

The Gardens

Memory Gardens

Memorial Park

A Memorial Park Dedicated to the Dignity of Mankind

Message from the Director

As Memory Gardens Memorial Park begins its 71st year; I can't help but reflect on our goal to increase our visibility in the community. Without any advertising or fanfare, we have daily walkers with their four legged companions, baby strollers, or alone traversing our roads, ponds, and pathways; interacting with their kin or innermost thoughts. We have families who are visiting their loved ones; privately updating them on current events or reflecting on their lives and how much they are missed.

One of our ideas to increase our outreach into the community is that we would like to invite walking groups and other non-profits to use our lovely grounds for their fundraising causes. Our outermost perimeter road is 1.5 miles long, so a 15 mile walkathon is only ten trips around our park.

Our newly renovated Chapel Building has two side by side chapels that can each hold 50-70 people. With our beautifully manicured grounds and features, I can't help but think that beautiful wedding pictures, with Fountainlawn in the background, would be something to cherish. We have already hosted one wedding and we look forward to hosting more nuptials in 2011.

Lastly, Memory Gardens has a wish list. We are a not-for-profit organization and a donation of any item, would be tax deductible. We would gladly accept any working equipment that could be used on our grounds, such as golf carts, grounds equipment, tractors, and vehicles to lead our funeral processions.

My number is (518) 869-9506 and my email address is director@memorysgarden.org. I look forward to hearing from you, meeting with you, and continuing to make Memory Gardens Memorial Park mean something special to you, your family and friends as much as it means to me.

Thank you,
Kenneth L. Brooks Jr.
Director (Acting)

Guide to Important Dates at Memory Gardens

March 1st to April 15th
Spring clean-up

April 15th to November 1st
Bronze Vases may be used

April 24th
Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am

May 7th
Annual Meeting of Members 10:00 am

November 1st to April 15th
Bronze Vases may not be used

November 1st to 15th
Fall Cleanup

December 9th
Christmas Celebration and Remembrance 6:30 pm

January 31st
Christmas Decoration Removal Begins

Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day
Potted Plants allowed one week before to one week after

Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day
Flags allowed three days before to three days after

To request a detailed list of important dates, please call the office at 518-869-9506. You may also visit our Website at www.memorysgarden.org

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EASTER

Memory Gardens' 70th Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday April 24, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. rain or shine. Conducted by local clergy and broadcast over our Schulmerich Carillon, the service can be heard throughout the grounds. We invite family and friends to enjoy the service from their loved one's resting place or their favorite spot in The Gardens. We recommend arriving at least several minutes in advance to give you adequate time to pick up a program and get situated.

Board of Directors

These dedicated individuals are elected by the lot owners of Memory Gardens and are entrusted with overseeing the operations of the memorial park.

Kenneth L. Brooks, Jr.
Marlene A. Elacqua
Richard P. Jacobson
Donna L. Landy
Patrice Lockart
Andy Marino
Raymond Paradise
Kathryn Prividera
Cheryl Rebhan
Catherine Romano
Teresa Scicchitano-deWaal

Staff

Kenneth L. Brooks, Jr., Acting Director
Carol Durant, Memorial Advisor
Willard Page, Accountant
Dana Strang, Administrative Assistant
Mary Lamb, Office Assistant
Steve Freeman, Superintendent
Pete Luste, Assistant Superintendent
Scott Emerson, Grounds
Bob Rigney, Grounds
Juan Munoz, Grounds
Angel Rivera, Seasonal Grounds

OPENING SOON !

Look for the opening of our
GARDEN OF PARADISE

Located in the back of the gardens, it includes a feature with a fountain and a bronze figure of birds taking flight. There are also benches, landscaping, and a walking area in a tranquil setting.

For more details please call our office at 518-869-9506 or email us at info@memorysgarden.org

Advanced Planning – The Gift of Peace of Mind

The death of a loved one is one of the most tragic experiences that one will endure in their lifetime. Sadly, most families will find themselves poorly prepared to handle this event. The questions, concerns, decisions, and expenses can be substantial and overwhelming, to say the least.

Does your family know what your wishes are? Will it be a casket burial? Mausoleum entombment? Cremation? What about a memorial? The time your family should spend comforting each other and celebrating your life can quickly turn into a time of confusion, stress, and financial burden when faced with these unanswered questions.

Pre-planning gives your family time to properly grieve for the one they loved so dearly and saves them the financial burden of paying for your arrangements. It also saves your insurance benefits to be used for what they are intended for, your family.

Let Memory Gardens help you give your family the gift of time to grieve for their loss and to celebrate your life. Give yourself the gift of knowing that your family will not be unduly burdened. The peace of mind gained will be a great comfort to everyone.

Memory Gardens Memorial Park has assembled a helpful guide to planning cemetery arrangements that will provide you with insight into the options available to you and your family. This packet includes everything you need to know to plan your cemetery arrangements in advance, easing the burden placed on your family at an already difficult time.

For your FREE pre-planning guide, please call our Memorial Advisor, Carol Durant, at 518-869-9506 or send an email to carol.durant@memorysgarden.org.



Each year from May through mid-October, Memory Gardens offers our floral placement service. For a small charge, our staff will place a lovely bouquet in remembrance of your loved one. Both fresh and artificial bouquets are available, and we offer a variety of plans ranging from once per week to a single day.

Fresh bouquets include mixed flowers of bright colors. Choose one or more special dates or take advantage of our weekly plans to ensure your loved one will have a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers from May through mid-October. Artificial bouquets, in seasonal colors, are available for early, mid, and late summer, or select any special date.

Please see the order form on page 11 for plan details.

Place your orders by returning the order form, by calling the office at 518-869-9506, or faxing your order to 518-869-0818. Order forms can be found by selecting the "Flower Shop" link on our website www.memorysgarden.org

Flowers provided by: Frank Gallo & Son Florist

Fountainlawn Memorial Bricks

To help cover the cost of the recent renovation to the fountain in Fountainlawn, Memory Gardens is offering Memorial Bricks to be placed along the existing pathways that run from the road to the fountain.

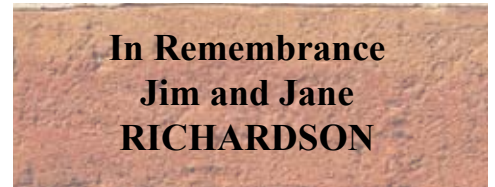
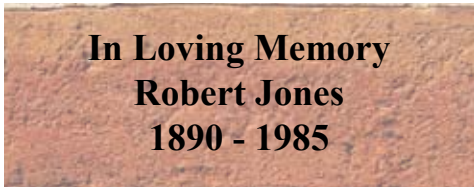
Each brick will be engraved with your choice of wording, whether it is the name of a loved one or a special saying. You can purchase a single brick or we offer a discount for multiple bricks.

We have received our first batch of bricks from the engraver and are excited to begin placing them this spring. Space is limited so be sure to get your order in before space runs out!

To place your order, please complete the form below and send to
Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205
or call our office at 518-869-9506.

Single Brick..... \$125
Two or More Bricks \$100 each

Each brick can accommodate three lines of text; limit of 13 characters per line.
Some suggestions are provided below:



Please provide wording for your Memorial Brick below (PLEASE PRINT).
If you are ordering multiple bricks please, provide wording on an additional page.

If you have questions about verbiage,
Please call (518) 869-9506

Limit of
13 Characters
Per Line

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ **Check Number:** _____

Card Type: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express **Expiration Date:** _____

Card Number: _____ **Security Code:** _____

Name (Print): _____ **Sign:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

_____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____

Please Make Checks Payable to Memory Gardens.

2010 Interments

January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010
Our Hearts and Minds are with the Families of ...

Adair, Russell J.	Bink, Patricia G.	Cheffolway, Imre G. Dr., DDS	DuBois, Gloria P.	Goodale, Foster C.
Adamson, Carol S.	Blair, Geraldine M.	Christensen, Paula M.	Duell, Raymond J.	Goodfriend, Donald E.
Albert, John Henry	Blair, Michael J. Sr.	Christie, Mariel C.	Dupuis, Simone	Goodwill-Davis, Emily L.
Albert, Timothy	Blakemore, John O.	Christo, Peter	Durham, Carmon W.	Greeley, Helen G.
Aldao, Margaret (Marge) M.	Blanchard, Sr., Thomas R.	Clara Schmidt	Dusenbery, Evelyn M.	Greene, Ann M.
Alheim, William J.	Bleser, Mary E.	Clemens, Ave	Dwyer, Dorothy A.	Greenwood, Frederick H.
Allen, Joyce C.	Blum, Martha Ella	Clothier, Robert H.	Dyer, Abram John	Grossi, Anthony A.
Allen, Marilyn	Bohen, Ruth M.	Clough, Joyce K.	Econome, Genevieve	Grounds, Margaret M.
Allen, Monica Grace	Bollinger, James E.	Cloutier, Shirley L.	Edwards, Lucille H.	Guerin, Velia W.
Allen, Virginia B.	Bollock, Raymond C.	Collen, Louis	Egan, Ethel	Gundrum, Ruth D.
Althiser, Eliza J.	Bombard, Shirley E.	Coluccio, Michael C.	Ellis, John	Gunsalus, Joyce B.
Altrock, Mae Jean	Bond, Gwendolyn	Condorousis, Helen	Emerick, Lloyd A.	Haas, Jacob J. Jr.
Alula, Molla	Bonitatibus, Sioban E.	Conley, Daniel J., Sr.	Emerick, Zora F.	Hall, Helen Charlotte
Amell, Warren A.	Bornt, Loie L.	Conlin, Thomas E.	Epting, Veronica	Halse, Glenna B.
Ames, Eleanor L.	Bosko, Mason	Connor, Etta M.	Esposito, Salvatore A.	Halstead, Donald J.
Amsden, Charlotte	Bossalini, Dominick C.	Conover, Marta S.	Ethier, Rita	Hammont, Eugene J.
Amsden, Guy William	Boyack, June E.	Conrad, Caroline L.	Everingham, Kevin	Hanner, Sr., Joseph M.
Anderson, Donald D.	Boyd, Jean M. (Matterson_	Conroy, Bernice M.	Evertsen, Shirley A.	Harriman, Lindy G.
Anisky, Victoria C.	Bradshaw, Ruth V.	Constantini, Grace A.	Fairlee, Glen E.	Harrington, Elizabeth W.
Anson, Roy R.	Bradt, Frederick E.	Cook, George V.	Farrington, Albert J.	Harris, Philp D.
Anzalone, Antoinette	Brant, Alice E.	Cooper, Marion	Feldman, William	Harvey, Jane H.
Archer, Florence A.	Bregenzer, Geraldine M.	Craft, Pearl S.	Fennell, Margaret	Hathaway, Robert E.
Artus, Robert	Brewer, E. Bernice	Cramer, Margaret T.	Ferraro, James J.	Havis, Stanley
Attila, Angelo A.	Bright, George, Jr.	Cratsenberg, Mary C.	Ferris, Elaine H.	Helmes, Marcella E.
Austin, Pauline	Brooks, Robert A.	Crell, Geraldine	Finn, Joan C.	Hennahan, Paul M.
Austin, William H.T., Jr.	Brown (Ika Bollman), Louise E.	Cummings, Martha J.	Fisher, Glenn L.	Henry, Robert
Averill, Jean B.	Brown, Jack N.	Cylkoff, Leon Joseph	Fisher, Myra R.	Heppelle, Frances D.
Babcock, Mildred A.	Brown, Josiah J.	Daly, Teresa A.	Fleming, David	Hermans, Elna V.
Babcock, Viola C.	Brown, Marion R.	Dannhardt, Grace H.	Flemming, Beatrice E.	Hildenbrandt, Marilyn J.
Bain, Dorothy E.	Brown, Robert F.	Danz, Ruth E.	Flesher, LeRoy	Hines, Diane
Bain, John M.	Brown, Robert H.	D'Arcy, Ross D.	Fleshman, Marjorie L.	Hoffman, Herbert
Baniak, Mildred C.	Brown, Ruth F.	Davenport, Marlene J.	Forbes, Staintant	Hoit, Patricia A.
Barner, Shirley	Bulan, Ethel R.	Davis, Dorothy O.	Fowler, Riddick	Hooks, Donald S.
Barnhart, Donald	Bull, Earl A.	Dean, Eugene W.	Fox, Esther A.	Hopkins, Jr., Wellington B.
Bartley, Louise A.	Bullock, James T., Sr.	DeBiase, Ailean D.	Fox, Odette I.	Horan, Iola C.
Bartoli, Jr., James R.	Bulson, Eleanor L.	Dechene, Raymond A.	Fraser, Ruthel A.	Howe, Joan C.
Bartolucci, Lucy E.	Burke, Helen R.	DeConno, Daniel M.	Frey, Donald L., Sr.	Hughes, Jean M.
Bates, Simmie T.	Burns, Margaret A.	DeCuyper, Godelieva H.	Fritzen, Edith L.	Hughes, Marjorie J.
Baumann, Anthony J.	Burns, Shahid Alim	Degener, Pauline	Frye, Marcia A.	Hurd, Dale J., Sr.
Bayne, Joan	Burton-Garland, Cameron Dashari	DeLaMater, Iona (Sandy)	Fusto, Sam	Hutt, Frederick C.
Beach, Jr., William L.	Butler, Evelyn H.	Della Rocco, Elizabeth A.	Gainsley, Lillian	Izzo, Dorothy E.
Beals, Arthur E. & Joane W.	Cain, Howard P.	Deluca, Charlene	Gallagher, Thomas J.	Jacobs, Paula P.
Beauregard, George	Caldwell, Leon C.	Demarest, Leona	Gallon, Dorothy L.	Jankowski, Bernard J., Jr.
Bechard, Joseph F.	Califano, Stephen J.	Dennison, Grace R.	Galusha, Gertrude E.	Jenkins, Kenneth M.
Bell, Wray Emile	Cameron, Genevieve M.	DePoalo, Ruth E.	Gardner, Daniel G.	Jensen, Eric R.
Bennett, Patricia E.	Campbell, DeWitt	Desautels, Lillian	Gaspard, George A.	Jeram, Matthew C.
Bergeron, Thomas A.	Caprood, Shirley	Desrosiers, Corona	Geng, Mabel W.	Jerome, Elnora R.
Bernacki, Pamela M.	Carey, Jeffrey	Deutl, Gloria	Geter, Danielle M.	Jevons, Hazel S.
Bertram, Donald G.	Carlin, Jeanne E.	Dewitt, Gladys L.	Giamis, Charles	Jimolka, Justine C.
Bertrand, Rosena M.	Carlin, William	Dewitt, Shirley M.	Gifford, Eleanor M.	Johnson, Edward D.
Best, Brian	Carnright, Velma M.	Diel, Donald K., Sr.	Gifford, George	Johnson, Louis N.
Betts, Sr., Howard W.	Caron, Helen V.	Dill, Donald A.	Gill, Rodger A.	Johnson, Olive M.
Bezjian, John	Carpenter, Ruth	Dobiel, Virginia M.	Gill, Thomas E.	Joly, David Edgar
Bieling, Dorothy	Carraro, Michael	Dobrucky, Beatrice L.	Glander, Helen	Jones, John Paige
	Carroll, Sylvia A	Dobski, Edward J.	Goddin, Arthur, Jr.	Jones, Marie H.
	Case, Elaine G.	Doten, John Edward	Godfrey, Rev. Luther G.	Jones, Mary Elizabeth
	Chace, Marjorie L.	Dott, John F.	Goes, Cornelius P	Jorgensen, Eleanor R.
	Chase, Mark	Dromms, Elizabeth J.	Goodale, Dorothy A.	Kachidurian, James

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Our Hearts and Minds are with the Families of ...

Kalinchak, Pauline F.
Kampfer-Morrison, Dorothy
Kayser, Frances K.
Keegan, Edward H.
Kells, Frances R.
Kelts, Warren C.
Kenney, Mary Ellen
Keyton, Malvina F.
King, Robert E.
Kingsland, Janet N.
Kirker, Jessie M.
Kirkham, George F.
Klapp, Matthias H.
Klein, Gerald
Kniese, Donald T.
Knost, Sue A.
Kraemer, Robert J.E.
Krueger, Nancy B.
Kysor, Kevin C.
LaBahn, Nancy E.
LaBello, Evelyn W.
LaHart, Gordon O.
Langill, George L., III
Languish, Phyllis G.
Lapierre, Florence M.
Larvia, Clara R.
Lather, John W.
Latkowski, Casimer E.
Lauster, Mildred
LaVigne, Florence M.
Lawyer, Coleen
Lee, Eleanor
Lee, Young Jun
Leisenfelder, Joyce A.
Lenseth, Dorothy
Leonard, William G.
Levine, Florence S.
Lindsay, Emmazine L.
Lohoski, Joseph
Lozier, Alton J.
Lukaszek, Ann
Mabie, Wayne F.
MacDuff, Josephine
MacIntosh, Andrew
MacIntosh, Edith N.
MacIntosh, Jr., Carl E.
MacMillan, Jr., Peter John
Maguire, Gladys M.
Mammano, Elizabeth V.
Mango, Pauline C. (Polly)
Marchese, James S.
Margsonk, Nelda L.
Marinucci, Susan A.
Marone, Rocco J.
Marsett, Donald A.
Martin, June E.
Matelitz, Marion E.
Matlock, Margaret J.
Mayba, Nell F.
Mayell, Barbara E.
McCabe-Beaudoin, Toni
McCann, William F.
McCleave, Nancy E.
McCormick, Catharine C.
McCrum, K. Jean
McGrath, May E.
McKay, Jr., Robert
McLean, Carmen A.
McLean, Vinston M.
Meeson, Miriam E.
Meisner, Geraldine M.
Melber, George
Miaski, Herman W.
Micheli, Shirley A.
Michon, Marilyn
Miller, Jr., Wendell R.
Miller, Lawrence
Moak, Shirley R.
Molnar, Francis
Monaghan, Esther L.
Moran, Antonetta
Morizio, Darlene
Morton, Jr., Charles W.
Moser, Sylvia P.
Mossop, Jason A.
Motto, Joseph C.
Mrak, Frances L.
Muniz, Jordan V.
Munzio, Mary F.
Murray, Anne M.
Murray, Nicholas
Murray, Thomas H.
Nadeau, Raymond
Nass, Marion C.
Naylor, Thelma
Nedeau, Donald K., Sr.
Nejman, Ester A.
Nerbonne, Richard D.
Newhouse, William J.
Nicholson, Thomas K., Sr.
Novak, Florence B.
Novak, Genevieve C.
O'Brien, Mary Ann
O'Clair, Chester Robert
O'Clair, Thomas J.
O'Donnell, David L.
Olwen, Thomas
O'Neil, Mildred A.
O'Toole, James S.
Ott, Lucille B.
Park (Fuller), Mildred D.
Parsons, Edward A.
Patrick, James M.
Paulsen, Paul E.
Payne, Geraldine R.
Pechal, Beatrice L.
Pedonie, Sheila A.
Peters, Caroline H.
Peters, Janet
Pfaffenbach, Julia M.
Pigliavanto, Louis
Piscitelli, Anthony N.
Pittz, Nelson E.
Polito, Angelo C.
Polsinelli, Rosemary
Ponce, Isabel B.
Porcari, Constance
Powell, Pearl
Prater, Mary E.
Pratt, Helen S.
Pratt, Walter S.
Preusser, Robert I.
Prewitt, Lester L.
Priznar, Rose S.
Prystup, Edward S.
Quinn, Mary E.
Race, Lena Mae
Racine, Leo N.
Raciti, James R.
Ragone, Ruth T.
Rapp, Ronald
Rea, Michele
Reamer, Marion E.
Reed, Annabella M.
Revette, David L.
Revette, Veronica E.
Riddick, Mable
Rivers, Ronald Clifton
Robinson, Doris G.
Robinson, Earle A.
Rockenstire, Nadine M.
Rodd, Curtis R.
Roe, Arden E.
Rogers, Cecelia C.
Roland, Laurie B.
Rood, Diane
Root, Marguerite
Ross, Jr., Donald C.
Ross, Robert E.
Rossetti, Sophia Marie
Rowley, Elaine C.
Rowley, Lillian M.
Rowley, Richard R.
Ruskie, Esther F.
Russell, Calvin
Russell, Myrtle M.
Russo, Laura
Ryan, Anna P.
Ryan, Susan I.
Salisbury, Edwin O.
Sanduski, Frank A.
Sandwick, Ruth A.
Sarto, Dorothy J.
Sauer, Sr., Gustave H.
Schell, Dorothy B.
Scherer, Angeline S.
Schermerhorn, Richard J.
Schlotterer, Robert F.
Schols, Leon D.
Sciubba, Claire
Scolaro, Grace J.
Scott, Mary S.
Secor, Howard B.
See 2011
Seitz, Eleanor M.
Seyboth, Cindy Lee
Shattuck, Douglas W.
Sheridan, Mark R.
Shoemaker, Barbara A.
Siegel, Shirley L.
Simkins, Ruth
Simms, Carrie H.
Simon, Archie
Siniapkin Valery
Sinisgalli, Marion C.
Smith, Jean M.
Smith, June W.
Smith, Kathleen M.
Smith, Lillian R.
Snyder, Steven J.
Sokil, Benjamin
Sorenson, William
Sottile, Anthony S.
Sowalskie, Earl F.
Spaulding, Glenda
Speidel, Walter H.
Spiak, John R.
Stafford, Dorothy M.
Staie, Peter G.
Stapleton, Paul
Stenglein, Conrad G.
Stevens, Marlene K.
Stevens, Shirley
Strait, Roberta
Strevel, Lloyd R.
Suito, John D., Sr.
Swasey, Joan M.
Taber, Arthur R.
Taggart, Patricia B.
Talford, Olive R.
Taylor, William R.
Terry, James H.
Thomas, Edwin A., Jr.
Thompson, Rose Marie H.
Thomson, Sally P.
Thomson, Theodore R., Jr.
Thornton, Elizabeth D.
Tinkham (Engel), Margaret L.
Tisaj, Franz
Tommell, Carolyn D.
Tooley, Christine S.
Torres, Derek
Tourville, Marjorie L.
Townley, Joan A.
Travis, Virginia R.
Tromblee, Brian R.
Trunko, Elizabeth C.
Turner, Eleanor E.
Utter, Donald H.
Van Alstyne, Elizabeth A.
Vanbuskirk, Thomas J.
VanDenburg, Edward J.
VanDeusen, Elizabeth A.
VanEpps, Crystal R.
Vanepps, Martha A.,
VanWagenen, Dorothy R.
VanWie, Gary R.
VanWie, Willard
Vawter, Matilda B.
Vitkus, Sandra J.
Vosburgh, Lawrence E.
Wade, Richard A.
Wagoner, Shirley V.
Waite, Orville
Walsh, Arlene J.
Walsh, Barbara V.
Walsh, Jimmy David
Wanmer, Irene B.
Ward, William J., II
Warren, Theresa M.
Waugh, Robert C.
Wawrousek, Hans W.
Waylett, George E.
Welch, Martin J., III
Wellman, Wanita
Wilbur, Benjamin B., Jr.
Wiley, Melvin E.
Wilkinson, Marguerite M.
Willi, Emily A.
Williamson, Lorraine J.
Willis, Sarah
Wilson, Marilizabeth
Winn, Anna E.
Winters, Roberta
Wood, Louise M.
Wood, Sharon L.
Wortz, John L.
Yearsley, Jean A.
Young, Joan B.
Zampella, John G., Jr.
Zoutis, Mary Lou

Memory Gardens, Inc. Annual Meeting of Members

Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Memory Gardens Administrative Building
983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12205

Lot owners are encouraged to attend to show their support, participate in electing members to the Board of Directors, and bring forth any questions and/or concerns.

Items up for vote: Four positions on the Board of Directors

NOTE: Voting and attendance are limited to Lot Owners (those listed on the deed or direct heirs). If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to vote in the annual election please complete and return the proxy form below.

Those who cannot attend or vote, for whatever reason, are always welcome to contact The Board of Directors at any time by writing to the attention of "the Board of Directors" at the cemetery mailing address. Your correspondence will be forwarded to the Board and will receive prompt attention.

**** PLEASE VOTE BY COMPLETING THIS PROXY ****
****ILLEGIBLE OR UNSIGNED PROXIES WILL NOT BE COUNTED ****
Completed PROXY must be post marked no later than April 25, 2011 to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS. The undersigned hereby appoints the current President and Secretary of the Board of Directors, with full power of substitution, to represent the undersigned and as proxies to vote, with all the powers which the undersigned would possess if personally present at the annual meeting of members to be held at the administrative building at 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 on May 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy will be voted as specified by the undersigned. **NOTE:** Please sign full name including middle initial. **Joint owners should each sign.** When signing as attorney, executor, administrator or guardian, please give full title as such.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote IN FAVOR OF Proposal 1 to elect the listed nominees. If no choice is specified, this proxy will be voted IN FAVOR OF the election of all nominees listed in proposal number 1.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

1) Kenneth L. Brooks, Jr.	IN FAVOR OF / WITHHELD
2) Raymond Paradise	IN FAVOR OF / WITHHELD
2) Cheryl Rebhan	IN FAVOR OF / WITHHELD
3) Catherine Romano	IN FAVOR OF / WITHHELD

NAME(S) ON DEED: _____ GARDEN: _____ LOT: _____

Name: (print): _____ Name: (print): _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

ADDRESS: _____ check if new address

Phone: _____ Email: _____



PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

You might recall that our Fall 2010 issue announced that the Board of Directors designated 2010-2011 as the year of improvements. We are pleased to say that many improvements have been made since fall and we would like to fill you in.

Below is a list of recent projects and improvements...

Garden of Heroes - Our newest garden, The Garden of Heroes, was dedicated on September 18, 2010. This garden's feature includes flags and plaques honoring our service men and women and community service personnel. This garden provides a unique way to honor the memory of these courageous individuals.

Fountain Renovation - After several years in disrepair, the fountain in our Garden of Fountainlawn was renovated, including a tiled pool with three small fountains; a beautiful sight in the summer months. This fountain is also easier to care for, preventing the need for frequent maintenance and repairs. We are selling Memorial Bricks to help cover this costly renovation. See the order form in this Newsletter for details.

Chapel Renovation - Phase I of our Chapel renovation project has been completed and Phase II is scheduled to begin this Spring. See the article on page 8 for details.

Flag Placements - On Veterans Day 2010, we were fortunate enough to have members of several local Boy Scout Troops place flags on the resting places of our honored Veterans. The boys walked the entire grounds placing a flag wherever they found a Veterans Memorial. Everyone enjoyed the day and we hope to have them return this year for Memorial Day.

New Windows - Many of the old single-paned windows in the administrative building were replaced this winter keeping our staff a little warmer and saving on heating costs.

New Truck - A new truck was obtained for the grounds, providing a reliable vehicle to care for the grounds and saving time and money by reducing the amount of parts and labor that go into maintaining our older vehicles.

New Bronze Vendor - To expand available options and improve customer satisfaction, we have added Granit Bronz[®], a division of Cold Spring Granite, to our choice of vendors for bronze memorials. We will still be offering the Matthews International products that we have in the past, and now with the many options available you are sure to find just what you are looking for at a price that is right for you. Contact Carol Durant at 518-869-9506 or send an email to carol.durant@memorysgarden.org for details.

Upcoming Projects include...

New Website – scheduled to be up and running this spring (details on page 10)

New Garden – The Garden of Paradise is scheduled to open this spring

Last Supper Renovation – the process to repair or replace the badly weather damaged feature in the Garden of the Last Supper is in the early stages of development

Summer Events – check our signage and website for upcoming events at The Gardens.

If you would like to send a donation to help fund any of the above projects, please send a check payable to Memory Gardens; include the project you are donating to in the memo line. Donations are tax deductible.

If you would like more information, or wish to lend assistance, please contact our office.

CHAPEL RENOVATIONS

I am pleased to report that Phase I of the Chapel renovations was completed in time for our annual Christmas event together with its re-dedication, on December 10, 2010. For those of you who have a chance to drive through the cemetery, please take note of the new roof, the cleaning and restoring of the exterior, all new slate shelves for the new windows together with new doors. The interior was power cleaned, decayed wood replaced, and a new tile floor inside the entire chapel was installed together with a new heating system that has served our families well during the severely cold winter months. Our architect of record, John Riley, designed a new lighting system which enhances the interior. Several pews were purchased from an Episcopal Church in Troy which had been closed, and they now sit inside the Chapel. We are searching for two stained glass windows which we hope to install under the roof's peak, lending natural light to our chapel. You are invited to stop by the office at any time and ask to be taken to view the inside of the Chapel. It is a place of quiet and comfort and we hope you will avail yourselves of visiting your Chapel.

It is our hope to begin Phase II in April. Phase II will consist of an additional 500 square foot space that will offer sitting areas for reflection as well as 300 glass front lit niches for sale to help recoup some of the renovation costs. For more information on purchasing Niches in the Chapel, please stop by and talk to Ken Brooks, Acting Director, or Carol Durant, Memorial Advisor.

I am pleased to have been able to donate my time as Project Manager for this Chapel's renovation. I would be remiss if I did not say a very sincere "thank you" to the office staff at Memory Gardens together with their Grounds Crew who assisted me whenever called upon; and they always did it willingly. They were never too busy to answer a question or to physically help when asked. I look forward to working with them on phase II.

John L. Elacqua, Project Manager



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Memory Gardens would like to thank our members and friends who have been kind enough to make financial contributions to the continual upkeep and improvements of the memorial park.

Chapel Renovation

Betty Manzer In Memory of Seymore E. & Goldie Williams
Kim Kelly In Memory of Leo O. & Florence M. Lapierre
Carol S. Hay In Memory of Marian Hay & C. Sheldon Hay
Richard &
Doris Wieland In Memory of Joseph and Katherine Daniels

General

Norman Morand In Memory of Mary-Dorothy Morand
Maybel D. Monville In Memory of Herbert J. Monville
Linda B. McGraw

Adopt a Wolf

Anne & John Wasielewski In Memory of Teresa A. Daly
Richard P. Jacobson
Kathryn Prividera
Catherine Romano
Teresa Scicchitano-deWaal

Muriel Kinney 1923 - 2011

In our last issue, we highlighted one of our dedicated volunteers, Muriel Kinney. It is with great sadness that we inform you that Muriel passed away the afternoon of Saturday February 19th 2011. She was a dedicated volunteer of Memory Gardens and several other local organizations. Always eager to help, and never afraid to say what was on her mind, Muriel was a joy to have in the office. Muriel was laid to rest at Memory Gardens in the Garden on Fountainlanwn on February 23rd. She will certainly be missed by her many friends and her Memory Gardens family.

Christmas at the Chapel 2010

This year's Annual Christmas Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony was graced with a new venue, our Chapel building. Phase I of the Chapel Renovation Project was completed just in time for the December 10th



service, which also served as the dedication of the Chapel. Also new this year were four artificial Christmas trees lit with energy saving LED lights. Each year these trees will be lit and decorated with ornaments in memory of our loved ones. For those of you who

are unaware, every year our grounds crew carefully remove, pack, and, store the ornaments. They are hung with care the following year, just as you do at home, and serve as a continuing testament to the love we share for those passed.

This year's event welcomed back the Colonie High School Chorus to lead us in holiday songs. Refreshments were served following the service in our Chapel. The first use of our newly renovated space!

We would like to extend special thanks to our families and friends who braved the bitter cold to attend. Each time we gather as a Memory Gardens family to remember our loved ones is meaningful and enjoyable.

Our Annual Christmas Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony is always held the second Friday of December.

We look forward to seeing you next year!

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Father Geoffrey D. Burke – Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Pastor Paul Koehn - Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Pastor Mark Mueller – Bethlehem Lutheran Church

John Elacqua – Chapel Project Chairman

Marlene Elacqua – Chapel Fundraising Chair

John Riley – Architect

Coccadotts

Colonie High School Chorus

The Desmond

Stewart's Shops

We would also like to thank **Paradise Tree Service** (The Other Side of Paradise) for donating a gorgeous 7 ft Christmas tree for the lobby of our administrative building.



Planned Gifts -

Have you ever thought about planned giving?

Would you like to help Memory Gardens be the memorial park we all know it should be - a place of beauty where anyone can come to remember a loved one or simply enjoy the tranquility that is the gardens?

Because Memory Gardens is a not-for-profit organization, we rely on contributions to help fund projects and improvements. There are many ways our lot owners and friends can contribute. Planned giving is one of them.

A Planned gift is a major gift, made in life or at death, as part of the donor's overall financial and/or estate planning.

Donations can be cash, appreciated securities/stock, real estate, artwork or other valuable estate items, property, life insurance, retirement benefits, etc.

Benefits that the donor might be eligible for include a charitable deduction on your taxes. Some popular methods of planned gifts include donations through bequest, life insurance, or retirement plans.

If you are interested in making a gift to Memory Gardens, or would simply like more information, call our office at 518-869-9506 or send an email to info@memorysgarden.org.



Seeking Gardeners!

Do you have a green thumb? Or maybe you just enjoy spending time out in the summer weather? Why not put your time and talents to use at Memory Gardens.

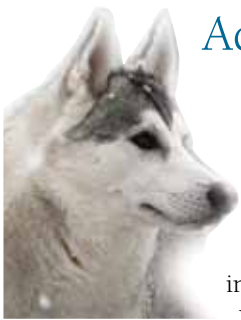
Our grounds crew spends countless hours maintaining the gardens by mowing, weeding flower beds, trimming hedges, etc. Unfortunately, limited staff and budget do not always allow us to accomplish all that we would like.

As highlighted in our last issue, we are lucky enough to have two caring individuals that lend their time and effort to caring for The Gardens. We are in search of more.

We are seeking individuals willing to volunteer as Memory Gardens Gardeners. Spend a sunny afternoon weeding the flower beds or edging memorials. Lend your expertise to updating some of our older flower beds. For those of you out of town, why not contribute by sending a donation to cover the cost of new shrubs or trees?

What a wonderful tribute it would be to your family and friends to beautify their place of final rest.

If you would like more information or would like to sign up as a gardener, please call our office at (518)869-9506 or send an email to info@memorysgarden.org



Adopt a Wolf Update

We are pleased to announce that our first "litter" of adopted wolves has arrived!

These wolf silhouettes will be mounted on spindles and placed by our ponds in hopes of deterring the increasing number of geese that frequent the gardens. While a few geese here and there are enjoyable, large congregations cause problems including damage to the grass and leaving droppings on burial sites.

If you wish to adopt a wolf of your own send \$40* to:
Memory Gardens
983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12205.

Please include "adopt a wolf" in the memo line of your check.

*while \$40 covers the complete cost of one wolf, donations of any amount are welcome.



What's Old Is New Again

We here at Memory Gardens have endeavored to restore or renew several features in our gardens to uphold the highest standards for all to honor and memorialize loved ones. One of the things that you would not notice as you visit or drive through our beautiful park is our website. We are delighted to announce that this too is being updated. Not only are we giving it a new look and feel but we are adding some new functionality and enhancing the overall user experience. The new site is currently under construction and is expected to be launched in the spring. We encourage you to visit our website at memorysgarden.org and once our new site is launched, you will be automatically re-directed. Watch this space in our fall newsletter for more details.

Send us your Email Address

We are continuing to build our email database and would appreciate if lot owners and friends could send us your current email address. Also, please be sure to update us with any changes in your mailing address.

Lasting Tributes

Memory Gardens offers two very special tribute options to memorialize your loved one, the entire family, or a special friend.

Memorial Benches of polished granite include a bronze plaque with wording of your choice.

Living Tributes include a Memorial Tree with the option of a bronze plaque placed at the foot.





Memory Gardens

2011 Floral Placement Service

***** Placement service begins May 1st and ends October 15th. *****

- Plan 1 – 25 Fresh Bouquets** -- Once per week \$332.00
Fresh flowers each week from May through mid-October.
- Plan 2 – 15 Bouquets** -- Every other week \$200.00
Includes Memorial Day, July 4th, Mother’s Day, and Father’s Day.
- Plan 3 – 10 Fresh Bouquets** -- Every three weeks \$133.00
Includes Memorial Day, and July 4th.
- Plan 4 – 5 Fresh Bouquets** -- Select 5 Special Dates* \$67.00
(Dates must be between May 1st and October 15th)
- Plan 5 – 1 Fresh Bouquet** -- Select any Special Day* \$14.00
(Dates must be between May 1st and October 15th)
- Plan 6 – Artificial Bouquet** -- Early, Mid, Late Summer \$22.00 each
Select one, two, or three placements, or any special date(s)

*Our staff does not place on Sundays or Holidays

Flowers provided by Frank Gallo & Son Florist.

**Please complete the order form and return it to us with payment or
you may call our office at 518-869-9506 to place your order.**

(Detach and return bottom portion with your payment)

MEMORY GARDENS FLORAL PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

Plan # 1 Plan # 2 Plan # 3
 Plan # 4 Choose dates: _____
 Plan # 5 Choose date: _____ Plan # 6 (Artificial \$22.00 each): Early ___ Mid ___ Late ___
 Name of Deceased: _____
 Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____
 Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____
 Card Type: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Expiration Date: _____
 Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____
 Name (Print): _____ Sign: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 _____ Date: _____
 Email: _____
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- By email: info@memorysgarden.org

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday Closed
Any time by appointment

Grounds Open

7:00 am – 8:00 pm Spring/Summer
7:00 am – 5:00 pm Fall/Winter

www.memorysgarden.org

*Flower Order
Form Enclosed*



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