The Gardens
Memory Gardens

Friends of the Garden funds projects and improvements

Thanks to the many generous contributions to the Friends of the Garden several projects and improvements have been completed across the cemetery.

The Friends of the Garden Committee directed the construction of a new foundation and placement of a granite block to enhance the veterans' memorial plaque at the entrance to the Gardens. Flower planters, repurposed from the original Last Supper feature, were also placed by the plaque honoring our military veterans. The entrance now provides a warm welcome to the cemetery for our many visitors.

A new message board, which displays a large map showing the location of all of the gardens, has been added close to the office. This will aid unfamiliar visitors in locating the gardens where their loved ones rest.

The Friends of the Garden also purchased U.S. flags and new folding chairs for use at funeral services.

Please continue to support the Friends of the Garden's on-going efforts by sending your donations to Memory Gardens in care of the Friends of the Garden.

Guide to important dates at Memory Gardens

2017

November 1
Bronze vases in markers not to be used

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

November 15 to January 31
Wreaths on a stand allowed

December 8
Christmas Celebration and Remembrance at the Chapel, 6 p.m.

2018

January 31
Holiday decoration removal begins

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

April 15
Bronze vases may be used until November 1

April 1
Easter Sunrise Service (park wide), 7 a.m.

May 5
Annual Lot Owners Meeting at Cemetery Office, 10 a.m.

For more details visit our website
www.memorygardens.org

Let us place your wreath

Cold, snow, ice and rainy weather. It's coming. Let us place a wreath for you for your loved ones. Please see page 3 for our wreath order form.

Annual Christmas Celebration and Remembrance

Memory Gardens' 2017 Christmas Celebration and Remembrance will be 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, at the chapel. Held each year on the second Friday in December, the evening features holiday music and readings as well as the placing of ornaments on our Trees of Remembrance in memory of loved ones.

Rev. Karen Malcolm of St Michael's Episcopal Church is slated to officiate. For those who cannot attend or would like to place their ornament early, the Trees of Remembrance will be placed near the chapel the weekend before the service.

We welcome all attending to join us in the chapel for refreshments following the service.

President's Message

The Memory Gardens Board of Directors serves an operational oversight function and is comprised of 11 individuals, many with loved ones at rest in one of the Gardens. While we all have the same goal in mind - accomplishing what's best for Memory Gardens and it's lot holders today and into the future - often we have different ideas of how to get there.

This is not uncommon when you bring a group of people together for any purpose. When you have strong leadership, differing viewpoints are considered and often the ensuing discussion provides the building blocks to success. Alternatively, when you don't have good leadership, boards will falter.

From May 2014 until this past May, both Memory Gardens and the Board of Directors benefited greatly from the superb leadership of Ray Paradise. Ray has given of his time and talents for nine years and spent the last three as president. Thanks to his steady hand on the wheel, and the excellent work of Executive Director Andy Carroll and his staff, I believe that Memory Gardens is stronger organizationally than it's ever been.

Thank you Ray for a job well done and thank you for continuing to serve as a director.

As I write my first "President's Message," I consider myself fortunate to have such an august group of individuals serving on the board. This is truly a group of talented, smart and dedicated individuals who are all working diligently on behalf of the lot owners.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Valerie Konopka of Guilderland, NY to the board. We'll benefit from her management, business, training and consulting skills as we begin work to plan for the future. She holds a master's degree in management and organizational behavior. Valerie has worked in both business and health care settings. She will run for a three-year board term on the May 2018 ballot.

In closing, I would encourage all lot owners to contact our executive director, me or any other member of the board with any questions, suggestions or concerns. I hope to see you at the Christmas Celebration and Remembrance.

Sal Prividera Jr.
President

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The new Garden of Serenity

Located in the heart of Memory Gardens in an area between the Devotion Garden and the Fraternal Garden is the cemetery's newest garden, Serenity. Directly across from the Briarwood Mausoleum and just a short walk from our chapel, Serenity has 258 total spaces. More than 75 percent of the spaces in this garden have already been sold. Each space is available at our introductory price of $400. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 for more information on availability.

Memory Gardens offers an economical grave liner

Memory Gardens requires a concrete grave liner or vault for all in-ground casket burials. We offer a basic concrete grave liner that accommodates most caskets for $700. It is made of reinforced concrete on all five sides with a beveled form fitting lid. Oversize grave liners are also available. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 for more information.

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WINTER PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

❑ WREATH $39 ❑ POINSETTIA $24 (inside mausoleums only)

Name of Deceased: _____

Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____

(LOCATION INFORMATION CAN BE LEFT BLANK IF UNKNOWN)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check or Money Order No: _____

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

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature:_____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Please complete the above order form 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

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2017 Holiday Placement Service

Memory Gardens offers our Holiday Placement Service to those who wish for a beautiful holiday decoration to be placed in memory of a loved one. For outside burial spaces, we offer wreath placement. For inside the mausoleum chapels, we offer a silk poinsettia plant.

WREATH $39

A natural evergreen wreath beautifully decorated and secured to a tripod stand. Wreath placement will begin in early December. **Please place your orders early.** Orders will be taken until Monday, December 18, 2017.

Wreaths provided by Frank Gallo & Son Florist of Schenectady

POINSETTIA $24

A beautiful silk poinsettia plant with card for placement inside the Mausoleum Chapels only. The quantity is limited for this item. Orders will be filled while supplies last.

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Remember Your Loved Ones - Wreath Order Form Enclosed

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Purchase a niche in the new Last Supper feature and receive a free niche plaque

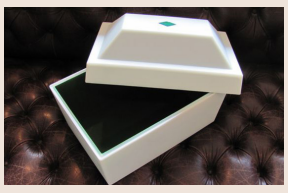
To commemorate the installation of the new Last Supper feature, Memory Gardens will provide a free niche plaque, a value of $495, with the purchase of a niche in the feature.

Depicting the Last Supper, the granite feature has a 64-niche columbarium. The columbarium is constructed of china gray granite and has polished black granite shutters with gold rosettes on the fronts of the niche spaces.

The Last Supper Feature has always been located at the highest point in the Town of Colonie, which is the ridgeline of the Last Supper Garden. This area provides a gorgeous view of mountain peaks in the distance, both the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains. It is both a beautiful place to visit and to rest. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 to take advantage of this special offer.

Planning a cremation service at Memory Gardens

Do you need help planning a cremation service? Many people are not aware that with the help of our Memorial Advisors, they can plan a cremation memorial service at Memory Gardens for themselves or their loved ones. Our advisors can assist you in selecting a service that will accommodate your wishes, and save you time and money.

Whether your gathering is large or small, a service in one of our chapels or a simple grave side service can be arranged. Our memorial advisors can help you select an appropriate space or niche and an urn or an urn liner to protect the urn. In addition, there are tents, chairs and floral options available.

Our team members will also assist you on the day of your service from your arrival with your family to your departure. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 for information.