Spring 2013

The Gardens
Memory Gardens
Memorial Park

A Memorial Park Dedicated to the Dignity of Mankind

President's Message

As we are fast approaching the "Rite of Spring" hopefully the warm weather will arrive and embrace each of us.

Our Easter Sunrise Service is scheduled for March 31st at 7 a.m. If you have attended in the past, the sight of the sun rising over the Gardens, the sounds of the Carillon and the words from Pastor Bruce Cornwell, give true meaning to the beauty and tranquility of Memory Gardens. Please join us if you can.

Through the many donations and efforts from those responding to the "Friends of the Garden" requests, repairs and enhancements are scheduled to the Features suffering from issues with weather and time. We are truly grateful for your generosity and thoughtful remembrance. Thank you.

Our Annual Lot Owners Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 10 a.m. – doors open at 9 a.m. A "lot owner" is a person who holds lawful title to a deed. One vote may be cast per deed. Only those who are lot owners may attend this meeting. You will be asked for a photo ID along with the name of the lot owner whose deed you hold. Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to return your signed Proxy Card, found on page 3, no later than April 22nd. On page 2 you will find a brief biography on four new Board of Directors along with three current Directors up for re-election.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many dedicated, hard-working and loyal employees of the Gardens: under the direction of Andrew Carroll, Director; Office Staff: Chris Reivik and Dorothea Martin; Will Page, Accountant; Memorial Advisors: Carol Durant and Joe Mazmanian. Each provides professional guidance and attention to every detail of our daily business. Our Grounds Crew under the direction of Pete Luste, keeps the grounds in pristine condition, also accommodating the needs of our lot owners. Throughout this entire winter we have not had one day when we had to close due to inclement weather.

Your Board of Directors prime concern is to continue in providing you and your loved ones with a dignified, serene and beautiful place of remembrance. We wish you and yours a blessed Easter season and a Spring filled with joy and happiness.

Catherine Romano

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President

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Guide to important dates at Memory Gardens

March 1st to April 15th
Spring cleanup: All decorations are removed

March 31st
Easter Sunrise Service (parkwide) 7 a.m.

April 15th to November 1st
Bronze vases may be used until November 1

May 4th
Annual Lot Owners Meeting at Cemetery Office, 10 a.m.

November 1st to April 14th
Bronze vases in markers not to be used

November 1st to November 15th
Fall cleanup: All decorations are removed

December 13th
Christmas Celebration and Remembrance at the Chapel, 6 p.m.

January 31st
Holiday decoration removal begins

Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day
Potted plants allowed three days before and three days after

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

For more details visit our website
www.memorygardens.org

Easter Sunrise Service March 31st

Memory Gardens' 72st annual Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7 a.m. on Easter, March 31, 2013, rain or shine. The Rev. Bruce Cornwell of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will conduct the service, which will be broadcast throughout the grounds over our Schulmerich Carillon. 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.

A look at the Board directors who are seeking election or re-election

Three members of the Memory Gardens Board of Directors – Marlene A. Elacqua, Richard P. Jacobson, and Donna L. Landy – are seeking re-election to three-year terms at the Annual Lot Owners Meeting on May 4, 2013.

A vacancy was created when Board Director Kathryn Prividera passed away in October 2012. At its February 2013 regular meeting, the Board appointed Mrs. Prividera's son, Salvatore I. Prividera Jr., to complete her term, which expires in 2015. A majority of the Board also voted to amend the by-laws to expand the number of directors from 11 to 14. The Board subsequently appointed Frank J. Coluccio, Beverly J. Emerick, and Valerie Konopka to the newly-created positions. All three are seeking election to three-year terms at the Annual Lot Owners Meeting.

Frank J. Coluccio

Mr. Coluccio is a lieutenant with the Albany Fire Department. He is a New York State-certified emergency medical technician and buildings and code inspector. Mr. Coluccio is a licensed master electrician. He previously served as a construction rehab specialist for the Albany Community Development Agency.

Marlene A. Elacqua

Mrs. Elacqua was appointed to the Board in 2004. She has served as past president of the Board, and was the founder of "Friends of the Gardens." Mrs. Elacqua has served on various committees throughout her tenure. She is the author of the children's book, "The Trevor Tree...and the importance of keeping your word."

Beverly J. Emerick

Mrs. Emerick and her late husband, Gordon C. Emerick, opened the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home in Clifton Park in 1960. The Emericks sold the business in 1993, and Mr. Emerick passed away in April 2012. Mrs. Emerick is still involved in the funeral home through various supportive efforts. She is a member of the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church and the Halfmoon Historical Society.

Richard P. Jacobson

Mr. Jacobson is seeking re-election to his second full term on the Board. He is currently serving as one of the vice presidents of the Board, and served as president during the 2009-10 term. Mr. Jacobson is an attorney in private practice in Colonie.

Valerie Konopka

Valerie Konopka is a native of New York State who has a bachelor's degree in Management from Regis University in Denver and a master's degree in Management/Organizational Behavior from the University of Phoenix. Her career has included senior level leadership and management roles in healthcare, business, consulting and teaching.

Donna L. Landy

Mrs. Landy was appointed to the Board in February 2011. She serves on the Information Technology, Finance, and Bylaws Review committees. Mrs. Landy is the policy and procedure manager for the Mortgage Division of M&T Bank.

Salvatore I. Prividera Jr.

Mr. Prividera brings more than 25 years of experience as a communications professional to the Board. He is a former newspaper editor, and has directed internal and external communications programs for two statewide trade associations. Mr. Prividera is director of communications for the New York State Association of REALTORS.

Board seeks lot owners' approval of by-laws revisions

After more than a year of painstaking work, the Board of Directors has comprehensively revised Memory Gardens' by-laws, which govern the management of our organization. The revision was needed to stabilize the integrity of the by-laws and bring them into compliance with not-for-profit corporation law.

In accepting the updated by-laws at its October 2012 meeting, the Board approved their immediate implementation subject to approval by a majority vote at the May 4, 2013 Annual Lot Owners Meeting. At its February 2013 meeting, a majority of the Board amended the by-laws again to expand the number of directors from 11 to 14. The revised and previous by-laws (last updated in 2008) are accessible via a tab on the Memory Gardens website, memorygardens.org

Memory Gardens' lot owners are encouraged to read the updated by-laws before voting to enact the changes at the lot owners meeting or by the proxy on page 3 of this newsletter. Hard copies of the previous and revised by-laws are also available at the Memory Gardens office.

Board of Directors

These dedicated individuals are entrusted with overseeing the operations of Memory Gardens:

Gordon Bell
Frank J. Coluccio
Marlene A. Elacqua
Beverly J. Emerick
Anthony T. Garufi
Richard P. Jacobson
Valerie Konopka
Donna L. Landy
Andy Marino
Raymond Paradise
Salvatore I. Prividera Jr.
Cheryl Rebhan
Catherine Romano
Teresa Scicchitano-deWaal

Staff

Andrew Carroll, Administrator
Will Page, Accountant
Carol Durant, Memorial Advisor
Joe Mazmanian, Memorial Advisor
Chris Reivik, Administrative Assistant
Dorothea Martin, Office Assistant
Pete Luste, Grounds Superintendent
Kenneth Pappalau, Assistant Grounds Superintendent
Scott Emerson, Groundskeeper
Juan Muñoz, Groundskeeper
Robert Rigney, Groundskeeper

Memory Gardens, Inc.

Annual Meeting of Lot Owners

10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2013

at the Memory Gardens Administrative Building
983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205

NOTE: Voting and attendance are limited to Lot Owners (those listed on the deed or direct heir). Lot Owners may vote either in person **OR** by completing and returning the proxy form below. 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.

****ILLEGIBLE OR UNSIGNED PROXIES WILL NOT BE COUNTED ****
Completed proxy must be postmarked no later than April 22, 2013 to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2013 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 4, 2013 at 10 a.m., or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy will be voted as specified by the undersigned. Further, the undersigned grants full power to the current President and Secretary of the Board of Directors to act as the undersigned's proxy on any proposals arising other than Proposals 1 and 2.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote IN FAVOR OF Proposals 1 and 2. If no choice is specified, this proxy will be voted IN FAVOR OF Proposals 1 and 2.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

1) Frank J. Coluccio	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	**/**	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
2) Marlene A. Elacqua	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	**/**	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
3) Beverly J. Emerick	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	**/**	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
4) Richard P. Jacobson	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	**/**	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
5) Valerie Konopka	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	**/**	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
6) Donna L. Landy	**Three-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	**/**	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**
7) Salvatore I. Prividera Jr.	**Two-Year Term**	**IN FAVOR OF**	**/**	**NOT IN FAVOR OF**

Proposal 2: Amended By-laws

To accept the Memory Gardens by-laws as amended by the Board of Directors on October 9, 2012 and February 12, 2013.

IN FAVOR OF / NOT IN FAVOR OF

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

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

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ❑ check if new address

_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2012 Interments

July 1 through December 31, 2012

Our Hearts and Minds are with the Families of …

Adams, James Gordon
Adams, Olive M.
Adams, Ruth M.
Amodeo, Grace E.
Anatriello, Matteo C.
Anderson, Arlene
Anderson, George Raymond
Andres, Margaret M.
Anzalone, Charles J. Sr.
Audino, Nicola
Babin, Alexander S.
Balcom, Manning L.
Banks, Marjory A.
Barber, Frances M.
Barcher, Janice M.
Batto, Helen R.
Beddow, Claudine M.
Benedetto, Melissa J.
Bennett, Patricia W.
Benzal, Paul
Berghela, Nicholas C.
Berical, Myrtle T.
Beyer, Lorraine A.
Biittig, John W.
Blanchard, Gerard E.
Bliven, Wayne E.
Blom, Lowell A.
Boink, Clara
Boner, Onilee
Bonesteel, Ruth P.
Booker, Mary E.
Bortell, Allison D.
Bortell, Shirley W.
Bottom, James R., Sr.
Boyle, Geraldine
(aka Doyle & Hannah)
Brennan, Marcy I.
Brokaw, Sandra J.
Brooks, John D., Jr.
Brooks, Muriel O.
Brough, Jane N.
Bruno Williams, Mary Ella
Bryda, Donald E. SR.
Burnetter, Thomas A., Jr.
Burns, Laurie E.
Cacciolfi, Juanita N.
Cady, Mary Ann
Caldwell, William T.
Cameron, Nancy Grace
Campbell, Hugh H., Jr.
Campbell, Joan A.
Capen,Erwin
Cappallo, Virginia M.
Caron, Ida
(aka Caron Parsons)
Casey, John R., Sr.
Cassin, E. Ronald
Catalano, Dominic G.
Cave, Ernest C.Jr.
Childs, Rita N.
Cioppa, Janice R.
Coleman, Matthew C.
Coleman, Phyllis A.
Coleman,Leila S.
Collen, Dorothy Katherine
Collins, Donald Edward
Colvin, Robert E.
Commerford, Lawrence N.
Connelly, Donald E. Sr.
Connolly, Ruth E.
Connor, Phyllis M.
Connor, Sarah Ann Duncan
Cook, Linda Ann
Cook, Thomas E. III
Corey, James A., Sr.
Coulter, Walter A.
Coutts, Dorian E.
Crouch, Nancy E.
Crupi, Edward F.
Crusius, Anna C.
Curtis, W. Robert
Daly, Bartholomew F.
Dankhoff, Julie Hall
Dankhoff, Walter Frank
Davis, Dorothy M.
Davis, Richard E.
Deeb, William M.
DeJulio, Michael J.
Devoe, Arthur L. Jr.
Dewes, Virginia W.
DiCarlo, Marjorie J.
Dinsmore, Roger E.
Duffy, Paul V.
Dugan(aka Gailor), Margaret F.
Dunn, Helen H.
Dupuis, Thomas J.
Dwyer, James William
Dzubak, Vera
Elia, Frank A., Jr.
Erfurt, Marie Jeanne
(aka LaMountain)
Erichson, Mary A.
Evans, Corella B.
Feldman, Albert J., Sr.
Fikert, Brooksie Ann
Finn, Elizabeth E.
Fitzgerald, Michael Scott
Flavin, Mary Joan
Flores, Agatha M.
Ford, Jeanne M.
Francisco, Elida Mae
Fredenburgh, Dana K.
Frederick, Barbara
Frederick, Russell
Fuller, Josephine
Gaetano, Frank
Garling, Robert L.
Geene, Ruth E. (aka Matthews)
Gesek, Tressa F.
Giles, Joshua James, Jr.
Gordon, Alva June
Green, William III
Greene, Frank H.
Gregory, Joan K.
Greulick, Veronica M.
Groat, Diane D.
Haas, June
Hallenbeck, J. Alice
(aka Sperbeck)
Halstead, June B.
Halter, Jacqueline A.
Hamlin, Ruth D.
Hance, Nancy S.
Harkness, Robert J.
Harrington, Betty L.
Harris, Marilyn Virginia
Hartley, Joseph G., Jr.
Harvey, Leonard J.
Hatfield, Lee S., Sr.
Haverly, George M.
Haxhillari, Pajazit
Heins, Marcel J.
Heitzman, Irene M.
Hernick, Virginia, J.
Hickok, Rose Marie
Higgins, Beatrice
Hill, Marion
Hillier, Paulette
Hoffmann, Martin F.
Hohenshild, Louis R.
House, Charles F.
Houston, Glenn O.
Houston, Ruth L.
Hummel, Clara Wawrousek
Hynes, Lillian M.
Jacobs, Mary Ellen
Jacobson, Mary M.
Jakubics, William J.
Jewett, Harold
Johnson, Jeannette R.
Johnson, Wilber O.
Johnson, William D.
Jones, Melvin Robert
Kehn, Kenneth B.
Kepinski, Lois C.
Kern, Isabella
Kieper, Richard D.
Kim, Hyung Bae
Kingsbury,Ethel C.
Kirkpatrick, Frances E.
Kitley, Margaret W.
Konopka, Gary W.
Kovacs, Frank
Krage, Walter G.
Lagace, Sheila M.
Lamere, Ray
Landon, Allen H.
Lane, Carolyn
Lapham, Harold W.
Lather, Barbara V.
Latorra, Thomas J.
LeBrecht, Mildred
Lemieux, Alexina M.
Littlefield, Lloyd A.
Lothridge, Charles D.
Lundstrom, Dolores G.
Luther, Norman G.
Mabeus, Hildegard A.
MacDuff, Raymond E.
MacGregor, Albert C., Jr.
Mack, William H.
Marchand, Dolores E.
Marincic, Sue A.
Martin, Beverly T.
Martin, Victoria F.
Martin, William F.
Masterson, Nicholas S.
Matthews, Kathryn Hughes
Mauro, Dorothy E.
Mazzeo, Guido F.
McClusky, Harold R.
McGivern, Carmella Mildred
McMillen, Peter D.
Melber, Ann M.
Messier, Merrill J.
Meyer, Patricia M.
Micheli, Michael R.
Mintline, Selleck E.
Mitola, Anne E.
Montgomery, J. Robert
Moorman, Mary
Mouzon, Ida M.
Murray, Janet L.
Nejman, Stanley J.
O'Connor, Gerald G.
Odabashian, Jacqueline
O'Gara, Michael F.
Olcott, Eleanor P.
Olcott, Ray E.
Opoka, Theresa A.
Oren, Audrey A.
Oren, Harman, Jr.
Owen, Esther S.
Pahl, Carl J.
Pallack, Bernadine M.
Pallack, H. Herbert
Palmer, Alice M.
Panting, Ann
Parslow, Robert F.
Paulsen, Rudolf E.
Peacock, Richard
Peak, John H.
Peck, Rose Mary
Peek, Susan Leslie
Pennick, Therman L.
Petrecki, Alyce L.
Phillips, Rhonda L.
Picard, Barbara A.
Pinchinat, Gerald J.
Pineo, Jane M.
Place, Kenneth
Plass, Adam F.
Poole, Marie W.
Porter, Kyle James
Powell, Mary Jane
Powley, Lucille M.
Prater, Thomas A.
Prendergast, Bernadine
Prividera, Kathryn W.
Rabideau,Shirley P.
Rafferty, Dana G.
Rapp, Hilbert C.
Rapp, Patricia Ann
Rapp, Pauline
Rauhauser, Ervin G.
Rea, Carol S.
Reals, Marie E.
Ricci, Sandra M.
Richmond, Richard R.
Riggs, Harry William
Rinaldo, Elizabeth M.
Rizk, Rita T.
Robinson, Donald A.
Robinson, Oliver R.
Robinson, William C.
Ruffin, Roscoe
Rummer, Ruth E.
Rupinski, Mary T.
Russ, Richard B.
Rutland, Jeannine A.
Ryan, John Thomas
Safaras, Alexander W.
Samler, Virginia R.
Santer, Mildred T.
Sawyer, Anneliese
Schmidt, Richard A.
Schuppe, Elaine M.
Segretto, Karen M.
Shadle, Audrey B.
Shagalski, Joseph F. III
Shanahan, Mary F.
Short, Helen M.
Sikamiotis, Nikolaos
Skibinski, Victoria A.
Slifstein, Wendy Mae
Slocum, Audrey R.
Smith, Eric J., Sr.
Smith, Florence
Smith, Gerald W., Sr.
Song, Jae Nam
Springer, Joyce M.
Starin, Rose M.
Stewart, James A.
Stey, Daniel J.
Sunkes, Richard J.
Swartout, S. Judith
Swartz, Caroline A.
Tanner, G. Irene
Tanner, Gardiner W.
Tarullo, Patricia A.
Teal, Adrienna N.
Thomas, Tonette R.
Torres, Miracle Lynn
Torres, Nevaeh Elizabeth
Traeger, Edwin E.
Trinci, Rita D.
Vadakin, John R., Jr.
Vanderpoel, Kathleen
Vaughn, Frederick Robbins, Jr.
Verch, Charles F.
Vitallo, Dorothy M.
Wagar, RoseMarie
Walker, Enid
Warner, Elaine Theroux
Washington, Ada D.
Weaver, Harry S.
Weise, Joyce M.
Weisgerber, Shirley M.
Wells, Marjorie M.
Wheeler, Sidney J.
Whitesell, Mamie M.
Willey, Elizabeth Jane
Williams, Harry M. Jr.
Witt, Helene C.
Wolfe, Robert B.
Wortz, Marjorie E.
Woutersz, Maria E.
Wyatt, Margaret Stevens
Xin He, Fang
Zeigler, Eleanor C.
Zimmer, Helen Leone

Special discount offered in Garden of Heroes

To further honor our "Hometown Heroes," Memory Gardens is offering a special discount for the purchase of a second burial space in the Garden of Heroes.

In 2010, the Garden of Heroes was dedicated for military veterans, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical service providers, nurses, doctors and other first responders in appreciation for their devotion to our country and communities. The Garden, which overlooks one of our ponds, is adorned with majestic flagpoles as well as memorial plaques and benches. Each military personnel or first responder who purchases one $900 burial space in the Garden of Heroes will be able to purchase a second space at half price. This offer is ideal for an individual who would like to provide an additional space for a loved one.

For more information about buying spaces in the Garden of Heroes, please call one of our memorial advisors, Carol Durant or Joe Mazmanian, at (518) 869-9506 or send an email to carol.durant@memorygardens.org or joe.mazmanian@memorygardens.org

Volunteers needed to place Memorial Day flags, help with gardening

We need your help to ensure that the graves of our veterans are properly decorated with flags in time for Memorial Day. Volunteers are needed before May 27 to place flags on the graves of those who served our country.

Volunteers are also needed for various gardening projects throughout the memorial park. Please sign up for a favorite Garden or select a special flower garden. Help is needed with weeding, updating flower beds and edging memorials. Bring a friend.

For more information or to sign up, please call our office at (518) 869-9506 or send an email to info@memorygardens.org

Garden of Paradise blends beauty, affordability

Memory Gardens is committed to making our memorial park accessible to everyone. No family should be denied providing their loved ones the pastoral beauty Memory Gardens offers because of financial constraints. With its introductory price of $400 per lot, the Garden of Paradise is the perfect combination of splendor and affordability.

The garden, which is on the west side of the memorial park, features a fountain surrounded by a bronze sculpture of doves taking flight. Paradise is a very tranquil setting, and includes benches, bluestone surrounding the fountain, and a walking area.

For more information or to purchase a lot in Paradise, please call our office at (518) 869-9506 or email us at info@memorygardens.org

Questions and Answers

Q: When I pass away and my remains are placed in my family plot, what happens to the maintenance of my spaces?

A: Memory Gardens is a non-profit organization whose continuing goal is to provide excellent perpetual care for everyone resting here.

Memory Gardens is allowed to charge for its services, which include fees for burials, grave liners, plots, and bronze markers. The purchase of these items covers the cost of perpetual care of your spaces. There are no annual fees to pay after the initial purchase. Memory Gardens also has a permanent maintenance trust fund, which will continue to provide for perpetual care should the Gardens ever become full and can no longer expand.

Q: My brother passed away unexpectedly. I would like for him to rest in our family plot, but I believe our spaces are all occupied. Do we have any options?

A: Memory Gardens offers the "right of second interment" in our spaces. This means that all our spaces will accommodate one full casket burial plus one cremation urn. Alternatively, one space can accommodate two cremation urns.

Your brother's cremated remains could be added to a space containing either the full casket burial of another family member or a space with the cremated remains of another family member. Or, he could be interred as a full casket burial in a space containing the cremated remains of another family member.

Help your family prepare for the future by pre-planning today

Literally translated, *carpe diem* means "Seize the day." It is a wonderful piece of philosophy urging us to live to the fullest without concern for the future. And while there is no argument we should make the most of the time we have, we should also consider our families in a future without us. No one wants our family's treasured memories of us dulled by the pain of loss and uncertainty. Pre-planning your funeral and burial arrangements can take some of the sting out of an emotionally taxing time for your family.

Does your family know your wishes? Will it be a casket burial? Mausoleum entombment? Cremation? What about a memorial? The time your family should spend comforting one another and celebrating your life can quickly deteriorate into confusion, stress, and financial burden if these questions are unanswered when you pass away. Memory Gardens can assist you through every step of pre-planning, including funeral arrangements and financial considerations. We offer a helpful guide to planning funeral and cemetery arrangements that provides insight about the options available to you and your family. For your free pre-planning guide, please call one of our memorial advisors, Carol Durant or Joe Mazmanian, at (518) 869-9506 or send an email to carol.durant@memorygardens.org or joe.mazmanian@memorygardens.org

Help us keep the seasons beautiful through planned giving

No matter the season, Memory Gardens is a place of beauty and tranquility. In the spring, we celebrate Easter with our annual Sunrise Service. The summer brings warm breezes and abundant sunshine. As the temperature cools, the changing leaves paint the landscape in breathtaking shades of yellow and orange. Winter brings our Christmas Remembrance Celebration and snow-blanketed grounds.

Because our memorial park is a not-for-profit organization, we rely on contributions to help fund projects and improvements that will maintain these wonderful sights. There are many ways our lot owners and friends can contribute. Planned giving is one of them.

A planned gift is a major contribution, 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.

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

Memory Gardens continues floral placement service

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

New this year is a bouquet of a dozen red roses which will be available for selection on any special day or dates. We have also added a very patriotic *Red, White, & Blue* artificial bouquet available for placement Memorial Day through July 4th.

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 the end of April through mid-October. Artificial bouquets in seasonal colors are available for early spring, our new *Red, White & Blue*, mid-summer, and late summer placements, or select any special date. The artificial bouquets are pictured below.

Please see the order form on page 7 for plan details and to place an order.

You can also call the office at (518) 869-9506 or fax your order to (518) 869-0818. Flowers can be ordered by selecting the "Floral Placement Service" link on our website www.memorygardens.org

All fresh flowers and red rose bouquets will be provided by Frank Gallo & Son Florist of Schenectady.

Early

Red, White & Blue

Mid

Late

Memory Gardens
2013 Floral Placement Service

*** Placement service begins April 29th and ends October 11th ***

MEMORY GARDENS FLORAL PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

Please complete the order form below and return it to Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 with payment, or call our office at (518) 869-9506, or select the "Floral Placement Service" link on our website, www.memorygardens.org

❑ Plan # 1 ❑ Plan # 2 ❑ Plan # 3

❑ Plan # 4 Choose dates: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

❑ Plan # 5 (1 Fresh Bouquet) Choose date(s): _____

❑ Plan # 6 (Red Rose Bouquet) Choose date(s): _____

❑ Plan # 7 (Artificial $22 each): Early ___ *Red, White & Blue* ____ Mid ___ Late ___

Name of Deceased: _____

Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check No: _____

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

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature:_____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Date: _____

Email: _____

❑ Check if new address

(Detach and return top portion with your payment)

Plan 1 **25 Fresh Bouquets -** Once per week **$325**
Fresh flowers each week from the end of April through mid-October

Plan 2 **15 Fresh Bouquets -** Every other week **$195**
Includes Memorial Day, July 4th, Mother's Day, and Father's Day

Plan 3 **10 Fresh Bouquets -** Every three weeks **$130**
Includes Memorial Day and July 4th

Plan 4 **5 Fresh Bouquets –** Select 5 Special Dates* **$75**
(Dates must be between April 29th and October 11th)

Plan 5 **1 Fresh Bouquet –** Select any Special Day* ..... **$15 each**
(Dates must be between April 29th and October 11th)

Plan 6 **1 Fresh Red Rose Bouquet –** Select any Special Day* ..... **$30 each**
(Dates must be between April 29th and October 11th)

Plan 7 **Artificial Bouquets –** Early, *Red, White, & Blue*, Mid, Late Summer ..... **$22 each**
Select one, two, three, or all four placements, or any special date(s)

*Our staff does not place on weekends or holidays

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Grounds Open

Spring/Summer 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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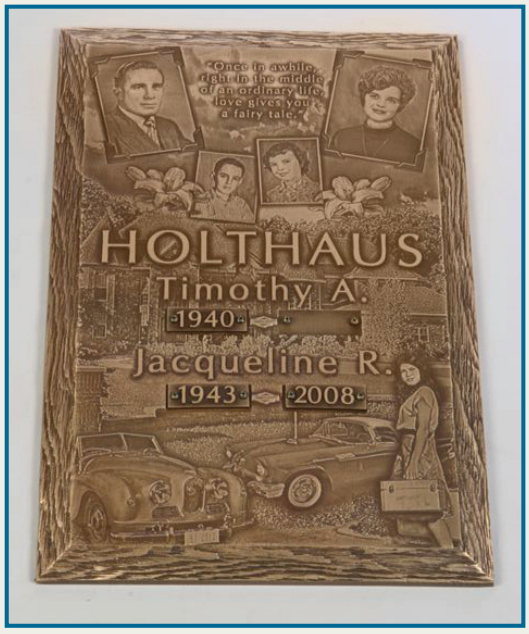

At Memory Gardens, our grave markers – also known as bronze memorials – can be designed in many ways. Some people prefer the elegance of simplicity, including only the name as well as the birth and death dates of their loved one. Others may want to create a more ornate tribute, including an image of the person or a rendering of his or her favorite pastime.

Memory Gardens has partnered with Cold Springs Granite to offer you the opportunity to be as creative as you wish in designing your or your loved one's memorial through Expressions in Bronze™. Cold Springs' artists can combine molten bronze and specialized technology with original photographs to create a marker as individual as the loved one you wish to memorialize. Bring in your clear photos or digital images, and let a Memory Gardens memorial advisor help you customize your memories. Our advisors can help you decide the size of your memorial or vase options if you wish to choose cremation.

For more information about an Expressions in Bronze™ memorial, please call one of our memorial advisors, Carol Durant or Joe Mazmanian, at (518) 869-9506 or send an email to carol.durant@memorygardens.org or joe.mazmanian@memorygardens.org