

**WARWICK VALLEY GARDENERS (WVG)**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR MARCH 1, 2024 - FEBRUARY 28, 2025**



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Your information for our yearbook:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Active / Associate

SPOUSE/PARTNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OR PO BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY (Month & Day): \_\_\_\_\_

May we use your name and photo for publicity? Y / N

**PLEASE INDICATE AT LEAST ONE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNDRAISER (See fundraiser page for sub-committees)

Garden Tour: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB COMMITTEE OR POSITION OF YOUR CHOICE

Committee/Position Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HOSTING DATE

First/Second Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO**

We are a not-for-profit organization seeking to develop an active interest in gardening and horticulture and stimulate interest in community service and civic beautification. Please visit our website at [www.warwickgardeners.com](http://www.warwickgardeners.com). Warwick Valley Gardeners celebrated 30 years of serving the Warwick Community in 2022! We are members of Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. (Tenth District) and the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. (Central Atlantic Region)

We have eight meetings per year and generally meet the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Meetings are typically held at 7pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Warwick. 95 Kings Highway. Meetings are run by WVG Board Members.

We plan, plant and maintain 9 community gardens, focus on Community Service in multiple ways, and have committees to support our organization.

Membership is open to all.

An active member is asked to participate in the following each year:

- Serve one or more Community Garden
- Serve on one or more Club Committee OR Position
- Participate in a Fundraiser
- Hosting one meeting
- Attend at least 3 of 8 meetings per year

Membership Benefits Include:

- Educational lectures from horticulture experts
- Field trips to historical gardens and private tours
- Discounts from local Garden Centers
- Voting Privileges
- Opportunities to participate in District, State & National Garden Club functions and classes
- Learning about gardening from experienced gardeners and Master Gardeners
- Meeting people who have a passion for gardening; beginners, novices or experts

Dues are \$30 per year.

Membership runs March 1 through February 28

**Make checks payable to:**

Warwick Valley Gardeners

PO Box 562

Warwick NY 10990

## **COMMUNITY GARDENS**

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 flowerpots 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. Many other pollinators frequent the garden such as hummingbirds, bees, and dragonflies. In 2023 this committee installed a water feature for pollinators

and subsequently won awards for environment and conservation, appreciation for community projects, and wildlife survival.

### **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**

*Route 17A/94S*

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

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

Primary Yearly Fundraiser:

### **Countryside Garden Tour**

Saturday June 29 (Rain date June 30) 9am - 4pm

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

### **Subcommittees**

#### *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.

#### *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.

#### *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.

#### *50/50 Raffle*

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

#### *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.

### *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.

### *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.

### *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.

## CLUB COMMITTEES

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 Gardens section

**Fundraisers** - See Fundraisers section

### *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)*

This committee meets bi-monthly Saturday mornings with Seniors at Schervier Pavilion at St. Anthony's hospital. Residents will be assisted by committee members to make seasonal floral arrangements and learn to design their own creations with fresh cut flowers.

### *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.

#### *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.

### *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 WVG Facebook page and posts. Submit articles, press releases, photos to publications to secure public notice or attention. This includes quarterly submissions to Warwick and Pine Island Chamber of Commerce. Prior to Fundraisers, assist in creating write-ups for local newspapers, magazines, and social media. Coordinate with Fundraiser Chair.

### *Spring Member Appreciation Luncheon (Club Committee)*

Organize members' only luncheon (usually The Landmark Inn). Duties include making flower arrangements for tables, design flyer to send to members, keep track of lunch orders and receive payments. Arrange for a speaker if club officers aren't 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)*

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.

### **2024/2025 meeting dates are as follows:**

Tuesday	April 16, 2024
Tuesday	May 21, 2024
Tuesday	June 18, 2024
Saturday	July 20, 2024
Tuesday	September 17, 2024
Tuesday	October 15, 2024
Tuesday	November 19, 2024
Tuesday	January 21, 2025