE & LIABILITIES OF A LITTLE LEAF

The key players in the life-giving photosynthetic process are chlorophyll, carbon dioxide, water and sunlight. Take any of these four players away, and photosynthesis will cease. And that's what happens every fall. As the duration and intensity of daily sunlight decreases, photosynthesis in the leaves of deciduous trees slows down, and the leaves produce less of the sugary-sweet food their trees need to stay healthy and keep growing. Eventually, as the trees go dormant, the veins that carry sap to and from the leaves close off. A "separation layer" is formed, the leaf becomes severed from the flesh of the tree and it falls.

Now you know the rest of the story, *so get out there and start raking!*



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A New Invasive to Watch Out For

Adapted from the USDA and Cornell Fact Sheets

The box tree moth (*Cydalima perspectalis*) is a new invasive that originated in Asia. It spread to Europe in 2007, Ontario Canada in 2018. Between August 2020 and April, 2021 a nursery in St. Catharines, Ontario shipped boxwood that may have been infected to retail nurseries in 6 states in the US including NYS. In July of 2021 BTM was discovered in traps in Niagara County so it's here in WNY and we all must be on the lookout.

The USDA (US Department of Agriculture) is taking swift steps to locate and eradicate the boxwood tree moth. As of 5/21 the US banned importation of host plants from Canada. Boxwood is the primary host, but other possibilities are Euonymus and Holly (*Ilex* species). USDA has started putting out pheromone traps in our area which would attract the males. In a recent email Sharon Bachman wrote: "USDA APHIS is trapping for Box Tree Moths in northern Erie County. We have been receiving some calls the past two weeks about this, people wondering if it is a legitimate activity as homeowners are being asked to sign forms that allow the traps to be placed on their property. This is all ok."



The box tree moth is up to 4 cm (1 ½ inch), Its wings are white with brown outlines (*See photo*). In Europe the moth has morphed to be all brown.

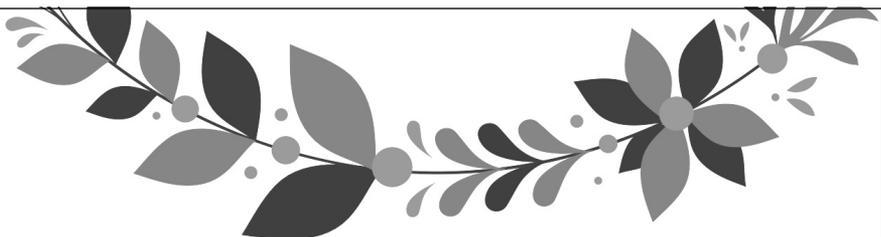
Eggs are laid in the undersides of boxwood leaves and the pupa develop attached to boxwood leaves. The caterpillars are up to 1 ½ inch long. They are yellow to lime green with dark stripes and rows of hairs lengthwise along their bodies.

Caterpillars feed mostly on boxwood and heavy infestations can defoliate the plant. When the leaves are gone, they consume the bark which girdles and kills the plant.

A good visual ID feature is the webbing the box tree moth caterpillars produce along with lots of frass which masses in the webbing.

At this point there is no known method of control. Identifying where it has spread and controlling the spread is the focus. If you have purchased any of these plants in the past year examine them closely for signs of infestation. For more information and great pictures of the various stages of the box tree moth go to:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/plant_health/alert-box-tree-moth.pdf



**Smallwood Garden Club Presents
A Winter Garden Gathering
Sunday, December 11, 2022**

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For More Information and Reservations Contact

Catherine Barthel
716-839-4371 | catherine.barthel@me.com

Send Reservations To

32 Dorchester Road Amherst, NY 14226

Victorian Christmas 2022

Judy Cavagnaro and Adrienne Pasquariello,

TR Site Co-chairs

The theme for this year's decorations at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site is "The Wonder of Christmas". We're excited about the new possibilities this theme offers. The colors to be used for decorating are plum, pear (green) and pearl. Many of your garden club committees have already begun working on making this a memorable event.

Designs/exhibits should contain fresh or dried plant material. All greens must be fresh. Dried plant materials may be treated (painted, sprayed, glycerinized). For further details, please refer to the gardenclubsofwny.com website. Click on the District Information tab and Victorian Christmas.

Installation of designs/exhibits will take place between 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM on Monday, November 28th and Tuesday, November 29th. Designs/exhibits must be dismantled & removed no later than Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

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Hamburg, NY 14075-3724

QUESTIONS: droman13@verizon.net or cell at 716-481-1405

8th DISTRICT WREATH ORDER 2022

Garden Club: _____

Member Responsible for Order:

Phone Number & E-mail: _____

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TOTAL DUE \$ _____

ONE check per club: CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 8 FGCNYS

This Wreath Order Form is on the District website at gardenclubsofwny.com

Scholarship Report

Jody Bailey, *Chair*

College Scholarship

This year's recipient of the \$1,000 college stipend, Jacob Owen, sent a thank you note to the District in June. He wrote that the generous scholarship was really appreciated and will help with purchasing books at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry. He indicated that he was grateful for the scholarship as it would help him out financially.

DEC Conservation Camp Scholarship Opportunities

District Eight is sponsoring a scholarship for a week of outdoor activities at a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation camp for youths 11-13 years of age. Further information about the camps and application process may be found on the District website under scholarships.

Also, the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS is sponsoring a scholarship to DEC camps for 14-17 year olds. Information about that scholarship may also be found on the District website.

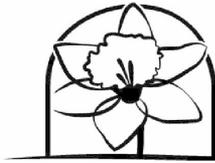
Applications for both DEC scholarships must be submitted by November 25th.

Additional information about the camps may be found at www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html NYS DEC scholarship. He is planning to attend Camp Rushford.



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Sharon Low, *Chair*

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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



Youth Report

Dorothy Julius, Chair

The days are getting shorter and the weather is starting to change. You can already see the leaves are starting to change color. Now is a great time to take the kids outside and pick leaves to press for future projects.

The following are some great tips for collecting leaves:

- The leaves should be free from moisture (rain and dew). DON'T pick them off the ground. If when you are ready to pick leaves off of the tree or shrub the leaf falls into your hand, it is too far gone. The nutrients and water from the parent plant has stopped going to the leaf. The cells at the joint between the leaf and the shrub have started to harden off. The leaf has already started to dry. Example burning bush leaves.
- NEVER press leaves between two pieces of wax paper. The wax paper will not help remove the moisture resulting in mold. Always use an absorbent material like blotting paper, Kleenex tissue without lotion, or reusable pieces of cotton cloth. Paper towels with waffle weave will leave imprints on your specimens.
- NEVER press the plant material directly between the pages of books. NOTE: telephone books are dipped into sulfuric acid to preserve the pages. Damp plant material will rehydrate the acid and destroy the quality of the leaf.



NOTE: if the center vein in the leaf is thick and raised, remove the center vein or cut a V in the bottom of the leaf so it will lay flat. I have used telephone books or wooden presses to press my leaves. The key is to weight the plant material down and wait at least 4 weeks prior to looking at them. Be sure to label your presses.

The end result will be beautiful, pressed leaves.

*Don't forgot it is never too soon to have your children, grandchildren or church group start making posters for the **Smokey Bear** and **Woodsy Owl** Contests. For more information on the contest, contact me at dorothymjulius@gmail.com or (716) 681-1473.*

Remember the seeds we sow today will be the flowers of tomorrow.

... All Seasons Beautify the w

~adapted from Mark Van Do



Come Meet and Greet

Christine Froehlich, our guest speaker for the Fall Meeting and Luncheon, October 13.

Topic: *Gardening With What You Have*

What? Not buying more plants? Bring your notebooks, everyone; Christine is sharing lots of tips on how to refresh your landscape by starting with what you have! .



Celebration Time!

(Seated) Janice Frasier, President of Amana Garden Club is surrounded by a gathering of smiling members .

Photo submission: Marie Taber



East Side ... West Side... all around the Town...

The Cheektowaga Garden Club was busy sending floral greetings to those entering the Town of Cheektowaga! Welcoming pots are located: at Wehrle Drive and Cayuga Road, Dick Rd. and George Urban Blvd. and Union Road and Wehrle Drive.



Photos & info: Eileen Beiter, co-President



Thank you for your photos & information. See more submissions from other clubs at:

Access more pictures: <https://www.garden>

Centerpiece Left

world and bless the walkers on it...
Green, "All Seasons," *Morning Worship and Other Poems*, 1960



And the winners ...

... Of The 2nd Annual Gardens of Eden Showcase, sponsored by The Eden Garden Study Club and Town of Eden are:

(left to right) Linda Nagel, Patrick Nagel, Jennifer Reid, Nancy Koester, and Judy Preischel. The Eden residents won awards of distinction, received gift cards from local Eden growers and proudly displayed the winning signs in their front yards. *Photo and caption info submitted by: Michelle Wilson*

Erie III Section Pot Luck Party



Dorothy Romanczuk, Section III chair, hosted members from Eden, Hamburg and Evans Garden Clubs, July 7.

Shown:

Top l to r : Laurie Schwab, Lyn Bratek, Marlene Sullivan, Marilyn Hasenpusch, Donna Nagle, Sue Eye, Kathy Rice
Middle: Kathy Smolinski, Cheryl Steffan, Mindy James, Debbie Adams
Front: Miriam Oster, Paula Gober, Jan Evert

Photo and caption Info:
Dorothy Romanczuk

Club members please submit photographs of your club's happenings during October, November, December by early December. We look forward to pictures of these last months of 2022. Your submissions will help create memories for the January, February, March 2023 issue and the District Website. Please be sure to identify your pictures by answering: Who? What? When? Where? Why? Or send along your own caption. Submit photographs to: bobpoppe5@hotmail.com

...my feathers are all in full bloom.

~Carolyn Wells, "The Sweet-Peacock," *Folly for the Wise*, 1904



SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED...

Left photo: shows the creation of Dianne Sippel's Design entry *Section FDB : Disney Magic Duo Design: Class B: The Beast: Side 2*. (Beauty: Side 1 appears on the back cover of this issue). This design side was comprised of *dried plant material and other components*. Dianne was awarded: Side 2 Beast: 3 first place awards: blue ribbon, Designer's Choice, & Alys Freer Smith Award. Side 1 Beauty: Second Place, Red Ribbon.

This is a list of the common names of the materials used: Spanish Moss, Eucalyptus, Fan Palm, Lotus Pods, Pine Needles, Seferia, Protea and Moss.

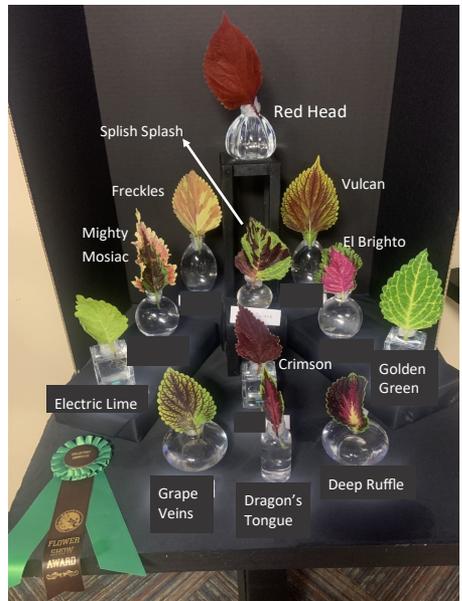
Dianne is a member of Smallwood Garden Club. *Photo: Dianne Sippel*

2nd PRIZE WINNING COLLECTION!

Congratulations to Eleanor Wolford on her Collector's Showcase Award and a Blue Ribbon for her Coleus Display which recalls flamboyant "Evita".

Regarding Eleanor, her daughter Kathy Tronolone emailed: "Her first entries, nearly 40 years ago were as an individual, not affiliated with any club. Many judges took a liking to her and encouraged her to join a GC. " which became Amherst GC.

NB: The Blue Ribbon Award went missing during the run of the fair. Eleanor's ID plant tags were not visible in this picture, so we took the liberty to redo "tags". Did we even know so many Coleus existed? *Photo Credit: Kathy Wolford Tronolone*



Access more pictures: <https://www.gardenclubsofwny.com/figure-eight>

Cornerstone Manor

Dorothy Romanczuk, *Chair*

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Erie County Fair Flower Show

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The Erie County Fair Flower Show is over for another year. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the show a success. Monica Hansen for her tireless work getting judges from all over NYS to judge the beautiful designs and horticultural specimens entered this year. Monica and her helpers also worked very hard to arrange our horticulture displays. To Nancy Kalieta, who helped in every aspect of the show. To the classification team for doing yeoman's work classifying in the heat the horticulture specimens on entry day. To our fair workers who kept our displays looking fantastic throughout the fair. To put together a show this size with horticulture and designs requires a lot of hands.

Congratulations to Lancaster Garden Club for their 1st place win for the Outdoor Gardens. Their depiction of The Wiz was well done! Bravo!

All of the gardens, designs and horticulture were spectacular! We had 13 clubs enter this year. Thank you!

Sweepstakes were won by:

Design – Hamburg House & Garden

Horticulture – Hamburg House & Garden

Botanical Arts – Lancaster Garden Club

**Exhibitor – blue ribbons –
Jeannie Burke –
Hamburg House & Garden**

**Exhibitor – red ribbons –
Jeanne Burke –
Hamburg House & Garden**

Watch your email late fall, early winter for a survey from us regarding the fair. Please take the time fill it out to help us in our planning.

We have already started planning for next year's show! More info to follow!



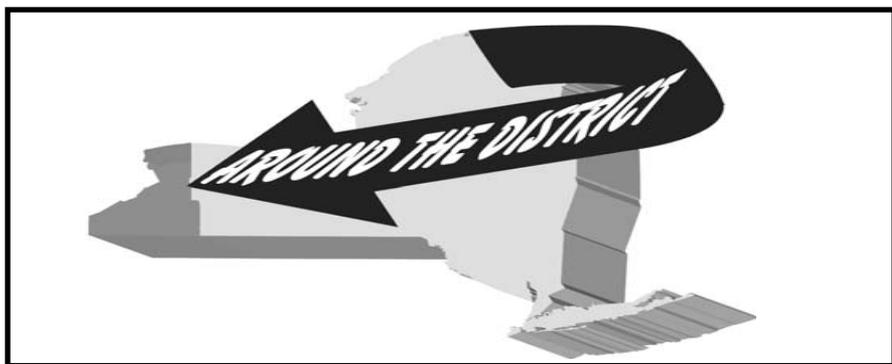
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Club activities for October, November, and December 2022

Erie I **Melissa Marcus, Section Chair**

Cinderella Isle GC. (Meeting Chair Pat Fabin) The program at the October meeting will be "Pruning Flowering Shrubs and Trees" presented by Landscape Professional Dave Clark. In November Member and Master Gardener Peggy Koppman will present "Heirloom Gardening." In December members will enjoy a Holiday Party at the Buffalo Launch Club.

East Park GC (President Rose Mary Madejski) A workshop will be held at the October meeting. Christmas decorations will be made for the Niagara Falls Outreach Community Center. Club members will plant Spring bulbs at the Sidway School Garden and put the garden to bed. Members will enjoy a Christmas Dinner Party at a member's home.

Erie II **Lily Zendano, Section Chair**

GC of the Tonawandas (Debbie Profrock, President) Our club meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Tonawanda City Hall. At our October meeting, we will be hosting Kari Blueberry Creative to create our own dot art butterfly decoration to use in our homes. At our November meeting we will be making a pumpkin and floral centerpiece for use during the fall holidays. We will also be decorating the trees at the Long Homestead for the Christmas season. We will also collect food and gifts for needy families to make their holidays bright. At our December meeting (on the first Thursday), we will decorate the Christmas trees in Tonawanda City Hall with a party afterward to kick off the holidays before life gets too busy.

Kenmore GC (Julie Furminger, President) Joe Emminger, Town of Tonawanda Supervisor will be our guest speaker at our October meeting. He will bring us up to date on town affairs and will present certificates to our members who tended to the Adopt-a-Boxes (planters) which were located throughout the town. In November, Theresa Marone from Floral Accents Flower Shop in N. Tonawanda will present a program on "Transitional Holiday Designs". She will show us how to transition Thanksgiving designs into Christmas arrangements. Other activities include decorating at

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the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural site for a Victorian Christmas. Our December Christmas Party will be held at Classics V, Amherst, NY. We will be making optional donations to Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels and the James V. Ryan Paramedic Foundation. Christmas crafts will be made at the After School Program at the Belmont Family YMCA with the Youth Gardening Committee.

Ken-Sheriton GC (Therese Malchioro, President) meets on the second Tuesday at 7pm. at St. Mark Lutheran Church. October will be a Fall Planning meeting with a discussion on planting Fall Bulbs and preparing your garden for winter. November's activity will be Porch Pots to carry us through winter and preparation for Theodore Roosevelt House decorating after Thanksgiving. December is our annual Christmas Party. Location TBD

Erie III Dorothy Romanczuk, Section Chair

Eden Garden Study (Co-President Sue Eye & Marlene Sullivan) Meeting: 2nd Thursday-7:00 pm . "45 Gardening Tips in 45 Minutes" with Connie Oswald Stofko is the topic for October. November's program with Lyn Chimera is about "Using Native Plants in Your Garden". A Holiday Lunch at the Four Corners Café will be in December. The slate of officers will be announced at the luncheon.

Evans Garden Club (President Miriam Oster) Meets 2nd Tuesday-7:00pm October's program is Matthew Nusstein, Park Naturalist/Environmental Educator at NYS Parks, who will tell the many wonders of nature found in Evangola State Park. A potluck dinner in November features a wine tasting with two Chautauqua County grape growers who will share the year-round process of growing and harvesting grapes. December's Christmas party will be held to celebrate the season.

Hamburg House and Garden Club (President Sue Van Tine) meets 4th Tuesday-7:00pm "Genius of Place - Life of Frederick Law Olmsted" with Bob Poczik is the topic for October's meeting. There will be a holiday centerpiece workshop class in November. A Christmas Luncheon and gift exchange is planned for December. Gifts are delivered to several school families chosen by a social worker to help make Christmas special for them.

Hamburg GC (Co-Presidents Paula Gober & Jan Evert) Meeting 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m. . Kate Crouthamel and Joyce O'Gorman will conduct a "Make and Take Succulent Wreath workshop in October. In November, Floral Designer Jeanne Burke will present a "Cut & Dried" demonstration. December's Christmas Party will be at Pegasus Restaurant with a theme of "Christmas Reborn".

Erie IV Shelly Gerovac, Section Chair

Amherst GC (Ruth Barone and Sandra Moesh, Co-Presidents) On October 26th, the Amherst GC will be touring Kelkenberg Farms in Clarence. There's lots to see just walking; a hayride is included. Pumpkins and other goodies will be available at the Market. Lunch or refreshments will be available for purchase. On November 16th, the program is still in the planning stages, but the new slate of officers will be presented. For December, options are still being considered, but Merry Christmas to all!

Cheektowaga GC (Cindy Zaborowski and Eileen Beiter, Co-Presidents) in October, there will be a guest speaker. For November, holiday wreaths will be made for members of the Garden Gate Nursing Home. In December, they will have a Christmas party.

Forest Stream GC (Sue Goeckel & Liza Mitchell, Co-Presidents)) Our October meeting will be a presentation by Sarah Henderson on “The Language of Flowers in Art.” Sarah has a Master of Art History from the University of Michigan and has been an adjunct professor at Medaille College and Canisius College. She also worked at the Albright Knox Art Gallery for several years. In November, we will have an all-member workshop to create the decorations for our area for Victorian Christmas at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. On December 8th, 2022, we will enjoy our annual Holiday Party at Transit Valley Country Club. Members and their guests are invited.

Smallwood GC (Mary Teresa Platt, President) in October, Dianne Sippel will lead the members in a make and take-it horticulture project called Kokedama. In preparation for our December fundraiser, Cindy Miranda will demonstrate how to make your basket for the basket raffle. December features a fundraiser at the Buffalo Country Club.

Erie V Carol Ottaviani, Section Chair

Bowmansville GC (Exec. Board: Judy Visco, Judy Cavagnaro, and Michelle Smith) Members will meet at Bowmansville Fire Hall on October 3rd at 7:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Trudy Stern from The Buffalo Japanese Gardens. A tour of Hurd Orchard will take place this month. Date and time to be determined. The program for November 7th will be “Create Christmas Tree Ornaments”. On November 29th & 30th, several members will participate in "Victorian Christmas Decorating" at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. The Club Christmas party will take place on December 5th at Lancaster Country Club. Members are asked to bring a gift card that will be donated to Lancaster Youth Bureau.

Lancaster GC (Milissa Jurewicz, President) On October 5th, members will celebrate the club's 90th Anniversary at the Botanical Gardens from 2- 5 pm with a tour of the gardens and a meal catered by Curley's Restaurant. On November 9th there will be a presentation on fall floral arrangements, plus a Community Service project. Members will donate nonperishable foods for the church pantry. Several members will help decorate the Christmas tree and assist with the centerpiece on the piano at the TR Site at the end of November. December 14th will be a potluck Christmas meal.

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South Town Gardeners (President, Linda Meissner) Janice Frasier will present the "Plant of the Month" at the October meeting on the 14th. . Members will participate in a field trip to Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. during October. On November 11th, Pat Peterson will present the "Plant of the Month". Lynn Williams will demonstrate how to make a Bird Seed Ornament. The club Christmas Party on December 9th. will be held at Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant.

Town & Country GC (Joy Sarkesian, President) Club members will attend a lecture at Mischler's Garden Center during the month of October with a lecture by Mark Yadon, Greenhouse manager, on "Putting Our Gardens to Bed". . Members are beautifying the Clearfield Library gardens in Williamsville. On November 10th, members will tour Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Prior to the tour, a business meeting and lunch will take place at Blackthorn Restaurant. The program for December is "Celebrating the Holiday Season". Chairpersons, Kathy Kensy and Joy Sarkisian have arranged a repeat trip to Asa Ransom House for Afternoon Tea followed by a business meeting and selection of a nominating committee. A collection will be taken for a local charity.

Erie VI Esther Kopp, Section Chair

Amana GC (Janice Frasier, President) October we will be doing a how to on Bird Feeders, discussing our favorite herbs, critiquing a design using gourds and working on the district luncheon centerpiece. November we will have a winter sowing demonstration and a potpourri workshop. December is our annual Christmas party at Ilio DiPaolo's

Countryside GC (LuAnn Burghardt, President) October we will meet at the home of member Annette Walter for a business meeting and will decorate gourds with the succulents we have been growing for our horticultural project. November we will meet at the home of member Myretta Zimpfer for a business meeting and a show and tell of our succulent gardens. Then we'll have a guided tour of the Elma Historical Museum at 3011 Bowen Rd., Elma. December we will attend our annual Christmas Luncheon at Rick's on Main in East Aurora.

East Aurora GC (Lorene Britton, President) October The program will be "All About Herbs", a panel discussion by 3 club members. November The program will be "I Can't Do This Anymore" Downsizing in the Garden, a presentation by Carol Ann Harlos, from Cornell Cooperative Extension. December is the annual Christmas Party Luncheon and Donation to local charity at the East Aurora Country Club.

Holland G C (Tammy Schmidt, President) October we will go to Beaver Meadow for a program on birds and to have lunch. November we will be making a Christmas decoration. December we go to the Holland Hotel for our Christmas Luncheon,

Orchard Park G C (Mary Ann Agnello, President) October will be our Auction. We will use, return, reuse, recycle any garden related items. November "From Farm to Market" is the program. Speaker is Cheri Stressing owner of Black Porch Produce a limited small animal farm. Cheri will share her organic approved pest control methods for home gardeners. December is the Annual Meeting, Christmas luncheon and exchange of small Friendship gifts.

Niagara I Barbara Stafford, Section Chair

Lewiston G C (President Sharon Low) October's meeting will be a potluck supper followed by an evening program. Lyn Chimera will present "Fall Gardening: Fall maintenance, preparing the garden for winter, storing tubers and bulbs, and dividing perennials." November is "Fluff and Stuff" month when members prepare wreaths and bows to be hung along Center Street for the coming holiday season. Members will also make gift baskets and wreaths for families in need. Later in November members will help decorate the village of Lewiston by hanging garland along Center Street. In December the club will hold its annual holiday luncheon. Four Community Missions families will be "adopted" by the club. Members may bring donations for gift baskets which will be assembled for delivery to these families.

Youngstown G C (President Rose Livingston) In October, members will meet for their annual cleanup of civic gardens, followed by dinner and a meeting. November features a field trip to the Buffalo Museum of Science for a behind-the-scenes look at the pressed botanical specimens in the Clinton Herbarium and the magnificent botanical models created by the Merchand brothers. Dinner will follow. On December 2 and 3, the group will decorate Old Fort Niagara's French Castle using plant materials that they have been gathering and drying all through the fall. Also, in December members will make a special excursion to Kleinhan's Music Hall to attend Joann Falletta's Classical Christmas Concert, a celebration of the season with centuries of classical treasures; lunch to follow.

Chautauqua Marcia Becker, Section Chair

Bud 'n Bloom GC (Judy Wilcox, President) In October we're discussing the importance of milkweed and how to spread the plants so important to monarch butterflies and making dried milkweed pod arrangements.

November we're making fresh pine Christmas tree door decorations. December is a luncheon meeting at the Merritt Winery and a gift collection for Rural Ministry.

Fredonia GC (Brenda Antolini & Kathy Buckley, Co- Presidents) October 1st & 2nd at the Forestville Fall Festival we will have a booth at the Forestville HS which will feature a Chinese Auction and small Christmas trees that the members have made to sell. October 11th we will have a luncheon at South Dayton Hotel and then visit Amish country to purchase pumpkins. We will be making dried Thanksgiving arrangements with cornucopias at our November meeting. December we will decorate the WCA Home in Fredonia and have a Christmas buffet and exchange garden related gifts at the home of Co-President Kathy Buckley.

Jamestown GC (Patty Idzik, President) No report

District VIII 2022

Minutes of the Summer Board Meeting



On JULY 14, 2022, District Director Annette Kuhn called the SUMMER BOARD Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The meeting was held at the Amherst Presbyterian Church and preceded the SUMMER PICNIC. The blessing was given by Nancy Kalieta, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marty Mummery. District Director Annette Kuhn introduced former State President, District Director, and newly installed CAR Director Monica Hansen and former District Directors Babbidean Urban Huber, Nancy Kalieta, & Adrienne Pasquariello. “Proud to be an American” was played and Miriam Oster signed as it was playing.

Board Members Present –: District Director Annette Kuhn, Miriam Oster, Cindy Miranda Woods, Dorothy Romanczuk, Marty Mummery and Debbie Adams.

OFFICERS REPORTS

RECORDING SECRETARY: Dorothy Romanczuk asked for corrections to the minutes of the Spring Meeting held on April 21, 2022, as printed in the Figure 8 Summer issue. There being none, minutes approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Adams's report: Encumbered fund: \$3,799.01, Income: \$4,124.00, Expenses: \$1,943.39; for a total of all funds of \$16,186.24. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Section Coordinator & Vendors - Miriam Oster. Miriam introduced the Section Chairs in attendance and they in turn introduced their presidents.

THIRD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Ways & Means & Raffle Coordinator - Cindy Miranda Woods. Was responsible for two Raffle items and prizes for the Fashion Show and games held today.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Marty Mummery said she updated the District club president's list, and emailed copies to presidents and executive board. Information needs to stay current. Changes need to be sent to Marty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY: Nancy Kalieta reported that our Semi-Annual Meeting Luncheon in October will feature Landscape Designer Christine Froehlich speaking on “Gardening With What You Have”. www.gwwyh.com.

ERIE COUNTY FAIR FLOWER SHOW: Monica Hansen & Debbie Braun. Monica reviewed the specifics of the Flower Show which were previously sent to all presidents. They are looking forward to a great show.

FIGURE 8: Linda Blyth reminded all that September 1st is the deadline for October, November, December issue. Carol-Jo Pope, Cover & Center Editor, wants award photos to be taken after all of the awards are presented for a better copy.

JUDGES COUNCIL: Mary Brummer. Judges attended a Symposium this year for continuing education and to keep their credentials in good standing. They will participate in the NGC Flower Show and Horticulture Specialty Show at the Erie County Fair in August and will hold a Creative Floral Art Studio in September. Questions were asked about more Basic Design classes which led to an in-depth discussion. The Council will take under advisement ideas that were discussed.

LIFE MEMBER: Jolaine Houghton & Dianne Sippel: Luncheon at the 20th Century Club will be July 21, 2022.

NOMINATING: Babbidean Urban Huber's Nominating Committee for the 2023-2025 term is: Marsha Becker, Debbie Braun, Monica Hansen, Susan Loughran, and Adrienne Pasquariello. Committee needs input from all clubs for candidates to be considered for District offices.

SCHOLARSHIP: Jody Bailey received a thank you note from this year's scholarship recipient. The DEC Camp deadline is November 25, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: Ways & Means: At the semi-annual meetings, should Ways & Means just have new gardening & design items for sale and no longer carry donated items? Many ideas were discussed including having/not having vendors and donated items. The e-board will hold a special meeting to discuss this and will formulate a questionnaire to be sent to all members for their input. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. A Patriotic Fashion Show, games and a picnic lunch followed.

Dorothy Romanczuk, District VIII Recording Secretary



8th District HONOR ROLL

Terry Skura, Chair



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November 22, 2022 is the deadline for submissions to appear in the winter issue.

Certainly, there are people who deserve to be honored for their contributions and the hard work done to further the success of your club. Please consider submitting their names to the Honor Roll with a \$10 donation. Forms are available on the district website: gardenclubsofwny.com.

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Calendar of Events

Sept 1st - Oct 1st	Deadline for submission to The National Gardener. ALL NGC members can submit an article to the Fall issue. You do NOT have to be a professional author. See website: gardenclub.org/national-gardener-archives
September 22	Registration deadline for Fall Luncheon
September 19-22	NGC Board Meeting (board members)
October 13	District 8 Fall Meeting and Luncheon The Columns Banquet • 2221 Transit Road, Elma NY
October 13	Vote for 2023 – 2024 slate of Officers at District 8 Fall Meeting and Luncheon
October 15	Creative Floral Art Studio
November 1-4	CAR Conference, Seven Springs, PA
November 9	Wreath order deadline
November 19	Wreath pickup
December 11	Smallwood GC event (See ad Page 8)
February 9	District 8 Zoom Winter Board Meeting
April 13	District 8 Spring Meeting & Luncheon
May 2-5, 2023	NGC Annual Convention, White Sulphur Springs, WV, all welcome.
May 2023	CAR Convention. More details coming from our new CAR Director Monica Hansen

CHECKLIST FOR PRESIDENTS

- If you have not mailed your insurance payments, please send a check payable to “FGCNYS District VIII” to Debbie Adams 5410 Roberts Road Hamburg, NY 14075
- Did you send in your club's registration form for the Fall Luncheon? It was due by September 22nd
- When possible, please support the great businesses that purchase ads in the Figure 8. They help to defray our cost.
- Wreath sale orders are due (see ad within this issue)
- Are you ready for Victorian Christmas? Setup is Monday, November 28th and Tuesday, November 29th.

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Congratulations to Dianne Sippel on her award winning Dual Entry: "Beauty and the Beast" for the 2022 Erie County Fair Flower Show. The Show's theme was "Broadway Dreaming"... For more details see inside. *Layout Patricia Teranova, Southtowns Gardeners*