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### MGCA Annual Picnic (everyone invited) & Memorial Service

**DATE & TIME: Thursday, July 23rd @ 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

**PROGRAM: " Seeds - Love Them or Starve "**

Presented by: Our very own – **Paul Zimmermann**

Did you know that 75% of the food you eat comes from seeds (including those corn chips you're munching on right now)? The presentation will be a decidedly unscientific look at the enormously intricate and diverse world of plant seeds. Seeds come in all sizes, shapes and configurations that have evolved to meet the environmental conditions in which the parent plant grow. The adaptations are simply amazing!

The Picnic chairman, **Paul Zimmermann, 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**

A caller should reach you soon for your reservation and offering. If a caller leaves a message, please make every effort to return his call. If a caller does not reach you by Thursday, July 16th, please call **Russ Greenman at 477-8321 - Note: callers – Please call Russ Greenman with your counts and contributions.** If it's easier for you to email the dinner info – please send it to [MGCA1@verizon.net](mailto:MGCA1@verizon.net) (note: the character after MGCA in the email address is a Number "1")

### Thanks to Christine Young for a Great Program

Many thanks to **Christine Young** who gave an animated and informative talk on the terrific work being done by the Rensselaer Land Trust to preserve open space in our increasingly urban/suburban world. It's heart-warming to know that folks are out there working hard (and unpaid) to keep some of our world untouched by development.

by **Paul Zimmermann**

### Memorial Garden Work Party

Many thanks to the folks who showed up to weed, mulch and spread stone in the Memorial Garden - it looks very spiffy! In particular, thanks to Joe Huth who coordinated the efforts.



**Joe Huth - Hard at work**

by **Paul Zimmermann**

### MGCA Memorial Service July 23rd @ 5:30 pm

MGCA Memorial Garden at the Albany County Cooperative Extension Building  
24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY

Three real gentleman that will be honored for their combined **72 years of service** to the MGCA and their communities.



**Ken Abele 3/19/15**  
Member since 1988



**Ray Bell 4/3/2015**  
Member since 2002



**Jack Gade 4/17/15**  
Member since 1983

**Phil Harris** is now in room 315 of Eddy Heritage House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, [2920 Tibbits Avenue](#), Troy, NY 12180. Please try to get out there to help cheer up our friend.

### **Gardeners - Gone to Rest**

These three terrific men that did so much for the communities they lived in as well as the world. Like many MGCA members these men were true gentlemen and a great friend to many. We're certainly going to miss them.

#### **Ken Abele**

**Abele, Kenneth** SARASOTA, Fla.



**Ken Abele** was someone I always respected. He was always there to help any organization in need and he had the brains and toys to make just about anything happen. Ken had a memory that I certainly wish I had. He could tell stories in great detail from 80 years ago. He certainly lived a full and exciting life - something we should all strive to do.

#### **Raymond F. Bell**

**Bell, Raymond F.** DELMAR



**Ray Bell** was quite a guy. He was an engineer that had a lifetime full of good experiences and he was a great gardener. Roses seemed to be what he spent most of his time on and he became quite an expert in that field. He even presented a program for us on roses. After completing his Toastmaster classes he practiced on us by starting us off with a prayer prior to each meal. He was another one of those guys that seemed to always have an interesting story.

#### **John Hauf "Jack" Gade Jr.**

**Gade, John "Jack" Hauf Jr.** GUILDERLAND owner of the Gade Farm in Guilderland,



**Jack Gade** was another one of those guys that did so much for the community. In recent years it has been difficult for him to get to our dinners but he was always interested and a very active and valuable member. He raised kids and grand kids that are very community oriented and great people. That's something to be very proud of - especially in this day and age.

**Happy Memorial Day**  
from **Becker's Farm**



**History - 25 years ago - June 7, 1990**  
**MEN'S GARDEN CLUB OF ALBANY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the board of Directors was held on Thursday, June 7, 1990 in the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled.

President **Wally Dillenbeck** called the meeting to order at 7:35.

The Secretary's report was approved as read by the Club Secretary, **Tom Baker**. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read by the Club Treasurer, **Al Miller**. The balance on hand after reserves, was \$3,717.85 in the General Fund as of May 31, 1990. On this date also, in the Memorial Fund, minus \$105.00 which were transferred to the Endowment Fund, was \$665.10. In the Endowment and Investment funds on May 31, there was a balance of \$5,412.99.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Regional Meeting: Our local club hosted the meeting with 30 men and 10 women attending. The Binghamton Club will host the next meeting on September 22, 1990.

Program Committee:

1. The June 28 meeting will be held at Larry's Winery and Vineyard on the Settles Hill Road in Altamont. See the Dirt for a map and final details.

2. The Annual Picnic will be held at **Don Otterness's** farm with a Lamb Roast. Here again a map and final details will be found in the Summer Dirt.

Membership Committee: **James Siewert** of Delmar, sponsored by **Don Lewis**.

Gardening From the Heart: A whole day on Wednesday, May 6 was devoted to erecting the frame for the Greenhouse at the Downtown site of the C P Center. **Paul Jeffers, Scott Borisoff** and **Denis** the Staff Director assisted our GFTH Club members

Youth Gardening: A total of 120 students were involved from Albany, Schenectady and Brunswick.

Awards committee: There was no report, **Glen Witecki** was home sick in bed.

Memorial committee: **Don Otterness**, Chairman is having problems with the Co-operative Extension about future plantings. **Don** will contact the **Rowly** family to find out where they would like a tree planted in memory of our deceased member **Elliott Rowly**.

Questionnaire Concerning Club Interest: **Ken York** is working on items which will be used in this project. **Al Miller** informed us the National is also working on a similar project.

Scholarship Committee: A Budget of up to \$500.00 was voted by the Board of Directors. **Tom Baker**, Publicity Chairman for the Club reported that he had sent out Scholarship notices to all the papers that publicize our monthly dinner meetings.

Calendar Committee: This years calendars are ready and **Don Otterness** volunteered to pick them up at the National Convention in Des Moines. We have ordered 300 calendars.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

\* **Wally Dillenbeck** read a thank you note from **Lucy Wong** of the Arbor Hill community Center, for the left over plants from our Plant Sale.

\* Fair Participants: Men will be needed for three fairs Altamont, August 13-19: Schaghticoke, August 29-September 3: State Fair, September 2nd.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30

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** – Hard at work



**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!!!





**Tom Baker** – Still going strong after 30 years of volunteering in the GFTH program



**Colleen Edwards** presents **Tom Baker** – with a very nice jacket in recognition of 30 years of service to the GFTH program at the Center for Disability Services



**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.

**Plant Sale Thank You!**

We want to thank all of the members that helped make this plant sale a success. **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. **Joe Herman** helped pick up and deliver plants to the sale as well as taking care of the cash box from early morning to the end - without a break. I'm out of room - but, we really can't do this without our members and you all pulled thru and helped make this a great success. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Today!</b>	<b>Please visit our friends that need our visits and cards</b>
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> @ 4:00pm	<b>Annual Picnic / Memorial Service</b> Albany County Cooperative Extension Martin Rd Voorheesville, NY 4:00pm - Tour gardens on your own 5:00pm arrive and setup for dinner 5:30pm Memorial service at the memorial Garden 6:00pm Pot Luck dinner 7:00ish - " <b>Seeds - Love Them or Starve</b> " Presented by: Our very own – <b>Paul Zimmermann</b>
August 11 <sup>th</sup> thru 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Altamont Fair</b> Club members will be participating in the judging and once again we will have at table at the fair.
August 27 <sup>th</sup> thru September 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New York State Fair</b> 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13209 Club members will be working at the fair as judges on the 27 <sup>th</sup> . <b>Joe Herman</b> will once again have a presentation on Container Gardening (Labor Day)
Every Wednesday : @ 9:15 am	<b>Gardening from the Heart</b> Center for Disability Services 700 South Pearl St. Albany
September 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 pm	<b>Board of Director's Meeting</b> 314 S. Manning Blvd – All members are invited

*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**

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