

Links

COMMUNITY GARDENING

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) - is a national nonprofit membership organization of professionals, volunteers and supporters of community greening in urban and rural communities.

The Capital District Community Gardens (CDCG) is in the Capital District of New York. Established in 1972, CDCG is a private non-profit community service organization that has been helping residents of Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Counties improve their neighborhoods through community gardening and urban greening programs for more than 25 years.

HORTICULTURAL GARDENS

Longwood Gardens - its webpage states: "world's premier horticultural display." Visit it soon and often; you won't be disappointed.

The Sarah P. Duke Gardens - are often spoken of as the "Crown Jewel of Duke University," occupies 55 acres in the heart of the University's West Campus, adjacent to Duke University Medical Center. **Joan, a former gardener with us at the Town of Guilderland Community Gardens, now shares her gardening expertise with the gardeners at Duke Gardens.**

Cornell Plantations - Diverse living plant collections and natural features that delight and educate Cornell students and visitors of all ages.

The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University - The historical mission of the Arnold Arboretum is to increase knowledge of woody plants through research and to disseminate this knowledge through education.

The Landis Arboretum - a public garden on 548 acres and six miles of hiking trails overlooking the Schoharie Valley near Esperance, New York. Forty acres are developed with plantings of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials from around the world. The remainder of the property consists of natural areas, woodlands, and open fields reminiscent of the former farm on the site.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden - BBG is a 52-acre living museum where beauty, romance, and fun blossom among world-class plant collections and specialty gardens. Admired as an urban horticultural and botanical resource, BBG inspires visitors to discover that plants are essential to life.

GARDENING INFORMATION

Cornell Cooperative Extension - a wealth of gardening information.

The Horticultural Web - This resource is dedicated to plant lovers! It offers the most comprehensive growing resource to learn about and use new and exciting floriculture and horticulture products and services.

The American Rose Society - Dedicated to the enjoyment, enhancement, and promotion of the rose, our National Floral Emblem.

The African Violet Society of America, Inc. - your source of information about african violets.

The National Gardening Association - NGA's mission is to renew the fundamental links between people, plants, and the Earth. Through exemplary programs in schools and communities nationwide, it promotes environmental stewardship, advance standards-based learning and science literacy, and create partnerships that restore and enhance communities.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society - is a not-for-profit membership organization founded in 1827. Under the leadership of Jane G. Pepper, it provides great events, activities and publications for novice gardeners, experienced horticulturists, and flower lovers of all ages.

Tips for Growing Your First Home Garden - Gardening is a fun and rewarding hobby and to see plants that you have nurtured grow and flourish. Learn more about the basics of growing flowers, vegetables, fruits, and trees in your own backyard.

GARDEN SEED AND PLANT SOURCES

Rohrer Seeds - located in Smoketown PA, the heart of Lancaster County, known as "America's Garden Spot". A family owned and operated business established in 1919 by P.L. Rohrer.

Evergreen Seeds - This site offers more than 300 varieties of Oriental vegetable seeds. You will find all sorts of Asian vegetables that you can grow in your garden/farm.

St. Lawrence Nurseries - a small, family-run business in Potsdam, New York that specializes in cold-hardy edible plants. The Nursery was started in the 1920's by Fred Ashworth, a Northern New York farmer and plant breeder of hardy fruit and nut trees. Now owned by Bill MacKentley, Fred's friend and apprentice.

Catskill Native Nursery - specializes in nursery-propagated North American perennials, fruits, shrubs and trees. Native plants are a natural choice for woodland, meadow, and aquatic gardens.

ANIMAL ADVOCACY

Doris Day Animal League - working to reduce the pain and suffering of non-human animals through legislative initiatives and the enforcement of existing laws that protect animals.

NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SITES

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy - The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy was formerly the Albany County Land Conservancy. Here you will find information about the MHLCC, its members and the work they do for the residents of the greater Capital Region and Mohawk-Hudson region of New York State.

Save the Pine Bush - is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to saving the Albany Pine Bush, a globally rare ecosystem in New York State.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

CommunityCaregivers - over 450 neighbors who give a helping hand to others in the Guilderland, Bethlehem, New Scotland, Berne and Knox neighborhoods.

Hudson Valley Garlic Festival - Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Saugerties, this annual fall festival in Saugerties, New York celebrates the harvest season with its generous life-sustaining gifts and, particularly, the natural health and food-enhancing benefits of garlic. Funds from this event supports deserving groups such as the Kiwanis Club Ice Arena, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Boy's and Girl's Clubs, Saugerties Area Council of Churches, Saugerties High School student scholarships, the Saugerties Mum Festival, the Key Club, the Builders Club, the American Cancer Society, the American Legion, the Blue Kats, Children's Annex, Diaz Ambulance, the Woodstock School of Art, the Saugerties Christmas tree lighting, and the "Coats for Kids" program.

NATURAL and ORGANIC LIVING and COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

The Regional Farm & Food Project - an independent non-profit membership organization of farmers and consumers founded in 1996 to promote sustainable agriculture in the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys and beyond.

Organic Consumers Association - Campaigning for Food Safety, Organic Agriculture, Fair Trade & Sustainability.

Roxbury Farm - is a community supported farm, one of the largest in the country, and the first to have a community in New York City. Vegetables, herbs, melons, and strawberries are grown for over 750 shareholders representing over 1000 families in four communities--Columbia County, the Capital Region, Westchester County and Manhattan--on 225 acres in Kinderhook, New York.

Beyond Pesticides - works with allies in protecting public health and the environment to lead the transition to a world free of toxic pesticides.

The Northeast Organic Farming Association - a non-profit organization of nearly 4,000 farmers, gardeners and consumers working to promote healthy food, organic farming practices and a cleaner environment.

Honest Weight Food Coop - located in Albany, New York, this member-owned and-operated consumer cooperative is committed to providing the community with affordable, high quality natural foods and products for healthy living.

Citizens For Health - is the national grassroots advocacy organization committed to protecting and expanding your natural health choices.

BIRDING

Hawk Mountain Bird Sanctuary - Located along the Appalachian Flyway in east-central Pennsylvania, scenic Hawk Mountain Sanctuary offers visitors an outstanding experience in nature observation with its mountaintop vistas and thrilling migration of nearly 20,000 hawks, eagles and falcons.

The North American Bluebird Society - a non-profit conservation, education and research organization, promotes the recovery of bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting bird species.

The New York State Bluebird Society - a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*), our state bird.

The Purple Martin Conservation Association - the only organization devoted exclusively to the scientific study of Purple Martins (*Progne subis*), their biology, and habitat requirements.

Capital Region Audubon Society of Upstate New York - The Mission is to conserve and protect birds and wildlife habitat through advocacy and education.

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club - monthly programs are open to the public and are usually held at 7pm in the Colonie Public Library.

Cornell Lab of Ornithology - The Lab is a nonprofit membership institution whose mission is to interpret and conserve the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds. Our programs work with citizen scientists, government and non-government agencies across North America and beyond.

Audubon New York - the state program of the National Audubon Society and formerly National Audubon Society of New York State.

HISTORIC SITES

Olana State Historic Site - Named for a fortress treasure-house in ancient Persia, Olana was the home of Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900), one of America's most important artists, a student of Thomas Cole, and a major figure in the Hudson River School of landscape painting. Built high on a hill near Hudson, New York between 1870 and 1891, then as now, Olana offers magnificent sweeping vistas of the Catskill Mountains, the Hudson River and the Taconic Hills. Today, Olana is a New York State Historic Site, a National Historic Landmark, and one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Hudson Valley and upstate New York.

History of the Town of Guilderland - This link presents the rich history of the Town of Guilderland, New York, established in 1803 providing an accurate interpretation of the past, serving as a resource for the community and preserving our local history and historic structures in the Town.

Historic Albany Foundation - a private, not-for-profit membership organization working to promote the preservation and appreciation of the built environment in and around the city of Albany, New York.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Northeast Hop Alliance - is a broad-based coalition established to explore the feasibility of re-establishing commercial specialty hop production in New York and the Northeast.

Hostelling International USA - (registered as American Youth Hostels, Inc.) - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization founded in 1934 to promote international understanding of the world and its people through hostelling. HI-USA operates a network of more than 100 hostel accommodations throughout the United States that are inexpensive, safe and clean. Hostels range from urban high-rise buildings with hundreds of beds to small hostels in rural settings.