

Nyack Community Garden 2025 Summer Newsletter

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The 50th Anniversary Celebration Issue

Welcome to our new gardeners, and welcome back to our returning gardeners. Each year, the Nyack Community Garden Newsletter Committee puts out a summer and a fall newsletter on a variety of garden-related topics, including reports on our garden happenings, local and national issues, and tips from the Board on maintaining our garden.

In both the summer and fall newsletters for this year, we are highlighting the 50th anniversary of the Nyack Community Garden! We have articles about teaching children about the garden, interviews with garden members, information about food-related legislation, a book review, longstanding garden members' reflections on the garden at its 50th anniversary, and other garden reminders. We are also reprinting an article on the history of the Nyack Community Garden, originally published in our newsletter in 2018. We hope you enjoy this issue, and happy gardening!

Liz Cherry, Newsletter Committee Chair



120+ Local Pre-K and Head Start Students Tour Pollinator Pathway

Lindsey Wahlstrom

We had some special visitors at the Pollinator Pathway on May 28th and June 4th! More than 120 pre-school students from local Pre-K and Head Start programs participated in a walking field trip to learn more about plants and the insects that pollinate them.

During each of seven 30-minute visits, the participants walked around the flower bed, pausing to admire the plants and the insects that inhabit the space. They also learned kid-friendly fun facts about some of the plants and got to smell lavender and catmint. The pollinator pathway inhabitants gave the kids quite a display: A plethora of ladybugs, aphids, butterflies, and snails stole the show.

In each group, the kids were amazed to see strawberries growing on a plant – many for the first time – and spent time wondering aloud what animal had been munching on the fruit. (Spoiler: Thanks to Michelle's watchful eye, we caught a couple of ducks in the act the next day.) All but one of the participants had never before been to the garden or stopped to explore the pathway.

Participants were invited to continue to visit the flowers over the summer and fall to see how the foliage and its residents change with the seasons. In preparation for the day, we added engraved labels for eight of the more common flowers so other passersby can learn the names of our native plants, including Lavender, Catmint, Milkweed, Echinacea, Butterfly weed, Aster, Goldenrod, and Columbine.

The event was hosted in memory of Rona Edwards, a NCG member who died in 2023 shortly after her sixth birthday. The eBoard felt strongly that they wanted to honor her in the space. When it came time to decide how, the answer was easy: Introduce other kids to the garden so they too can fall in love with gardening, pollinators, and beneficial insects.

Special thanks to Laura Pakaln who worked with Rona's parents Lindsey Wahlstrom (31B & article author) and Samtubia Edwards to launch what we hope will become an annual event.

Rona in the garden:



Kids watching ladybugs eat aphids during the walking field trip:



Interview with Garden Member Cristiane Bertone

Kathy Schwarz

It never ceases to amaze me that everyone in Nyack Community Garden has a story to tell, and all are amazing human beings! This time I interviewed Cristiane Bertone (Crissie, Plot 13A) and she truly fits that description.

Crissie grew up in an impoverished family on a farm in Brazil. She came to this country with nothing and worked as a housekeeper in New Jersey for a while, before earning 2 masters degrees (concurrently, one from Penn State University and the other from Pace), which qualified her to work with kids with severe

disabilities. She is currently a licensed behavior therapist, working with autistic kids ages 6-16.

But she never forgot those roots on the farm or the immigrant experience and told me that of the core value of her life is feeding people.

When Crissie came to Nyack in 2020, she studied at Cornell Cooperative Extension to become a Master Gardner. She went on to join the Nyack Garden Club and thus helps to maintain the Garden Club plot in our garden, which donates *all* that they harvest to People to People. Then she added her own plot, but she told me that everything she grows in that plot is also donated to People to People.

On top of that, during the pandemic she started as a volunteer at the Food Pantry of St. Ann's Church in Nyack and moved from there to the position of Co-captain and, more recently to the role of President.

St. Ann's Food Pantry used to feed 80-120 people per week. Now it's down to 50-75, but only because people are terrified to come to the distribution site, because they think ICE might come to deport them, even though no identification is required for the food distribution – all are welcome, no questions asked. (I hear the attendance is down in most, if not all soup kitchens and food pantries in the county, and likely in the country, for this very reason, even when the need is going up!) So, what does Crissie do? She brings food to them! She has gotten to know the families who used to come regularly, and she takes the food that is left after the official distribution, and she brings it to them!

Crissie truly lives by that core value of feeding people, and she believes that communities need to come together and rely on each other during these very difficult times.

Update on Food-Related Legislation

Kathy Schwarz

Last summer's newsletter included an update on the Farm Bill, the biggest piece of national legislation affecting agriculture and our food supply, yet no Farm Bill has passed since then. Congress postponed a vote over and over again, presumably to wait until the election was over. So now that the election is over, what they seem to

have done is break up the components of the Farm Bill and incorporated many of them into Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill."

The largest allocation of funding coming from the Farm Bill (about 80%) has, for many years, gone for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps). Considering that the price of food is going up, there are more and more people experiencing food insecurity. The cost of food rose by roughly 23.6% to 30% between 2019 and 2024 and is expected to go up another 2.9 to 4.1% this year.

The President called for cutting \$295 billion from SNAP in 10 years, and that is pretty much what passed in the Senate and the House. What passed was a plan to shift responsibility for administration of the SNAP program to the states. Currently there is a 50/50 federal-state split; now they want it to be a 25/75 split. This change will not go into effect until after the mid-term elections, to better the prospects of the Republicans who voted for this get reelected. How many states can come up to the plate without raising taxes? How will New York handle this?

The bill also expands work requirements and time limits for how long someone can remain on SNAP. Analysts say that around 3.2 million people would lose access to SNAP. Medicaid was also cut, and with the cuts to SNAP, more people are likely to become sick and need Medicaid.

Other components of the national food legislation that have been decreased are school food, such as breakfasts and lunches for kids from food insecure families, and funding for WIC (the Women, Infants, Children Program), which provides nutrition education and assistance for pregnant women and newborns. Congress also cut funding for nutrition education for SNAP beneficiaries and the program that allows the use of the benefits at farmers markets.

On the agricultural side, the legislation expands subsidies for large-scale industrial corn, cotton, and soybean farms by \$50 billion and removes climate spending rules that had been attached to funds from the Inflation Reduction Act.

One program that had already been eliminated by DOGE in March was the Emergency Food Assistance Program's Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program, which paid small, local farmers to supply fruits and vegetables to schools and to food banks across the country. (The food banks supply food to

soup kitchens and food pantries.) This threatens to put those small farmers out of business and already denies kids and the food insecure of the healthiest of the foods. The Department of Agriculture is being sued in hopes of bringing this back.

And, don't forget that the tariffs on steel will cause the cost of canned food to go up and the changing climate will be contributing to food cost inflation more and more. (Our Agriculture Secretary, Brooke Rollins, is a climate change denier.) Plus, if Trump deports farm workers, that will also impact the cost and availability of food, not to mention the lives of those deportees, to whom we owe so much!

All this to say, there is bound to be more need this year for us to donate food to People to People or to other food distribution programs, like Crissie's St. Ann's Food Pantry. So be as generous as you can be!

On the local level, Nyack's Project 2030 is launching a bigger effort to encourage *all* residents to compost their kitchen scraps, using special bags available at Village Hall, and depositing them in bins on West Catherine Street at the Public Works Department. And there is a new program in Nyack, Food Not Bombs, that is rescuing food that would otherwise be discarded from the farmers market and from Old World Market and giving that food to St. Ann's and Berea Church for distribution at their food pantries and handing it out elsewhere in Nyack, too. Plus, there are efforts to encourage local homeowners to grow more vegetables in their own yards and donate some of it and, perhaps, to help start up more community gardens in other parts of the county. We need to spread around the community spirit that we have in our garden and share it with others! If anyone is interested in finding out more or helping with these efforts, please contact me, Kathy Schwarz, at Katherine.schwarz54@gmail.com.

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Reflections from Long-standing Nyack Community Garden Members

Liz Cherry

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we reached out to several long-standing members of the Nyack Community Garden and asked them to reflect on their garden participation. Why did they join the garden? What keeps them coming back year after year? What changes have they seen during their time in the garden? We hope you enjoy these walks down memory lane.

Barbara Berasi-Rosen (plot 3)

Gardening has always felt like a part of me—it's in my DNA. Growing up in Brooklyn, my mom and dad cultivated a garden in our backyard. My mom nurtured her flowers with great care, while my dad grew vegetables, and off to the side stood a beautiful fig tree. I remember climbing a ladder to reach the plump, ripe figs hanging from the top branches—so sweet and full of flavor.

Several years ago, a curious little moment reminded me of my deeply rooted love for nature. I was working in Manhattan at the time, and I was waiting for a bus on Broadway in Nyack to go into the city. It was an autumn day, leaves were scattered on the sidewalk, and out of the corner of my eye, one particular leaf caught my attention. I walked over, picked it up, and returned to where I had been standing. As I was walking back, I noticed someone approaching from the other end of the block.

As I stood there admiring the leaf in my hand, this person walked briskly past me and, without stopping, said, "Still picking up leaves? I stopped doing that when I was in the second grade!" And just like that, he was gone. I was taken aback. His words echoed in my mind, and I couldn't help but think, "What a loss—to have let go of such simple wonder. There's so much quiet joy to be found in the little things, if only we remain open to them."

That's what gardening does for me. In a world that is often so harried and overwhelmingly digital, planting a seed and nurturing it is a beautiful act of patience, attention, and hope. Every season, when those first tiny green shoots break through the soil, I still feel a jolt of amazement. No matter how long I've been doing it—and I've been doing it for 20+ years—the magic never fades.

Barbara has been a member of the Nyack Community Garden since about 2003, and she shared this 2004 photograph from the *Journal News* of her daughter Pratima helping out in the garden.

... his
main house.
view of its pool,
gardens and fountains.

Along with an 18-hole golf course (the estate eventually became Dellwood Country Club), there were also cows on the farm. "Rockland County was really

w...," Stern said, who served in the Army during World War II.

After surviving the Battle of the Bulge, Stern returned to the United States. He worked as a stage actor and then went to Hollywood.

"Uncle Adolph, one would think, would have gotten me into the picture business, but he turned that aside," Stern recalled.

But Stern's talent and a little

ography the actor has...

The transcribed interviews
his notes added up to 700 pages.

"Most writers have more
scripts unproduced than produced," Stern said. "And some of
the best ones never get made."

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Fruits of the community garden

Patrina Rosen,
7, of Nyack
smiles yesterday
as she shows
some of the ripe
tomatoes she
picked from the
family vegetable
garden at the Nyack
Community Garden.

Kathy Gardner
The Journal News



Lynda Grant (plot 44A):

Sometime around 2009-2010, my job at the county involved working with John McDowell from the Rockland Farm Alliance and the department of Environmental Resources to establish a CSA at the former Cropsey Farm in New City. During discussions with John about the farm, it reminded me of my mother's gardens and how much I loved working on them as a kid. John reminded me that Nyack had a community garden, and so I applied and became a member. Over time I went from half plot to a full plot, and then I joined the garden board.

I left the garden in 2021 to move to Florida, returning to Nyack in 2025. One of the very first things I did was request an application to get back in the garden, and I'm thrilled to be back. I currently live right across the street from the garden in an apartment that looks out over it. Last evening I watched hundreds of fireflies light up the garden! It doesn't get much better than looking out and enjoying nature in all its forms. Gardening gives me a great sense of joy and I'm grateful to have this opportunity again.

Alice Kintisch (plot 47):

I joined the Garden about 15 years ago because in my yard, the deer reside as constant companions to me and my family. They would decimate any vegetables I planted. My neighbor put up a six-foot fence around his garden, and the deer jumped it. So, the Community Garden was a god-send for me.

In the "olden" days I won an Honorable Mention in the Garden Contest. These days I can't even come close -- I'm not imaginative enough to come up with the decorations, furniture and/or gee-gaws that seem to populate the Garden. I love seeing them, but I can't compete.

I come back year after year because the produce we harvest is the best. I now have a new partner (Paul Bloch) who shares the planting, watering and harvesting with me. He's really gung-ho, much more than I, so I follow his lead in all things plantable. Besides being so enthusiastic, he's knowledgeable, which I appreciate, since I am, even after all these years, a novice.

Zhenwu Hou (plot 40):

About ten years ago, I first dug into the Nyack Community Garden, simply hoping to grow a few decent tomatoes. But the garden gave me so much more than just vegetables. It brought me neighbors who became friends, the pure joy of sharing baskets of freshly picked greens with those in need at People to People, and the quiet satisfaction of watching things grow.

Over the years, I've seen kids who barely reached my knees grow tall enough to help their parents haul watering hoses. I've greeted new faces and familiar ones, watched plots shrink and expand, and witnessed countless seeds sown and harvests gathered. Through it all, good things take tending, not just the plants, but the people too. What we grow together here runs deeper than roots, and just like nature, which doesn't hurry yet gets everything done in its own time, our community flourishes at its own pace.

Happy 50th Anniversary, Nyack Community Garden! Here's to many more seasons of growth, both in the soil and among us.

Kimberly Knight (plot 26):

The main reason for joining the garden, in about 1998, was the need for therapy for my dad, who had a traumatic brain injury. My parents were Southerners so of course, it was perfect because it was something familiar to dad's history. It was a great learning experience for me, because not only my mom, but also my aunts and uncles shared knowledge, do's and don'ts, mostly Southern flair. I was shown how

to plant from my dad on down the family line, pretty much trial and error. So that is why we stayed year after year, for healing and therapy for dad.

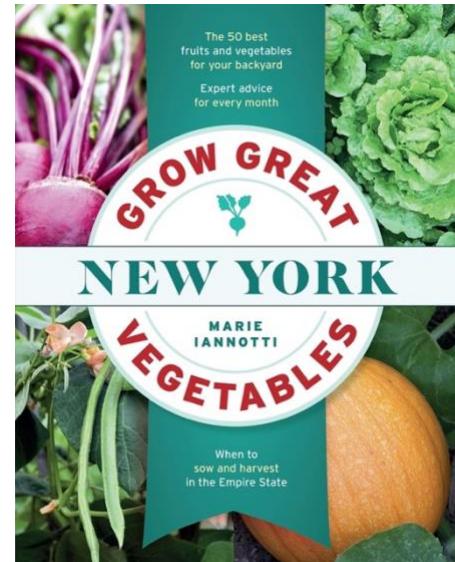
The benefits were obvious: healthy food, and good for you and your budget. Over the years, it's been a great experience meeting all the different gardeners, all ages and backgrounds. Some gave great advice, some asked for advice, some smiled and some didn't. I love the plot I've been in, because being next to the entrance gave me the opportunity to encourage conversation the minute I heard the keys and lock. I have even noticed people checking out the veggies and flowers I had, and then they would go out and get them that year or had it the next, call it bouncing ideas off each other. I really enjoy learning new tips every year and strolling down to the other side to say hello and admire all the talent.

What has changed is the pathway—it used to be a dirt path, and we even had people helping themselves to a whole plant at times from various plots. My first task was the potluck dinner for a few years, then I learned you get to meet your fellow gardeners by joining different committees. I have noticed how people love to be celebrated for their bounty, and I even had the opportunity to win first prize for my eggplant one year and was featured in the Journal News.

Book Review: *Grow Great Vegetables in New York* by Marie Iannotti

Serena Wang

Before this year, my experience with gardening was two years of balcony gardening in Jersey City. Container gardening was different and challenging in its own way, including surprises left by raccoons that often dug up my plants (photo on next page). But without the limitations of containers this year, I quickly became overwhelmed by the options and information that I wanted to learn for this year's garden. I wasn't sure where to start, *when* to start, what to plant, and...the list goes on. I got some seeds from Nyack Seed Exchange, which was actually a great way to get started (thanks to those at the meeting who recommended it). I also picked up a few seedlings at Hudson Seed Co., and that's where I found this book, *Grow Great Vegetables in New York*, by Marie Iannotti (published by Timber Press, the leading gardening publisher).



The first reason why I picked up this book—it's specific to New York, which immediately addressed my concerns for when to plant or harvest things. The second reason was that the chapters are organized by months, starting with the tasks that should be done each month such as what to plan for the garden, what to prepare and maintain, what to sow and plant, and what is ready to harvest. For someone who struggles with planning and organization, this book lays key tasks out so that you don't have to think about it or even track it; you just do it.

The book begins with an introduction on the different zones of New York and information on garden basics like soil, sun, watering, fertilizing, etc. The section that I found very helpful was the Garden Planning chapter. Deciding what to grow and where to grow things was one of my biggest dilemmas. I wanted to make the most of my half-plot. By the time we did the seedling sale, I'd actually overplanted and barely had room for the few seedlings that I picked up there, but I was especially determined to make space for my new cucamelons!

Along with planning, Iannotti recommends keeping gardening records. Since timing of sowing/planting/harvesting plants isn't second-nature to me, recording dates and observations has been very helpful. I'm also making notes for how I want to do things next year. Additionally, there's more information beyond just the basics—there's advice on common pests/diseases, even including recipes for homemade pesticides, guidance on harvesting, etc. What makes gardening so enjoyable is it doesn't have to be complicated. It's a relief to have a book that lays out everything that I need to know at a glance. I imagine it'll be a book I reference every year and I look forward to using it next winter when I sit down and get planning again. As Iannotti said, "...we have plenty of time to plan our gardens, and it's easy to get carried away. If this is your first vegetable garden, you can be realistic or be overwhelmed."



Sample page from the book:

TO DO THIS MONTH

PLAN

Everyone 

- Review notes about last year's garden for winners and losers
- Inventory leftover seeds, test for viability, and list what you need to reorder
- Organize catalogs and make your wish list
- Review your wish list and be realistic
- Start ordering seeds

Zones 5, 6, and 7 

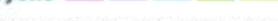
- Gather and clean seed-starting materials, such as containers, trays, and soil

PREPARE AND MAINTAIN

Everyone 

- Check for animal damage to fruit trees and shrubs
- Check on vegetables in storage
- Check on hoop house vegetables
- Order asparagus

SOW AND PLANT

Everyone 

- Start a windowsill garden with microgreens, lettuce, and herbs

Zones 6 and 7 

- Sow indoors (late in month):** celery, leeks, onions, and thyme

HARVESTING NOW

From storage

- Garlic
- Onions
- Parsnips
- Potatoes
- Squash
- Turnips

From hoop house

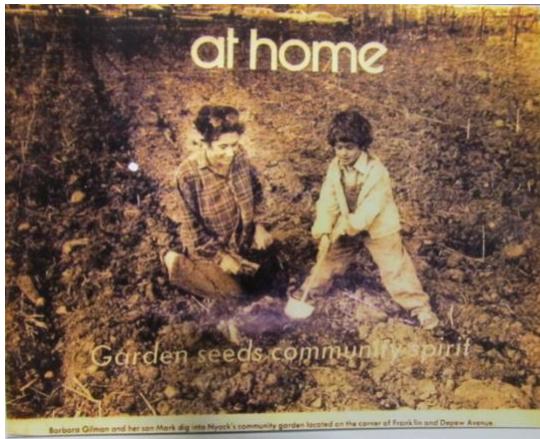
- Arugula
- Beets
- Brussels sprouts
- Carrots
- Herbs
- Kale
- Leeks
- Parsnips
- Swiss chard

 Zone 3 Zone 4 Zone 5 Zone 6 Zone 7

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The Nyack Community Garden's History

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the Fall 2018 newsletter and was written by Robin Brown.



Founder Barbara Gilman and her son in the Garden.
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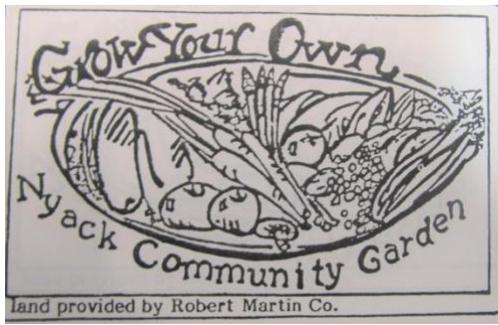
The Nyack Community Garden is very much a part of the national community garden movement in the 1970's described in our July-August 2018 newsletter. Around 1974-75 the land along Franklin Street between Depew and Hudson was vacant and considered undevelopable. Local people lead by Barbara Gilman and including Dan Rogers and Farrell Freeman, who worked on the effort as part of his Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteer commitment, pushed for a community garden on the site.

In addition to the typical benefits to the community of a garden, the Nyack one was also viewed as a means of promoting community within Nyack's diverse community and as a complement to the adjacent housing being constructed by the Robert Martin Company. The Robert Martin Company agreed and offered the space for a community garden beginning the long and productive sponsorship of the Nyack Community Garden by the real estate investment, development and management firm. It is not exactly clear when the first plot was planted at our garden.

1976 may be the date as Barbara Gilman in 1994 thought the photograph of her breaking ground was taken that year. The Nyack Library has a newspaper clipping with a photograph of the garden with the date 1979. 1979 seems to be the year when the garden was fully functioning community garden. The process to turn the overgrown vacant lot full of coal dust, cinders, and other remnants of its past railroad facility into the splendid community resource has spanned more than 40 years.

Initially the overgrown vacant lot, with a good crop of bamboo, did not have very many gardeners and plots were located at the north section. Gradually through outreach to the community the number of gardeners increased and the quality of the gardening experience improved. The garden received a boost in 1979 when Grand Union, who was building a store at the Hub shopping center, donated soil

from their excavation. This probably was the beginning of the soil improvement that continues to the present when every 4 to 5 years compost is spread on the garden.



Our mid-1980's logo. In 1986 gardeners could purchase a T-shirt with this logo on it.

Plots at the time were 10' x 10' and the fee \$3. Groups involved with the garden included Rockland County Cooperative Extension Service, Nyack High School Interact Club, Rockland Community Action Corporation, and Nyack Rotary. Problems included vandalism of hoses and theft of vegetables. In 1978-79 the Boy Scouts had a plot and in 1980, three and four year-old children at Nyack Head Start had three

plots. In the early 1980's Cooperative Extension's Master Gardeners visited the garden regularly to answer questions and give tips.

In the early years the garden was enclosed by a snow fence. In 1983, in 1994 and again in 2000, the gardening community successfully advocated that the property not be developed for other uses. In 1985, the garden had its own "Grow Your Own" logo. In the mid-1980s, the garden contest began. Early categories included largest vegetables and most variety of vegetables in addition to most categories that we have today. Some years the contest was not held.

By early 1990's the garden had the general layout that it has today. Annual plot fees were \$10 for a full plot and \$5 for a half plot. The garden welcomed a lot of improvements in the 1990's. In 1989/90 Robert Martin Company put up a chained link fence, which was later replaced by a higher one. The following year the gates were locked to prevent theft and vandalism. Rules at the time included must plant by and must clear plots by dates, control weeds on the path, turn off faucet, no sunflowers or dogs, keep gates closed. Until 1992/3 the Nyack Recreation support provided administrative support, mowed the grass, and rototilled. Since then the garden members have handled paperwork and other



Early photograph of Garden when surrounded by snow fence. Probably taken around 1980. Collection of Nyack Public Library.

activities. Over the years the Garden has received support from many businesses and civic organizations in Nyack.

Fortunately, Robert Martin Company, in concert with the Community Housing Management Corporation, continues as our best friend, allowing us to use the land, has the surrounding grass mowed, and provides much other generous support. In 1993-94, Robert Martin Company arranged to have water brought directly to the garden. Previously obtaining water was cumbersome. First, water was transported in buckets, then a hose was run across Franklin Avenue, and then a hose was run over the creek to spigot outside the Nyack Plaza apartments. In 1994 the Garden hosted ARC workers with disabilities in community work program.

As early as 1993, gardeners made donations of vegetables to local soup kitchens. Our more formal participation in the Plant a Row for the Hungry began around 6 years ago. Around 1995, our first newsletter was published. In the mid 1990's an annual rummage sale to raise funds coincided with Nyack Street Fairs. In 1996, a new waterline was installed, and our current walk-in shed, so beautifully painted this summer, was erected. In 1998, the garden had 62 members in 35 full plots and 24 half plots. Today, we have 87 members in 68 plots (30 full and 38 half plots).

Improvements and new programs were added in the 2000's. In 2009, the central walk was handsomely paved. Our website manager Brian Osborne published our first website in April 2010. The colorful sign in the central Franklin flower garden dates to 1912. In 2016 we added the wooden bench near the shed. In 2017, the flower garden at the corner of Hudson and Franklin became an official Monarch Butterfly Waystation.



Chairperson Sallie Mae Porter at the garden in 2000 after leading a successful effort to preserve the Garden. Journal News, April 15, 2000. After Sallie died in 2002, we had a memorial Sallie's Garden.

Since we have always been a volunteer group, the garden's success is credited to all its members. Special mention has already been given to the key founders. Other standout people are Ward Feirer, chairperson from 1981-92, assisted by secretary/treasurer Edna Matthews. In 1991, Christine Adams was chair, and in 1993-4 Angela Mathews was chair. From 1994-2013, Sallie Mae Porter, Bill Weisgerber, and Zsolt Takacs were our chairs. Since 2014,

John Dunnigan and Lynda Grant are our co-chairs.

Information for this article is primarily from the Local History Room in the Nyack Public Library. Many thanks to Carolyn Kent and Mary Ann Goddard, members in the late 1970's, John Dunnigan, Marie Dilluvio, Pauline Heckstall, Dianne Macpherson, Brian Osborne, and Jennifer Rothschild of the Historical Society of the Nyacks for help and recollections.

Plant-a-Row

Plant-a-Row is a successful program for sharing our surplus produce with the local community. Last year, we donated 650 pounds of food to the Rockland community. This year, our goal is 1000 pounds to celebrate our 50th anniversary. We are grateful to all who contributed, as you made a difference in the lives of many.

As our gardens flourish and become abundant, the need for our continued support becomes more pressing. We would greatly appreciate your sharing of your excess produce with those in need. Starting July 8th, our dedicated group of volunteers will be on hand to gather all the donated produce and drive it to People to People for distribution weekly.

A few important things to remember:

- Coolers will be out every Sunday morning.
- Pick-up will happen on Mondays at 10 AM (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.)
- Please do not donate lettuce. Refrigeration is not available, and the lettuce wilts. Therefore, it is not suitable to be shared.
- When considering what to donate, please remember the quality you would offer to your friends and family. If it's not something they would enjoy, it's best not to share it. This way, we can ensure that the produce we donate is of the highest quality and truly beneficial to those in need.
- Remove all dirt and wash all the produce before placing them in the coolers.

If you want to donate but cannot harvest, don't hesitate to contact Jill Remaly at jillremaly217@gmail.com or via Facebook Messenger. She will then inform the volunteers, who will gladly harvest for you.

This program owes a huge part of its success to our faithful volunteers who show up every week, rain or shine. The committee always appreciates anyone willing to offer extra support to the program. So, please feel free to stop by Monday morning between 9 and 10 AM to help.

Garden Contest – July 31

Save the date! The annual Nyack Community Garden Contest will be held this year on Thursday, July 31, at 10am.

This contest always brings some fun at the height of the growing season, and it helps provide an added impetus to keep our plots nice and neat. Look out for a recap of the winners in our Fall newsletter.

Notes from the Board

Please notify the Executive Board at membership@nyackcommunitygarden.info if our garden information has incorrect information for you, such as wrong name spelling, email, phone number, plot number, committee assignment, or address, OR contact us if you change any of these. While we do not email revised lists every time an update is made to all members, the up-to-date information is always posted on the bulletin board on the door of the shed.

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2025 Dates to Remember

Mondays by 10am – Plant-A-Row veggies in cooler will be given to food bank

Thursday, July 31, 10am – Garden Contest Judging

Saturday, August 23, 9am – Garden Clean-Up (rain date August 24)

Saturday, September 6 – 50th Anniversary Celebration Garden Party

Thursday, September 25 – Pot Luck Dinner with prizes awarded to attending contest winners and free raffle for all attendees

Saturday, October 18, 9am – Fall Clean-up (rain date October 19)

Sunday, November 2 – Garden closes, gardeners must fully clear plots

Sunday, November 9, 8am – Winter prep and clean-up

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A message from your newsletter team: Please send us your garden stories, questions, or tips on what you'd like to hear more about in the newsletter. We'd love to hear from you.

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