



Figure Eight

July, August, September 2024 Volume 70 Number 3

Birthdays! What music to the World!

Adapted from Birthdays, J.R. Macduff, 1893



PICK OF THE CROP!

Congratulations to Pauline Firestone for achieving her 104th birthday! Forest Stream Garden Club is proud of their Senior Gardener. Pauline appeared on a Smucker's Strawberry Jam jar on May 14th on NBC's Today Show.. Here's the link: <https://www.today.com/video/today-celebrates-100th-birthdays-may-14-2024-210882117636>

FIGURE 8

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Judy Weinstock, Advertising Editor; 648-6669

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Director's Message



The FGCNYS Annual Conference was held at The Desmond Hotel in Albany. It was an exciting and informative Convention celebrating the FGCNYS 100th Anniversary. There were attendees from all ten Districts. Some District 8 members attended the Convention, and some Judges refreshed their credentials at the symposium. The events included presentations and a tour about botanical photography, and design program by a well-known local designer. The convention ended with a spectacular Gala with dinner, music and a photo booth! Such fun!

Some of our Garden Clubs have been in existence for 80, 90 or 100 years! Congratulations and thank you to all of the Clubs for all you do. It is appreciated.

We are looking ahead to the July 11 picnic including a President's meeting, board meeting and lunch. See more information about the picnic and the October 10 Fall meeting in this issue.

Hope to see you soon. Happy gardening,

Melissa Marcus



**EIGHTH DISTRICT SUMMER
BOARD MEETING & LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024**



**AMHERST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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**9:30 am Presidents Meeting
10:00 am Business Meeting
12:00 noon Luncheon**

Lunch Menu

**Variety of Quarter Subs and Wraps
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Cost: \$16.00

**Theme: “Grandma's Garden” an interactive
program calling for members to bring and display
vintage, historic aged tools, books, or other
items from the garden.**

Registration Form:

July 11, 2024

Registration Deadline is July 5, 2024

- 1. Make one check from each club payable to
 “District VIII FGCNYS”.**
- 2. List names of all members attending.**
- 3. Forward check and information to:**

Debbie Adams

5410 Roberts Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075

Phone: 716-627-5461

email: windrush421@verizon.net

Club Name:_____

Club President:_____

Number Attending:_____

from the Editor's **PESK** by Linda Blyth



are in their glory. Most of our time is spent deadheading and weeding, dull but necessary tasks.

My husband and I take a walk through our gardens every day and tell each other that we are doing this just to enjoy and admire our labors... BUT inevitably one of us stops to pull weeds and then another and then another. We are fulfilling our gardening motto, "Never walk past a weed!" all of us need to stop for a few moments and reflect on the beauty before us. Take in the big picture; ENJOY what you have created.

We have a plaque in our garden (often covered with foliage from some overly lush plant) which states,

*"All of the flowers
Of all the tomorrows
Are found in the seeds of today."*

Remember the absolute magic of seeds. And don't forget to stop and smell the roses.... and the petunias... and the dianthus... and the datura... and the nicotiana... and the lilies and the ... well, you get the idea.

Enjoy your summer!

As you read this issue of the Figure 8, we are at the height of summer- the season we all look forward to and plan for the entire year! Many of our perennials have "done their thing" and the annuals

WORLD GARDENING

Sharon Low, Chair

Reminder:

District 8 is still sending donations to World Gardening.

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**Sharon Low, District 8 Chair
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**EIGHTH DISTRICT
FALL MEETING & LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024
THE COLUMNS BANQUETS**



2221 TRANSIT ROAD, ELMA, NY 14059

- 9:00 AM** Registration (coffee and tea)
10:00 AM Business Meeting
12:00 noon Luncheon (\$33.00 per person) followed by
Presentation of Program

MENU choices

**Chicken Piccata OR Oven Roasted Salmon
Fresh Garden Salad
Roasted Baby Potatoes**

Special Dietary Request (Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Dairy Free, etc.)
Rolls and Butter, Rice Pudding, coffe/ tea

Table Design: For the Fall, the design should include some mums and the designer's choice of other components. Place your design in the center of your table by 10:30 am for judging.

Program: 'Artful Basketry' Nicole Fair of the BasketBarn will present an exciting program discussing and demonstrating the making of creative baskets out of plant material in varying shapes and sizes. The focus will be on the use of baskets using horticulture displays.

Registration Form

**Fall Meeting & Luncheon, Thursday October 10, 2024
Registration Deadline is September 12, 2024**

1. Make one check from each club payable to "District VIII FGCNYS"
2. List names of all members attending and their menu choices.
3. Forward check and information to: Julie Furminger,
89 Melody Lane, Tonawanda, New York 14150-9107

Club Name: _____

Club Contact Name: _____

Phone number _____ e-mail _____

Number attending: _____

Live Members: _____

(Specify if Life Members wish to sit at Life Member Table)

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site Victorian Christmas

Judy Cavagnaro and Adrienne Pasquariello, *Co-chairs*

Victorian Christmas 2023 awards were presented at the 8th District Spring Meeting in April. The Clubs that received District awards were: Amherst, Bowmansville, East Aurora, Forest Stream, Hamburg, Hamburg House and Garden, Kenmore, Ken-Sheriton, Lancaster, Orchard Park and Smallwood.

Spencer Morgan, the new Executive Director at the TR Site, presented the Visitor's Choice Award for a Room to the Orchard Park Garden Club for their decorations in the Restored Dining Room. Both the Rotating Exhibit Room, by East Aurora Garden Club; and the Doorway to the 2nd Floor, by Kenmore Garden Club received Visitor's Choice Awards for an Area. The Curator's Choice Award was given to the Morning Room which was decorated by the Smallwood Garden Club.

The District's involvement at the Theodore Roosevelt Site has been a longstanding tradition, and this coming Christmas will mark 50 years! The theme for this year will be "Memories of Christmas Past" and the colors we have chosen are Christmas plaids, red and green with gold accents. You will note on the decorating guidelines we would like to have the clubs include something to commemorate the anniversary by using a decoration that your club has used previously at the TR Site.

We are looking forward to another great Victorian Christmas!

2025 Vision of Beauty Calendars

Diana Szczepanski, *District 8 Coordinator*

Orders are now being taken for the 2025 Vision of Beauty Calendar. The Calendar is an annual publication of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Creative designs as shown in the Calendar as submitted by Garden Clubs across the country are chosen for publication by National Garden Clubs, Inc. as submitted by Garden Clubs from across the nation. Enjoy the beauty of the calendar as you plan your day or gain inspiration to create your own design.

PREPAID ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED through JUNE 15, 2024.

COST per calendar is \$10.00

PLEASE USE THE ORDER FORM BELOW WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER.

THE CALENDARS WILL BE READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE FALL LUNCHEON.

Name of Club _____

Name of Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____ or e-mail _____

Mail form and Club check payable to DISTRICT VIII FGCNYS, INC.

2025 Vision of Beauty Calendar

c/o Diana Szczepanski

41 Lakewood Drive

Orchard Park, New York 14127

For more information, please contact Diana Szczepanski, Chair
at dianacarol.t1615@gmail.com or at (716) 674-8970.

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Exhibits and Events

Open Daily: 10am-4pm

Floral Spectra Exhibit: June 1 - August 5

Pints in the Park: June 27 and July 21

716 Day: \$7.16 Admission on July 16, 10am-4pm

Open Art Nights: July 9, August 13, September 10, 4-8pm

Nature Journaling Workshop: July 11, 6-8pm

Kids' Terrarium Workshops: July 13 & 20, 11am-12pm

Sun Printing Cyanotype Workshop: July 27, 2-4pm

Boozy Book Fair: August 4, 10am-4pm

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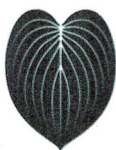
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August 26, 2024 is the deadline for submissions to appear in the fall issue. Honor Roll grants are awarded at the District Spring meeting in April. Please know that all funds stay in the District. Remember to honor someone for the contributions and hard work done to further the success of your club. Consider submitting names to the Honor Roll with a \$10 donation.

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Youth Report Dorothy Julius, Chair



"I went to a garden party
To reminisce with my old friends
A chance to share old memories
And play our songs again."



"Garden Party" by Ricky Nelson

Memories! Now we are starting to telling our age.

This summer why not have a garden party with your children, grandchildren or kids from the neighborhood. Serve the children a dessert using a clean flower pot filled with pudding, whipped cream, Oreo cookie crumbs and gummy worms. Or make a rhubarb sauce to serve on a cake or ice cream. Everyone loves ice cream and they will learn to like rhubarb too.

Play the game of checkers using river rocks painted with flowers for the checkers. Maybe play a game of musical chairs with the children.

Pick the snapdragons flowers and pinch them to pretend that they are talking. Hold a buttercup under their chin to see if they like butter.

Fold a square piece of paper to play Chinese fortune telling.

Place some rhubarb leaves throughout the garden. The children will love to jump from leaf to leaf.

Enjoy your time together. Have fun, and have a great summer.



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ARBORICULTURE

Lyn Chimera,
Lessons From Nature

Last issue's article stressed the importance of buying native species rather than cultivars/nativars. Luckily there are now more nurseries who are offering true natives. Below are some of them. Make sure you ask for the true native using the botanical name. The more we request true natives the more nurseries will realize there is a big market for these plants. The nurseries are listed in alphabetical order. If you are aware of any additional nurseries, please let me know so I can expand the list.

Amanda's Native Garden & Native Plant Nursery, 8030 Story Rd, Dansville, NY 14437, 585-750-0628.

<https://www.amandasnativeplants.com/> You can order online, and she ships.

CW Native Plant Farm, 12288 Tonawanda Creek Road, Akron, NY 14001, 716-417-2626, cwnativeplantfarm@gmail.com

By appointment only

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm, 5643 Davison Rd, Clarence, New York 14031, (no public access at this location) 716-759-8500,

<https://easternmonarchbutterflyfarm.com/>

Hickory Hurst Farm, 4083 West Lake Road, Mayville, NY 14757, 716-789-9427, <https://www.gobackyouforgottheflowers.com/>

Johnson's 11753 Big Tree Rd, East Aurora, NY 14052, 716-652-8969

[https://www.facebook.com>Llenroclandscaping](https://www.facebook.com/Llenroclandscaping)

Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery, 8441 County Rd, East Amherst, NY 14051, 716-741-3976, <https://www.lavocatsnursery.com/>

Lockwood's Farm and Greenhouse, 4484 Clark St, Hamburg, NY 14075.

<https://weknowplants.com/>

Murray Brothers Nursery and Garden Center, 4399 Transit Rd Orchard Park, NY 14127, 716-662-3860, murrayslovesplants.com

Plantsmen Nursery, 482 Peruville Rd., (Route 34B), Groton, NY, 607-533-7193. info@plantsmen.com Groton is north of Ithaca, about a 3 hr. drive but well worth it. Plantsmen is the largest purveyor of natives in this half of the state.

Royal Fern Nursery, 8852 Glasgow Rd, Fredonia, NY 14063, 585-610-3788 royalfermnursery@gmail.com

Southern Tier Consulting, Cuba NY, specializing in reclamation, restoration, and consulting services. A very comprehensive catalogue.

https://southerntierconsulting.com/index_contact.htm

The English Gardener, 4000 Harlem Rd., Snyder, NY, 716-833-8000

<https://english-gardener.com/>

Urban Roots Community Market, 428 Rhode Island St., Buffalo, NY 14213, 716-362-8982, <https://urbanroots.org/about-us/>

Wildginger Woodlands P.O. Box 1091, Webster, New York 14580, 585-872-4033 www.woodlandsgarden.org/plants/wild-ginger/

When shopping for any plants, trees or shrubs be sure to match your environment with the plant's needs. How much sun/shade, soil type, moisture, wind etc. There are natives that will grow in a wide variety of conditions and others that need a specific environment. Knowing your conditions as well as the plant's needs will help guarantee success.

PICTURES, PICTURES ,AND MORE PICTURES....

Saturday morning, April 6, Members of the Eden Garden Study Club were invited to the WNED studios to participate in the premiere televised showing of "Now We're Gardening Live!"



The new show features local gardening experts, offering tips and techniques for growing plants and maintaining sustainability in your garden. *Submitted by Michelle Wilson*



Kenmore GC Members L to R: Marilyn Barker, Sharon Bookmiller, Mickey Kavanaugh planted a garden at the Field of Honor at Elmlawn Cemetery made possible with funds provided by a District 8 Honor Roll Grant . The Honor Roll Grant is funded by \$10 contributions made to honor club members or to remember deceased members. *See your Figure 8 to read about Grant Dollars.*

Centerpiece Left



Congratulations to Town & Country Garden Club's Joy Sarkisian who served as President between 2016-2018 and for 4 more years between 2020-2024. Club members presented Joy with a Gardenia and gift card in gratitude for her joyful service.

VISIT DISTRICT 8 WEBSITE/FIG. 8.. LINK BELOW...



← Assemblywoman Karen McMahon presented Amherst Garden Club and Daughters of the American Revolution with a rain barrel on Saturday, May 4th, at Amherst State Park as part of "Love Your Parks Day" to help us maintain our community gardens.

From left to right are Eleanor Wolford, Evelyn Mietlowski, Karen McMahon, a member of DAR, Sandra Witman, Sylvia Fredricks and Ginger Bussman.

Submitted by: Evelyn Mietlowski



OPGC's new evening Branch: The Seedlings helped create a new Garden along a R-T hike-way in Orchard Park. Shown: Nancy Schettler, Maureen Gannon, Carol-Jo Pope, and Mary Brummer, President of Erie/Cattaraugus Rails to Trails.

Lots of pix for this issue. To accommodate we created a online page called **SNAPZ ! (Snaps)**
Go to the District 8 website :
www.gardenclubsofwny.com/figure-eight.

See JAS issue click on that button and voila! All the extra pix filed in SNAPZ . (Snaps)

Shown right: Creative /design by Tammy Schmidt: *Lily of the West* won the Award of Design Excellence and see a Blue Ribbon, too.
From: The Holland Garden Club Standard Flower Show: May 4.



Centerpiece Right



Club activities for July, August, September 2024

Erie I Peggy Koppman, Section Chair

Cinderella Isle GC (President: Pat Fabin) *Meetings – third Thursday at 7:00 pm* Members will assist in the maintenance of the gardens at the Grand Island Library throughout the summer, fostering the growth of our newly added perennials selected to attract pollinators. During July, we will hold our summer picnic at the home of a member where we will also enjoy our annual White Elephant swap. A number of members will share their gardens as part of the Grand Island Garden Walk on July 14. Plans are underway for an August field trip to a local winery. The annual Mum Sale will take place in September and the meeting that month will be a workshop on card making using pressed flowers. Cards will then be shared with our Sunshine Committee.

East Park GC (President: Rose Mary Madejski)

Erie II Lily Zendano, Section Chair

GC of the Tonawandas (Cathi Ullenbruch, President)

Meetings -3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm at Tonawanda City Hall.

During July and August our club takes a break from meetings. However, we continue to water and maintain the be we planted at the Tonawanda Historical Society. September 19th, we will meet for a garden tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House from 3:30 to 5:00 pm with dinner afterward. Remember to visit Garden Walks during the summer. We have members participating in North Tonawanda Garden Walk held July 13 and 14 and the City of Tonawanda Walk held July 19 and 20.

Kenmore GC (Carole Zeiher, President) *2nd Tuesday at 10 am* at our July event, we will be doing a mini tour at the Erie Basin

Marina test gardens with Stan Swisher. Following, we will view Ken and Marilyn Barker's beautiful daylily garden in full bloom and enjoy lunch in her garden. Our annual August bus tour will take us to a guided tour of Heartland Organics Mushroom Farm in Gasport. Next, we will visit Becker Farms with a wagon tour and box lunch and visit their shop. Lyn Chimera, Master Gardener, will speak at our September meeting on "Putting Your Garden to Bed". She will be giving us tips on clean up and winter preparation.

Ken-Sheriton GC (Therese Malchioro, President) *second Tuesday at 7pm. Location is St. Mark Lutheran Church at 576 Delaware Road, Buffalo* July's meeting will be a Summer Luncheon at a member's house. Our project will be Herbal Vinegars. July is also an opportunity to visit the Open Gardens throughout the month. August will be a field Trip, location to be determined. The Club will continue to maintain the gardens at St Mark Lutheran Church and the Tonawanda-Kenmore Historical Society. Several Club members have entries in the Erie County Fair! September's meeting will be a planning session for the last quarter. We will also share seeds from our summer garden.

Erie III Dorothy Romanczuk, Section Chair

Eden Garden Study (President Dawn Seggio) *Meeting 2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m..* In July, members will enjoy their club picnic, a "Starry Night in the Garden" at member Marcia Sully's home. This is their live auction fundraiser also. A field trip to Murray Brothers Hosta Farm is planned. August is busy with their EC Fair garden and a float in the Eden Corn Festival. It is the club's 90th anniversary. September will feature David Clark, certified Nursery professional talking on Shade Companions for hosta plants.

Evans GC (President Kathy Connolly) *Meeting 2nd Tuesday - 7:00 pm.* The Club will have their annual picnic at Evans Town Park on July 9. The board will provide fried chicken and members will bring a dish to pass. On August 13 Jennifer Page, our local librarian, will discuss a seed library. Speaker Colleen Gaskill will discuss putting the garden to bed. At our September 10 meeting, Mary Mathis, from the Master Gardener Association, will speak on bringing our plants indoors and about composting. Meeting will be held at the Evans Center fire hall.

Hamburg House & Garden Club (President Michelle Hietanen) *Meetings:* 4th Wednesday July - "Floral Design Workshop" with Dave Clark . August - HHGC Picnic at the home of Carolyn Sheehy.

Hamburg GC (President Paula Gober) *Meeting* 2nd Wednesday - 10 a.m. July is a field trip to Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve with a guided tour by Kristen Rosenberg, a DEC representative. HGC will have a Membership Table at The Buzz Around Hamburg garden walk. The town Historian Pat Bromley will guide us through the Amish Trail by bus in Leon in August. A committee will create an outdoor garden at the EC Fair and members will enter the Horticulture Division. Members will enjoy the Annual Salad Luncheon in September and bring a bee or pollinator themed floral design.

Erie IV Evelyn Mietlowski, Section Chair

Amherst GC (Evelyn Mietlowski, President) Our garden club will be at the Bassett Park Market in Williamsville on June 9th, July 14th, August 11th and September 8th promoting our club and selling plants and other garden related items. In July our members will have a little get together at the Amherst State Park Grotto Garden which is one of the community gardens. We will be going on a field trip in August to the Goody Girl Flower Farm in Lockport. Our September meeting will feature guest speaker Tom Mitchell, Horticulture Instructor at NCCC. He is going to give a presentation on "Dumb Things Not to Do In The Garden".

Cheektowaga GC (Cindy Zaborowski and Eileen Beiter, Co-Presidents) July 4th our members will be walking in the town's Fourth of July parade. There will be a member picnic in August. In September one of our members, Gloria Huerta, will give a presentation on "Making Tea with Flowers from our Garden".

Forest Stream GC (Nancy Trimble and Joann Puccio, Co-Presidents) In July-Our club continues to eagerly participate in the maintenance of the grounds at the Historic Meeting House gardens in Williamsville. We are also planning on attending the Amherst Garden Walk as well as attending some of our members' home gardens. August we will visit some of the many nursery events in our area. September 19th meeting is at the Williamsville United Methodist Church where we will share the results of our annual Horticulture Project which is growing Ornamental Okra from seeds.

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We are also planning a Plant Auction to share the successes of this planting season.

Smallwood GC (Catherine Barthel, acting for Doreen Notaro, President) There are no formal activities in July, but lots of informal "Sip and Share" events - small gatherings in members' gardens. August brings a visit to the Burchfield Penney Art Center for a docent led tour of the exhibition "Embracing Earth: Burchfield and Whitman." Our September 16 meeting features Mike Shadrack discussing "Shady Characters", lesser known plants for the shade garden. The meeting is open to the public: 7:00p.m. at Faith United Church of Christ, 1300 Maple Rd. (corner of Hopkins), in Williamsville. Throughout the Summer SGC members will continue to maintain the gardens at Cornerstone Manor, provide floral designs to the Audubon and Eggertsville libraries, and provide a make and take Garden Therapy project for residents of Beechwood Nursing Home.

Erie V Carol Ottaviani, Section Chair

Bowmansville GC (Executive Board: (Kathy Kwiatkowski, Lynne Lowery and Sue Maue) On July 9th members will tour Country Cottage in Darien Center. The tour will begin with a visit to the gift shop. Patty Tyrell will conduct a tour and speak on Floral Design.

Lancaster GC (Diven Fialkowski and Debbie Page, Co-Presidents) There will not be meetings in July or August. Several members will enter the Standard Flower Show and National Garden Club Horticulture Show at the Erie County Fair in August. At the September meeting, members will bring in their plants and "new variety" flowers that they ordered from Henry's Gardens in Eden. There will be a judging of the Summer Horticulture Project.

South Town Gardeners (Nancy Pankow, President) The meeting in July will be a field trip to Kin Lock Lavender Farm. On August 16th, there will be a flower arranging workshop and on September 20, a pot luck lunch.

Town & Country GC of Williamsville, NY (President Ricki Gormley) Linda Anscombe, chairperson, will showcase the Clearfield Library Gardens during Amherst Garden Walk on July 6th & 7th. On July 11th, club members will tour a selection of Williamsville "Open Gardens" and enjoy lunch in the village. On

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August 8th, members will participate in their annual pot luck picnic. A "Recycle and Reuse" auction will take place before dinner followed by a Business Meeting. The program for September 12th will be: Monarch Butterflies and Pollinator Conservation. David O'Donnell President of Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm will be the speaker. Meeting location 101 Ransom Oaks Drive.

Erie VI Esther Kopp, Section Chair

Amana GC (Janice Frasier, President) *Meetings 2nd*

Wednesday - 11:00 AM **JULY** will be traveling to *Graycliff* to tour the beautiful gardens and stop for lunch. **AUGUST** the members will gather for a "*Salad Potluck and Picnic*" where a design will be created from a couple stems brought in by the members.

SEPTEMBER the members will bring the carrots they have been growing all summer and will also be having a design workshop called "*Less is Best*" making a design, but avoiding it being a mass design.

Countryside GC (Annette Walter, President) *Meetings 2nd*

Wednesday - 10:00AM The Club will be meeting on a Thursday to visit the 2024 Open Gardens and will have lunch at a local restaurant. **AUGUST**- Meeting at a club member's home followed by a group project. **SEPTEMBER** - Attending Blackman Homestead Farms to pick apples and having lunch at a local restaurant.

East Aurora GC (Ellen Moomaw, President) *Meetings 2nd*

Monday - 12 noon. **JULY** - Program "*Incredible Edibles*" Presentation on how to utilize edible flowers in food and beverages, including samples, presented by two garden club members. **AUGUST** - Annual Picnic and Auction of reused unwanted gently used items from club members.

SEPTEMBER - Program "*Sweets for the Sweet*". A presentation and demonstration by FGCNYS District VIII Accredited Flower Show Judge and club member, Chris Hartmann, aimed at taking the fear out of entering the design division of the club's upcoming November flower show.

Holland GC (Barbara Brant, President) *Meetings 3rd Wednesday - 11:00 AM* **JULY** the club members will take a trip to Lasting Dreams Daylilies. **AUGUST** will be another trip. The members will travel to the Erie Co. Botanical Gardens. **SEPTEMBER** meeting

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will be learning all about Bluebirds. It will be presented by club member, Karen Stephens Mace. They also have a Junior Harvest and Flower Show.

Orchard Park GC (Pat Leach, President) *Meetings 1st*

Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM. JULY - "Presidents Picnic"

Honoring Our Past President, members will meet at noon at Chestnut Ridge Park. They will make a small place setting design.

AUGUST - "Garden Art Completes your Outside Space"

Presenter: Jim Charlier, Photographer, Author. **SEPTEMBER – "Interactive Horticulture"** Members are asked to bring specimens from their gardens for judging. The African Violet Interest Group will also be making a trip in September, to Rob's Violet Barn in Naples NY. **The Seedlings**, evening branch of the Orchard Park Garden Club (*Liaison: Carol-Jo Pope*) meeting 2nd Tuesday at 6 PM in lower level of Orchard Park Municipal Building.

Niagara I Barbara Stafford, Section Chair

Lewiston GC (President Sharon Low) In July, we will gather in the garden of member Nicole Johnson for an informal plant exchange and social hour. A field trip is planned for August; the destination is to be determined. At September's meeting, well-known garden consultant Lyn Chimera will speak on native plants, their importance and uses in our gardens. Throughout the summer, members will continue to weed and water the flower beds and containers at Hennepin Park, the Historical Museum, and the Lewiston Public Library, as well as several other gardens in Lewiston.

Youngstown GC (President Rose Livingston) In July, YGC members will be tending to the civic gardens at the Village Center, the gazebo and at Faulkner Park, taking care of their own gardens and hopefully enjoying some of the many garden walks in Niagara and Erie counties. In our continued efforts to be visible in our community, we have plans to staff a table at the Youngstown Festival of the Arts to promote membership, upcoming programs and sell plants. The club's annual potluck picnic in August will be held at the home of member Garda O'Keefe on Lake Ontario. Members of the Lewiston Garden Club are invited to be our guests. In September Youngstown club members will participate in the annual Youngstown Labor Day Parade. At that month's meeting, local arborist Peter Grainge will lead a walking tour along Main

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Street. He will identify trees common to our area and discuss their growth and climatic influences and will offer recommendations on planting and pruning.

Cayuga Island GC (President Kathleen Hesson) Throughout the summer club members will water and weed the garden beds at the LaSalle Library, which they planted in May. The club also plans to meet with the River Keepers to walk the shore of Jayne Park and discuss what should be done to rehab the shoreline. In July the club's meeting will be a Strawberry Social and perennial auction. Members will also create a display of flower arrangements from their gardens. Also, that month there will be a day trip to Hurd Orchard in Holly, NY, to experience their famous farm table luncheon. In August a "Ladies' Night Out" is planned, destination to be announced. September brings the club's annual potluck dinner and installation of officers. (Last September Cayuga Island Garden Club celebrated their 70th anniversary, so this year marks seventy-one years!) In addition, during September the club volunteers to plant pots at the Wildlife Festival sponsored by the NY Power Authority. The club will be donating the pots, seeds, and potting soil.

Chautauqua Marcia Becker, Section Chair

Fredonia GC (Debbie Messere & Annabell Hahn, Co-Presidents) After welcoming June's National Garden Week, Fredonia Garden Club enjoyed celebrating their 100th year Anniversary, appreciating the dignitaries, fellow garden clubs and the public taking part in this historic event. July events include the Hamburg Garden Walk, Chautauqua County Fair-where we sponsor a first-time floral arrangement winner in memory of District 8 Lifetime Member Grace Grimes and a pool/tureen dinner at member Illa and Bill Merryweather's home. August/September we will visit the Lockport Locks and Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, a presentation on the Birth of a Butterfly by Cindy Spears, The Forestville Hiking Trail and evening socials at various member's homes.

Jamestown GC (Sharon Reed, President) In July we will be celebrating one of the clubs' founders, Mina Miller Edison. Mina would have been 159 years old on July 6th. Mina is known for her work advancing the use of public spaces, which is the core mission of

the Jamestown GC. We will gather at the lakeside home of Emily Stark for our annual summer luncheon and meeting. In August we will be touring a local organic farm where we will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Dena Garfield Hirliman, the owner of Hip Eats. In September, as we continue our focus of growing food, we will visit the forest at Green Heron Growers. The grower will describe how they employ organic principles in cultivating shiitake and other mushrooms in their mushroom forest. All summer long we will be continuing our work at the Sanctuary Butterfly Garden at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute completing basic maintenance and planting new annuals.

Bud 'n Bloom GC (Judy Wilcox, President) On July 19 meet at 10:00 am to carpool to the Lancaster Garden Tour and visiting Two Chicks and a Rooster (gift shop) followed by lunch at The Brick Oven Restaurant, 99 Aurora St. Lancaster, NY. August 14-1:00 pm- at Marie Zambotti's house. A flower arranging workshop will be organized by Sue Lamb. Members will bring a container and some fresh flowers and create. September we are planning to travel to the Chautauqua Institute for a tour of their gardens. Time and date to be determined.

HAMBURG HOUSE & GARDEN CLUB

Presents

Floral Design with Mr. Dave Clark

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

6:30 - 7:30 PM

**Village of Hamburg Community Center
107 Prospect Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075**

\$5.00 Entry Cover Light Refreshments 50/50 Public Welcome

Dave's (5) Arrangements will be Door Prizes

HHGC General Meeting Following Dave's Program

Tickets for sale at Memorial Park during the Village of Hamburg Garden Walk (Sat., 7/13 & Sun., 7/14) and at the Door! For info, Michele @ (716) 704-9924 or michellehietanen@gmail.com

Calendar of Events 2024

- July 10** Botanical Gardens free admission 5-8 PM
July 11 District VIII Board Meeting & Luncheon 10:00 am
 Amherst Presbyterian Church,
 152 S. Youngs Rd. Williamsville
- July 23** Hamburg House & Garden 'Floral Design with Dave Clark' see ad in this issue
- July 27-28** Garden Walk Buffalo
- August 5** Entry Day Erie Co. Fair Flower Show, Hamburg Fairgrounds
- August 6** Judging Erie Co. Fair & Flower Show 9:00 am-noon
- August 7-18** 183rd Erie County Fair Hamburg Fairgrounds
- August 19** Removal of flower show exhibits
- October 10** District VIII Fall Board Meeting & Luncheon Meeting 10:00 AM
- October 22-23** Central Atlantic Region-SCC Convention
 The Old Mill Inn, Basking Ridge, New Jersey
- December 2-3** Setup for Victorian Christmas at Theodore Roosevelt Inauguration Site.
 9:30 am -4:30 pm both days.
- December 4** Additional Hours for TR Site set up if needed in case of weather or schedule conflicts



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CHECKLIST FOR PRESIDENTS

- ✓ Send any updates to your Club's membership and Figure 8 mailing list to Melissa Marcus, District Director and Myretta Zimpfer, Membership/Circulation Chair. Also, send Melissa and Myretta the name, address, phone number and email address of your Club's 2024-2025 President.
- ✓ Figure 8 subscriptions of \$5.00 were due to Myretta Zimpfer by June 1st
- ✓ \$10 per member for State Dues should have been sent to FGCNYS by April 1st
- ✓ Update your club's website information. If your club has its own website, please let Susan Loughran, Website Manager, know; she can link the address to your club's name on our Eighth District website.
- ✓ Send in your Club's District VIII Liability Insurance Check to Debbie Adams by October 1st.
- ✓ Remember to invite our director to a club meeting or function, so she can meet and interact with your members.

LIABILITY INSURANCE NOTICE REMINDER TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

Debbie Adams, treasurer

District VIII Insurance coverage due Date is **October 1, 2024**. Please send your check for \$6.00 per member, One check per club, made Payable to Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, District VIII. Mail to Debbie Adams, 5410 Roberts Road, Hamburg, NY 14075. Appreciate you sending this in a timely manner.

TIP of the HAT
with THANKS & APPRECIATION to



➡ Monica Hansen and Nancy Kalieta and to everyone who participates in the Erie County Fair Flower Show.

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