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**April, 2021**

DATE & TIME: Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm = **Zoom**  
Saturday, April 24 at 3:00 pm = **Tour of Pine Hollow Arboretum**  
Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am = **Memorial Garden Cleanup** - Please help

Members and non-members are encouraged to attend any of our events

Dear Friends,

The Men's Garden Club of Albany has stood the test of time, having brought gardeners together in friendship and fellowship and offered service to the community since 1935. Like other organizations, however, its future is brightest when its spirit reflects the community it is a part of. Therefore, with keen understanding that ideas about community change, the club's board of directors believes that it is time to embark on a new and important journey:



With leadership of our president, **Joe Raggio**, board members agreed in December 2020 to propose to club membership removing the word "Men's" from the club's name and to welcome women, really already valued partners, as formal club members.

Still, it's really an exciting development for fellows like me who are both proud of our first 85 years and eager to build in the years ahead. Our club has experienced some challenges in recent years. All manner of membership organizations have seen declines in participation over the last generation. Add a worldwide pandemic to that and it's become even more difficult to keep in touch and share the joy of encouraging life from the soil around us. At the same time, interest in gardening is soaring. And few pleasures can bring people with diverse perspectives and experiences together as well as gardening can.

Thus, I look forward to many more years with our old friends and ask all of you to help bring new friends into the group!

*Bill Storman*

**PROGRAM: Thursday, April 22 Virtual Meeting:**

On Thursday, April 22, please join our monthly club meeting at 7:00pm, which will be held on Zoom. The meeting will be a way for us to share exciting new developments with our recently rebranded club, including upcoming events and activities, and other opportunities to get involved. Also, it just happens to fall on Earth Day, so we thought we could celebrate that by sharing amongst ourselves any timely gardening tips as we prepare to plant our own gardens once again.

**PROGRAM:** Saturday, April 24 at 3:00pm.

**Guided Tour of Pine Hollow Arboretum in Slingerlands:**

Please join us, along with family members and friends, as we meet for the first time this year as a group at the Pine Hollow Arboretum in Slingerlands, on Saturday, April 24 at 3:00pm.

Please arrive at 2:45, as we have arranged for a guided tour that will start at 3pm, that will last for an hour to an hour and a half. Afterwards, we can enjoy some refreshments in the tent they have reserved for us in Magnolia Field. Please consider bringing some juice or water to share, or some healthy snacks, such as cheese and crackers, cut-up fruit, or perhaps some cookies.

The Pine Hollow Arboretum is located at 34 Pine Hollow Rd., Slingerlands, which is off of New Scotland Rd. and right near the roundabout where the Price Chopper/Market 32 is located. The tour is free, but they appreciate if you want to make a voluntary donation to support maintaining the facility.

The Arboretum has a special connection to our organization, as **Dr. John Abbuhl**, was a long-time member of our club until he passed away several years ago. What a great way for us to meet again in person, in a safe and beautiful environment outdoors, and to enjoy one of the legacies that he left for us to experience.

The Pine Hollow Arboretum is a 22-acre public arboretum located in residential Slingerlands, New York. In 1966, founder **Dr. John W. Abbuhl** began planting trees around his residence to create an attractive setting. His affinity for the land, interest in horticulture and love of trees combined to inspire the creation of Pine Hollow. **Dr. Abbuhl**, a pediatrician, used the guiding philosophy of “trees in a natural environment” to establish the arboretum as a unique entity within the community of nationally accredited arboreta.

Pine Hollow Arboretum was granted non-profit status in 2007 and became permanently chartered by the New York State Education Department in 2012. In 2013, the arboretum was awarded Level I Accreditation, through the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program administered by the Morton Arboretum in cooperation with the American Public Gardens Association and the Botanic Gardens Conservation International.

Topic: Garden Club of the Capital District Time: Apr 22, 2021 07:00

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82215632041>

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**Memorial Garden cleanup 4/27/21 9:00 am - Please join us**

## Thank You:

At last month's virtual club meeting, we were all schooled in the many benefits of growing our plants in raised beds, thanks to the great presentation from Albany County Master Gardener, **John Martin**. If you participated, you know that **John** gave a very detailed presentation on how to make raised beds, as well as many tips to have success with this very popular way to enjoy gardening, even with limited space.

We thank the efforts of the Albany County CCE organization to occasionally partner with us to support our club with informative and pertinent presentations that benefit our members.

## Membership

**Herm Mau – Herman "Herm" Mau**, 88, passed away at home on Sunday, August 30, 2020. Born in Middleburgh, NY on December 11, 1931, he was the son of **Walter Sr & Mabel Mau**. He graduated from Middleburgh High School in 1951 and served in the US Air Force from 1952-1956. He then completed the GE Apprentice Program. He received an associate's degree from Schenectady County Community College. He retired from the GE after 30 years of service. He was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club and Apprentice Alumni Association. **Herm** was a 54-year resident of Rotterdam, NY and a 30-year part-time resident of Arcadia, FL. He was a parishioner of St. Gabriel's Church. He was a member of Rotterdam Elks #2157, VFW, American Legion and Men's Garden Club. He also enjoyed the Hix & Chix Square Dance Club. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, **Mary Robison Mau** and his five children, Sharon Mau (Michael Sargalis) of Mariaville, Thomas Mau (Denice) of Schaghticoke, Gerald Mau (Kathleen) of Tampa, FL, Joseph Mau (Margo) of Rotterdam and Suzanne Gridley (Clifford) of Charlton. Herm is also survived by 13 grandchildren & 10 great-grandchildren. He leaves behind a brother, Hank (Rolene) Mau of Cobleskill, NY. Along with his parents, Herm was predeceased by his siblings, Milton, Walter Jr, Anna, Doris and Frederika. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, September 9th at 10 a.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, 3040 Hamburg St, Rotterdam. Burial will follow at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, 2501 Troy-Schenectady Rd, Niskayuna. Memorial contributions may be made in **Herm's** memory to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, PO Box 414238, Boston, MA 02241. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit [www.demarcostonefuneralhome.com](http://www.demarcostonefuneralhome.com).

**Dues are Due:** \$25 / member will cover both Local and National memberships.  
Ads payments for 2020 are due – published in the DIRT, Website and at public events  
Please write checks to: Men's Garden Club of Albany  
Mailing address:  
Russ Greenman (treasurer)  
25 Worthman Lane  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Request for volunteers to interview members for DIRT articles – Our members have had very interesting lives that others could benefit from learning about.

# SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS - All About Growing Sunflowers

Prepared by David L. Jennings – Member-Garden Club of the Capital District & Master Gardener Volunteer-CCE Saratoga Co.

Sunflowers are one of the most beautiful and popular type of flower you can grow easily from seed for either wildlife to consume or for you to harvest as long-lasting cut flowers to enjoy indoors ('Sun Bright Supreme' is the variety in the bouquet below). They are one of the best plants to grow with young inexperienced children or grandchildren. The smaller varieties can even be grown in pots on the deck or patio like the variety 'Sun Buzz' below but be sure to use at least a 10-12" clay or ceramic pot with good drainage and your favorite mix of artificial potting soil to help keep them from tipping over.



Believe it or not, the red flower above is a variety of sunflower too called 'Red Procut'. There are hundreds of varieties to choose from in your local garden center now, so I recommend you select a few tall ones, short ones and some with unique color variations to really enjoy growing them.

Sunflowers originated in the Americas and domestic seeds have been found in Mexico dating back as far as 2100 BC. Native Americans have been growing Sunflowers as a crop for hundreds of years and explorers brought the flowers to Europe in the 1500's. They are grown as either 'Single Stem' or 'Branching' plants. The single stem varieties are best for high density plantings with larger flowers on tall stems. You will need to grow them as succession plantings every couple of weeks for continuous bloom throughout the season though. Branching varieties produce flowers on multiple shorter stems throughout the season which makes them ideal for sunflower bouquets all season long.

**POLLEN vs. POLLEN-FREE VARIETIES** Sunflowers that produce pollen are a great option for gardeners focusing on supporting pollinators, but many newer varieties are bred to be male sterile, or pollen-free which helps extend vase life and make a nice clean appearance keeping your table clean from falling pollen. There are many varieties of each to choose from.

All Sunflowers can be direct sown in your garden after the risk of frost has passed or smaller varieties can be started indoors with all seeds sown about ¼ to ½ inch deep and kept evenly moist. Choose a sunny location with good drainage.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BEST VASE LIFE** Be sure to cut the flowers when the petals or ray flowers just begin to open. Cut them early in the morning and remove all leaves below the water line and place them in room temperature water for longest vase life. Be sure to check the water level frequently as sunflowers are heavy drinkers and can empty a vase quickly. Change the water daily as Sunflowers have what some call a "Dirty Stem" as the water turns cloudy with high potential for bacterial issues which will shorten the life of your beautiful bouquet. (The variety below is called 'Ring of Fire')

Source: National Garden Bureau



## Did you know?

The tallest sunflower grown was 30' 1" in Germany in 2014.



#yearofthesunflower



## Did you know?

Sunflowers track the sun; the flower heads turn as the sun moves across the sky. This is called heliotropism.



#yearofthesunflower

**From the Al Miller archives:  
May Garden Reminders**

**MAY** The transplant month:

Probably more plants are transplanted in May than any other month so here are some tips from a back issue of Flower & Garden.

**USE GOOD PLANTS:** healthy, stocky, hardened to outdoor temperatures, growing actively; NOT crowded in the flat, NOT spindly, NOT potbound, NOT straight from a hothouse.

Choose a quiet cool day or do transplanting in the evening. Water transplants beforehand, then go about other preparations, and by the time you're ready, soil will have drained and be just right for coming out with the least root breakage.

**DIG PLANTING HOLES** before you remove seedlings from containers. Make holes big enough to spread roots widely. Mix weak liquid fertilizer solution to use for watering plants in. Follow directions on container of fertilizer.

**TO REMOVE PLANTS FROM A FLAT:** Greenhouse-grown plants in flats usually come spaced two inches apart. Use knife or putty knife to score soil between plants both ways, cutting clear to the bottom of the flat. Lift out seedlings a few at a time with putty knife or fork, taking all the soil you can to save roots. Set immediately in the planting hole. Pour in a cup of transplanting water and draw in earth to hold plant stable. After all plants are set go back and pull soil completely around each and water again. Firm with fingers but do not pack.

**TO REMOVE PLANT FROM POTS-CLAY, PLASTIC OR FIBER:** Hold with right hand, slip fingers of left hand around stem and over soil surface. Invert pot, rap rim sharply on a solid edge (in the garden, use rim of sprinkling can) .Earth ball will slide out intact into your left hand. Never dig plant out of pot.

**TO REMOVE FROM PLANT BANDS (wood or fiber paper) :** Sever staple fastener with strong knife blade; unwrap band leaving earth ball intact.

**PLANTS IN PEAT POTS:** You plant pot and all. Roots soon will penetrate pot. To insure success, soak pots well beforehand; tear down rim so none extends above ground. Use plenty of water in planting, and for two weeks afterward to break the pot down.

**HOW DEEP TO SET PLANTS:** For most, set just a little deeper than they were in the flat, up to the first seed leaves (first small leaves on the plant) : snapdragons, verbena, phlox, asters, green peppers, petunias, salvia, vinca, celosia, cauliflower , broccoli, lettuce seedlings, eggplants, cabbage. Set stern-rooting tomatoes deep, down to the first set of true leaves, to foster a large root system. Pinch out tips of plants like tomatoes, peppers, petunias, zinnias, to reduce tops, balance loss of roots and speed recovery.

**TO PLANT DORMANT PERENNIAL PLANTS:** Perennials bought by mail or from package racks in garden departments are often dormant bareroot. Unwrap and moisten roots; set in a cool place while you dig planting holes. Be generous in hole size, and soil preparation. Spread roots out wide in hole; set crown at level it apparently grew before. Baptisia, phlox, platycodon, Iythrums, gas plant, hosta, lily-of-the-valley need growth buds covered less than an inch. Japanese anemone, hellebore, delphinium, hardy asters, daylilies, coral bells, creeping phlox, shasta daisies, veronica, usually have leaves left from last season or new ones to show you how deep to plant -the right level is where-stems meet roots.

Cover roots with soil; pour in water to fill hole and allow to soak away; then fill hole with soil and firm lightly. Water occasionally while new growth starts

## Retirees help teach gardening to the disabled.

By [AZRA HAQQIE](#), Staff writer **First published: Tuesday, February 6, 2007**

ALBANY -- It was at a luncheon for his retired men's fraternity that **Al Miller** heard about volunteering at the Center for Disability Services. The speaker was **Jerry Fitzgerald**, the center's executive director back then, and his message inspired **Miller** to get involved. For 20 years following his career at the state Department of Taxation and Finance, **Miller** used his love of gardening as a way to help people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. On Wednesday mornings, he and other volunteers help people at the center on 700 South Pearl St.

"We teach gardening techniques, or play plant bingo with them or watch gardening videos," said **Miller**, a longtime member of the **Men's Garden Club of Albany**.

"They are pretty good at following directions," he said, but it's not easy for all. "One of them needs sign language. Some are not coordinated enough and we have to take their hand" to assist in mixing soil to the right consistency, planting seeds in pots and watering them. Come spring, those seedlings will be transplanted into the ground.

The volunteers are participants in **Gardening from the Heart**, a national program started in Kansas City, Mo.

The volunteers built raised beds so that the people who use wheelchairs could get close enough for the hands-on labor.

"Come late summer, we harvest," said **Miller**, adding that consumers take home a bag of whatever is harvested that week.

**Bill Krug**, who had a farm near Everett Road and **donated a greenhouse** to the center, is one of a half-dozen garden club members working with 17 men and women there in two groups growing such flowers as geraniums, marigolds, petunias and dianthus and peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables and chives, rosemary and basil, among other herbs.

"We have already started growing geraniums and will have a plant sale before Mother's Day," he said.

**Azra Haqqie** can be reached at 454-5651 or by e-mail at [ahaqqie@timesunion.com](mailto:ahaqqie@timesunion.com).

Volunteers wanted

## Seeking Candidates for the Joe Herman Memorial Scholarship

### Seeking Scholarship Candidates

The Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications from college students for a \$500 scholarship to be awarded by our club. The scholarship is available to a full-time student currently enrolled, or accepted to begin a college program, with the intent to pursue studies in a horticultural-related field; such as landscaping, agriculture, environmental studies, ecology, forestry or natural resources management. It is open to both male or female applicants of any age, preferably with home residency in the seven-county area of the Capital Region.

Perhaps you have a relative, neighbor or know someone in your circle of friends that would deserve to be given this stipend. The committee will recognize those candidates that have a direct connection to our club, and whom also meet all the application qualifications.

For more information, or if you would like to request an application, please contact **Greg Goutos**, Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Call **Greg** at 518-495-0148, or contact him by email at [ggoutos@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ggoutos@nycap.rr.com). The application deadline is June 15, 2021.

# GARDEN CLUB of ALBANY CLUB ACTIVITIES

## Adopt-a-Highway - 25 years

We had a good run... We started our Adopt A Highway program back in 1994 by building a raised bed out of Hemlock and lots of rebar. Ten years later in 2004 - we built a raised bed that would last a lifetime. Unfortunately when construction started on the Exit 7 bridge off of I-90 our concrete base, block structure, soil and flower bulbs mysteriously disappeared leaving only the steel we drove down 5 feet to keep the Very thick concrete base from heaving.. **Ken Abele** during construction of our second raised bed on I-90 at Exit 7 Westbound. Built to last 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 Garden Club of Albany. ps. If you know who borrowed our several thousand pound raised bed - **please ask them to return it**. Perhaps someone with big boy toys on site while working on the bridge knows. Thanks!!! Built to last... Destroyed in hours



**Someone that was working on the bridge at Exit 7 of I-90 knows where it is.  
This was our Memorial to Mr. Conrad (Connie) Robert**

**Albany International Airport  
Don Wrieden – Chairman**



**Joe Herman** planting bulbs at the Albany International Airport

**Memorial Garden**

At the Albany County Cooperative Extension

**Joe Huth / Chuck Scott** Memorial Garden Chairmen

**Memorial Garden cleanup 4/27/21 9:00 am**

For many years, our club has maintained a beautiful Memorial Garden as a tribute to our

“Gardeners Gone to Rest.” The garden is located in Voorheesville on the grounds of the Cooperative Extension



**Memorial Service At CCE Albany**



**Ken Abele** drilling holes for trees

## Memorial Garden continued

Along with perennials, shrubs and trees, there are plaques that lists the names of our club members that have Gone to Rest.

Thanks to **Joe Huth** we now have 40 new matching name tags.

Over the years the name tags were showing their age and now they look fantastic. Thanks **Joe Huth** for all your work to get replacements ordered and installed.



The early days of our Memorial Garden



## Gardening from the Heart - 35 years at the Center for Disability Services

Volunteers include: **Russ Greenman, Greg Goutos, Joe Huth, Jack Meagher, and Don Wrieden.**

35 = years supporting one location and for years, two locations Every Wednesday

4 = the (low) average number of MGCA volunteers on site

50 = sessions per year and for years 100 sessions per year (50 /site)

2 = Hours on site per session – 9:00am – 11:00am

= ~15 years x 50 weeks/year x 4 people / site x 2 sites === 6000 volunteer hours

PLUS

= 20 years x 50 weeks/year x 4 people / site x 1 sites === 4000 volunteer hours

===== **10,000 hours of volunteer's time supporting the Gardening From The Heart program at the Centers for Disability Services by members of the Men's Garden Club of Albany.** =====

Add to that, prep time, construction of a huge greenhouse and many raised beds and you'll see that the 10,000 hours is only a portion of the time our members have spent supporting this great program.

We owe a big thanks to **Al Miller** and **Tom Baker** for initiating this project back in 1984.





## Gardening from the Heart - 35 years continued

**Tom Baker** and **Al Miller** started working on founding the Gardening From the Heart program way back in 1984 but he may say that it really didn't start until 1985.

Originally our club had two teams of members that would teach classes, every Wednesday, at two locations with the adults at 700 S. Pearl St. in Albany and with the children at 314 Manning Blvd in Albany, NY.

COVID-19 restrictions kept us out of the building, and we're waiting to hear what the next steps are for our activities at the 700 South Pearl St. location.



### Harvest time

**Everyone takes home a bag of produce**

The cooking class does their magic with goodies found in the garden. So good!

## Youth Gardening

Our Youth Gardening program has found another worthwhile program to support. Check out our very own - **Bill Stoneman's [The Vegetable Project](#)**

It was quite a journey from tapping maple trees with elementary school and high school students back when snow was on the ground to completing maple syrup. But finish we did a couple of days ago, with delivery to partner teachers planned in the next few days. Kids put taps in trees. We'll organize next year around students collecting sap and boiling it down to make syrup!

Note: This would make a great **Garden Club project** – Let's start identifying Maple trees we can tap and then all get together for some time around a fire next Spring.



Very sweet tasting after 97.5% has evaporated



Sap from Maple trees

**History – 30 years ago – by Mr. Tom Baker**  
MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF ALBANY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 2, 1991

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 2, 1991 in the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled, following the seed packaging session which started at 6:30.

President **Joe Raggio** called the meeting to order at 7:30.

The Minutes of the April 4, 1991 meeting were approved as read by the Club Secretary, **Tom Baker**.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented by our Club Treasurer, **Fred Day**. As of April 30, 1991 there was balance in the General Fund, of \$4,449.30. and in the Memorial Fund there was \$808.60. In the Endowment and Investment Fund there was a balance of \$6,115.35.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

\* PROGRAM: **Herm Mau** reporting. Since the prices of our dinners are escalating, **Herm** suggested that we look for a place with more reasonable prices, this, so that some of our members won't be squeezed out of our meetings. The Board agreed that **Herm** should look into the matter.

May 23: Ladies Night at the Crossroads, the price will be \$15.00. More information will be found in the dirt.

June 29: This will be a field trip to **Seagroatt's**, a commercial rose grower.

\* SCHOLARSHIP: **Paul Hughes**, a member of the National Scholarship Committee, was quite concerned that he did not even know that one of our local Scholarship winners was applying for a National Scholarship.

\* DELMAR PLANT SALE: **Herm Mau** reporting. Everything is in readiness. **Don Stevens** will be the cashier since **Fred Day** will not be able to attend. Also, a Bethlehem Town Permit was secured.

\* STATE FAIR: **Wally Dillenbeck** reporting. The date for our day at the Fair is September 1, 1991, The Sunday before Labor Day. More men are needed to man the booth.

\* YOUTH GARDENING: **Lee Negus** reporting. 120 youths will be taking part in the Annual Growing Contest. **Lee** thanked the group for packaging the seeds.

**Bill Krug**, one of our own members, and commercial grower, will donate 120 Sweet One Hundred tomato plants. The Secretary was instructed to send **Bill** a "Thank You" letter.

\* GARDENING FROM THE HEART: **Wally Dillenbeck** reporting. Saturday, May 18, 1991 has been set-up for finishing the greenhouse at the center. All men are invited to help.

\* AWARDS: **Joe Raggio** reporting. A new chairman needs to be appointed. **Richard Anderson's** name was suggested as a very likely candidate. **Joe** will look into this matter.

\* MEMORIAL: **Don Otterness** and **Don Stevens** are working with **Mrs. Haker** on a suitable planting in memory of her husband, **Willis**.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The question came up concerning **Peter Jones** who died just recently. At this point in time nothing has been done.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Tom Baker**, Secretary

\*\* Editor's note: **Tom Baker** faithfully documented our minutes since way before he had a personal computer - somehow he managed to digitize all of the minutes he had taken over the years and we now include them in our newsletter under the heading "History - 25 -or 30 years ago" Thanks, **Tom Baker!!!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Today!</b>	<b>Please visit our friends that need our visits and cards</b>
Tuesday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am	<b>Memorial Garden Cleanup</b>
Thursday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm	<b>Monthly meeting</b> via Zoom
Saturday, April 24 <sup>nd</sup> @ 3:00 pm	<b>Guided Tour of Pine Hollow Arboretum in Slingerlands</b>
Thursday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm	<b>Director's meeting</b> – via Zoom

Editor: **Russ Greenman**

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

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

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

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

Thanks **Paul Zimmermann!!!**

We continue to welcome 501(c)3 deductible donations that can be dedicated to support our **Memorial Garden, Gardening From the Heart program** at the Center for Disability Services, or the **Joe Herman Scholarship Fund**.

Please send your 501(c)3 tax deductible donation to **Russ Greenman** MGCA Treasurer

Please call **Russ Greenman** at (518) 477-8321 for details

## Free Virtual Gardening Training

*Why Raised Beds for Gardening and How to Build Them*

Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm

**Presented by:** John Martin, Master Gardener

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*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.*

An introduction into raised beds for gardening. The presentation discusses why raised beds, different pros and cons for raised beds, different options for creating raised beds, and how to locate within your gardening spaces.

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*In Memory*  
*Of My*  
*Loving Wife, Young*  
*Bruce Wilcox*

*In Memory of*  
*Louis Meo*  
*&*  
*Richard Stankus*

*In Memory of*  
*Al & Barbara Miller*  
*Dave & 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*

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