The Gardens
Memory Gardens

President's Message & Easter 2024

SUNRISE SERVICE

Was great to enjoy last year's Easter Sunrise Service with those of you who joined us! A great number of you were here to share the experience. This year, I am certain, word will travel so many others will know we are celebrating large! **The Memory Gardens Easter Sunrise Service will take place at 7a.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2024.** Chaplain Claudia Meyer will preside over the service. We are grateful to her for sharing her compassionate and comforting words with us for the Celebration. We wish to remember The Reverend Bruce Cornwell of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie who passed away this Fall. He was our celebrant at the Easter Service for many years. We celebrate his life this year as our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Our **2024 Floral Placement Service** will begin in time for Easter. You may purchase a single bouquet of beautiful fresh or silk flowers for the Holiday or choose a plan for the Seasons through Fall. You can place your orders on our website, www.memorygardens.org., by mail, over the phone with credit card, or in person. Have any questions, give the office a call at 518-869-9506. Our wonderful staff will be happy to assist you.

Be sure to review our Bylaw Proposals and elect our Board Members up for renewal. We are looking for your input regarding a Green Garden, so please share your insight with our survey.

Cheryl Kowalski
President, Board of Directors

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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.

MEMORY GARDENS ANNUAL MEETING OF LOT OWNERS

10 a.m. SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

Memory Gardens Administrative Building, 983 Watervliet Shaker Rd., Albany, NY

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,

****ILLEGIBLE OR UNSIGNED PROXIES WILL NOT BE COUNTED****
Completed proxy must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2024, to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2024 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 power which the undersigned 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, 2024 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 Proposal 1&2.

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

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

1) Michael Hennessey	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF
2) Andy Marino	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF
3) Mike Smith	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF /	NOT IN FAVOR OF

Proposal 2:

The members will be asked to approve the Bylaws of Memory Gardens, Inc. at the annual meeting of the members to be held on May 4, 2024 1t 10:00 AM at 983 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205. The Bylaws include changes previously approved by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Bylaws that will be presented for approval is available at www.memorygardens.org.

IN FAVOR OF / NOT IN FAVOR OF

Survey on Green Garden

Memory Gardens has been exploring the community's interest in a Green Burial Garden. This Garden would only allow biodegradable caskets or shrouds. No traditional caskets, vaults, grave liners, or bronze memorials would be allowed in this Garden. Lots and burials in a Green Garden section would require additional fees. Would you or your family members be interested in purchasing lots in a Green Burial Garden here at Memory Gardens?

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: _____

Memory Gardens
2024 Floral Placement Service

*** Placement service begins March 29 and ends September 27

Each year from Easter through end of September, Memory Gardens offers a floral placement service. For a donation, 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.

Fresh bouquets include mixed flowers of bright colors. Take advantage of our weekly plans to ensure your loved one will have a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers from Easter through September 27.

Artificial bouquets in seasonal colors are pictured below. We offer an Easter bouquet, a *Red, White & Blue* patriotic bouquet for placement from Memorial Day through July 4th, an early-summer bouquet, a mid-summer bouquet, and a fall bouquet.

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 (Checks payable to Memory Gardens, Inc.), call our office at (518) 869-9506, or select the "Floral Placement Service" link on our website, www.memorygardens.org.

Name of Deceased: _____

Garden: _____ Lot: _____ Space: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____)_____ Check Number: _____

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

Card Number: _____ Phone: _____

Name(Print):_____ Signature:_____

Address: _____

_____ ❑ Check if new address

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please select which plan you desire below:

❑ **Plan A.....27 Fresh Bouquets – Once per week $425**
Fresh flowers each week from early April through September 27

❑ **Plan B.....15 Fresh Bouquets – Every other week $270**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan C.....10 Fresh Bouquets – Every three weeks $190**
Includes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan D.....5 Fresh Bouquets $140**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day

❑ **Plan E.....1-4 Fresh Bouquets ..... $35 each**

❑ **Plan F.....Artificial Bouquets: ..... $35 each**
Easter _____, *Red, White & Blue* _____, Early-Summer _____, Mid-Summer _____, Fall _____

❑ **Plan G.....All Five Artificial Bouquets $145**

*Our staff does not place on weekends or holidays

Easter

Red, White & Blue

Early-Summer

Mid-Summer

Fall

Fresh flowers provided by Holland Flowers

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Office Hours
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grounds Open
Dawn to Dusk

Floral Order Form Enclosed

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Update your information! Call 518-869-9506 or email info@memorygardens.org.

Seeking Board Members! 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 or a detailed letter that represents your background to Memory Gardens, 983 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 or email to info@memorygardens.org.

2024 Promos of Gardens Announced

Memory Gardens is a non-profit and non-sectarian memorial park providing a full range of cemetery services.

Three of the Gardens being featured are...

The **Reflection Urn Garden** hosts cremations only. There is a package deal that would even include the marker with an ultimate savings of $800!

Garden of Heroes was designed to host Heroes...First Responders, EMT's, Firefighters, Police, Veterans and more. Spaces in this garden are Buy One, Get One 50% off!

Garden of Grace is our newest addition to the Park. Spaces are only $600, so take advantage of this promotion NOW!

Call us today to find out more about these exciting promotions at 518-869-9506!

Join our volunteers! Honor Veterans' with Flags.

Each year volunteers place flags to honor Veterans for Memorial Day.

You can volunteer when it works for your personal schedule beginning about two weeks prior to the Holiday. You will be assigned a Garden to walk, identify VA markers & place flags. If you wish to participate and can only place a few flags, that's fine! Let us know.

If interested, please send an email to info@memorygardens.org or call the office at 518-869-9506. Flags are available to individuals to place on their loved one's space 3 days before & leave until 3 days after Flag Day, July 4th and Veteran's Day.