

## 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 caretakers 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 the Village of Schoharie 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 call this day lily a "Ditch Lily" because this prolific wildflower is commonly found in ditches around a wide area of America.

This common wildflower 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 are at home in nature, or your flower garden.

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

[www.gardenersnet.com/bulbs/tigerlily.htm](http://www.gardenersnet.com/bulbs/tigerlily.htm)

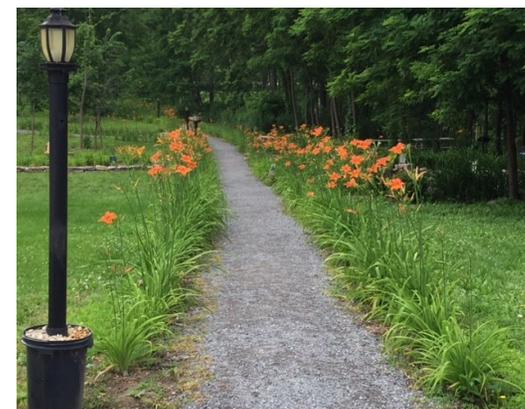
Tiger lilies have been planted along the path, transplanted from the many lilies that grow in the lily park. Normal blooming time in our area is early to mid-July.



## The Lilies of the Schoharie Valley Walking Path and Gardens

Fort Road,  
Schoharie, NY

### The Lily Park



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## The Lily Park



In 2015 the Schoharie Promotional Association created a park named the Lilies of the Schoharie Valley Walking Path and Gardens (the Lily Park).

Located on approximately three acres of village-owned land on Fort Road (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 the Village of Schoharie's churches. Areas were leveled, holes filled in, and rocks moved to get the park ready to mow. Garden spots were adopted; benches, picnic tables, and bird-houses were donated; and paths to Fox Creek, as well as 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 Lily Festival was held on July 15, 2017.

## Planting the Park

The Lily Park is a community effort and all are welcome to take part — individuals, organizations, businesses — and is NOT limited to Schoharie residents only.

A garden application with park policies and guidelines is available on our website and from Lily Park caretakers. Prospective gardeners MUST meet with one of the caretakers to select a garden spot and are expected to abide by all policies and guidelines.



## The Lily Festival

The Annual Lily Festival is held on the second Saturday of July. Although lilies bloom at different times throughout the summer, this date was chosen to highlight the Tiger Lily in bloom.

Like Albany's Tulip Festival and Rochester's Lilac Festival, our goal is to grow Schoharie's Lily Festival each year as we celebrate the beauty of the Lily Park and 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. Check our website and Facebook for festival details.



## 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 a short time mainly due to the work of many volunteers. Donations and the Promotional Association's contributions have provided the funds to establish the park. There are many more improvements we would like to make, and donations are always welcome to help with these projects. If you can spare a few hours to help maintain the park, please contact one of the park caretakers.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Association. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy the park!

*The Schoharie Promotional Association*

