

GARDEN NOTES 2012



New Center Fountain amidst the peak burst of blooms this past June

Center Fountain a “Grand” New Addition

The 14' high black marble fountain surrounded by a red brick paved terrace immediately began drawing visitors to see this new addition to the rose garden. They came to pose & take photos all day and into the night, when the fountain is illuminated and the water sparkles in the twilight. Many people have commented how well the fountain fits into the garden. We certainly agree and would like to thank, Mary Moore Wallinger our landscape architect, Synthesis LLP and Surroundings Landscape & Design, for their design, guidance and tremendous help to construct another piece of our Master Plan to restore and improve the rose garden.

On Saturday, June 18, 2011, under bright sunny skies the Center Fountain was dedicated in the rose garden in memory of Katie Lynch a young woman of 31, whose life was cut too short after losing her battle with leukemia. Many of her friends, family and colleagues came out to celebrate her life as the glistening water cascaded over the lovely new fountain named in her honor, as they remembered the gentle soul of this woman who inspired and touched all the people she met. It was a beautiful day shared by all those who attended our annual rose garden fundraiser.

Save the Date: Friday, June 22, 2011 - 6 to 9 pm
at the **River Stone Manor**, Glenville, NY
Our 17th Annual Garden Party, will be a special tropical themed evening of fun and surprises!

What's New in the Garden

Garden Entry Kiosk finally takes its place on the Iroquois Way garden entrance

After many years of planning what was to be our first Master Plan project finally took its place in the garden within days after the Center Fountain's completion. The three sided kiosk placed at the garden entrance on Iroquois Way beckons visitors from Central Park to stop and smell the roses. Each panel on the kiosk contains information about the formation of the Rose Garden Restoration Committee, our Master Plan, History of the Rose Garden, Contributors to our first fundraising efforts and a Map of Central Park with Rules of Etiquette for visitors to follow when enjoying their visit to the rose garden.

The Kiosk with its bright red rose imaged panels placed on a black wrought iron styled structure, ties well with other recent new additions to the garden such as the benches, fencing and also our new black marble center fountain.



RGRC receives “Good News Award” from the Chamber of Schenectady County

On April 23, 2011 the Rose Garden Restoration Committee was awarded a “Good News Awards” from the Chamber of Schenectady County at their annual awards luncheon. The awards recognized businesses or organizations whose story and community involvement makes Schenectady County a great place to live, work and play, yet whose stories remain untold. See the chamber's video presentation of “our story” at: <http://www.youtube.com/chamberschdy>
We are so grateful to the Chamber for honoring us with this fine award.