Kenmore Garden Club

Mission

The club’s mission is to stimulate an appreciation of gardening and flower arranging among amateurs and to promote civic beautification and conservation.

We Meet

on the 2nd Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.
Kenmore United Methodist Church
32 Landers Rd. at Delaware Rd, Kenmore, NY

Our meetings open to the public, no admission
September through November
January, February and April through June

Members Only for December Holiday Luncheon, March Installation Luncheon

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Our Civic Involvement

• Arbor Day Planting: The Town highway department and garden club plant a tree to celebrate Arbor Day and help designate the Town as a “Tree City USA.”

• Adopt-a-Box: Members have groomed and watered planter boxes placed throughout the town for 40 years.

• Gateway Garden: Members plan and plant the Gateway Garden at
Englewood and Kenmore Avenues.

- **Ken-ton Historical Building**: Kenmore Garden Club members plan, plant, and maintain the planters and gardens created around the site with an emphasis on plants from the turn of the 20th Century. Pine swags and wreaths are added at holiday time.

- **Library Windows** are decorated for National Garden Week and Christmas.

**Other Activities**

- **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site**: Members combine forces to decorate an area of this historic mansion for the annual Victorian Christmas.

- **Members’ Garden Tour**: Several members open their gardens for viewing during the month of July.

**Educational Workshops**: Two to three workshops are planned each year to encourage our creative talents.

**Garden Therapy**: Residents of area nursing homes are led in flower arranging and/or a theme related craft project bi-monthly.

**Perennial Plant Exchange**: Members divide and share perennials from their gardens in May.

**Summer Bus Trip**: Field trips usually include garden tours and shopping.

**Youth Gardening**: Programs are developed for children to foster their interest in horticulture and conservation. Children from the Belmont YMCA are engaged in planting seeds and related garden activities.

**Programs for 2017 – 2018**

2017

**April 11**: “Lovely to Look at...” Everything Hydrangeas by Carol Ann Harlos
Carol Ann will cover culture and characteristics of different types of hydrangeas.
May 9: “Location, Location, Location” Landscape Design and Curb Appeal
Mary Jane Bolo will present a program on Garden Design: The Three Rules to Increase Your Curb Appeal.

June 13: “What Do Your Flowers Say?” Victorian Language of Flowers
This Victorian tea lunch by Nancy Kalieta includes a brief summary of Queen Victoria’s life and discussion of all things Victorian, Flowers and their meanings, legends associated with flowers.

July 11: Garden Walk
Enjoy the gardens of our Garden Club friends. 9:15 am – 12:45 pm

Aug. 8: BUS TRIP!
Our annual tour information TBA

Sept. 12: “Monet and More!”
Julie McIndoo on travels to France, Monet’s Garden and a discussion of Tuscany

Oct. 10: “Which Witch is Which?”
Halloween and the Salem Witch Trials
Terry Skura will enlighten us on the history and lore of the many customs associated with Halloween, and will touch briefly on the history and cause of the Salem Witch trials.

Nov. 14: “Designs with Natural Materials” Arranging for the Holidays. Erin Bauer will center her program on a holiday theme; she will make one large arrangement and two small ones that will be raffled off.

2018

Jan. 9: “Travels with Maryann” Slide presentation by Maryann Jumper on the International Flower Show by the World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA). This show only takes place every three years and the most recent was in Barbados in June 2017. Maryann’s presentation will focus on that show.
Feb. 13: “Improving our Environment”  Rachel Chrostowski will discuss the work of the WNY Land Conservancy, the Niagara Gorge Project and their environmental impact.

April 10: “Birds of a Feather” Tom Kerr of the Buffalo Audubon Society will speak on identifying birds in our area their nesting, migration and feeding habits.

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