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MGCA Summer Picnic

DATE & TIME: Thursday, August 3rd @ 4:00 pm

PROGRAM: Capital District Patriot Flight taking Veterans to Washington DC

Presented by: Frank DeSorbo and Paul Bedard

At this year's picnic, we will also be hosting several members of the Stratton VA Toastmasters Club, as two of their members will be doing a special presentation honoring our veterans. They are volunteers involved with the Capital District Patriot Flight, a federal non-profit organization that takes veterans up through the Viet Nam War for a day-long trip to Washington, D.C., to visit their War Memorials.

Frank DeSorbo of Delmar serves as President of the organization, and he will be talking about the wonderful reaction these veterans feel after they travel to D.C., and will show a video about their experiences. Frank is retired, but remains busy by writing a monthly column for the Senior Spotlight entitled the "Veteran Next Door." He also founded the D-Day Recognition & Remembrance Day Annual Event.

Joining **Frank** for the presentation is **Paul Bedard**, who is also involved with the organization. He plays the harmonica and we will all get to enjoy a patriotic song or two. **Paul** is also retired, but he is a distinguished veteran that had two separate enlistments with the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Ranger in the 1960s, which was deployed off the coast of Viet Nam. During the 1970s, he worked as a computer technician on-board two nuclear-powered submarines, including one that went on an expedition to the North Pole.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, August 3rd @ 5:00 pm (4:00pm optional garden tour)

5:00 pm ----- Suggested Arrival Time

(or earlier if you want time to check out the many gardens)

5:30 pm ----- Memorial Garden to Remember 'Gardeners Gone to Rest'

6:00 pm ----- Pot Luck Supper

7:00 pm ----- Program

PLACE: Albany County Cooperative Extension Building

24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY

RESERVATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED:

The Picnic chairman, **Tom Baker** and **Joe Herman**, will arrange to provide: Lemonade, ice tea, coffee, rolls & butter, plates, cups, and utensils. You could bring a dish to share... some thoughts may include: a meat dish, potato dish, salad, pasta, baked beans, desert, or other appropriate picnic fare. **Maria Greenman** will be keeping track of your offerings to help insure that there is a good variety of food. We look forward to seeing you there. **Reservations are recommended**

Maria will try to contact you for your reservation and offering. Please make every effort to return her call. If she does not reach you by August 1st, please call **Russ Greenman at 477-8321**

Membership

National membership – All regional and national dues have been paid and you should be receiving the email version of the national newsletter that is published 6 times per year.

At our Memorial service on August 3rd, we will be honoring the following Gardeners that have Gone to Rest

Edwin A. Brohm 2/7/2016

Henry (Hank) Fox 1/16/2017

Salvatore D. Schiavo 3/30/2017

Robert Smith 4/25/2017

James G. Tate 2/12/17

Plant Sale Thank You!

We want to thank the volunteers that helped make this plant sale so successful. **Don Wrieden** and **Jack Meagher** did a fantastic job of organizing the plant sale which is our ONLY fundraiser. This is so important to our club since we do so much for the community and a \$500 dollar scholarship each year is just one of the many things we use the money for. **Don Wrieden, Jack Meagher, and Joe Herman** picked up and delivered plants to the sale and **Joe** also took care of the cash box from early morning to the end - without a break. **Gill O'Brien** – purchased and donated box tops and donated many of his twice transplanted tomatoes - Roma - Celebrity and Best Boy as well as a nice selection of herbs. **John O'Grady** and his daughter donated many plants. **Gary Woods** – Grew and donated Heritage Tomatoes that many people come to our sale specifically asking for these because they purchased them at our sale last year and loved them so much. **Tom Baker** coordinated the arrangements / permissions with the Bethlehem Police, Town, Delmar Dental, and the St. Thomas church staff. **Joe Raggio** helped protect us from the rain, **Chuck Scott** supplied his truck for the transport of tables and plants, **Bill Danish, Bob Ireland, Russ Greenman, Joe Huth, Bruce Wilcox, and Paul Zimmermann** helped with the sales. We're especially grateful for the help from one of our newest members, **Stephen Golas** as he braved the rain all day long.

We especially thank the Staff of the **Delmar Dental Medicine** - 344 Delaware Ave, Delmar for the use of their parking lot and the staff of the **St. Thomas church** (next door) that allowed us to use their parking lot as well as their indoor facilities.

This can't be done without the support of our members, and you all pulled thru to help make this a great success. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank You!

Will Malcom, from **Capital Roots**, was our guest speaker at our last dinner meeting and it was a fantastic program. It was amazing to learn how much this group does for local communities to insure everyone has an opportunity to access affordable fresh veggies. It is also impressive to see how their new location in Troy has revitalized the whole block. They have big plans that include the construction of a large commercial kitchen.

The presentation consisted of a brief overview of Capital Roots' 40 year history and our growing portfolio of food access and urban agriculture programs, which serve the Capital Region. They discussed their plans for future growth and ways that individuals, families, groups and businesses can get connected with us, including upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities!

Will Malcolm is the Food Access Manager at Capital Roots (formerly Capital District Community Gardens) and a native of the Capital Region. He supervises all the food access programming for the organization including two mobile markets, (The Veggie Mobile® and Sprout), Healthy Stores, Smart Vending, the Virtual Veggie Mobile online marketplace and VeggieRx programming. Beyond these integrated programs, **Will** also works with local municipalities across the Capital Region to increase Complete Streets projects and positive transportation policy development. **Will** is an alumnus of SUNY Oneonta and the University at Albany.

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>

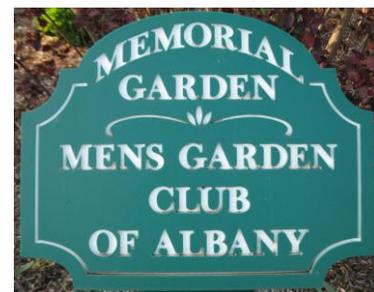
Special thanks to **Paul Zimmermann** for our terrific website

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

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



Memorial Garden Work Party
At the Albany County Cooperative Extension
Monday, July 17th starting at 9:00 am.



Our annual Memorial Service will be held on August 3rd and the Memorial garden needs your TLC on **Monday, July 17th starting at 9:00 am.** to prepare for the service.

Please help support this very important project.

We will be doing some pruning, dead heading and general clean up.

Bring gardening tools etc..

Any questions--Joe Huth-439-5487 or Barbjoehuth@aol.com.

Gardening tips - By Bill Danish

PLANTS THAT CAN REPEL COMMON GARDEN PESTS

Plant	Pests it may repel
Lemon grass	Mosquitoes
Lemon-scented geraniums	Mosquitoes
Lavender	Moths & Flies
Garlic	Mosquitoes & Cabbage Moths
Rosemary	Flies & Mosquitoes
Basil	Flies & Mosquitoes
Peppermint	Ants & Mice
Pennyroyal	Gnats & Ticks
Catmints	Mosquitoes & Ants
Marigolds	Squash Bugs & Aphids
Most Culinary Herbs	Garden Pests

History – 25 years ago JUNE 4, 1992
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, June 4, 1992.

President **Herm Mau** called the meeting to order at 7:35.

The Minutes of the May 7, 1992 meeting were approved as read by the Club Secretary, **Tom Baker**.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented by **Fred Day** our Club Treasurer. As of May 31, 1992 there was a balance in all accounts, including reserves of \$13,772.70.

* It was discovered after our Plant Sale that we were responsible for a broken table leg that was borrowed from the first Church of Albany. The Board authorized **Fred Day** to mail a check amounting to \$26.00 for the repair for said table leg.

* A discussion was held to the effect that it would be wise for the Club to invest in some saw horses and plywood to be used for tables. **Norm Hulme** volunteered to assist in this matter. **Fred Day** offered to store these tables and any other materials that the club has to store.

* **Herman Mau** suggested that the Club re-imburse **Henry Fox** for the gas he used getting ready for the Plant Sale. **Rod Kermani** made a motion that we present **Henry** with a check for \$25.00. **Don Lewis** seconded the motion which was carried.

* The Gardening from the Heart was authorized to buy materials from Cranell's Lumber Yard for two more work benches and one more raised bed for use at the C. P. Center. The amount should not exceed \$200.00.

* The Board asked **Fred Day** to order 300 Calendars for next year.

* The question of presenting membership pins to local members came up again and the consensus of opinion, once again, was that we don't need local pins.

* Up-coming programs:

- * 1. State Fair, two dates, August 27, and Sept 6, 1992.
- * 2. Orchids at Schaghticoke, info in the Dirt.
- * 3. Picnic on Aug 2, 1992 at George Landis Arboretum, in the Dirt.
- * 4. Altamont Fair, August 17 - 23, 1992.

* The Fall Bulb Sale was discussed and it was decided to cut back on the amount of bulbs by 25%, which means we will be ordering 1,500 bulbs. **Russ Greenman** will call a Bulb Selection Committee meeting during the summer.

* The question was asked, "What do we do about members who pass away, and are not members at that time?" Those who have been active members for a period of at least five years was finally resolved. **Rod Kermani** moved that the club should put \$25.00 in our own Endowment Fund as a Memorial to these members. The endowment Committee should notify the family of this gesture and also it should be put in the Dirt.

* This will be done for **Art Pellman**; who was a member from 1975 to 1988.

* **Henry Fox** made a motion that the Board should appoint **Richard Weller** as Second Vice President, filling the vacated position by **Bill Burke**. **Norm Hulme** seconded the motion which was carried.

* **Fred Day** has accepted the Nomination for 3rd Vice Pres. for Regional.

* The announcement was made that the Morrisville Flower Show Committee would like to see more of our members participating in the competition. This show will be Sat. Aug. 15.

* **Anthony Russo** was given the OK to advertise the foliage Tour.

* **Henry Fox** would like to see more interest in Garden Club Logo Merchandise.

* One last word on our selling Bulbs at the Pryne House, and that is "No."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00

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

** Editor's note: **Tom Baker** has been faithfully documenting our minutes since way before he had a 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 borrowed our several thousand pound raised bed - **please ask them to return it**. Someone with big boy toys on site while working on the bridge? Thanks!!!



Built to last...
Destroyed in hours
This was our Memorial to **Mr. Conrad (Connie) Robert**



Gardening from the Heart at the Center for Disability Services

Volunteers included: **Tom Baker, Russ Greenman, Joe Herman, Joe Huth, Jack Meagher, Bruce Wilcox, and Don Wrieden.**



Greenhouse – Thanks to the Center for Disability Services and **Colleen** for her fund raisers, we have seven new really nice cedar raised beds. We installed two of them in the greenhouse and we are experimenting with seeing what will grow in them. We expect to be able to work in the greenhouse earlier in the Spring as well as later in the Fall.

The herbs are being used by the folks in the cooking class and on June 21st they picked some fresh broccoli that they used that morning.

We have been enjoying working with the nice new raised beds from Halfmoon Works. Our expert gardeners have wheeled up to the new raised beds and planted lots of tomato plants (one plant looks like a tree with its large “trunk”) as well as cabbage, herbs, eggplant and other veggies. Our students continue to harvest a few things to be used in the cooking classes that are now held outside by our greenhouse. It is nice having the grocery store so close to the chefs.

If you have free time on Wednesday mornings – you could consider helping us out – I bet it will do as much good for you as it does for the individuals. – Contact anyone of our volunteers to find out more.



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



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MGCA Altamont Fair Exhibit

August 15-20

We have made arrangements to use **Carl Greeman's** wonderful Rain Garden display at the Altamont Fair. You folks who attended last year's summer picnic will remember **Carl's** presentation with visuals on making Rain Gardens. We will be mentioning **Carl's** name and class at Siena as part of our exhibit.

We will be asking for help to "man" this display at our upcoming picnic.

Greg Groutos and Joe Huth

Harris Memorial Centerpiece

Thanks to the **Harris** kids!

Each month, the **Harris family, Dave** and his sister **Diane** design and create a beautiful centerpiece to honor their parents and their brother **Phil**. Every month one of their masterpieces has been raffled off since 1980 - **YES, That's 37 Years!!!** and the money goes into our Memorial fund. The more I think about it, the more amazed I am at how much time, talent and money goes into each one of the **Harris** centerpieces that **Phil** and now **Dave** have been bringing, to every meeting, for more years than I can remember. What talent and generocity that family has. We can't begin to thank all of you for all you have done for us over the years. **Thanks again to the Harris kids!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today!	Please visit our friends that need our visits and cards
July 17th Monday @ 9:00am	Memorial Garden cleanup Albany County Cooperative Extension – 15 Martin Rd. Voorheesville, NY
August 3rd Thursday @ 5:00 pm	Summer Picnic and Memorial Service Albany County Cooperative Extension – 15 Martin Rd. Voorheesville, NY
September 7 th @ 7:30 pm October 5 th @ 7:30 pm	Board of Director's Meeting All members are invited
Every Wednesday : @ 9:15 am	Gardening from the Heart Center for Disability Services 700 South Pearl St. Albany
August 15-20	MGCA Altamont Fair Exhibit - Rain Gardens
September 28 th @ 6:00 pm October 26 th @ 6:00 pm November 16 th @ 6:00 pm December 14 th @ 6:00 pm	Beltrone Harvest Auction Monthly Dinner meeting Monthly Dinner meeting Monthly Dinner meeting

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*

Phil Harris

Bill Barr

Christian & Mildred Lebrecht

Ed Tompkins

Avrom Koblenz

In Memory of my parents

John and Carrie Meagher

They both loved Plants and Flowers

Jack Meagher

In Memory of

Grandpa & Great Grandpa

Carroll W. Greenman

Russ, Maria, and Carl

In Memory of

*Wally Dillenbeck
and
Don Otterness*

By Tom Baker

In Memory of



Bill Town

Joe Herman

*In Memory of
my Dad*



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