



ORCHARD PARK GARDEN CLUB

2022-2023

“To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow.”

Founded in 1976 - Federated in 1977

Members: 85

Meetings: First Thursday of the Month at 11:30 p.m.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church
4536 South Buffalo St., Orchard Park, NY

President: Mary Ann Agnello

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Club Flower: Chrysanthemum

Affiliations: National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs
Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Eighth District
Erie VI section



MISSION STATEMENT

The Orchard Park Garden Club is dedicated to these purposes and objectives:

To promote education among our members and the community in the study of practical gardening and floral design

To encourage civic beautification and community planting

To encourage environmental improvements and further the conservation of our native trees, plants and birds

To encourage garden therapy programs and support garden activities to worthwhile organizations

To encourage our youth to study and understand the importance of gardening, conservation, and environmental concerns

OPGC 2021-2023 OFFICERS



Current officers (L-R): 1st Vice President Pat Leach, 2nd Vice President Darcy Krull, Corresponding Secretary Sandy Messorre, President Mary Ann Agnello, Treasurer Kristine Wiesner, 4th Vice President Diana Szczepanski, and Recording Secretary Elizabeth Bruno. Missing from the above photo is 3rd Vice President Judy Pilley.

Club's Civic Activities:

- Planting of the village garden, sidewalk boxes, hanging planters and various garden space throughout the village of Orchard Park
- Garden therapy at a local nursing home each month
- Holiday decorating of the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site and decorating of the Orchard Park Library Christmas Tree.

Continuing Projects:

- Participation in the Erie County Fair
- Participation in Plantasia
- Marketplace Sales Events
- Garden Walks at member homes
- Monthly Educational Programs
- Design Workshops
- Quarterly Newsletter
- African Violets Group
- Interactive Horticulture

Plantasia 2022



Annual Plant Sale:

May 23, 2022 delivery for orders placed through members in the first quarter 2022.

This is the club's main fundraiser. 100% of the club members participate in the setup and working. Profits are used to support the club, community activities and scholarships.

Scholarships:



OPGC Memorial Scholarship awarded to High School Seniors living in the Orchard Park School District planning to major in conservation, forestry, horticulture, environmental science, landscaping or related fields.

OPGC Book Scholarship awarded to College Students planning to major in conservation, forestry, horticulture, environmental science, landscaping or related fields.



DEC Camp Scholarships -- Environmental Education Camp and Teenage Ecology Workshop camp scholarships to students from ages 11 - 17 who attend a school in the Orchard Park District.

For more information regarding the scholarships, please contact Cathy Tomani at the email address: opgardenclub14217@gmail.com.

2022 - 2023 Monthly Meeting Programs and Presentations

June - Scholarship recipient Presentations

Recipients from prior years will give a talk to the membership regarding their studies.

July - President's Picnic

Honoring Past Presidents of OPGC

August - Orchids

Donna Lipowicz, President of the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society, will present.

September - Interactive Horticulture

Members will bring specimens from their gardens: Class 1) Perennials

Class 2) Annuals Class 3) Herbs Class 4) Vegetables Class 5) Other.

Prizes and ribbons are to be awarded.

October - Auction

Reuse, return, re-cycle any garden related item

November - From Farm to Market

Cheri Stresing, owner of Back Porch Produce, presents.

December - Annual meeting & Christmas Luncheon

Members exchange a small container design.

January - Animals in the Garden.

Tanya Lowe, Curator and Education Director, Hawk Creek Wild Life Center is the presenter.

February - Unusual Herbs

Terry Skura, a member of the OPGC, will focus on rarely used and unusual herbs for cooking, health, pest control, and design.

Planting the
Orchard Park
Village Hanging
Planters
2022

