

ROCHESTER GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB

2025-2026 CALENDAR

ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE **PUBLIC**.

ROCHESTER EAGLES CLUB – ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

SPEAKER BEGINS AT 6:30

JANUARY

JANUARY 4, 2025: ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING - TREASURER AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

JANUARY 14, 2025: A GARDENING FOCUS CLASS AT 125 LIVE! 1 – 2 PM

RG&FC Members are welcome as guests if they register in advance thru Karen Noltee at gramakj@charter.net before January 10th!

Happy plants make happy gardeners! Let's find the right plants for the right places in our garden beds! Learn how to explore the various sources of information available to you, including what is quickly available in our digital age! Bring your SMART cell phones with you!

January is a great time to be planning on what we will be doing in our garden beds in the Spring! Bring in a list of plants that you felt disappointed in how they were this last summer! Think ahead about how much sun is or isn't in your various garden beds. How are your houseplants doing?

Presented by Karen Noltee, from the Rochester Garden & Flower Club

JANUARY 14, 2025: BOARD MEETING. 6:00 PM AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

JANUARY 16, 2025: MONTHLY MEETING. FOUR SEASON FORAGING

Presenter Maria Wesserle, owner. Foraging promotes wild harvesting through all the seasons- even winter! Though often thought of as a barren time of year, the persistent forager can find things to harvest: evergreens, fruit still hanging on trees and shrubs, hard-fleshed mushrooms. The benefits of foraging year-round are multifold. Learn about medicinal plants, plants with high nutrients, and where it is safe and legal to forage in the Rochester area. <https://fourseasonforaging.com/>

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 11, 2025: 125 LIVE GARDENING FOCUS CLASS - FLOWERS & PLANTS FOR PART SUN & PART SUN/SHADE AREAS 1-2 PM

RG&FC Members are welcome as guests if they register in advance through Karen Noltee at gramakj@charter.net before Feb. 6th!

Are you struggling with part sun or part shade areas in your garden beds? There's a wealth of beautiful and vibrant plants, which thrive in shadier conditions. Join Jean in this insightful presentation, where she'll introduce you to how to brighten your spaces with a wide variety of plants with flowers or add lush, colorful foliage plants. You'll leave with the knowledge to make your garden bold and beautiful this spring!

Presenter: Jean Meyer, Rochester Garden & Flower Club Member, Horticulture degree, Retired Master Gardener, and Shades of Green Hosta Club member. Jean & Jerry Meyer garden near Pine Island on many acres of Shade to Sun.

FEBRUARY 20, 2025: MONTHLY MEETING. EARL BYE, BIRDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI

Earl Bye, Professional Wildlife photographer, Red Wing Wild Photography, presents The Birds of the Mississippi. Earl will have signed copies of his newest book, Eagles of Red Wing for sale. This just might be the most beautiful presentation RGFC club has ever offered. <https://rwwild.com/>

MARCH

MARCH 1, 2025: SEED LIBRARY OPENING. 10:30AM - 4:00PM AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate the opening of the 2025 Seed Library! Learn about the Seed Library, bring home seeds (up to 15 packets per person), and gather information and advice about gardening and healthy foods from a variety of community organizations. <https://www.rplmn.org/services/more-services/seed-library>

MARCH 11, 2025: BOARD MEETING. 6:00 PM AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MARCH 20, 2025: MONTHLY MEETING. PLAN AHEAD FOR SEED SAVING

Presented by the Co-Founder of the Rochester Public Library, Seed Library, Heidi Kern. For your beautiful flowers and delicious veggies, Heidi will walk us through all the steps needed to build your own sustainable, sharable seed library. From the proper time to collect and long-term storage. It's Easy! <https://rootsandrefuge.com/a-complete-guide-to-seed-saving/>

APRIL

APRIL 17, 2025: MONTHLY MEETING. ALL AMERICANS SELECTIONS & THE NATIONAL GARDEN BUREAU

Diane Blazek, the Executive Director of All American Selections and the National Garden Bureau will share the newest and top performing flowering plants and veggies. Learn how the National Garden Bureau at Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois is your invaluable, all-around garden resource. <https://all-americanselections.org/>, <https://ngb.org/>

CANCELLED - APRIL 26, 2025: ROCHESTER GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB - APRIL CRAFT CLASS 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM
ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM - **CANCELLED**

MAY

MAY 1, 2025: CARPOOL TO MENONITE GREENHOUSES SOGHS, DOROTHY WICHMANN

Carpool to Menonite Greenhouses, Pine Hill, Hoovers, and K & R. Meet at 7:30 at the Kohl's parking lot near Sterling State Bank. Bring a lunch and beverage.

MAY 5, 2025: CARPOOL TO MENONITE GREENHOUSES SOGHS, DOROTHY WICHMANN

Carpool to Menonite Greenhouses, Deerfield, Rose Arbor, and Oak Grove. Bring a lunch and beverage. Meet at 7:30 at the Kohl's parking lot near Sterling State Bank. Bring a lunch and beverage.

MAY 9, 2025: CARPOOL TO PORK & PLANTS SOGHS, DOROTHY WICHMANN

Carpool to Pork & Plants near Altura. Meet at the east parking lot at the Heintz Center at 8:30 a.m. arriving about 9 a.m./9:15a.m. Leave Pork & Plants about 11 a.m. heading to Utica for lunch at Brewski's. A table will be set and ready. They will be notified that we are coming. After lunch, we will head back to St Charles, taking CR 74 to the Amish Greenhouses, Sunset View and Gingerich's.

MAY 13, 2025: CARPOOL TO IOWA GREENHOUSES SOGHS, DOROTHY WICHMANN

Carpool to Iowa Greenhouses, K & K Gardens (Hawkeye), Fox Greenhouse (Randalia), and Cannons Greenhouse (Westgate). Leave at 7:30 a.m. from the Kohl's Parking Lot near Sterling State Bank in SE Rochester. Lunch at Bent's BBQ in Westgate.

MAY 13, 2025: PLANT SALE SETUP – MEMBERS ONLY

MAY 14 & 15, 2025: ROCHESTER FLOWER AND GARDEN ANNUAL PLANT SALE

This is the one you just can't miss. Club members will have their Minnesota hardy perennials for sale along with veggies and native plants. Cash, Check or Card. <https://www.rgfc.org/plantsale.html>

UPDATED - MAY 19, 2025: BOARD MEETING. 6:00 PM AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

JUNE

JUNE 19, 2025: MONTHLY MEETING.

Speaker to be announced.

JULY

JULY 8, 2025: BOARD MEETING. 6:00 PM AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

JULY 12. SOGHS BUS TRIP SOGHS, DOROTHY WICHMANN

The bus trip will leave at 7:00 a.m. from the Walmart/Sam's Club parking lot by Kwik Trip. Bring your lunch. Bottled water and snacks will be provided.

- First Stop: Tom Carlson's Hosta Farm and Gardens (Roseville, MN). Tom is the former owner of Hosta Direct and IDEal Garden Markers and will be sending a list of hostas available for sale.
- Second Stop: Ascent Flower Garden (Champlin, MN). Yee Lee and Bryan Johnsen, First Place winners of the 2023 Star Tribune Most Beautiful Garden. They have a greenhouse for sale.
- Third Stop: Garden of Barbara Burgum on Lake Minnetonka (Deephaven, MN). Landscape artist Barbara Burgum's unique garden has been honored by the Smithsonian Archives of "Gardens Across America."
- Fourth Stop: Dynasty Drive Gardens of Gary Mosiman and Julie Carly. Explore the expansive gardens of longstanding hostaholics, Gary Mosiman and Julie Carly. These gardens were visited by SOGHS ten years ago.

If time allows a stop at Gertens Greenhouse (Inver Grove Heights, MN) on the way home. Arrive back in Rochester at 6:00 p.m.

SOGHS members: \$30.00, Non-members \$35.00. Sign-up sheets available at April meeting or contact Dorothy at (507) 208-5680.

JULY 19, 2025: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR PAMELA HEIN, CHAIR

The garden tour starts at the RCTC Heintz Center at 10:00 a.m. <https://www.rgfc.org/gardentour.html>

JULY 28 - AUGUST 3, 2025: COUNTY FAIR FLOWER WORKSHOP & SHOW

AUGUST

AUGUST 21, 2025: ANNUAL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Date and Location to be announced.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025: BOARD MEETING. 6:00 PM AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025: MONTHLY MEETING. DAFFODILS, PICK THE ONES TO THRIVE IN YOUR UNIQUE GARDEN

Presented by Margaret MacNeal. Margaret is a past president of the American Daffodil Society, current president of the MN Daffodil Society, a frequent presenter at national gardening events, and an author of many gardening articles in the popular press. While daffodils are her passion, she is an expert in fall planting and all fall bulbs. The MN Daffodil Society maintains a daffodil garden at the MN Horticulture Society. The garden features hybrids by MN Daffodil Society members that are so rare that they are not available for retail sale. Ms. McNeal will bring daffodil bulbs to sell. Proceeds benefit the MN Daffodil Society. <https://www.daffodilmn.org/>

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 16, 2025: WINTER PARTY

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 11, 2025: BOARD MEETING. 6:00 PM AT THE ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025: MAYOWOOD CHRISTMAS TOUR

More information will be available at <https://www.olmstedhistory.com/mayowood>

NOVEMBER 20, 2025: MONTHLY MEETING. PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

DECEMBER

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JANUARY 2026

JANUARY 15, 2026: NORTHERN LIGHTS DAYLILY FARM & HYBRIDIZING LILIES

Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom of West Concord, Minnesota will present. Mike and Kathleen have been growing and hybridizing lilies for many years. The farm has produced many spectacular and national award-winning hybrids. Mike focuses on “toothy” edges and big eyes. Kathleen creates lilies with patterned eyes. <https://northernlightsdaylilies.com/>

FEBRUARY 19, 2026: THE MINNESOTA ROSE SOCIETY, ALL ABOUT ROSES 101

Presented by James Bearsley, Northern Rosarian, American Rose Society Master Rosarian and Accredited Rose Judge, growing roses in Maplewood, Mn. A member of the Minnesota Rose Society, the Lake Superior Rose Society, the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum where he is a Rose Expert. Besides roses, James grows hostas, lilies, daylilies, peonies, native shrubs, wildflowers and maintains butterfly and hummingbird gardens. <https://www.northernrosarian.com>

MARCH 19, 2026: NORTHERN AROIDS, NEW AND EXOTIC HOUSEPLANTS

Jenna Mundahl, owner of Northern Aroids will share tips & tricks for your houseplants and introduce us to the newest, trendiest, and most exotic houseplant varieties. Jenna will have some plants to sell. Be prepared, you will want to collect all of them!

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