Welcome to the
Ten Broeck Mansion Garden
9 Ten Broeck Place
Albany, NY 12201

This garden is owned by the Albany County Historical Association and maintained for educational purposes by the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County. The formal garden was restored in 1974 by the Junior League of Albany. In 1984, the Master Gardeners adopted the garden and have extended it to its present size.

Come visit us on Tuesday mornings from mid-April through October and meet the Master Gardeners working in the garden. They will be happy to give you a tour and answer your questions. The gardens are open to the public every day, dawn to dusk.

As you enter the garden from the parking lot, please note the Garden Information Box. Please sign in, leave us comments, and help yourself to the educational materials. We hope this information will help you enjoy your walk through this historic garden!

THE GRAPE ARBOR over the walkway was likely constructed to honor the Olcott’s name of the mansion, “Arbour Hill.” The Olcott family had extensive gardens on this property and an 1886 photo shows tulips blooming – a tradition that has been kept to this day.

Situated on the left side of the arbor is an herb garden with 20 or more varieties of herbs. To the right of the arbor are berry and cutting flower gardens.

Looking straight ahead from the arbor your eye will follow an allée, or an alley, lined on each side by Toba Hawthorn trees. Pungently scented Geranium macrorrhizum grows beneath these trees.

A FORMAL GARDEN is located to the left of the allée. The flowers in this sun-filled garden vary with the season so that there is always something of interest in bloom.

To the right of the allée is the SHADE GARDEN – a tranquil setting with benches for resting. Enter the garden under a trellis, which from late spring into summer is adorned with lavender trumpet flowers on the Betty Corning Clematis.
When walking through the garden and the mansion grounds, keep an eye out for the identification signs on various trees. Ten Broeck Mansion is home to four **DAWN REDWOODS**. The two at the end of the allée closest to the mansion are spectacular specimens of this deciduous conifer.

**SPRING** is the time when there are thousands of tulips to enjoy. Look for some orange tulips that celebrate the Dutch heritage of this area. Spring is especially colorful in the shade garden, where shade-loving spring bloomers take advantage of the sun filtered through thinner early leaf cover. One may see the following:

- Barrenwort (*Epimedium sp.*)
- Bleeding Heart (*Dentrea spectabilis*)
- Cranesbill (*Geranium macrorrhizum*)
- Forget-me-not (*Myosotis sp.*)
- Heartleaf Brunnera (*Brunnera macrophylla*)
- **SPRING**
- **SUMMERTIME** is when a huge assortment of annuals and perennials bloom in a spectacular array. Among the perennials that are in bloom are the following:

- Adam's Needle (*Yucca filamentosa*)
- Asiatic Lily (*Lilium auratum*)
- Astilbe (*Astillbe sp.*)
- Catmint (*Nepeta sp.*)
- Coneflower (*Echinacea sp.*)
- Coral Bells (*Heuchera sp.*)
- Garden Phlox (*Phlox paniculate*)
- Mallow (*Malva sp.*)
- Moonbeam Coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticillate*)
- Russian Sage (*Perovskia atripliciflia*)
- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
FALL is especially vivid in the Ten Broeck garden. A backdrop of Sweet Autumn Clematis accents stunning red dahlias. A border of Garlic Chives grows in front of the Dahlias. You may find the following:

- Balloon Flower (*Platycodon grandifloras*)
- Caryopteris (*Caryopteris x clandonensis*)
- Chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum sp.*)
- Montauk Daisy (*Nipponanthemum nipponicum*)
- Windflower (*Anemone x hybrida*)

WINTER is a time of year when many of us do not think of gardens. But, in this season, the gardens die back, and tree trunks and branches contribute to a soothing sculptural setting. Birds busily seek seeds and berries from the summer’s bounty and visitors find the garden a peaceful haven in a bustling urban area.