Fall 2023

The Gardens
Memory Gardens

Join us for a Christmas Celebration to Treasure

This past year has been a year of rejuvenation and celebration for all of us. We were able to celebrate together with family and friends once again. The celebration of everyday life as we know it has become our new way of living for most of us. Let's treasure memories of our loved ones or friends through our own life's celebrations during this Holiday Season.

Join us for this year's Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 in the Briarwood Chapel as we revel in the sounds of the Holidays! Treasure your memories and place an ornament on our Holiday tree.

As President of the Board, I wish you all a peaceful and safe Holiday Season of Celebrations along with the Members of the Board and Staff of Memory Gardens.

Cheryl Kowalski
President, Board of Directors

"Treasure Your Memories" – Order a Holiday Wreath

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure." (Unknown origin) Order a fresh natural wreath this Holiday Season to "Treasure Your Memories." Let us place a 24" double-sided wreath with pinecones & berries donned with a lovely red bow on a tripod easel to honor your loved ones, delivered locally by George's Market.

Place your orders early! Wreaths will paint the landscape at Memory Gardens around the end of November (weather depending).

"Treasure Your Memories" through this Holiday Season! Order your loved ones a Holiday Wreath and celebrate the season! Use the order form on page 3, order on our website, www.memorygardens.org, or call us at 518-869-9506.

See page 3 for our wreath order form.

Guide to Regulation Dates at Memory Gardens

From **November 1 to Easter**, all Bronze vases must be emptied, turned down into their markers, and vase cones **may not** be used. Vases left upright and later hidden by snow and ice create a safety hazard and can be damaged. The cemetery is not responsible for these damages.

January 1
All Christmas wreaths and Christmas decorations including the Mausoleums will be removed beginning **January 1** (weather permitting). If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them prior to this date.

March 1 – Easter
Spring Clean-Up of Grounds and Mausoleums.
All remaining decorations will be removed beginning March 1. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them prior to this date.

Easter– November 1
Bronze Vases and vase cones **may** be used. Fresh cut and artificial floral bouquets are permitted. Flowers will be removed when they become wilted, withered, or unsightly. Vase Cones are available in the green box outside of the office at no charge.

November 1 – November 15
Fall Clean-Up of Grounds and Mausoleums.
All decorations will be removed beginning **November 1**. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them prior to this date.

November 15 – January 1
Wreaths must be placed on a stand.

Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, & Halloween
Potted Plants are allowed for these dates only and may be placed three days before and must be removed three days after the holiday. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them.

Memorial Day
Volunteers place flags throughout the Gardens. You are welcome to place a flag for loved ones. Flags are available in the green box outside of the office at no charge, **for use in Memory Gardens ONLY**.

Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day
Flags are allowed for these days only and may be placed three days before and must be removed three days after the holiday. Flags are available in the green box outside of the office at no charge, **for use in Memory Gardens ONLY**.

Mausoleums:
Not allowed inside Mausoleums includes fresh flowers and wreaths. Signs, insignias, personal emblems of any type, shape, or form **may not** be affixed to **ANY granite and marble crypt fronts**. Violations will be removed without prior notice.

Celebrate Your Own Life! Preplan

We plan many events over our lifetime. Some because they are necessary. Others are fun and joyful celebrations. Right? How many of us think about planning our end-of-life celebrations? It may come to our mind, and we push it aside. What thought have you given to how you wish to be laid to rest? Cremation? Casket burial? In ground? In Mausoleum? Just a few things to think about. Now is the time for you to meet with a Memorial Advisor at Memory Gardens and gather as much information as possible to make those decisions. If you already have a space, you can prepay the service fees and lock in the price. Design your own marker and let it tell your life story as you wish it to be remembered – **CELEBRATE IT!** Our Memorial Advisors will design it with you.

Don't leave it to your family and friends to second guess what you might want. You will actually celebrate with a great sigh of relief when you complete your preplanning, and family & friends will be thankful for it.

If you simply can't get to the Gardens in person, we will work with you through every part of preplanning by phone, email, or mail.

Our Memorial Advisors can walk you through the process of all steps of preplanning. Call us to make an appointment TODAY at 518-869-9506. **CELEBRATE YOUR OWN LIFE!**

Cremation Bench

Memory Gardens now offers a family cremation bench. With location approval from our superintendent, you can place a beautiful and affordable granite cremation bench around any of the pristine gardens in our memorial park. The bench can hold up to four standard size urns or containers placed at the same time or at times of need that is convenient for your loved ones. Our cremation bench can accommodate bronze plaques for an elegant and dignified memorial for you and your family. Please call or email a memorial advisor for more information.

More Improvements at Memory Gardens

We want to keep you informed of improvements at Memory Gardens and choose to do it at least twice yearly in our newsletters. We take great pride in the way the Gardens remain as a beautiful park setting.

A Rain Barrel has been placed on the right of the Main Office. You are welcome to use water as the rain falls. You will find the spigot on the front bottom of the barrel. Just flip it on. If it has recently rained, step back...the flow is amazing! Please flip it off when done.

Take a ride through the Gardens and see some of the colorful plantings of flowers in various places! It adds to the experience of wandering through a park-like setting. You are always welcome to volunteer to weed. Adopt a garden! Just let us know.

Be a Friend of the Gardens! As many of you know, the removal of dead trees is an expensive project. Thanks for your patience as this project continues. Please make a donation to Friends of the Gardens to help replace some of the landscape as we continue to maintain this beautiful park-like setting for all of us.

The Courtyard at the Edgewood Mausoleum entrance is now rejuvenated! The paving around the Mausoleum was done last year as we shared with you. This year the platform paving has been completed. Edgewood Mausoleum is on the top of the hill to the left as you enter the gates of the cemetery, between the Gardens of Restlawn & Roselawn. The setting is just lovely.

The Memory Gardens website www.memorygardens.org has been reconstructed and updated. You will find all kinds of helpful information on the site. You can even place your orders for our Winter Wreath program and, in time, the Spring/Summer Flower program. All the garden maps can now be downloaded and printed. If you know where your loved ones are resting you can pinpoint on the map where they are located. If you cannot find their name, please feel free to call the Office Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:30. We'd be happy to look it up for you.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION
(Detach and return this portion with your payment)

WINTER PLACEMENT SERVICE ORDER FORM

❑ **FRESH NATURAL EVERGREEN WREATH $53** ❑ **SILK POINSETTIA $27 (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: _____ Approval Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature:_____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

_____ Date: _____

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 "Flowers and Wreaths" link on our website, www.memorygardens.org

2023 Holiday Placement Service

Memory Gardens offers our Holiday Placement Service to those who would like a beautiful holiday decoration to be placed in memory of a loved one. Placement will begin in early December. Please place your orders early. Orders will be taken until Monday, December 11, 2023.

1. For **outside** burial spaces, we offer a Fresh Natural Evergreen Wreath for $53. It is beautifully decorated with pine cones, red berries and a red ribbon and is secured to a tripod stand.

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Wreaths provided by
George's Market and Nursery

2. For **inside** the mausoleum chapels, we offer a Silk Poinsettia Plant for $27. Quantities are limited for this item and orders will be filled while supplies last.

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Dawn to Dusk

Remember Your Loved Ones – Placement Service Order Form Enclosed

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Find Out What Makes Memory Gardens What it is...

Have you ever considered being an integral part of what makes Memory Gardens one of the premier cemeteries in the Capital Region?

We are in search of Board Members to carry on the long tradition of quality care to customers and the pastoral setting of the park. Successful candidates will offer experience and skills in any number of backgrounds in public relations, finance, personnel, communications, or fundraising to name a few. Perhaps you are just interested in the future of the Gardens and would like to share your thoughts and experiences.

Prospective candidates can download the application on our website at www.memorygardens.org. Send the completed application with your resume to Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 or email to info@memorygardens.org.

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Moved, changed your name or email address?
Let Memory Gardens know.

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Thank you for keeping our records current.