



The Northfield Garden Club

75th Anniversary 1950 - 2025



Northfield
Garden Club



Est. 1950

Beginnings



Founded in 1950

Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Northfield Garden Club is to advance and promote the art and science of horticulture, and to encourage all forms of home and civic gardening projects in the Northfield area.





Community, Education & Friendship

The Northfield Garden Club



Remembrances from Past Presidents: Kathryn Neset, 1972, 1973



“We started the round flowerbed on Bridge Square. We were asked by the city to plant the flowers. City employees prepared the bed for us and watered. We paid \$5.00 in membership dues that helped buy the plants: canna bulbs, marigolds, aster, petunias, etc. Our members did all the maintenance, planting and weeding”.



Visioning Community Beautification Projects



The colorful hanging baskets of petunias in downtown Northfield were the vision of the NGC and now are maintained by the City of Northfield.



Enhancing Downtown Northfield



- Colorful flowers in planters on Bridge Square and along the Riverwalk
- Baskets on the Pedestrian bridge below the Cannon River falls in downtown Northfield



Providing Holiday Greenery to Downtown

- In November, NGC Volunteers source, cut, haul and place winter greenery in downtown Northfield planters.



- The Garden Club was responsible, through the Landscape Partnership Program, for the corridor of 149 trees added in 2012 and 2014 along Highway 3 south from the Dairy Queen to St Olaf Ave and from the Cannon River bridge south to Jefferson Pkwy by Allina.



Hwy 3 Landscape Partnership Program





Photos from the Tree Partnership
Project: 2012 - 2014



Remembrances from Past Presidents: EdDee Imm, 2011, 2012



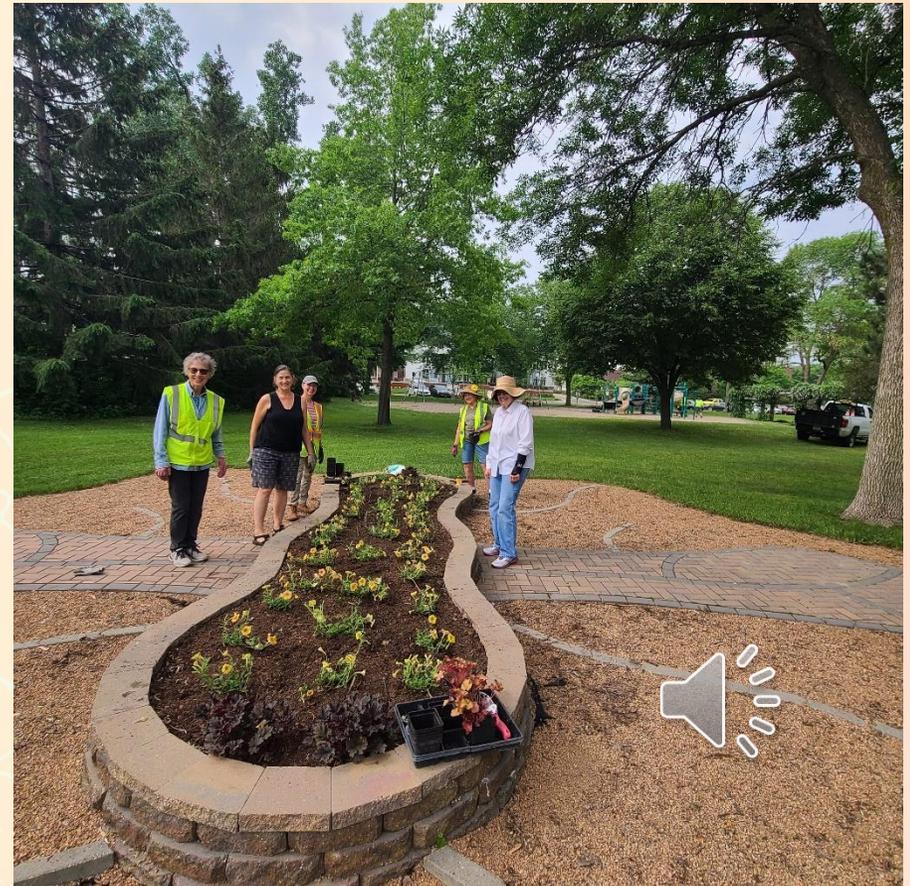
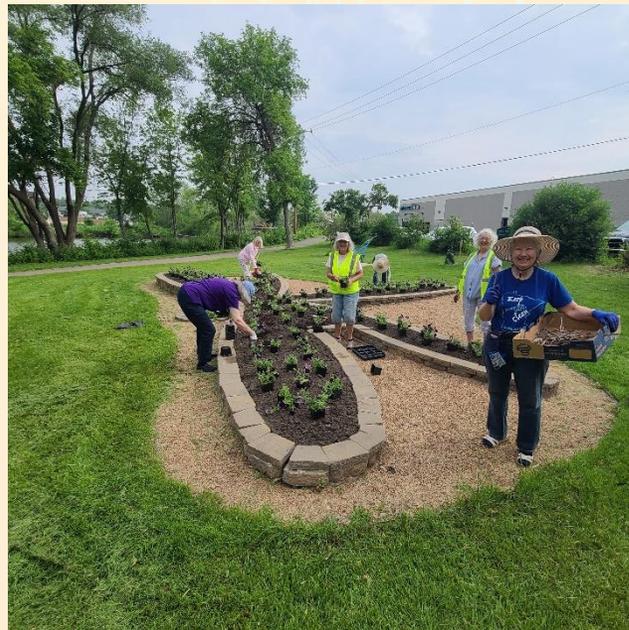
“My favorite project was the planting of the trees along Hwy 3. It was like having a baby. It took 9 months to plan and get it in motion. We had the backing of the Garden Club, worked with the MN DNR Grants Program, and partnered with Knecht’s to provide the trees... There is nothing more important for the Club than to beautify Northfield...”



Pollinator Gardens & Pergola at Riverside Park



Each spring, NGC volunteers fill the raised beds of the Riverside Park pollinator gardens with new flowers, and trim the wisteria of the Pergola, an NGC funded project.



Educational Kiosk Project 2023, Children's Pollinator Garden: Memorial Funding



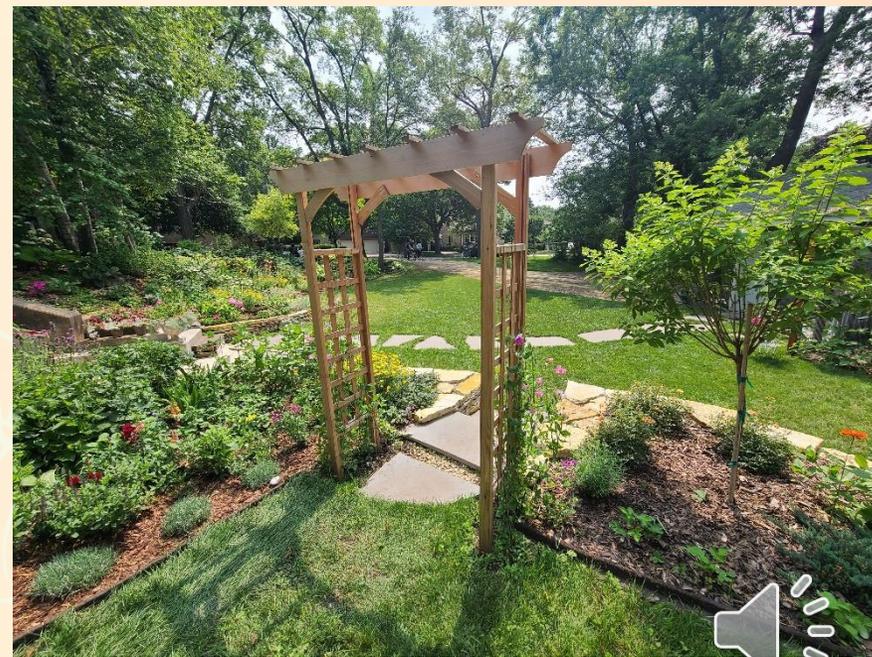
Memorial Garden & Stone, Pergola Riverside Park



In 2006, the Northfield Garden Club designed and funded the construction of a Pergola, memorial stone and rose garden for Riverside Park. Northfield Garden Club members maintain the Pergola and Memorial Rose Garden throughout each growing season.



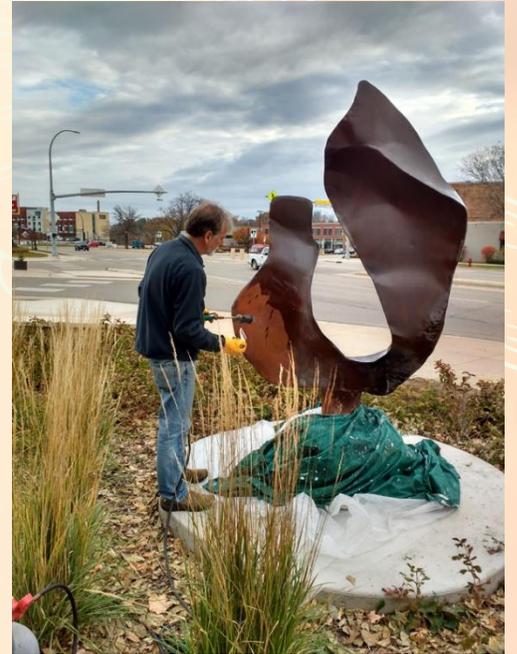
July Means Northfield Area Garden Tour!



NGC Grant Program



- The Northfield Garden Club also provides grant money to individuals or groups to pursue gardening projects: landscaping at the depot, creating a butterfly garden in front of the former Greenvale School, developing landscaping around the pergola in Riverside Park and around the gazebo along the river by 2nd St, plus adding the tables and umbrellas along the Riverwalk.
- Members and other individuals can also apply for grants to fund a Master Gardener program of study.
- **SPEAKER:** Alice Thomas – NGC Grants experience





Educational Meetings



The Garden Club has a varied selection of meetings and outings throughout the year, from sit down presentations by gardening experts, to hands on wreath making and traveling to local destinations to explore the natural world.

Photo: Exploring the River Bend Nature Center



Carleton Arboretum - 2023



St. Olaf Open Lands August 2024



Como Conservatory November 2024



Friendship & Comradery!



- With a mix of community projects, educational talks, trips and hands on crafts – there are many opportunities to forge wonderful friendships as a member of Garden Club.
- Serving on or leading a committee is a great way to meet more people, whether within the club or with outside civic organizations.



What's Next for NGC

- What kind of projects do we want to be a part of in the coming years?
- What kinds of education are we interested in fostering for the Club & Community?
- Where do we want to visit as a group?
- **SPEAKER:** Judy Code, Past President, Getting started with Community Projects.





Evolving



The Northfield Garden Club, formed 75 years ago has evolved over time, but always kept the early promise to enhance the beauty of the Northfield MN area.

