

The Gardens *Memory Gardens*

4 seeking election to Board of Directors

The following four individuals are seeking election to three-year terms on the Memory Gardens Board of Directors:

Gordon Bell

Gordon Bell was appointed to the board in January 2012. He is currently treasurer and has served as secretary. He also serves on the planning and finance committees. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics, and is retired.

Cheryl Kowalski

Cheryl Kowalski was appointed to the board in 2016. She is currently on the Finance Committee and the Friends of the Gardens. She is employed by GlobalFoundries as its risk manager. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Health Administration with a minor in Geriatrics and Management.

Raymond Paradise

Raymond Paradise was appointed to the board in 2009. He has been president for the past three years. He has served on several committees including human resources, finance and information technology. He has been employed with New York State for 32 years, and is currently a manager in the Office of Information Technologies. He is also a volunteer firefighter for the Colonie Fire Company.

Catherine Romano

Catherine Romano was appointed to the board in 2009. She has served as president and secretary. She has also served on the by-laws, newsletter, marketing/public relations, and nominations committees. Currently, she is chairperson of the Friends of the Garden Committee and serves on the Ad Hoc Committee. She also assists with the Annual Christmas Remembrance Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Easter Sunrise Service.

All lot owners are encouraged to participate in the election process by completing and returning the form in this newsletter. You may also cast your vote at the Annual Lot Owners Meeting on May 6.

New Last Supper feature installed

The new Last Supper feature has been installed. The previous Last Supper feature had been in place since the opening of the Gardens. The older feature had been deteriorating and crumbling for many years.

The new feature is made of granite, is extremely durable and will have a very long lifetime. As you can see in the picture, it has a depiction of the Last Supper, which is etched on both sides of black granite and is set on a 64-niche columbarium. We have had many requests from people who have wanted to rest in this area of the Gardens to be near loved ones. And since the Last Supper Garden is very full, this will provide a wonderful alternative. The 64-niche columbarium is constructed in china gray granite and has polished black granite shutters with gold rosettes on the fronts of the niche spaces. There are 32 niche spaces on each side of the columbarium.

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 Mountain peaks. It is both a beautiful place to visit and to rest. Please contact one of our Memorial Advisors for additional information.



Easter Sunrise Service set for April 16

Memory Gardens' 76th annual Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7 a.m. on April 16, 2017, rain or shine. The Rev. Bruce Cornwell of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie will conduct the service. The service will be broadcast throughout the grounds via the Schulmerich Carillon. We invite family and friends to participate in the service from their loved one's resting place or their favorite spot in the Gardens. We recommend arriving at least several minutes in advance to give you adequate time to pick up a program and get situated.



President's Message

I would like to personally invite every lot owner or heir of a lot owner to attend the Annual Meeting of Lot Owners on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and it's your opportunity to share with your board any ideas or concerns you may have about the Gardens.

You will also hear an update on the activities of the past year including work that has been done to enhance and maintain the pastoral beauty of the Gardens. One great example is the new Last Supper feature, which is now in place. The existing feature was damaged from years

of exposure to the elements. We began the process to install the new feature last fall and we're very excited by the results. I invite you to see it for yourself, and I'm confident you'll agree that it's beautiful.

The meeting is also your opportunity to speak directly to board members. During the meeting, we will hold the election for several director positions. I encourage you to learn more about these individuals who have volunteered to serve on the board and work to ensure Memory Gardens continues to provide excellent service to its lot holders. If you are in attendance, you

may cast your vote during the meeting. For those who are unable to attend the meeting, please complete the proxy form in this issue and return it by April 24, 2017.

In closing, I want to share that preparations are under way for our annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 16.

I hope you will join us on Easter Sunday and the Annual Meeting.

Raymond Paradise
President

Memory Gardens, Inc.

Annual Meeting of Lot Owners

10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2017

at the Memory Gardens Administrative Building 983 Watervliet Shaker Road • Albany, NY 12205

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 or guardian, please give full title as such.

****ILLEGIBLE OR UNSIGNED PROXIES WILL NOT BE COUNTED ****

Completed proxy must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2017 to be counted.

PROXY SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEMORY GARDENS, INC. FOR THE 2017 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 powers which the undersigned would 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 6, 2017 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.

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

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

1) Gordon Bell	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF	/	NOT IN FAVOR OF
2) Cheryl Kowalski	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF	/	NOT IN FAVOR OF
3) Raymond Paradise	Three-Year Term	IN FAVOR OF	/	NOT IN FAVOR OF
4) Catherine Romano	Three-Year Term	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

2017 Floral Placement Service

Placement service begins April 24 and ends October 6

Each year from the end of April through mid-October, Memory Gardens offers a floral placement service. For a small 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 ranging from once per week to a single day.

Fresh bouquets include mixed flowers of bright colors. Choose one or more special dates or take advantage of our weekly plans to ensure your loved one will have a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers from the end of April through mid-October. Artificial bouquets in seasonal colors are pictured below. We offer a spring bouquet, a *Red, White & Blue* patriotic bouquet for placement from Memorial Day through July 4th, an early summer bouquet, a mid-summer bouquet, a late 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, or 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 No: _____

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

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Check if new address

Fresh flowers provided by Frank Gallo & Son Florist of Schenectady

Please select which plan you desire below:

- Plan 1 25 Fresh Bouquets - Once per week** **\$325**
Fresh flowers each week from the end of April through mid-October
- Plan 2 15 Fresh Bouquets - Every other week** **\$195**
Includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day
- Plan 3 10 Fresh Bouquets - Every three weeks** **\$130**
Includes Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day
- Plan 4 5 Fresh Bouquets - Select 5 Special Dates*** **\$100**
(Dates from April 24 to October 6)
- Plan 5 1 Fresh Bouquet - Select any Special Day*** **\$20 each**
(Dates from April 24 to October 6)
- Plan 6 Artificial Bouquets - Spring _____, Red, White & Blue _____** **\$25 each**
Early-Summer _____, Mid-Summer _____, Late Summer _____, Fall _____
- Plan 7 All Six Artificial Bouquets** **\$125**



Spring



Red, White & Blue



Early-Summer



Mid-Summer



Late Summer



Fall

*Our staff does not place on weekends or holidays

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Raymond Paradise, President

Gordon Bell	Donna Landy
Frank Coluccio	Andy Marino
Beverly Emerick	Salvatore Prividera Jr.
Anthony Garufi	Catherine Romano
Cheryl Kowalski	

Guide to important dates at Memory Gardens

March 1 to April 15

Spring cleanup: All decorations are removed

April 15 to November 1

Bronze vases may be used until November 1

May 6

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

November 1 to November 15

Fall cleanup: All decorations are removed

November 1 to April 14

Bronze vases in markers not to be used

December 8

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

Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day

Potted plants allowed three days before and three days after

Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day

Flags allowed three days before and three days after.

Volunteers are needed to place flags for Memorial Day

For more details visit our website

www.memorygardens.org

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. Almost half of the spaces have already been sold since the garden opened in the spring of 2016. Each space is available at our introductory price of \$400. Please contact our office 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. Oversize grave liners are also available. Please contact our office at (518) 869-9506 for more information.