

Schoharie Promotional Association Lily Park Gardens Policies and Guidelines

The Lily Park is the property of the Village of Schoharie. The Schoharie Promotional Association created and currently maintains it. A Lily Park Board made up five association members are responsible for policies and guidelines related to the park. Questions can be directed to any board member listed below.

The Lily Park is a community effort and all are encouraged to take part – individuals, organizations, businesses. (It is NOT limited to just Schoharie residents.) If you would like to adopt an area to plant, the following are the policies and guidelines that govern the park.

- Prospective gardeners **MUST** meet with Lily Park board member(s) to select a planting area at which time these policies will be explained. There are many locations in the park for gardens — around trees and other areas — sunny, shady, or partial sun/shade. A mutually agreed upon location and size will be submitted to the Lily Park Board for approval.
- Gardens need to be positioned so that they do not interfere with mowing (by tractor). The main objective is ease of maintenance for caretakers as well as gardeners.
- Gardeners **MUST continually** maintain and keep areas weeded, including borders around gardens.
- While gardens can contain assorted perennial plants, lilies should be the focus of all gardens. When selecting plants, watering and trimming needs should be considered.
- Any plant identified by the NYS DEC as a Prohibited Invasive Plant is not allowed in the park as identified in the following link: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/isprohibitedplants2.pdf.
- Gardens in the Lily Park should be kept **natural**. Rocks and other natural items are welcome. Other non-natural visual interest items are to be kept to a minimum and be inside the footprint of the garden.
- Tree donations to further beautify the park shall follow the same guidelines as gardens.
- Blue plaques identifying gardens are ordered every 3 to 4 months and the association covers the cost. Gardeners choose the inscription for the plaque (keeping in mind that the more words, the smaller the letters will be). **Any other signs or plaques MUST be approved** by the Lily Park Board.
- Gardens honoring loved ones are welcome. Tributes can be made on ground level blue plaques provided by the association. The garden is not the place for cemetery-related items. The park is a place for beauty, reflection, and joy.
- In accordance with New York State law, burial urns/ashes cannot be buried or placed anywhere in the park.
- The Lily Park is subject to laws governing the municipality that owns it (the Village of Schoharie).
- **Motor vehicles are not allowed in the park** except to drop off or pick up heavy materials at a site and then should return to the parking lot.
- Gardeners who adopt an area will be given the combination to the lock on the shed and can use gardening tools kept there. All tools are to be returned as they were found to the shed and the lock put back on the door.
- Some planting material (stones, soil, wood chips) are available near the shed for gardeners' use. If large amounts of material are needed, gardeners should bring in their own supply.
- Weeds, rocks, branches and other natural debris can be thrown in the hedge row towards the back of the park on the cemetery side.
- There is no electricity in the park. A water container is available near the covered bridge for gardeners' use.
- Gardens that are not maintained, after notice from the Lily Park Board, will be reclaimed by nature or reassigned.

Additions to the park have been very positive and have brightened the lily park. The Schoharie Promotional Association would like to keep the park natural and beautiful, yet fun and pleasant for all to enjoy.

All gardens are subject to compliance with the above policies and guidelines. The Schoharie Promotional Association reserves the right, after consultation with gardener(s), to remove inappropriate, offensive material, and/or items that do not conform to these guidelines.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
_____ Date: _____

Inscription on blue plaque: _____

I have read and will abide by these policies: _____