

Lilies

Lilium (members of which are true lilies) is a genus of herbaceous flowering plants growing from bulbs, all with large prominent flowers. Many other plants have "lily" in their common name but are not related to true lilies. For the Lily Park, all types of lilies are welcome!

Lilies come in a range of colors and are late spring- or summer-flowering. Oriental, Day, Asiatic, Lilies of the Valley, Plantain Lily (Hosta) are just a few types. A search on the Internet will tell you which varieties prefer sun, shade, or partial shade. Lilies are hardy, and once established usually thrive on their own without much care.

Lilies transplant well and may require splitting if they outgrow their areas. We gladly accept donated transplants — contact one of the people listed.



Day Lilies

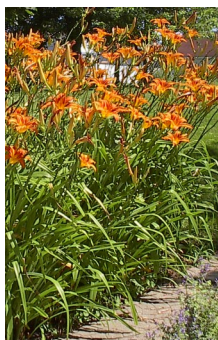


Hosta (Plantain Lily)

Enjoy a special spot to reflect, meditate, or just be close to nature at the Stone Labyrinth Reflection Area, completed by Schoharie's three churches in May 2016.



The Tiger Lily



Most of us refer to the flowers in this picture as an Orange Lily, or a Tiger Lily, but some people call this Day Lily a "Ditch Lily". It's because this prolific wildflower is commonly found in ditches around a wide area of America.

The common wildflower Tiger Lily is a profuse propagator by means of tuberous roots. It has edible roots (Native Americans ate the roots, baking them as you would potatoes) and has been used for medicinal purposes. This wildflower is easy to grow and they are at home in nature, or your flower garden.

Tiger Lilies require little attention. They prefer moist to wet soils. That's why they grow so well in and near ditches. They thrive in most regions of the U.S., and do not require winter protection. Once established, they will thrive and grow year after year.

www.gardenersnet.com/bulbs/tigerlily.htm

Tiger lilies have been planted along the path, transplanted from the many lilies that grow in the lily park. Normal blooming time in our area is early to mid-July.



The Lilies of the Schoharie Valley Walking Path and Gardens

Fort Road,
Schoharie, NY

The Lily Park



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The Lily Park

The Schoharie Promotional Association created a park called the Lilies of the Schoharie Valley Walking Path and Gardens. Located on approximately three acres of village-owned land



(between Route 30 and Fort Road and Fox Creek and the Old Stone Fort cemetery), the Lily Park is at the entrance to the Village of Schoharie and close to the Fox Creek covered bridge. This area was once an overgrown site that had been used as a landfill brush dump for years.

Phase 1 of the project began in the Spring of 2015 with a number of volunteers working to remove brush, cut trees, move rocks and create a path through the park.

Phase 2 began in the Spring of 2016 as Tiger Lilies were planted along the path. A number of areas, including a memorial garden, were planted with lily donations. A stone labyrinth reflection area was created by Schoharie's three churches. Areas were leveled, holes filled in, and rocks moved to get the park ready to mow. Some garden spots were adopted; benches, picnic tables, and birdhouses were donated. Paths to Fox Creek Park and a path under the Route 30 bridge (connecting Fox Creek Park) were created. Visitors (and their dogs) began to walk the path and enjoy the park.

Phase 3 continues to see the park expand with adopted gardens spots, visual interest items, charcoal grills, and park maintenance. The grand opening of the park and the First Annual Lily Festival will be July 15, 2017.

Planting the Park

- The Lily Park is a community effort and all are encouraged to take part — individuals, organizations, businesses — and is NOT limited to just Schoharie residents or Schoharie County residents.
- **The only requirement for gardeners is that their areas be maintained and weeded.**
- There are many locations in the park for gardens — around trees and many other areas — sunny, shady, or partial shade. The size of your garden is up to you.
- While gardens can contain any plant varieties, we ask that some variety of lily be included.
- Donation of trees to further beautify the park would be appreciated.
- Planting materials are available in the park, as well as tools. Gardeners who adopt an area will be given the combination to the lock on the shed. We ask that all tools be returned orderly to the shed.
- When establishing a garden, weeds, rocks, branches and other natural debris can be thrown in the hedge rows on each side of the park.
- To claim an area, contact one of the Schoharie Promotional Association members listed.
- Once you have planted your garden, the Promotional Association will provide an inscribed 4"x8" plaque for your area. Wording is up to you (keeping in mind that the more words, the smaller the letters will be). Please submit your wording in writing to our email address or contact one of the Association members.
- This is an excellent area to dedicate a memorial garden to a loved one.

The Lily Festival

The first Annual Lily Festival will be held on July 15, 2017 in the Lily Park. Although lilies bloom at different times in the summer, we chose the middle of July to hopefully capture the Tiger Lily in bloom.

Like Albany's Tulip Festival and Rochester's Lilac Festival, our goal is to continue Schoharie's Lily Festival each year to celebrate the beauty of the Lily Park and of the Schoharie Valley.

With crafters, vendors, food, music, games, and all other things associated with festivals, visitors are invited to enjoy a day in the park. A full schedule of events will be listed on our website.

Future Park Plans

The number of people who enjoy the park continues to grow. We invite you to take an active part in this community park.

The park has come a long way in three years due mainly to the work of many volunteers. Donations and the Promotional Association's contributions have provided the finances necessary to come this far. There are many more improvements we would like to see in the park and donations are needed to accomplish these goals.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Association. We appreciate your support and are happy to see all the people who are enjoying the Lily Park. Thank you.

The Schoharie Promotional Association
