

WARWICK VALLEY GARDENERS (WVG)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR MARCH 1, 2023 - FEBRUARY 28, 2024



DATE: _____

Your information for our yearbook:

NAME: _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER: _____

ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

TOWN, STATE, ZIP: _____

PREFERRED PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY (Month & Day): _____

May we use your name and photo for Publicity? (News, Social Media)

YES NO

PLEASE SELECT ONE CHOICE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden Name: _____

FUNDRAISER (circle choice)

Garden Tour OR Barn Sale subcommittee: _____

1 CLUB COMMITTEE OR POSITION OF YOUR CHOICE

Committee/Position Name: _____

HOSTING DATE

First Preference: _____

Second Preference: _____

Share your interests and availability below so we may get to know you better!

COMMUNITY GARDENS

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We have 9 community gardens located throughout Warwick and Pine Island. Garden sizes range from a small flagpole garden up to large gardens with multiple beds. Garden participation includes taking part in maintenance such as weeding, planting, debris removal and watering. All active members must attend as many scheduled work dates as possible.

Please indicate your choice on the membership form

Doc Beers Memorial

Memorial Park Drive

This garden is commemorated to the memory of Doc Beers, a beloved Warwick Veterinarian. It has been maintained by Warwick Valley Gardeners since 1995. The committee enjoys seeking out plants with animal or creature names. With the help of the Village DPW, an inviting bench was installed in 2015. Our committee's plan is to maintain this garden for local pollinators.

The Flagpole Garden

132 Kings Highway, Warwick Town Hall

Located in the driveway in front of Warwick Town Hall, the circular bed of perennials and colorful grasses coordinate with two seasonal flower pots which serve as the perfect accent for this imposing building. This garden was established in 1993.

Local Heroes' Garden (Large Garden)

McFarland Drive at Warwick Grove entrance

The Local Heroes' Garden was created to honor those Police, Fire and EMT professionals who put their lives on the line every day on our behalf. Created in an abandoned area at the end of Veterans' Memorials Park by Warwick Valley Gardeners and members of the community, this lovely perennial garden offers a display of color and blooms throughout the growing seasons. In 2013 it was awarded First Place in the Community Gardens category by the Federated Garden Clubs of America.

Pine Island Butterfly Garden & Habitat (Large Garden)

Kay Rd. and Treasure Lane, Pine Island Park

The Butterfly Garden and Habitat at Pine Island Park continues to be a focal point of beauty and education for young and old alike. During peak butterfly season children walk the paths in search of and counting how many different butterflies they can spot. Educational displays add to the knowledge as does the fun of the Monarch photo cutout. Our efforts were rewarded with an increase in the Monarch population. Many other pollinators frequent the garden such as hummingbirds, bees and dragonflies. The Wetlands Garden (formerly the Dragonfly area) also adds to the texture of the area as well as being a habitat for moisture-loving insects.

Railroad Green (Large Garden)
Railroad Avenue

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2022, Railroad Green is in the center of Warwick. The Green was designed in 2002 by a committee headed by Village Trustee Bill Iurato and included Warwick Valley Gardeners as well as garden-minded community volunteers. Renowned gardening book author, Ken Druse, helped us pull it all together. The Green is the hub of events for our club and our community. Year round you can see people of all ages enjoying the award-winning landscape, relaxing on the lawn, or swaying to music from a summer concert. Warwick Valley Gardeners has continued the designing and upkeep of the gardens for over 20 years, planning and planting the seasonal displays of the planters and garden borders. We have planted a memorial weeping redbud tree in remembrance of Ruth Durland and installed a bench in memory of Dorothy Anderson. Both members gave tirelessly to our club.

Village Hall Garden
Wheeler Avenue

Village Hall Garden is a small but well-established perennial garden with daffodils and tulips in the spring and colorful annuals to augment the perennials of hydrangeas, roses, hosta, spirea and sedums for the summer months. Ornamental cabbages are added for fall adornment and the winter berries are always a pop of red against the bleak winter snow.

Welcome to Warwick Garden at Forester Avenue
Intersection of Galloway Road and Forester Avenue

Bordering Hallowed Ground Park, this Garden was established in 1996. In spring, flowers and bulbs blanket the ground in front of gorgeous Kwanza Flowering Cherry trees. The garden flows into summer with a mix of annuals and perennials and a winter scene welcomes all who are "Home for the Holidays"

Welcome to Warwick Garden at Maple Ave/17A/94
Intersection of Galloway Road/17A/94

Established in 1997, this garden is a well-traversed entry into Warwick Village. The welcoming sign surrounded by a tiny garden grabs your eye with its beauty. Dedicated and daring members of our garden club have climbed the steep slope to plant and maintain this garden with inspired seasonal designs.

World Trade Center Memorial Garden
Memorial Park Drive

Located on the left side of Memorial Park Drive as one enters the park, this garden was designed in 2002. The tragedy that affected our nation left families still feeling the loss of seven residents. Alongside Wawayanda Creek, this memorial garden, which is illuminated at night, was designed with two black granite pillars representing the towers that are surrounded by plantings. Benches at the base of the pillars allow for quiet remembrance. A ceremony is held at the memorial annually on September 11.

FUNDRAISERS

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All proceeds from Fundraisers are used to enrich and beautify the Warwick Community

Primary Yearly Fundraiser

Countryside Garden Tour (Fundraiser)

Saturday July 8 *rain date July 9. 9am - 4pm

Positions are listed in order of need. Please indicate Garden Tour sub-committee on form

Subcommittees

Tour Booklet Ad Sales

Prior to the tour, canvas local merchants and businesses to purchase a tour booklet ad. Collect funds and forward ad info to chair.

50/50 Raffle

Participate in the sale of 50/50 tickets at various Warwick locations prior to the tour, as well as at the after tour party. Collect funds.

Posters

Prior to the tour, assist in distributing tour flyers to shops and businesses throughout the local Warwick Valley area to promote and advertise the tour.

Garden Selection

Network with friends, landscapers and neighbors as well as drive around to scout out new locations for the next years' tour. Coordinate with chair.

Garden Greeters

Greeters are stationed at the tour gardens for several hours on the day of the tour to welcome visitors, direct traffic, and help our tour attendees in any way needed.

Tour Booklet

Write creative descriptions for tour gardens and assemble photos for each garden. Assemble info from Ad sales. Assist in proofreading tour booklet copy.

After Tour Party

This event is held the night of the tour. Committee members assist in locating a venue, coordinating catering, decorations if needed, and other assistance needed by the chair. Attend 1 or 2 brief meetings with committee.

Ticket Sales

On the day of the tour, sell and help manage tickets to tour attendees at Railroad Green. Track guest participation, collect money and hand out tour booklets.

Map and Directions

Prior to the tour, this committee determines the order of the gardens as well as the best driving route, creating a map, from garden to garden for the day of the tour. Forward information to Tour Booklet Chair.

Signage

Place large street signs in the Warwick area to promote our tour. Assist in placing directional signs along the tour route for tour attendees as determined by the Map and Directions committee. Coordinate with chair.

The Barn Sale is an alternate year Fundraiser.

Barn Sale will be held in Fall of 2023.

Barn Sale (Fundraiser)

General

All members participate in cleaning out their basements, garages, attics, etc. for items to donate for sale. Deliver to sale location. Attend 1 or 2 brief committee meetings.

Subcommittees

Setup

Cleaning of sale location, if necessary. Arrange items on tables by sale category such as Housewares, Garden, Holiday, etc.

Unpacking and Pricing

Organize donations on specific category tables and mark with price determined by chair

Staffing & Checkout

Assist day(s) of the sale keeping tables organized as items are sold. Help package and wrap items and collect money at checkout.

Cleanup for Donation

At the end of the sale, all leftover items are packaged and picked up by a large reputable donation company determined by the chair.

CLUB COMMITTEES

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Below is a brief description of committees and positions.
Please contact Committee chairs or your mentor for more details.

We have 3 different types of Committees.

Club Committees - See Below

Community Gardens - See Garden section tab or page.

Fundraisers - See Fundraisers section tab or page

Academic Scholarship (Club Committee)

Determine the recipient of our \$1000 scholarship (yearly) to a WHS student who continues their education in the field of agriculture or horticulture related fields. Attend brief committee meeting(s) as needed. Help present scholarship at WVG club meeting

Arbor Day (Club Committee)

Assist in determining location of tree plantings.

Attend brief committee meeting if needed. Attend Arbor Day planting in April.

Awards (Club Committee)

Assist chair in understanding and applying for District, State and Federated awards.

Attend brief meeting(s) as needed. Help with forms.

Garden Therapy (Club Committee)

At this time, due to COVID restrictions at Mt Alverno Assisted Living, social activity is not allowed. Several members make floral arrangements and deliver them to the facility. Once restrictions are lifted, all members of this committee organize and attend several yearly activities with seniors at Mt Alverno to guide them in flower arranging.

Historian (Position)

Assist and coordinate with chair to document and organize articles, photographs, news announcements, and other publicity of the club's works, events, and awards received by the club over our history. Help in collating into scrapbooks and photo albums, as well as work toward a more digital presence.

Holiday Project & Holiday Party (Club Committee)

Attend one meeting the 1st week of October to discuss theme & holiday party.

Attend 2 workshops at members' homes (1st & 2nd Sat in November) to assemble winter decorations for Railroad Green. Help supply seasonal greens if necessary and install at RR Green. Attend brief committee meeting to plan the Holiday Party which follows immediately after the lighting. Decorate week of 11/14, lighting 11/19.

Horticulture (Club Committee)

Assist chair in researching new and improved horticulture information and help present to the club several times per year at club meetings.

Hosting (Club Committee)

Every active member must sign up to help setup, provide refreshments, and cleanup at 1 club meeting per year. Coordinate with hosting chairperson for the assigned meeting.

Library Book Donations (Club Committee)

Assist in selection of various horticulture books for local libraries. Attend 1 brief committee meeting. Help to present books at club meeting.

Membership (Club Committee)

Network to enroll new members and provide them with club information. Assist with member sign-in at club meetings. Help coordinate fall membership renewal meeting. Engage new members at functions to make them feel welcome. Attend brief committee meeting(s) as needed. Distribute yearbooks at spring luncheon.

Newsletter (Club Committee)

Work together to assemble club news, horticulture news, etc. Arrange information into online format to send to the club.

Parliamentarian (Position)

This position guides the club in the correct use of Robert's Rules of Order at club meetings and other functions.

Photographers (Club Committee)

Document club activities and social events through pictures and videos. Forward to the Club President.

Programs (Club Committee)

Search for speakers, programs and field trips that educate and bring new and exciting information to members.

Publicity (Club Committee)

Administer and moderate all WVG Facebook posts. Monitor the WVG Facebook website. Write articles for publications to secure public notice or attention. This includes quarterly submissions to both Warwick and Pine Island Chamber of Commerce as well as sending them the Calendar of events in January. Write and submit press releases from facts provided by club members. Prior to Fundraisers, assist in creating write-ups for local newspapers, magazines, and social media. Coordinate with Fundraiser Chair. Write Thank You letters to the editor after Fundraising events.

Spring Member Appreciation Luncheon (Club Committee)

Locate restaurant for members' only luncheon (usually The Landmark Inn). Organization includes making flower arrangements for tables, help design flyer to send to members, keep track of lunch orders and receive payments. Ask Publicity to design agenda cards for tables. Arrange with Programs for a speaker if no new club officers are being installed.

WVG Membership Talk (Position)

A private Facebook group to share inspiration and information. Contact Nancy Arthur for access. Voluntary for WVG members.

Yearbook (Club Committee)

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Work in conjunction with all committee chairs to produce a Calendar of Events, collect member information and photographs. Assemble and produce a reference yearbook for the coming year. Assist in proofreading copy.

Youth Gardeners (Club Committee)

Guide and instruct elementary school students of Warwick to help plant and maintain a Youth Garden of plants and vegetables on the grounds of Pine Island Elementary School during the summer months. Attend several plantings during the season at the garden and help guide the students.

HOSTING

All members participate in Hosting one meeting per year.

Each member chooses a meeting to host when signing up.

Hosting means bringing refreshments for members to enjoy during the meeting.

The Hosting Chairperson coordinates who is bringing what to each meeting.

2023/2024 meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday April 18, 2023

Tuesday May 16, 2023

Tuesday June 20, 2023

Saturday July 22, 2023

Tuesday September 19, 2023

Tuesday October 17, 2023

Tuesday November 21, 2023

Saturday January 20, 2024