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### **Early Gardens at the Schuyler Mansion & Crailo State Historic sites**

**DATE & TIME: Thursday, October 22nd @ 6:30 pm**

**PLACE:** Best Western Sovereign Hotel, 1228 Western Ave., Albany

**APPETIZER:** Garden Salad

**ENTREE:** ½ Baked Chicken  
Eggplant Parmesan  
Pork Medallions

**DESSERT:** Apple Cobbler

**Price: \$ 25.00**

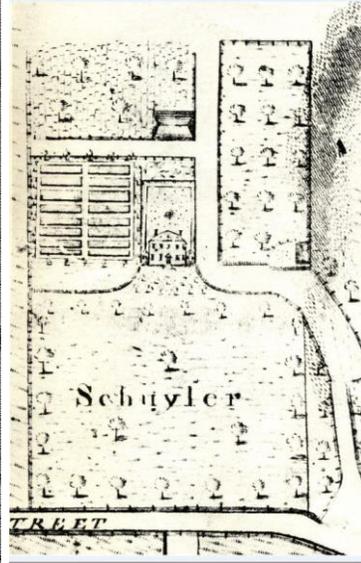
### **PROGRAM: Early Gardens at the Schuyler Mansion & Crailo State Historic sites**

Presented by: **Heidi Hill**, the Historic Site Manager at Schuyler Mansion & Crailo State Historic sites. Ms. Hill will be speaking about the Gardens and the development of the grounds of Phillip Schuyler's Mansion circa 1763-1804 during the Schuyler Family occupancy.

#### **RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL:**

A caller should reach you prior to the meeting for your dinner reservation and your choice of entree. If a caller leaves a message, please make every effort to return their call. If a caller does not reach you (**one week prior to the meeting**) by **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**, please call Russ Greenman at 477-8321 - You are reminded that if you make a reservation for dinner you will be expected to honor your commitment

## Preparing the land for the gardens at the Schuyler Mansion & Crailo State Historic sites



### Thanks – September meeting - Harvest Auction

Thanks to all of you we raised \$177.75 to support to support our Memorial Garden at the Albany County Cooperative Extension. We had all sorts of fruits, veggies, flowers, homemade breads, jams and jellies, and even some home brew adult beverages. **Don Wrieden** – our favorite auctioneer – really has a knack for this stuff... He really knows how to make this meeting one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

Thanks **Don Wrieden** and to all that donated and purchased items.

### Membership

Congratulations to grandparents:

**Paul and Ellen Zimmermann**

**Greg and Nellie Goutos**

**Ed Brohm** should be improving but could use your encouragement, thoughts and prayers.

**Phil Harris** is doing well in room 315 of Eddy Heritage House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, [2920 Tibbits Avenue](http://www.2920tibbits.com), Troy, NY 12180. Please try to get out there to help cheer up our friend. Thanks to **Joe Herman** for bring photos from the Container gardening show at the State Fair to **Phil Harris**.

**History - 25 years ago –**  
**OCTOBER 4, 1990**  
**MEN`S GARDEN CLUB OF ALBANY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING**

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Men`s Garden Club of Albany, was held on Thursday evening, October 4, 1990.

President **Wally Dillenbeck** called the meeting to order at 9:04. (This meeting followed the packaging of bulbs for the Bulb sale at the Berkshire Garden Center.)

The Minutes of the September 6, 1990 meeting were approved as read by the Club Secretary, **Tom Baker**. The Treasurer was absent, therefore, we had no Treasurer`s Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

\* Bulb Sale: **Joe Raggio** reported for **Russ Greenman**. All is in readiness. He asked that some people might take some boxes tonight to transport to the Sale.

\* The Bulb Sale at the George Landis Arboretum, September 29, 1990: **Don Stevens** reported that we took in \$170.00 and made a profit of \$92.65.

The Club Secretary was instructed to send a congratulatory card to **Don Otterness** for his efforts at the Arboretum.

\* Youth Committee: **Lee Negus** reported that the Sunflower and Pumpkin contest will be held at the Five Rivers on Saturday October 6, 1990, which is the Same day as our Berkshire Bulb Sale, starting at noon until 2 pm, judging will take place at 2 and awards will be made at 3.

\* Scholarship Committee: So far, only one completed application form for the 2nd Semester has been received.

\* Program Committee:

1. October 25: Meeting place will be the Century House.
2. November 14: Meeting in Veeders.
3. December 12, Ladies Night, **Bob Ireland** will try to get **Stan Monroe** of the Syracuse Club for our Guest speaker.

This being our 50th Anniversary Dinner Wolfert`s Roost will be our auspicious gathering place. **Don Lewis**, a member of the Roost, advised the Board that a meeting must be set-up with the Roost Personnel 10 days in advance of the Dinner.

\* Nominating Committee: **Don Lewis**, immediate Past president, chairman, advised the group that a slate of officers will be presented at the November 15 meeting. Election will take place at this meeting.

The names will appear in the November Dirt.

\* Bulb Forcing Contest: **Ken York** lead a discussion resulting in a final vote to actually have one. The club will provide the Bulbs, from bulbs from the Annual Sale. Full Details will be found in the Dirt.

\* **Bob Ireland**, our Regional Representative said that the Upstate Organization, is considering a change in the Regional By-laws, allowing clubs that drop out of the national organization, to be allowed to join the Regional.

\* Archives Committee: Co-chaired by **Edgar Tompkins** and **Tom Baker** is asking for Club information prior to 1950 for a Booklet to be presented at the Anniversary dinner. A notice will be put in the Dirt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted by,  
**Tom Baker**, Secretary

\*\* Editor's note: **Tom Baker** has been faithfully documenting our minutes since way before he had personal computer - but somehow he has managed to digitize all of the minutes he has taken over the years and we now include them in our newsletter under the heading "History - 25 years ago" **Thanks, Tom Baker!!!**

# MEN'S GARDEN CLUB of ALBANY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Albany International Airport  
Don Wrieden – Chairman

## Adopt-a-Highway



**Ken Abele** during construction of our second raised bed on I-90 at Exit 7 Westbound. Built to last with lots of steel, many yards of concrete, some fancy filter material that **Ken Abele** found to keep the soil from washing out between the blocks, 2" foam insulation (allows us to plant tulip bulbs closer to the edges), many blocks hauled by **Ken Abele** and many yards of nice soil from **Osborne Mills Nursery** on Everett Road in Albany. And most importantly, this was build as a Memorial to an outstanding member - **Mr. Conrad (Connie) Robert**. This project took years to get State and Federal approvals and lots of hard work from members of the Men's Garden Club of Albany.

ps. If you know who stole this - please ask them to return it  
Thanks!!!





# Gardening from the Heart At the Center for Disability Services

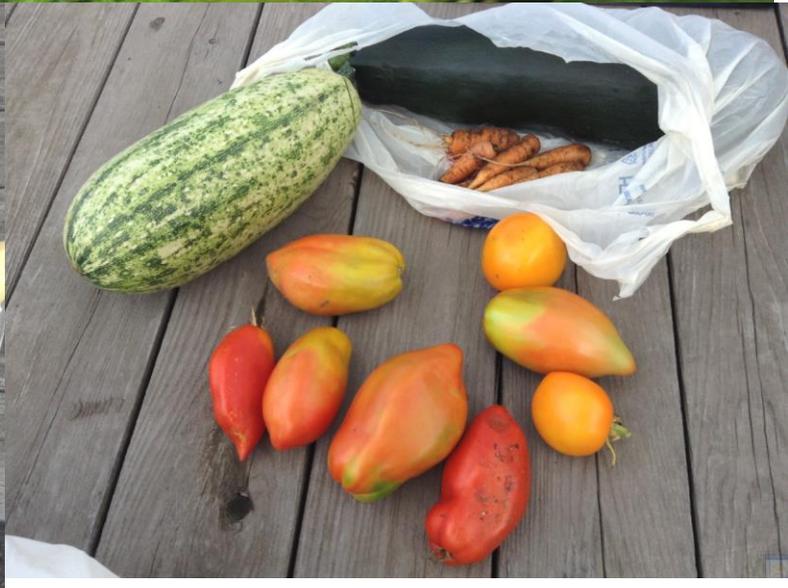
Volunteers this September included: **Tom Baker, Maria Greenman, Russ Greenman, Joe Herman, Joe Huth, Jack Meagher, Greg Shields,** our past President – **Mr. Don Wrieden** and current President – **Mr. Paul Zimmermann.** The consumers have been harvesting all kinds of goodies as well as fighting off the weeds and an occasional unwanted critter.



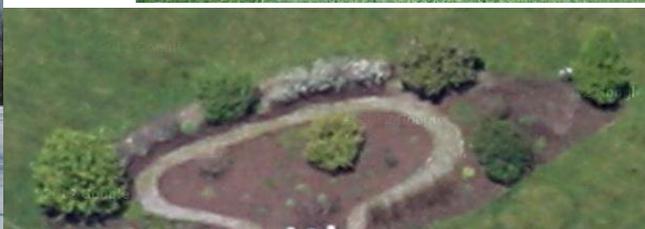
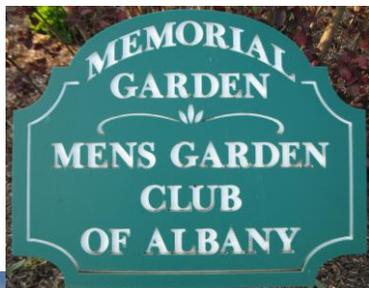
Please consider joining us - we have a blast!  
Our consumers are amazing and they really help us to have a better attitude toward life.



We found this guy praying.....that this guy would get out of our garden



**Memorial Garden  
At the Albany County Cooperative Extension  
Joe Huth / Chuck Scott Memorial Garden Chairmen**



**Ken Abele** – Hard at work  
Or should I say, making hard work easy?



**Please support research for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis - Lou Gehrig's disease) in memory of one of our most active members - Mr. Bill Town**

Click on this link to read his story: <http://community.als.net/teamtown>

Special thanks to **Paul Zimmermann** for our terrific website

<http://www.mensgardenclubofalbany.org/>

Go ahead - click on it - you'll be glad you did.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Today!</b>	<b>Please visit our friends that need our visits and cards</b>
Thursday, October 22nd @ <b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>MGCA Dinner Meeting</b> (everyone invited)
Every Wednesday : @ <b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Gardening from the Heart</b> Center for Disability Services 700 South Pearl St. Albany
November 5 <sup>th</sup> @ <b>7:30 pm</b> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Board of Director's Meeting</b> 314 S. Manning Blvd – All members are invited

Editor: Russ Greenman

*In Memory*

*Of My*

*Loving Wife, Young*

*Bruce Wilcox*

*In Memory of*

*Louis Meo  
&  
Richard Stankus*

*In Memory of*

*Al & Barbara  
Miller*

*Christian and Mildred  
Lebrecht*

*Ed Tompkins  
Avrom Koblenz  
Jerry Flax*

*In Memory of my parents*

*John and Carrie Meagher*

*They both loved Plants and Flowers*

*Jack Meagher*

*In Memory of*

*Wally Dillenbeck  
and  
Don Otterness*

*By Tom Baker*



*In Memory of*



**Bill Town**

*Joe Herman*

*In Memory of  
my Dad*



**Carroll W. Greenman**

*Bob*



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*Carroll W. Greenman*

*Russ, Maria, and Carl*

The following growers donated to our 2014 Plant Sale  
Please help support them with your purchases

- Faddegon's Nursery
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- Shaker Shed Farm Market
- George's Market and Nursery
- Valoze's Greenhouses
- Troys Landscape Supply
- The Gade Farm
- Pigliaventos Greenhouses
- Krug Farms