



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

The Garden Club of Endwell
www.gardenclubofendwell.org
August 2016

President's Message: Our July luncheon was a great success with many guests and members in attendance. We were honored to have a special guest with us, our Town of Union Supervisor, Rose Sotak. She enjoys seeing the gardens around town that our club works on. The floral design specialist, Sherry Tomasko of Endicott Florist was exceptional. Everyone enjoyed the program and watching her create varying designs. Thanks to Diane Arthur, our program chair for finding her. Once again, Suzanne Manley and her mother, Delores Skoronski, planned our special luncheon with floral centerpieces and this year we all received a homemade bar of soap especially made for us by Suzanne and her assistants. Thank you so much. We appreciate your wonderful ideas. DeWitt Hendricks also brought in some plants left over from our May plant sale. Thanks DeWitt for the care and watering. These all went to new homes after the raffle at the meeting! We have a new Endwell Garden Club member this month, Laura Baylor of Endwell NY. She was one of the happy winners of one of Sherry's designs at the luncheon. Welcome Laura!

"Just living is not enough...one must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower." ~ Hans Christian Anderson

Gail Fitzpatrick

This Month's Program:

Wednesday, August 10th at 7pm

Designing, Creating, and Maintaining a Rock Garden

Guest Speaker: Dianna Dudar, Master Gardener and Rock Garden Team Leader at Cutler Garden will explain how to successfully create a rock garden

Tea Table Design: Dolores Skoronski

Refreshment Chairperson: Virginia Borne

Refreshment Providers: Gail Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Manley, Lois White

Please arrive by 6:30 to help set up, serve and clean up after the meeting. Also, please set up a table and chairs near the refreshment table for those who are unable to stand for any length of time. Thank you very much! Please be sure to double check before leaving the Fire Station that all trash is removed. Please put only one or two trash cans out at the meeting.

Garden Therapy: Garden therapy will be on Wednesday, August 3rd at 10:30am. Come and join in on the fun assisting the yesteryears group at Broome West design a floral project to take home that day.

Another weekday has been added to the Garden Therapy visit Schedule. The ladies and gentlemen do enjoy our visits and creating something to take home: August 9th—Tuesday, September 12th, Monday, October 18th, Tuesday, November 14th, Monday, December 6th, Tuesday

Thanks you so much to all who participate by attending and helping and also thank you to all who have contributed supplies ~ *Ginny Borne*

Community Gardens: Thank you to all who are helping in the community gardens. They all look wonderful!! A donation was made to our garden club in memory of Geri Hall. Geri's father and daughter's saw the memorial garden at Highland Park and were so thrilled to have her memory honored by our club that they sent our club a \$100 donation!

"We gardeners are healthy, joyous, natural creatures. We are practical, patient, optimistic. We declare our optimism every year, every season, with every act of planting."

~Carol Deppe, The Resilient Gardener: Food Production and Self-Reliance in Uncertain Times

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, August 3rd, 10:30am Garden Therapy

Wednesday, August 10th, 7pm Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, August 17th 7pm Board Meeting at the home of Tammie Werkman

Thursday, August 18th, 10am Garden Tour E.W. Heier Greenhouse Binghamton University

Thursday, August 25th, 6pm Workshop Stiks and Stones Gardens

Horticulture:

We will have our summer Horticulture Exhibit at our August meeting. Please bring your entry in your own container and an entry card with your name and the common and/or botanical name by 6:40pm for judging. Thank you for participating. *Marilyn Mohring*

Class 1: Marigolds (*Tagetes*) - 1 stem or spray

Class 2: Garlic Chives (*Allium tuberosum*) - 3 stems

Class 3: Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) - 1 stem

Class 4: Day Lily (*Hemerocallis*) - 1 stem

Class 5: Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*) - 1 stem

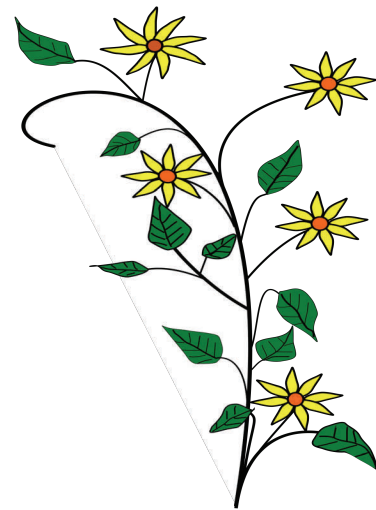
Class 6: Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida*) - 1 stem

Class 7: Rosa (*Rosa*, *Rosaceae*) - 1 stem or spray

Class 8: Any other annual—1 stem or spray

Class 9: Any other perennial—1 stem or spray

Class 10: Any other cut horticultural specimen—1 stem, spray or stalk



Conservation Report: The variety of plants and animals (biodiversity) on more than half the world landmass has fallen to potentially dangerous levels according to a study by the Natural History Museum. On 58.1% of the world's lands, land development, including prominently farming, has destroyed significant amounts of habitat. The study, published in the journal *Science*, says that as ecosystems cease to function, there will be negative effects not only on the species involved, but ironically also on farming and poverty eradication.

On a "brighter" note—it's firefly season. Actually, they are members of the beetle family. Eggs are laid on or just below the ground. The larva feed on slugs, snails and worms. The larva hibernate over winter, either in the bark of trees or just below ground. As a result, they are very much subject to pesticide treatments. Natural areas with some moisture, not subject to light pollution (which interferes with mating) are helpful. Some adults do not eat at all, others rely on nectar or pollen. Enjoy the show. *Eric and Lois Barre*

August Workshop:

August 25th at 6pm Stiks and Stones Gardens 307 Port Road, Binghamton, NY . Creating a Hypertufa Planter. Cost is \$20 per person. Please sign up at the August meeting.

Garden Tours: Please be sure to sign up for our upcoming garden tours:

Garden Tour #3:

Thursday, August 18th at 10am: E.W. Heier Teaching Greenhouse at Binghamton University

Water for Sudan: We collected \$17.74 for Water for Sudan at the June meeting and \$31.59 at the July luncheon. Thank you for your contributions!!