



## Scripture Bridge Sanctuary

Named for the old iron bridge that once crossed the adjacent Basic Creek, my Scripture Bridge Sanctuary garden has been thirty-five years in the making. Planting began in the spring of 1991 with a mad rush to relocate dozens of sun-loving perennials from my prior residence.

Sadly, many of these plants were lost over the next several years when the conditions proved too shady, and my weekends proved too short to move them all in time. Thus began the shift to shade-lovers – primarily hostas and ferns.

The gardens evolved bit by bit from the front porch area to the back yard as successive “holding beds” became permanent features. The landscape has been a one woman project from the start, and when I retired the process accelerated dramatically.

The recent loss of several trees has allowed for the inclusion of more sun-lovers, and so I’ve recently taken the opportunity to add many varieties of my longtime favorite, tall bearded irises.

As with any garden, things change from year to year, and I find that there is never enough time to complete all of the tasks and ideas on my list. As a result, I hope you will overlook the many shortcomings you are likely to find, and instead enjoy what I think of as a (hopefully) happy merger of Mother Earth News and the Wild Kingdom, where rusty artifacts abound and plants rule supreme.

*Welcome and enjoy!*

### **Garden Alliance members are invited to Barbara Valicenti's Garden: 10am • Saturday • May 16 • 2026**

Coffee, tea, and bottled water, as well as donuts and pastries will be provided. Rather than the pot luck, it would be best if everyone would plan to bring their own lunch. (If anyone wants to bring something to share, that would be great, however, be mindful of the uphill trek from the roadside parking to the top of the driveway. People should also bring chairs if possible (which can be loaded into my mower basket to transport up the hill).

If anyone is interested in arriving early to help set up, that would be great, although I don't anticipate that there will be a lot to do. I do have a canopy that will need to be put up, however, and help with that will be very much appreciated. Lastly, I'm not sure how you will want to handle a rainy day, so I'll leave that you all to decide. We can probably gather in my garage, although the ambiance will leave quite a bit to be desired. **Let me know.**



Photo that received first place in the AHS/THJ hosta photo contest category “Best Picture Showing Multiple Clumps”

## *When You Visit – Caution*

**The garden is located on 5146 State Route 81 in Greenville, NY, 12083  
½ mile west of the (only) traffic light.**

The driveway is steep and there is no turning around at the top, however, the road has a very wide shoulder with room to park up to a half dozen cars. I strongly encourage car-pooling, and anyone who is comfortable backing down the driveway is welcome to drive up in order to unload passengers, chairs, etc.

Also, the landscape is on multiple levels; although there is a gravel ramp from the upper area to the lower side, there are also three sets of stairs/steps. Please wear sturdy shoes, and you may want to consider bringing hiking sticks if you have them.

