

# The HERALD

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## Plant Sales—Please support our clubs

**Perry Garden Club's Plant Sale - Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 am - 12:00** at the Perry Fire Dept. hall at the Perry Village Park on Lake Street. A variety of plants will be on sale along with perennials from our members' gardens to help fund our programs.



**Creative Gardeners of Penfield Garden Art' and Plant Sale – Friday, May 15 – 9-4 and Saturday, May 16 – 9-1** at Reiss's 107 Huntington Meadows, Rochester. We will have lots of fun Garden Art pieces for sale, flowers and plants, and treasures from our house and gardens. Be sure and come and shop for our one-of-a-kind pieces!

**The Bloomfield Garden Club's—Saturday May 16 from 9AM to 1PM** at the Bloomfield Historical Academy Bldg, 8 South Ave, Bloomfield 14469. The sale features annuals, hanging baskets, herbs, gently used garden shed items and our home grown perennials. Proceeds support our many charitable and garden projects. The public is invited. For more information, contact Laurie O'Mara 585-406-3457.



**Geneseo Garden Club's Plant Sale—Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 9:00 am** until all plants are sold. At Gateway Park (across from Wegmans), Route 20A, Geneseo. We are selling a large variety of outdoor plants and perennials from our members' gardens to help fund our programs.

## Carolyn's Message

*"Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come." – Robert H. Schuller*



We await. Yes, Spring *will* arrive. We think about all we will do when all that snow melts. We must be patient and have hope. Hope that all those bulbs we planted last fall will come up and weren't eaten by the critters. We have so much to look forward to as we start a new season and a new year.

Though we have not been meeting, planning for the coming year continues - the Budget, programs, luncheons, and the Flower Show. Yes, there will be a Flower Show in July.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the first Members Council Meeting on March 4 at the Victor Recreation Center.

*Carolyn*

*The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."*

*– Henry Van Dyke*

## SAVE THE DATE

7th District Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc.  
Presents an NGC Standard Flower Show

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580

THURSDAY, JULY 23rd, 2026  
1.00 to 5.00 p.m.

To: Seventh District Herald

From: Carolyn Brown

Re: Wreaths displayed at the George Eastman Museum

Once again Seventh District members have donated hand-crafted wreaths to please visitors and support the George Eastman Museum. The wreaths are a delightful part of GEM's annual Sweet Creations displays. So they will last for future seasons, no fresh plant material is allowed.

Members from nine clubs donated eleven creative decorations with three of those coming from Gates Garden Club. Joyce Dinkmeyer added black and white bow, statice and red accents to a grapevine wreath. Kathy Shiel made one with a snowman seated among natural materials and another with shiny wine and aqua balls.

Kate Sturmer of Allyn's Creek Garden Club used a large red-and-black checked bow along with a Santa, apples, cones and berries.

Representing Creative Gardeners of Penfield, Susan Johnson and Regina Wahl wrapped a square frame in red and black ribbon to support a double bow and materials in silver and red against an evergreen swag. Truly creative!

Eucalyptus in soft red and aqua provided a nesting place for a dear little owl in the creation from Conesus Lake Garden Club.

From Bloomfield Garden Club, Marlene Moran chose to display Indian corn, Okra pods, Allium and large feathers against an antique washboard for an all-season look. Judy from the same club had another creative take. She suspended a crescent of plant material in green, maroon and velvety grays by a ribbon.

Heather Johnston-Bauer of Four Seasons Garden Club did a wreath of swirling grasses, pale wheat, red berries and small gold poinsettias.

Sprigs of holly and a checkered bow decorated a wreath of frosted pine cones from Hubbard Springs Garden Club of Chili.

Pittsford Garden Club's grapevine wreath sported red ribbon, German statice, red berries, a cardinal and a bow of two different ribbons.

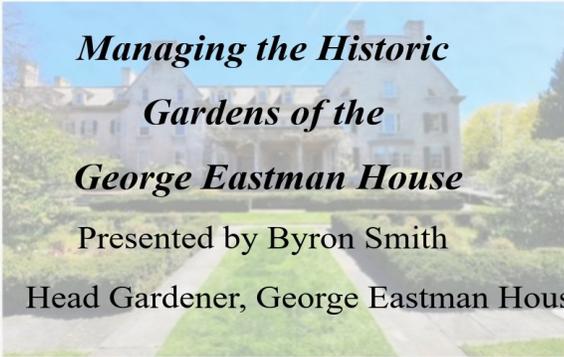
Perhaps the work of these donors will inspire others as they decorate next year and possibly give a wreath to George Eastman Museum in 2026.

Seventh District Federated Garden Clubs of NYS

**ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCH**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

Webster Golf Club, 440 Salt Road, Webster, NY 14580



*Victor Garden Club/ Geneseo Garden Club will be providing the Raffle Baskets*

9:30: Coffee/Tea & Muffins 10:00: Meeting 11:30: Lunch

**MENU**

Green Bean Almandine ~ Garden Vegetable Rice  
Stuffed Shells in Marinara ~ Chicken French  
Mixed Green Salad ~ Rolls/Butter ~ Assorted Fruit  
Dessert ~ \* gluten free options upon request\*

**Cost: \$38.00**

**~Reservations due to Sharon Greaves by Monday, April 20, 2026~**

(49 Couchman Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617-2610)  
585-342-8923 ~ Checks written to 7th Dist FGCNYS

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Club President: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(Number of head table reservations) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Name and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## World Gardening



Congratulations and a Great Big Thank You to all of the clubs that contributed to World Gardening this fiscal year. The New York State Garden Clubs donated \$10,358.35 to Dig Deep and our 7<sup>th</sup> District donated \$3,131. The New York State Garden Clubs donated \$10,484.91 to Water for South Sudan and our 7<sup>th</sup> District donated \$1,402. The total donations to World Gardening from the state are - \$20,842.91 and the total from our 7<sup>th</sup> District are \$4,533 - over 20% of the total amount collected from New York State. We should all be very proud of our help to bring clean water to people in the Southwestern United States and Appalachia and to the people of South Sudan. The new year begins March 1, 2026. I am very proud of our District! Keep up the good work!

Janet Lockhart, 7<sup>th</sup> District World Gardening Rep

## Civic Beautification Honorarium



Pat Bartholomew was honored for her kindness by  
Fairport Garden Club and Victor Garden Club



### DEADLINES FOR THE HERALD

Spring Issue—April, May, June deadline March 1

Summer Issue—July, August, September deadline June 1

Fall Issue— Oct., Nov., Dec. deadline September 1

Winter Issue— Jan., Feb., March deadline December 1

All changes of address, deletions or additions to Garden Clubs roosters should be given as soon as possible to **Your Club President**

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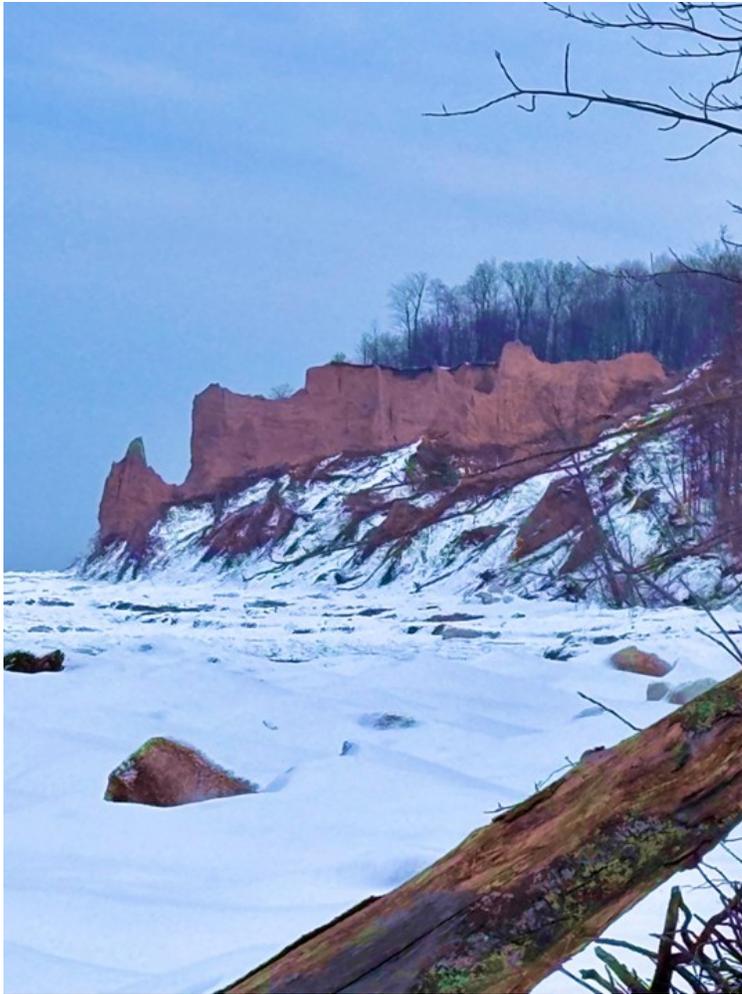
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All District Garden Clubs are entitled to a free 2 line event announcement in the Herald Calendar. Any additional information will require an ad.

## A Crisp Morning at the Chimney Bluffs



A short drive to the Town of Huron in Wayne County we took a winter walk to the Chimney Bluffs State Park. Luckily it was a sunny day and the walking paths were well defined with footprints and snowmobile trails. The view was as if we had taken a cruise to Alaska with the ice floating majestically along Lake Ontario shoreline. Local historian, Rosa Fox tells the story that the missionaries and explorers used it as a nautical point, and it continues to be today day. Basically, the bluffs are drumlins deposited during the last ice age so many thousands of years ago. These 150-foot spires are still changing due to erosion from wind and water. The state acquired the 597 acres of land in 1963 to protect the formations. The colorful past includes smuggling liquor from Canada across the lake. During my grandparents and parents' days it was popular destination for several restaurants with 'bullhead suppers and dancing. This park is relatively new in the sense it was acquired in the 60's but remained underdeveloped and used by

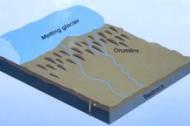
locals for hiking and farming but in 1999 they officially modernized their facilities with paved parking lots, clearly marked hiking trails and plenty of picnic, sitting areas and restrooms. It is open year-round from dawn to dusk.

**Welcome to Chimney Bluffs**

 Please view the bluffs from designated trails. Approaching the cliff edge is extremely dangerous. The top of the bluffs are continually undercut by erosion and can collapse without warning.

 Dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 6ft at all times. Thank you!

**How did the bluffs form?**  
The last ice age ended about 10,000 years ago. A glacier covering what is now New York State melted, leaving behind Lake Ontario. South of the lake, the glacier had packed clay, sand, and boulders into thousands of long, rounded hills called "drumlins." With the help of erosion, Chimney Bluffs has become one of the most spectacular of these drumlins.

 A view of the bluffs from above Lake Ontario. Notice the rounded hill or "drumlin" from which the bluffs are carved.

**Why are the bluffs so unstable?**  
Rain, melting snow, and the pounding waves of Lake Ontario erode compacted glacial soil, constantly changing the face of the bluffs.

Chimney Bluffs State Park [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov)

Submitted by Sue Toomey, Parks/ Historic Landscapes/ Historic Preservation Chair- 3 -2026



**Section I—submitted by Sue Marinacco**

**Geneseo Garden Club** - We were honored to welcome **District Director Carolyn Peck** and **Section I Chair Sue Marinaccio** to our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Installation of Officers this past December. We truly appreciate them taking the time to celebrate with us. A special thank you to Sue for conducting the installation of our 2026 officers. Following our winter break in **January and February**, we look forward to resuming activities soon.

**Perry Garden Club:** Members gathered for the annual Christmas luncheon at the **December** meeting. The recipients of our Christmas Auction were the Perry Fire Dept. and the Perry Center Fire Dept. **January** found us having a slide show by Hans Kunze and Member Leslie Kunze on their trip to Costa Rica followed by a Potluck Soup Luncheon. In **February**, members made Valentine flower pots & bagged candy satchels to brighten up the halls of the Wyoming County Skilled Nursing Facility and Eastside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. The members had a delightful time putting these together. Happy Valentine's Day.



**Section II— submitted by Sharon Greaves**

No Report



**Section III— submitted by Joyce Dinkmeyer**

**Gates Garden Club – Prepared by Jennifer Timmer, President:** The gardening season may be over, but the Gates Garden Club has been active! Joyce Dinkmeyer along with Angie Masciangelo, and Kathy Shiel contributed to the George Eastman Museum Holiday wreath and tree display. Our December meeting was filled with good food, games (courtesy of Marjorie Bouwens), lovely centerpieces designed by club members, and a collection for St. Theodore's food pantry. Check out the smiling faces below! To top off the season, Angie M. invited members to view her magnificent holiday decorations. The tree is twice her height! In February, we invited Jeff Werner of Werner Farms to present on seed starting - just in time as we prepare to sell plants at the Gates Farmers Market in May!



**Section IV— submitted by Dawn Borgeest and Jo Anne Shannon**

No Report

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**Section V—submitted by Marlene Moran**

No Report

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**Section VI— submitted by Sue Broda**

**Creative Gardeners of Penfield-** Janet Lockhart: December – We had a lovely Holiday luncheon at Cobblestone on Main Restaurant. In January, Byron Smith, Landscape Manager at the George Eastman House and Museum, was our guest speaker. He gave a wonderful presentation about the history of George Eastman’s Gardens and a sneak preview of the planning and implementation of the ‘Dutch Connection’ Spring Flower Show at Eastman House in February. Our February speaker was John Nelson, a Master Gardener from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. He talked about using native plants in your backyard - what works, what deer don’t like and other helpful hints. We were all ready to get our gardens ready to plant after his speech. Very informative!

**Fairport Garden Club-** Diane Gribben-No Report

**Four Seasons Garden Club-** Julie Grace: In December we had our Christmas party with a white elephant gift exchange. Always a fun time! Unwanted items were auctioned off, and the proceeds went to Dig Deep. Also, new underwear, socks and pajamas were donated to the VA Hospital in Canandaigua. In January we went out on a cold Wednesday morning for breakfast at Panera. Everyone enjoyed breakfast and lively conversations. In February Liza Borton did a presentation on “Dried Flower Nosegay.” She talked about what flowers dried well and how to dry them. Liza brought a collection of dried flowers to show us and then assembled them into a nosegay. A drawing was held and the nosegay was given to the winner.

**Greenbrier Garden Club-** Kathy Keogh: In December, we enjoyed a festive holiday party at the Chatterbox Club. We had lunch and our annual gift exchange. In February, we met for a Valentine's celebration. Each member made a creation of flowers, crafts or baked goods. We had a fun raffle with them.



**Landing Rock Garden Club-Lisa Hand** We had just one activity this quarter. We enjoyed a holiday Christmas evening gathering. Fun lively conversation, hors d'oeuvres, Christmas cookies and treats were shared.

**Section VII**— submitted by Sue Yonda

The Macedon Garden Club celebrated the end of year in our best Christmas spirit, and all members shared the sweetest gift exchange. We honored Wreaths Around America with a prayer in snow. Then 2026 showed us all the true NY weather of constant snow for days, so we had to cancel the January meeting, but were lucky to reschedule in February. We had an eye opening natural skin care lesson with tips and tricks to grow herbs and foods that we could mix with other natural ingredients to nourish our skin and hair. We have been so inspired some members will be doing a "Facial Party" to practice some new techniques.



**Section VIII**—submitted by Elaine Munson and Mae Church

No report

*Definition of a Garden*

*One of a vast number of free outdoor restaurants operated by charity-minded amateurs to provide healthful, balanced meals for insects, birds and animals.*

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