

Enviro-News

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Articles:

National Fishing Week Events and Wildlife Festival

National Fishing Week activities are planned for Western New York from June 3-13 including the Buffalo Sabres Alumni Spring Salmon Spectacular on **June 3** in Krull Park, Newfane (<http://sabresalumni.com/>) and the Fish and Wildlife Festival in Niagara Falls. The Fish and Wildlife Festival sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will take place in Hyde Park, Niagara Falls on **June 5** from 10am-5pm. A kids fishing derby sponsored by the Niagara River Anglers Association starts at 8 a.m. and goes to 11:30 a.m. This festival includes displays, special activities, and live entertainment during and after the kids' derby. For information call (716) 691-5456, ext 122.

New York State Historic Tax Credits-Free Workshops

Preservation Buffalo Niagara is sponsoring two workshops on tax credits, one in Jamestown, N.Y. on Wednesday, **June 2nd** and a **Buffalo workshop on Thursday, June 3rd** at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Both locations will have a 2pm - 4pm Commercial Properties Session and a 6:30pm - 8pm Homeowner Tax Credit Session. Pre-Registration is Required-- These workshops are free but seating is limited. To register, call 716 852-3300.

Starting in 2010, New York State now offers tax credits for commercial properties that can be used in conjunction with the federal tax credit for the substantial rehabilitation of historic properties. Owners of income producing properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places may be eligible for a 20% federal income tax credit and possibly for an additional 20% New York State credit. The work performed (both interior and exterior) must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Owners of income producing properties that have been approved to receive this federal credit automatically qualify for the additional state tax credit if the property is located in an eligible census tract. Rehabilitation expenditures up to \$5,000,000 can qualify for the state credit.

For homeowners, there is no federal credit for owner-occupied structures but New York State now has a credit homeowners can use to cover 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs, up to a credit value of \$50,000. Houses must be individually listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, or be a contributing building in a historic district that is listed on the state or National Register of Historic Places. In addition, the house needs to be located in an eligible census tract. At least \$5,000 must be expended on qualifying work and at least 5% of the total project must be spent on the exterior of the building. All work must be approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) prior to start of construction.

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage-Plan Ahead

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage, a weekend of exciting workshops and hikes celebrating the outdoors, is **June 4-6** at Allegheny State Park.. For more information on the Pilgrimage, now in its 52nd year, go to <http://alleghenynaturepilgrimage.com>.

Buffalo Science Museum Summer Events

The Buffalo Science Museum has a number of exhibits planned for this summer. The new Explorations gallery will have its grand opening on Friday, **June 4** from 10am - 9pm. The new Explorations gallery, funded by a grant through the East Hill Foundation, features hands-on, interactive science stations focusing on science subjects, including simple machines, energy, outer space, light, and more. The activities are suited for the museum's youngest explorers (ages 2-7) and will change regularly to offer new experiences every visit. Robotic dinosaurs will be heading back to Buffalo from **June 26-October 10**. This exhibit features nine lifelike dinosaurs and visitors will feel like a true paleontologist while sifting through a dino dig box and control a robotic skeleton of a Duckbill. The museum's 400-seat auditorium will be transformed into a 3D cinema, scheduled to open **June 26**, which will offer a variety of science-related 3D films daily. Non-members pay museum admission plus \$3 for one movie, \$5 for a double feature; Members pay \$2 for each film.

Penn Dixie Hosts Children's Day

Celebrate Children's Day 2010 at the Penn Dixie Site on **June 6** from 1-4pm. This family fun-filled afternoon will have special events for children and their families: contests and prizes, Mark from Fasci-Nature will have a program with live animals from 1-3 PM, rocket launches will be conducted by Rich Spencer at 1:30 and 2:30 PM, the Hamburg YES organization doing face painting, telescopes viewing sunspots and solar flares, fossil identification, Past and Present Rock Shop will be selling fossils and other items, dinosaur cookies will be available for children to frost and eat, and more. This is a family-fun event for children 2 to 102. Brownie Girl Scouts will be able to register for the Eco-Explorer Try It badge. Ann Gattie will be coordinating this event. Brownies should pre-register for this event by calling Ann at 662-6531. Bring your family and friends to this fun-filled afternoon at Penn Dixie. HNHS members are free, non-member adults \$6, children 12 & under \$5. For additional information call (716) 627-4560.

Wine & Wags

Join others at the Erie County SPCA on **June 9** from 6-9pm for the annual Wine & Wags fundraiser. Owners and their dogs can enjoy a wonderful evening including food and wine for humans and the finest of dog biscuits and Erie County's water in pools and water dishes for the canines! Contests, souvenir wine glasses and doggie goodie bags provided. Tickets pre-sale are \$35, after June 8 \$45. Make reservations online at <http://www.yourspca.org> or call 629-3532.

2nd Annual Roger Tory Peterson Institute Birding Festival

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute (RTPI) is hosting its second annual birding festival **June 10-13**. The event features field trips, speakers and films at the RTPI, Jamestown Community College and nearby natural history locations. The festival begins on June 10th with an evening reception and presentation at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute headquarters. President Jim Berry will give a special presentation on *The Peterson Collection*, where he will unveil a few of the rarest pieces of Peterson art and memorabilia and talk about their significance. Also featured will be Dr. Jerome A. Jackson of Florida Gulf Coast University presenting "*The Ivory-billed Woodpecker: History, Natural History, and Gems in the Ashes of Hope*". The full schedule of events and registration information is available at <http://birdfest.rtpi.org/>.

WNYEA Inaugural Events

The Western New York Environmental Alliance (WNYEA) is convening its first meeting for people and organizations concerned with our regional environment. At this meeting, we will be discussing two things: the launch of a new website for the environment and the restoration of the Buffalo River. This Inaugural Meeting will take place on Friday, **June 11th** and we will serve lunch (location to be determined). The Community Foundation has been working hard to develop a website that will connect the public with organizations working to preserve and protect the WNY environment. We are pleased to share our new name – **GrowWNY** – and excited to announce that we will be launching the website this summer! Join us at this meeting for a sneak preview of the website and look out for invitations to the launch soon.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is putting together a plan to restore the Buffalo River and they need your feedback. Since the 1960's, the Buffalo River has experienced major catastrophes and undergone several cleanup efforts. At this Inaugural Meeting, we will hear about projects to restore the river corridor and give input on a plan to restore this vital asset in our community. To help us plan for food, please RSVP by entering your name in this link: <http://doodle.com/vum9xhm5y58ytn4u>. We will send a message next week with location and directions.

14th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour

Make your reservations now for the 14th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour on Sunday, **June 13, 2010**. Boarding for the cruise will begin at 8:30 AM at the entrance to the Erie Basin Marina, departure is promptly at 9 AM, and return to the dock at 12 Noon. After the cruise, participants will be provided maps for directions to the U.S. Coast Guard Station for a tour of the Buffalo Lighthouse. The cruise will provide views from the harbor, Lake Erie, the Niagara River, the locks, and the Black Rock Canal as we travel along the Buffalo waterfront. This will be a great opportunity to view the new 410-ft. tall wind turbines that have been installed on the former Bethlehem Steel site. Experts in aquatic biology, birding, fisheries, and geology will provide information on the formation of the lake and river, the fishing, birding opportunities, and features along the waterfront. After the cruise, a board member of the Buffalo Lighthouse Association, Inc. will provide a tour and discussion on the restoration of the Buffalo Lighthouse. This is a rare opportunity to view Buffalo from the top of this classic and prominent Buffalo historic treasure. The cost of the cruise and lighthouse tour for HNHS members - \$22 adults, \$19 children and non-member adults - \$25, children \$22 and has limited seating. **To check on availability and make a reservation**, call (716) 627-4560 or visit the Penn Dixie website at www.penn Dixie.org to download the flier and registration form.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Announces 2010 Buffalo Niagara River Tours

Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER announces their 2010 summer and fall schedule of hike, bike, and canoe-and-kayak paddle trips designed to connect people to Western New York's extraordinary waterways, featuring the Buffalo and Niagara Rivers. From June through October, trained guides will lead groups to places they've never been, all the while enjoying Buffalo-Niagara's glorious summer and fall weather. New this year, RIVERKEEPER is offering private tours which can be customized to meet your time needs, location, activity level, and interests of your group.

In June—there are special paddles **June 6th** and **12th**, on the Niagara River from Grand Island to Strawberry and Frog Islands where nesting Great Blue Herons offer a spectacular sight. On **June 26th**, starting from Art Park, take an amazing hike along the Niagara River, where you will see the 'Power of the River' along with many birds that make it their home.

In July—on July 3rd, our guides help you paddle up the Buffalo River up-close to the many features that make the river what it is today. On July 10th, take a bike ride along the RiverWalk and view the Niagara River, including the old Erie Canal bed and see where Commodore Perry fixed his ships for the War of 1812. Join us July 31st, to tour the grain elevators of the Old First Ward—as we bike through Buffalo's industrial past and talk about the City's greener future.

Most tours are suitable for ages 12 and up, but some tours and Miss Buffalo tours are family-friendly and suitable for children 5 and up accompanied by an adult. For prices, starting times and maps to starting points, registration (pre-registration is required), visit our website www.bnRIVERKEEPER.org or call 716-852-7483 ext. 19.

The Legal Landscape of Green Construction Issues: Basic Considerations for Every Professional

USGBC New York Upstate Chapter is partnering with AIA Buffalo/Western New York, Upstate Green Business Network, Erie Institute of Law, Erie County Environmental Education Institute, & The Knoer Group PLLC to present: "The Legal Landscape of Green Construction Issues: Basic Considerations for Every Professional" on **Thursday, June 17**. This session will be presented by Kirstin Lowry Sommers, Esq., LEED AP. Ms Lowry Sommers is a member of the Board of the USGBC NYU Chapter, and one of a handful of LEED-Accredited attorneys in Upstate New York. The session is from 5:30-7:30 pm at The Franklin Room, 282 Franklin St., Buffalo NY. Cost is Members \$20, Non-Members \$25. Payment by cash or check made payable to AIA Buffalo/WNY. Please RSVP by June 14th to secure a seat as space is limited at registration@knoergroup.com. AIA & CLE Continuing Education Units are available.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

A waste dropoff is planned for **June 19, 2010** from 9 AM - 2 PM at Erie Community College South in Orchard Park. (enter from Big Tree Rd-Route 20A via Abbott Rd.). Items which can be brought to the site for free, proper disposal include: Pesticides, fertilizers, pool and household chemicals/cleaners - limit 2 gallons or 20 pounds, Oil-based paints, spray cans - limit 10 gallons, Paint thinner, stripper and solvents - limit 2 gallons, Batteries - lead acid and rechargeable, Oil, gasoline, kerosene, antifreeze - limit 10 gallons, Mercury - thermometers, thermostats, metal, Propane tanks and cylinders -full or empty. For info call 858-6800 or visit www.erie.gov/environment/compliance/hazardous_waste.asp.

“Meander in the Woods” at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve

Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc. (FORNP) invites the public to “Meander in the Woods: A Unique Earth-Friendly Fundraiser,” on Saturday, **June 19** from 4:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew. The event will raise funds to support environmental education programs at Reinstein Woods.

The event starts with a stroll along an “appetizer trail,” where participants can sample fabulous foods featuring familiar and not-so familiar ingredients that also grow wild in Reinstein Woods. Along the way, participants will learn a little about edible wild plants. Appetizers will include items like cheese tortellini with garlic mustard pesto, and lemon balm fruit dip with strawberries and grapes. Following the stroll, attendees will enjoy a barbecue dinner catered by Kentucky Greg’s Hickory Pit. Live entertainment by the Pointless Brothers and a Chinese auction and raffle round out the event. Tickets are \$30 in advance and are available at the Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew or by calling 683-5959. For a ticket order form that can be mailed, visit www.dec.ny.gov and search for “Meander.”

WNY Earth Day Family Expo at the Buffalo Zoo

The WNY Earth Day Family Expo will be held on Saturday, **June 19, 2010** from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Buffalo Zoo (Expo activities included in Zoo admission). For kids, enjoy a scavenger hunt by visiting each of our interactive exhibits and receive a bag of prizes!!! Entertainment by Mama Earth’s Kitchen Band and others. A family membership to the Buffalo Zoo will be given away!! For more info, visit <http://www.wnyearthday.org/>.

Prescription Medication Drop-off

Proper disposal of expired and unused medications is a community-wide issue. A free drop-off event for prescription medicine is planned for 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, **June 19**, in the parking lot of Eastern Hills Mall, 4545 Transit Road, near the Transit Road entrance. The event is being coordinated by Eastern Hills Mall; West Herr Automotive; Kids Escaping Drugs; the Erie County Sheriff’s Department; Erie County; Drug Enforcement Administration; Independent Health Association; the Town of Clarence, including the Clarence Youth Bureau, which recently sponsored an educational series on the issue of substance abuse; Chris Collins as county executive, and the county Department of Health, as well as the district. Those with unwanted prescription drugs can pull up in their car, get rid of their medication and leave. The process is confidential.

1st Annual "Floating into the Future" Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The first annual “Floating into the Future” golf tournament will raise funds to support Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education. This event will be hosted by River Oaks Golf Club on Grand Island on **June 21**. This will be a great day and what better way to celebrate the inauguration of summer by supporting on-water education for our area youth? You may register for a full day of golf and dinner or, if you don’t golf, please join us for just dinner alone. Please share this with friends and colleagues who may be interested, as well! Hole sponsorships are also available. For more info, visit www.buoe.org.

Public Hearing on Solid Waste

An upcoming public hearing on solid waste issues is planned for Western New York and will take place at the Sheridan Parkside Community Center on Wednesday, **June 23rd** at 5 p.m. Come speak up and tell the Department of Environmental Conservation how waste impacts you, your family and community. This is a key opportunity for the State to reduce the environmental and health impacts of Solid waste and to obtain numerous benefits from a more sustainable system. . The Public Comment period is open until JULY 6th. Written comments will also be accepted if received by the close of business on July 6, 2010. Comments can be sent to Ed Dassatti, NYS DEC - Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7250. They can also be faxed to (518) 402-9024 or e-mailed to: nysswmp@gw.dec.state.ny.us. For questions, call Resa Dimino at NYSDEC (518) 402-9401.

The Sheridan Parkside Community Center is located at 169 Sheridan Parkside Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150. The phone number for the Community Center is (716) 873-8340.

Southtowns E-waste Collection and Document Shredding

Senator Stachowski's office is sponsoring an Electronics Waste Dropoff and Document Shredding for residential waste on **June 26**. The event is from 11am-3pm at Hamburg High School, 4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg. There is a five box limit of documents for shredding.

6th Annual WNY Environmental Summit-Exhibitors Invited

Daemen College will host the 6th Annual Environmental Summit on Saturday, **September 25** from 8:30am-12:30pm and is free and open to the public. This year's event "This Land is Your Land: Reclaiming Your Home, Your Neighborhood, Your Community" will feature speakers, workshops and panel discussions on issues related to improving our communities from housing to green space. Opening remarks on "Extreme Home Makeover: The Aftermath" will be presented by Aaron Bartley, Executive Director, PUSH Buffalo. If your organization or business is interested in reserving an informational table, please contact Brenda Young at byoung@daemen.edu.

Green Job Training-HVAC Technology

Kenton Career and Technical Center will offer training for individuals interested in learning how to install, service and maintain residential and commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. Coursework is from **June 28-September 3** from 7:30am-2:30pm Monday through Friday. Advances in renewable energy related to HVAC industry will be included. Individuals interested in this program must attend mandatory orientation and testing to be held at Erie 1 BOCES, 1526 Walden Avenue (Corner of Walden and Harlem Rd.), Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Orientations are held every Wednesday at 8:30am sharp. For more information, please call Liz Rivera: Mon, Wed & Thurs. 825-2525 x3050 and Tues & Fri. 856-5627 x3183.

Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education Announces Scholarships for 2010 Programs

Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education (BUOE) offers hands-on, standards-based aquatic education programs aboard the 73' schooner Spirit of Buffalo. Our program bridges the gap between academic learning, personal potential and the real world through high-impact, hands-on experience. Three-hour programs address topics such as Plankton and Pollution, Touch Tank Studies, Navigation and Helmsmanship, Boat Building and Watershed Education through individual learning stations. BUOE has received funding to offer program fee assistance for qualifying schools and institutions for 2010 programs. Funding is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifying schools/institutions must have at least 40% of its students qualifying for free- or reduced-school lunch. For more information on our program and to download a fee assistance application please visit www.buoe.org or email kate@buoe.org.

Western New York Waterways Provide Living Laboratory for 2010 Ecosystem Restoration Workshops at UB

Professional scientists and engineers interested in restoring and preserving stream and waterway resources are invited to participate in the University at Buffalo's "Engineering for Ecosystem Restoration" workshops to be held **June 7-25**. The summer workshop series is designed to help train specialists in "ecosystem engineering" how best to work with natural processes to restore system function. It is sponsored by UB's ERIE (Ecosystem Restoration through Interdisciplinary Exchange) and Great Lakes programs. Classroom concepts are reinforced through site visits and a ship-based sampling field trip. The three one-week courses may be taken individually or in succession, and may be credited toward academic or Professional Engineer continuing education requirements. For more info on the workshop, please contact the ERIE office at 716-645-4001 or igert-erie@buffalo.edu, or visit www.erie.buffalo.edu/trainingSummerCourse2010.php.

Buffalo ReUse Seeks Volunteer Coordinator

The Buffalo ReUse Volunteer Coordinator (VC) will work with Buffalo ReUse staff to develop our Volunteer Program and assist with Organizational Development and Fund Raising Events. Specifically, the VC will report to the Director of Community Programs and help recruit volunteers from all regions of the community, including corporate participants. The VC will train and support volunteers, will maintain a Volunteer Database, oversee efforts to recognize volunteers, design promotional materials for volunteer recruitment, as well as, seek out other innovative volunteer programs and successful development attributes we might adopt. For the full job description, visit: <http://bit.ly/bUPis5>.

Cameras are on-Check out the Nests

Several local webcams are aimed at nesting birds. Check out the peregrine falcon nest at University at Buffalo at <http://www.buffalo.edu/webcam/falconcam.html>. American kestrels can be viewed on a nest at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/wildlife/kestrels.html>. Eggs were laid in both nests, chicks hatched and were fledged. For details on the families, visit the websites.

Buffalo ReUSE Wants Your Stuff

Buffalo ReUse would like to announce that there are options for reusing your unwanted building materials and appliances. While trash haulers will pick up your bulk materials, these will be taken to a landfill. Michael Gainer, founder of Buffalo ReUse states, "One phone call to Buffalo ReUse can protect the environment and save homeowners money. Everyone that makes a donation to Buffalo ReUse receives a receipt for their non-cash charitable contribution and by working together we keep tons of material out of the landfill." Buffalo ReUse encourages homeowners, contractors, and real estate companies to check the Buffalo ReUse website for a detailed list of acceptable materials and to call for their free pickup early. To learn more about our services including store hours, visit www.buffaloreuse.org.

FLCC Local Sustainability Workshop

Finger Lakes Community College (Victor, NY) is hosting Pathways to Sustainability Workshop for businesses and higher education campuses from June 9-11! This 2 1/2 day, hands-on workshop will deliver tools and techniques for creating, developing and implementing successful campus or business sustainability programs. The workshop will provide best practices, technical approaches, and assessment methodologies for a wide range of sustainability programs. Registration is available for on-site attendance as well as web-based participation. For registration and a detailed agenda, visit <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2t9nhq1d63533da>

National Buffalo Garden Festival

Be part of the National Garden Festival and enjoy five weeks of summer garden pleasure. There are 18 Garden Walks and tours in lovely neighborhoods, garden symposia and workshops (with featured speakers Stephanie Cohen, Amy Stewart, Sally Cunningham, Mike Shadrack, and many more), as well as special events. The 2010 National Garden Festival is **June 18-July 25** with the kickoff party on June 17. Check out the details and full schedule at <http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com/index.asp>.

Win a Cruise on the Niagara River for 6

Penn Dixie is holding a fundraiser raffle for a free cruise aboard the 43-ft yacht, The Harriet, for yourself and 5 others. The afternoon cruise includes cocktails and buffet dinner for 6 people. Dr. Thomas Jambro, HNHS/Penn Dixie Board Member and owner and Captain of the Harriet, is making this donation to help support the Penn Dixie educational programs and events. **The drawing for this cruise will be held on June 13, 2010** aboard the 14th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tour event. Dr. Jambro will schedule the cruise with the winner for a sunny day during July or August. Pool your resources and have five friends or family members purchase a ticket. Penn Dixie thanks Dr. Jambro for making this fantastic donation to Penn Dixie. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Penn Dixie events, the site, or by sending a check to the HNHS/Penn Dixie, PO Box 772, Hamburg, NY 14075. Please call (716) 627-4560 with any questions.

Explore Buffalo's History and Architecture this Summer

There are a number of wonderful opportunities to learn more about Buffalo's wonderful history and architecture. Bus tours and guided walking trips are available through several groups. The Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture is offering open-bus tours this summer. Check out their schedule at <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/files/2010-tour-sheet.pdf>. Buffalo Tours offers educational tours for Preservation Buffalo Niagara and their schedule is available at <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/page/buffalo-tours/>.

Farmer's Markets Offer Local Produce

Our Western New York growing season is here and time to make plans for your fresh veggies. If you didn't plant your own garden or join a CSA (community-supported agriculture), you can still get fresh, locally grown produce from the many New York farmers. For a listing of the regional markets and their schedules, visit <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp>.

Backpacking, Kayaking and other Outdoor Courses

Preparing your backpack for a day, week-end or week adventure can be a challenge as your backpack has limited space to carry your gear, group gear and food. Setting out in a kayak requires some confidence in your ability to recover from a spill. Paths, Peaks & Paddles is teaming up with different community education programs to offer outdoor programming for the general public. Check out their offerings at <http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com>.

Summer Day Camps for Science and Outdoors

Buffalo Audubon has announced the dates for its Beaver Meadow Summer Day Camp. Connect your child with nature-day camp features nature hikes, pond study, crafts, wildlife viewing, reptile adventures, games, and much more! Space is limited so sign up now. Registration info and dates are available at <http://bascamps.wordpress.com/>.

Penn Dixie's 2010 Triple Trek Summer Day Camps are scheduled for July 12-16, July 26-30, and Aug. 9-13. The five-day camp, 9 AM to 3 PM, for 8-12 year olds, will be held 2 days at Penn Dixie, 1 day at Woodlawn Beach State Park and 2 days at Tifft Nature Preserve. The rates are \$180 per camper, no late registration fee. The registration brochure is available on the Penn Dixie web site at www.penndixie.org or by leaving your name and mailing address at (716) 627-4560 or email jbpendix@gmail.com. Pre-registration is requested.

The Penn Dixie Site will be offering a five-day, 9 AM to 3 PM, Science Adventure Day Camp, for 8-12 year olds July 19-23, August 2-6, and August 16-20. The campers will explore geology, fossils, astronomy, weather, ecology, and rocketry at the Penn Dixie Site. The rates are \$180 per camper for non-members, and \$155 for members. The registration brochure is available on the Penn Dixie web site at www.penndixie.org or by leaving your name and mailing address at (716) 627-4560 or email jbpendix@gmail.com. Pre-registration is requested.

Buffalo Science Museum Summer Discovery Camps for ages 5-12 at the museum and Tifft Nature Preserve are filling up quickly! For under \$40 a day (Museum Members save 10%!) our campers enjoy a full week of hands-on activities and science learning from 9am-4:30pm. Extended care is available until 5:30pm for a reasonable fee. Pre-registration and payment is required. For a schedule, prices, camp themes and descriptions, or to register, visit www.sciencebuff.org or call 716.896.5200 x338.

Bus Tours for Proposed Metro Rail Extension

Citizens for Regional Transit is sponsoring bus tours of the proposed Airport Corridor extension of Metro Rail. Participants will see potential sites for stations and hear how the project will benefit metro Buffalo. Tours (approx. 2 hrs) are scheduled for Thursday afternoons, July 8, 15, 29, starting from Buffalo's City Hall at 1:30 PM. Reservations required, since seating is limited on buses. Reservations accepted at crtc@citizenstransit.org.

Terracycle Offers Fund-raising and Helps to End "Garbage"

Traditionally, most of our purchases end up in a landfill after serving their original purpose. Terracycle is trying to work with manufacturers to find new lives for many of our products. Unlike traditional recycling which often breaks down packaging and remakes objects, Terracycle is trying to upcycle materials and increase their usefulness. For example, juice pouches can see a new life as purses. Watch the video at www.terracycle.net and begin collecting materials which you can ship for free and receive donations for your favorite school or charity. As discussed in the excellent book "Cradle to Cradle" (www.mcdonough.com/cradle_to_cradle.htm), nature treats waste as "food" and our ecosystems recycle their wastes. Similarly we consider the life cycle of our goods in designing them and find ways that the materials can be used as technical nutrients for future goods. If you haven't considered the amount of energy and raw materials that are used in making our stuff, I highly recommend that you watch the video "The Story of Stuff" (<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>). With Terracycle, we now have a place to send our candy wrappers, wine corks and many other items.

NYS DEC State of Green Blog

DEC has launched a new blog, State of Green, featuring commentary on a wide range of environmental issues and insight into the actions DEC is taking to improve New York's environment and create a more sustainable future. Check out State of Green here: <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>.

Grassroots Gardens Launches Website and Resources

Check out the new website for Grassroots Gardens and download their guide for phytoremediation. This resource will help you choose plants that can remove (ie. clean) your soil of heavy metal contamination. Visit <http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/resources> for this guide.

Wines in the Wild

The Buffalo Zoo will host the Wines in the Wild 2010 on **July 28** from 6-9pm. This fundraiser often sells out, so consider purchasing your tickets early. Pre-sale tickets are \$40 (through July 27) and \$50 at the door, if available. All guests must be 21 or older. For tickets, visit www.buffalozoo.org.

Master Gardener Training

The next Master Gardener training will start September 8th, 2010, and run each Wednesday evening 6:30 - 9:00 until December 8th. Class size is limited and priority is given to Niagara County residents. A one time fee of \$250 covers classes and a Master Gardener Notebook. For more information about the Master Gardener Program and training contact John Farfaglia at jaf21@cornell.edu.

Natural Lawn Care Guide for Homeowners

A free downloadable brochure provides step-by-step descriptions of basic measures that help maintain a healthy, aesthetically-pleasing lawn without the use of chemicals, including soil testing, fertilizing, watering, and mowing. It also includes research-based explanations of how pesticides can be harmful to human and animal health, degrade soil, pollute water, and harm wildlife. Download at <http://www.iiseagrant.org/catalog/wq/lawncare.html>.

Citizen Scientists Needed for Nest Watch

NestWatch welcomes data for all North American birds. Participants submit data about which kinds of birds are nesting, the number of eggs laid, dates eggs were laid, and the numbers of chicks hatched and fledged. Everything you need to take part in NestWatch is available online at www.nestwatch.org, including directions on how you find nests, how to build and put up nest boxes, and how you monitor nests without disturbing the birds.

Share your Energy Tip Contest

BidUREnergy.com is sponsoring a "Conservation Tip of the Week Contest" going on with the Buffalo Bills on their website at <http://www.bidurenergy.com/>. For each home game, they give out an autographed jersey, (T.O., Lee Evans, Edwards, etc.) and your tip is read by a player! Give it a try- good luck!!

NYSERDA Funding for Energy Efficiency Training

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking partnerships with eligible training entities to deliver energy efficiency training programs throughout New York State. The Program goal is to significantly expand existing energy efficiency training infrastructure to serve the needs of the portfolio of programs funded through the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard. Funding is available to deploy training and certification programs as outlined in the NYSERDA Workforce Development Training Guidance Document and Application. Funding is available to effectively advertise and market these training programs and is also available for students for expenses associated with first-time certification examinations for new and incumbent workers, and certification exam preparation

courses. All eligible organizations such as professional development associations, trade training and development associations, universities, community colleges, technical trade schools, and other entities as described in the eligibility section of the guidance document are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted through **August 1, 2010**. For more info, visit <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/funding.asp?i=2>. Additional FAQ's for this program will also be posted on www.GetEnergySmart.org.

Courses Available for Solar Installation

A range of courses in photovoltaic installation, solar hot water heating and solar power permitting will be offered across New York state in the upcoming months. Courses fill quickly, so register early. For info and registration, visit <http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/>.

Ecology and Environment Launches Project Earth

Local company Ecology and Environment is launching its website "Project Earth" on January 1, 2010. Project Earth is an international network that connects people around the world to engage in and jointly solve environmental problems through action and project-based collaboration. The first rendition of the website will be launched at www.projectearth.net. Project Earth will empower you to build your global network by interacting with individuals from all over the world to learn, support and solve global environmental problems through mutually developed solutions.

Free Rabies Clinics for Cats and Dogs

The SPCA Serving Erie County will once again work in association with the Erie County Department of Health as it offers free rabies vaccinations to dogs and cats. Dogs must be on leashes, and CATS MUST BE CONFINED; please keep cats in carriers and/or on leashes, NOT wrapped in blankets or coats. Pet owners should ensure animals are wearing current identification. Veterinarians from the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society (NFVS) will administer the vaccinations to dogs and cats. For more information, please contact the Erie County Health Department at 716-961-6800. Dates and locations are available at www.yourspca.org.

Hydrofracking Podcast

CCE's Dereth Glance and Dr. Bruce Selleck, H.O. Whitnall Professor of Geology at Colgate University, spoke to the Onondaga Citizen's League Thursday Morning Roundtable on Earth Day on natural gas exploration in upstate New York. The talk was broadcast on WAER and WCNY. For a link to the podcast, visit <http://www.citizenscampaign.org/news/story.asp?id=165>.

Roger Tory Peterson Birding Festival

The focus of the Festival will be Eastern North American Warblers on the Allegheny Plateau. Twenty-eight warblers are known to breed in the area, so our goal is to visit every habitat that is likely to hold singing males on territory. This event will provide an entertaining and educational experience. Activities include: Screening of remastered Roger Tory Peterson film "Wild Eden". Keynote speakers and workshops to be announced. Save the dates-**June 10-13**. For info, visit www.rtpi.org.

Brush Up Buffalo 2010 Rescheduled

Brush Up Buffalo 2010 has been rescheduled for September 18. It is not too early to plan ahead to participate. The goal for the community project is to paint 15-20 homes in one day (hard to imagine, isn't it?), so we need about 40 painters per paint team/home. That means we need approximately 600 volunteers! These homeowners, many of whom are low-income and/or elderly, just need a little help maintaining the appearance of their homes. Brush Up Buffalo is a not-for-profit organization that depends on the support of community-minded people of Western New York to make a difference in the neighborhoods that are vital to the culture, health and well-being of our great city. During its 13-year history, Brush Up Buffalo and more than 6,500 volunteers have painted more than 250 homes in the City of Buffalo. You can sign up [online](#) you can call our hotline at 250.3353 and let us know you're interested. Note: You must be 18 years or older to paint, however, minors may participate in hospitality-related activities.

Composting-Not just Banana Peels

If you think that compost piles are only for vegetable scraps and coffee grounds, think again. An article at Planet Green (<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/surprising-compost-items.html>) has a list of 75 items from around the house that can be composted rather than sent to the landfill.

Calculate your Carbon Emissions

There are many websites with carbon calculators and quizzes for determining your ecological or water footprints. One of the newer calculators is not only easy to use, but has links to other carbon calculators. Pull out your most recent home energy bills and give it a whirl at <http://michaelbluejay.com/electricity/carboncalculator.html>. You can use the estimate as a benchmark for any green New Year's resolutions.

Recycle a Milk Carton. It's for the birds!

Audubon Licensing and Audubon Adventures are proud to announce the Make Your Own milk carton birdfeeder promotion in association with Stonyfield Farm. Make use of your empty milk cartons, reduce waste and help wild birds too! PLUS, kids (with permission from their parents) can submit their creations online from April 1st through August 31st. Five participants will be selected by Audubon to be displayed in an on-line art exhibit with their names, photos and outstanding milk carton bird feeders. The five featured participants will be posted on Stonyfield's website and Audubon's website. Beginning April 1st, please visit: <http://audubon.org/educate/kids/birdfeeder.html> for details.

Play Free Online Games and Raise Money for Charity

Now you can enjoy a few minutes of solitaire or other games guilt-free. Go to www.gamesthatgive.net and register your choice from their list of charities. As you score, your charity benefits. The Wilderness Society is currently on the list of charities benefiting from this program.

Grant Opportunities

As part of the Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts to integrate housing, transportation, and economic development with sustainability and social equity initiative, HUD, the EPA, and DOT have formed the [Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program](#), making \$100 million available for regional planning efforts in urban and rural areas to incorporate sustainable development, livability and revitalization. Applications are due **June 5, 2010**.

[The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program](#) awards grants at the state and regional level for programs that give individuals access to a better life. Education grants support programs that address the educational needs of underserved young people, ages 12-30. Job Skills Training grants promote professional training, counseling, and support services to help people improve work-related skills. Health grants strive to improve access to healthcare and promote healthy lifestyles. Environmental Sustainability grants support programs that are designed to help people become more sustainable as well as programs that enhance the environment. Applications may be submitted until **August 20, 2010**.

The Blue Moon Fund seeks to improve the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia that have developed innovative approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Support is provided in the following three initiative areas: Rethinking Consumption and Energy, Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems, and Reenergizing Urban Communities. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year; proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the <http://www.bluemoonfund.org/> for info. Rolling deadlines exist for grants.

The Environmental Support Center is accepting applications for training and technical-assistance funds to strengthen nonprofit environmental organizations in areas including fund raising, organizational development, and planning. Regional, statewide, or local nonprofit organizations serving low-income or minority constituencies that have environmental issues as a significant part of the organization's agenda may apply. For more information, visit <http://www.envsc.org>.

[First Nation Development Institute's Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative](#) is to assist rural and reservation-based Native communities in developing or expanding locally-controlled and locally-based food systems that provide healthy foods to community members. Through this initiative, four grants of \$25,000 each will be provided to Native food-related programs aimed at increasing the availability of healthy, locally-produced foods in Native communities and/or programs that create systemic change by increasing community control of local food systems through promoting local food related businesses. The application deadline is **June 15, 2010**.

The Kodak American Greenways Awards Program provides seed grants of up to \$2,500 to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America. For info, visit http://conservationfund.org/kodak_awards. For 2010, the program anticipates awarding up to 50 percent of the grants to those greenways projects that involve natural, cultural, and/or socio-political historical themes. The application deadline is **June 15, 2010**.

The Department of Agriculture's Rural Business Opportunity Grants program provides support to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. The deadline for applications is **June 28, 2010**. For info, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rbog.htm>.

The National Science Foundation's Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program supports innovative partnerships to improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics and science. MSP projects are expected to raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the mathematics and science performance of diverse student populations. Proposals are due **July 8, 2010**. <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10556/nsf10556.htm>

The Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Education Training Program provides support to deliver environmental education training and long-term support to teachers and other education professionals across the U.S. The deadline for applications is **July 26, 2010**. <http://www.epa.gov/education/educate/solicitation.html>.

The [Native Plant Conservation Initiative](#), a program of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, supports on-the-ground conservation projects that protect, enhance, and/or restore native plant communities, including pollinators, on public and private lands. Funded projects should benefit multiple species, achieve a variety of resource management objectives, and/or lead to revised management practices that reduce the causes of habitat degradation. Preference is given to projects that demonstrate a critical conservation need, are identified as high priority, and/or work to conserve an area documented for unique biodiversity or containing a special-status species. The application deadline is **July 1, 2010**.

NYSERDA Workforce Training Grants for Solar Thermal and Energy Efficiency

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking proposals to meet solar thermal workforce training needs under the Green Jobs Green New York Program. Funding is available in the amount of \$300,000 to facilitate workforce education for solar thermal training in New York State, particularly through integration into current energy efficiency training and to expand the network of solar thermal training providers. Under this PON, training initiatives should be designed that can be developed and implemented as part of continuing education opportunities, college credit courses, certificate programs, two-year degree programs, webinars, etc. For more information on the programs visit www.nyserda.org/funding/2011pon.asp and www.nyserda.org/funding/1817pon.asp.

Weatherization Assistance Funding Available

The U.S. Department of Energy requests proposals for [Weatherization Assistance Program Grants](#) (WAP). WAP funds are used to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential expenditures, and improve their health and safety. WAP assists persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with high-energy burden. Prime applicant eligibility is restricted to agencies responsible for administering the annual Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) formula allocation. Proposals will be accepted through **August 1, 2010**.

"How to" Guide for Mason Bees

Native bees are important pollinators and some are easy to raise. Dave Hunter is developing a comprehensive website to encourage the use of native bees in the US with an initial focus on the mason bee. These bees are not aggressive and active pollinators of fruit trees. For info on how to get started, visit <http://www.huntersmasonbees.com/>.

Local Food System Report Available

The USDA Economic Research Service's new report "[Local Food Systems: Concepts, Impacts and Issues](#)" provides a comprehensive overview of local food systems explores alternative definitions of local food, estimates market size and reach, describes the characteristics of local consumers and producers, and examines early indications of the economic and health impacts of local food systems.

11th Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science

The 11th Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science will be held September 24-25, 2010 at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Amherst. Presented by the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science, this conference brings together people who are interested in teaching science using case studies. Early bird registration (before or on September 1, 2010) is \$500. Regular registration (after September 1, 2009) is \$550. We also offer a One Day Saturday registration rate of \$350. For more information, including how to submit your poster proposal, see the conference website at: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/conference/conference.html>.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

A number of volunteer opportunities are available at organizations in Western New York. Opportunities exist for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time. For a listing of some Buffalo positions, visit <http://www.handsongreaterbuffalo.org/>.

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Buffalo Audubon's Iroquois Observations and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. Tour leaders are desperately needed for the school year tours. The Iroquois programs take place at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Basom, NY. The For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Your help is welcome if you like birds and people! To find out more information or to sign up as a volunteer for any of these programs, please contact Beaver Meadow at (800) 377-1520. Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch.

Buffalo Carshare- This new non-profit has brought car-sharing to Buffalo. Volunteers are needed for office help and promotion. Contact them at <http://www.buffalocarshare.org/volunteer.html>.

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens- Docents needed. To be a tour guide you must enjoy plants and be able to communicate with small groups. Training is provided with the next round from Sept. 8-12 from 9am-noon. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

Buffalo Museum of Science has volunteer and internship opportunities available for teens, college students and adults. For information, contact Monika McFoy, Director of Community Programs, at 896-5200, ext. 343.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper- <http://www.bnriverkeeper.org/programs/riverwatch/index.htm> for volunteer opportunities.

Buffalo ReUse can use volunteers for many things including fundraising, graphic design, building salvage and material pickups. Join them for their fun Saturdays. To help, contact them at volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Berries have been planted and raised beds will be maintained throughout the summer. Contact Rakoczy12@gmail.com for more info.

Eastside Redevelopment Task Force has volunteer openings to help improve the Eastside community. For contact info and details on their vision, visit <http://www.eastsideredevelopment.org/>.

Excalibur, a private, non-profit all volunteer, charitable organization seeks competent anglers and captains to help provide free boating and fishing opportunities on Lake Erie for disabled and disadvantaged persons using the organizations new vessel. Contact Director Jim Catalano at jim@excalibururl.org or visit <http://excalibururl.org>

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to help impact lives of families in the city of Buffalo by building simple, decent homes. Call 204-0740 or volunteer@habitatbuffalo.org.

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is seeking volunteers for who would like to work with wildlife. 16 years or older. Call 716-652-8646. Email info@hawkcreek.org.

HOME, Inc. (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) seeks volunteers to work on various committees to further fair housing. If you would like to get involved with the work of HOME consider sitting on any one of the following committees: Development, Finance, Membership, Nominating, Program Operations & Planning, Annual Meeting or the JoAnne Champion Granger Scholarship committee. For information/application, email muj265@homeny.org or visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs presented in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Programs include: birding field trips, scope watches, owl prowls, canoe trips, hands on activities, and guest speakers. If you are friendly and love the outdoors those are all the qualifications you need to volunteer. Please contact Garner Light at 772-5110 or glight@rochester.rr.com for more information.

Lead Safe Erie County needs volunteers to help paint houses and prevent lead poisoning. For those who are interested, there is also free training for Lead Safe Work Practices Certification. Service learning students, block clubs and others are welcome. Call Mary at 716-833-2929, ext. 117.

Olmsted Parks-Volunteers are needed for tree plantings (5/2 and 5/9), special park events, office work and mailings. Please contact Sal at (716) 838-1249 x. 33 for more information on becoming an Olmsted parks volunteer.

Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center- Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are needed. Have a few hours a month to help introduce children and adults to the natural sciences? Please call (716) 627-4560 and leave your name and phone number.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara-Interns and volunteers are welcome. Visit <http://www.landmark-niagara.org/>.

Science Firsthand needs adult mentors to work with children in learning about science. All materials are provided for fun experimentation. Mentors and students meet one hour per week after school at a community center. For information, call 858-7548.

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. Call 662-1342 or email tiftfriends@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Tuesday, June 1

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

“Beyond the Motor City”-The Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society; 25 Nottingham Court, Buffalo, NY 14216 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This is the PBS documentary about the the past and future of transportation in America. . While focusing on the hard lessons learned in Detroit, the film also offers the hope that America's cities are now uniquely poised to shine a spotlight on -- and to offer sustainable and cutting-edge solutions to -- our nation's transportation obstacles. For more information: Justin Booth, (716) 851-4052. Congressman Brian Higgins will give opening remarks and director Aaron Woolf will be in attendance after the film to answer questions along with a panel of local experts.

Wednesday, June 2

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for info.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-Public Meeting at 9:30am. Join us to learn how GBNRTC operates and to see how “hot” transportation topics in the region are being addressed. NYS Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Rd., Suite 800, Cheektowaga. Meeting locations rotate and may change, so call to verify location at 856-2026. Buffalo Car Share Program Update will be included.

Thursday, June 3

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

After School Escape at Reinstein Woods- A one-hour program from 4:30-5:30pm for children in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun outdoor activity each week. No registration is required, and you can attend as often as you like. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

4th Annual Buffalo Sabres Alumni Spring Salmon Spectacular-This is a special fishing celebration with the names that have helped to make the Buffalo Sabres a household word the past 40 years. Help raise money for local charities. Krull Park and the Town of Newfane. For info, www.sabresalumni.com.

Friday, June 4

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage-Annual multi-day event with nature walks, talks and hands-on. Info at <http://alleghenynaturepilgrimage.com/>.

Roundtable Discussion on Brownfield Remediation-10:30-11:30am, Mahoney State Building, Part 6, 65 Court St. To see if space is still available, contact bnsenate@verizon.net. Brownfield bills currently under consideration include s1564, which can be reviewed at: <http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/api/html/bill/S1564>.

Saturday, June 5

National Trails Day Gorge Hike-Niagara Gorge Trail System from 10am-3pm. Get out your hiking gear and join us as we hike gorge and rim trails from Devil's Hole State Park to the Horseshoe Falls! National Trails Day is an annual event celebrated across the United States. “Find Your Happy Place” is this year's theme. For information go to <http://www.americanhiking.org/>. For program information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Fish and Wildlife Festival and Youth Fishing Contest-Hyde Park, Niagara Falls, NY from 11am-4pm. Come celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week, and visit our state parks display and activities at this event. For information call (716) 691-5456, ext 122. Youth fishing contest.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage-Annual multi-day event with nature walks, talks and hands-on. Info at <http://alleghenynaturepilgrimage.com/>.

Buffalo Audubon Volunteer Training-Free training to become a volunteer will be held at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call the Center at (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

"Seeing the Trees: Gouache and Oil Paintings by Thomas Paquette"-Opening reception for art exhibit on display until July 11 at Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown. Meet-the-artist reception and gallery talk and live music in the Natural History Library from 7 – 9 p.m. \$5/person; members, free.

Volunteer Action Day with Orientation for New Members and Volunteers-10am to 2pm. Join the Land Conservancy and help make things happen at the Kenneglenn Nature Preserve! New Member and Volunteer Orientation available at 10 am with all current volunteers invited to join us from 10am to 2pm. Help is needed for spring clean-up of a seldom visited areas of Kenneglenn, invasive species removal AND garden & landscape work. If possible please bring work gloves, pruning tools, shovels, and other favorite gardening tools. <http://www.wnyc.org/events.html>.

Pet Connection Tails on the Trails-10am to 3pm. Pet Connection Programs, Inc. is holding it's 4th Annual Dog Walk-a-Thon in Como Lake Park, Lancaster, NY which starts with a pet blessing at the Rich Marino Gazebo right in the heart of Como Lake Park.

Introduction to Geo-caching-10:30 AM. You will learn how to use a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit to find clues to solve nature mysteries. For adults and children age 8 and older. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Secrets of Plants-1:00 PM. Take a closer look at native plants—learn their uses and hear some interesting stories about their names. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

"Teach Me to Fish" - Learn about the fun of the outdoors through fishing! A free hands-on seminar for kids and parents, open to the public, at East Aurora Fish & Game Club, 1016 Luther Rd, East Aurora, NY, 14052 - **No pre-registration is required.** Kids will enjoy hands-on fishing lessons with rod and reel demonstrations, knot tying, plastic lure rigging, casting, fish handling, catch and release fishing, lunker pool, free area fishing maps and free lunch for all attendees, Sahlen's hot dogs, salads, beverages. Event will run from 10 AM - 1 PM with dozens of FREE rod/reel fishing outfits raffled off to kids in attendance. Every child present will win a fishing prize! For more info, call 652-2256. Rain or shine! Bring your own rod/reel, or borrow one of ours free!

Penn-Dixie Planet Viewing-Telescopes will focus on the planets and constellations at the Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center in Hamburg, NY, beginning at 8 PM. Telescopes, with filters, will be available to view sunspots and solar flares prior to sunset. After dark, telescopes will view the Penn Dixie Skies for Venus low in the west, Saturn in the southwest, Mars just above the bright star Regulus in the constellation Leo, M13 near the Zenith, the Summer Triangle rising in the east, the Ring Nebula M57 in the constellation Lyra, and a variety of other constellations. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own telescopes, if they like. Penn Dixie volunteers will help visitors learn how to operate their own telescopes. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the variety of telescopes available before making a purchase. \$2/person and children are welcome, HNHS members are free. No pre-registrations are required. Call (716) 627-4560 for additional information and/or visit the web site at www.penndixie.org for directions, program, and membership information.

Elephantastic Weekend at the Buffalo Zoo-This weekend we celebrate our incredible Asian elephants, Jothi and Surapa, as well as elephants around the world! Event highlights include Elephant Painting With Surapa, keeper talks, raffles and enrichment activities. For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

Sunday, June 6

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Allegany Nature Pilgrimage-Annual multi-day event with nature walks, talks and hands-on. Info at <http://alleganynaturepilgrimage.com/>.

Strawberry & Motor Island Paddle- 7:30am paddle. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

Penn Dixie Children's Day-This family event from 1-4pm includes contests and prizes, live animals and much more. HNHS members free, non-member adults \$6, children 12 & under \$5. For info, call (716) 627-4560.

Fox Wood Open House and Chinese Auction-Noon - 4 pm at 11156 Old Glenwood Road, East Concord, NY. Come and see our beautiful coyotes, foxes, rescue dogs and more! Stroll through our gardens and feed the Koi in our ponds. Visit our Open House Sunday June 6th between noon and 4 PM and support our work to help injured and orphaned wildlife and abandoned dogs. Parking is limited to the street (sorry!). Music, food and lots more. For more information, contact Elise at 716-592-1861 or foxladye@yahoo.com. Check us out on the web: <http://foxwoodrehab.typepad.com>. For the comfort of our animals, please leave your own pets home on that day.

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Monday, June 7

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Tuesday, June 8

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"- Speaker: Margaret Sullivan, Editor and Vice-President, *The Buffalo News* as part of an ongoing lecture series on this topic from 12:15-1pm sponsored by Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature and Buffalo and Erie County Downtown Public Library in the Fables Café Conference Room, Downtown Public Library. Free and open to the public.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Nature's Circle -10:30-11:15 AM for Ages 2-3 at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Read a story and have some fun during an outdoor circle time at Tiff. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Pre-registration required. Call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Wednesday, June 9

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Wine & Wags-Erie County SPCA fundraiser from 6-9pm for owners and their dogs who can enjoy a wonderful evening including food and wine for humans and the finest of dog biscuits and Erie County's water in pools and water dishes for the canines! Contests, souvenir wine glasses and doggie goodie bags provided. Tickets pre-sale are \$35, after June 8 \$45. Make reservations online at <http://www.yourspca.org> or call 629-3532.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Thursday, June 10

Member Meeting for Clean Air Coalition-Sheridan Parkside Community Center, 169 Sheridan Parkside Drive ([map](#)). Call 716-852-7484 for information.

Fund Development for Nonprofit Boards-Presented by Susan Weinrich, New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc. This session provides an introduction to the diverse strategies nonprofits can use to generate revenue for their organizations with an emphasis on planning, sustainability and the role of Board Members in fundraising efforts. 9:00am to 12:00pm at Location: Holiday Inn – Amherst. For details, visit <http://fund6102010.eventbrite.com/>.

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Friday, June 11

Buffalo Astronomical Association meeting- 7:30pm at Buffalo State College in Classroom Building C122 located just to the north of the Science Building. Follow directions (to #35) on the Buffalo State map located [here](#).

Bats!-7:30 PM. Explore the nighttime world of the only flying mammal and learn how to build a bat house! For adults and children age 8 and older. Advance registration required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Saturday, June 12

Tift Farms Youth Fishing Clinic conducted by the NYS-DEC in conjunction with the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen and Erie County Fish Advisory Board - rain or shine, all free, 3-hour, hands-on program for kids and parents at Tift Farms, 1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY, 14203 - **All kids must register with NYS-DEC by phone with Mike Todd at 716-851-7010**. No license is required for adults. Program includes "how-to" fishing class, hands-on rod and reel demonstrations, knot tying, plastic lure rigging, casting, fish handling, catch and release fishing, luncheon pool, NYS-DEC Fish/Fauna station for various WNY species, free area fishing maps. Program includes free lunch, Sahlen's hot dogs, beverages, etc. Event will run from 9:30 AM - 1 PM with over 60 rod/reel fishing outfits raffled off free for kids in attendance. Every child present will win a fishing prize!

Lower River Niagara Power & Industry Trail Hike-Niagara Falls State Park from 12:30-4:30pm. Learn about power and industry as we hike into the Niagara Gorge to the ruins of the former mills and power stations. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Volunteer Day at Wilson Street Urban Farm-9am – 12pm at the Wilson St Urban Farm ([map](#)).

Strawberry & Motor Island Paddle- 7:30am paddle. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

East Aurora Parks Hike at Major's Park - "Mini Survival Workshop" from 10am-noon. Learn how to survive if lost in the wilderness. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info.

Summer Tree Identification Hike-10am to Noon. Hike leader, John Sly, will lead hikers from Kenneglenn to Hunter's Creek below, sharing info on how to identify trees in the summer. Special attention will be paid to native trees prevalent in the forests of the 131-acre preserve. Mr. Sly is a Land Conservancy volunteer and long-time volunteer program leader for the Buffalo Audubon Society. For reservations, call 687-1225.

Pond Life-10:30 AM. Dive into the world of aquatic organisms and see what is living in our ponds! For children ages 6 to 12. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour- Check the schedule for the hike, bike or paddle trip planned for this date. visit our website www.bnRIVERKEEPER.org or call 716-852-7483 ext. 19.

Sunday, June 13

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Open House at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve- 2 pm to 4 pm. Join neighbors and supporters of the Western New York Land Conservancy at our new Kenneglenn home! Visit our new offices, explore the property, meet our new Development Coordinator, and see a presentation of our current work, while meeting other members of our conservation community. Drinks and refreshments will be served. <http://www.wnylc.org/events.html>

14th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour- Cruise boarding is at 8:30am with return to dock at noon, followed by the lighthouse tour. The cost of the cruise and lighthouse tour for HNHS members - \$22 adults, \$19 children and non-member adults - \$25, children \$22 and has limited seating. **To check on availability and make a reservation,** call (716) 627-4560 or visit the Penn Dixie website at www.penn Dixie.org to download the flier and registration form.

Monday, June 14

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](http://www.spcacatarmyadoptionpost.com), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Tuesday, June 15

Asset Management 101 for Water System Operators-Salamanca, NY. This event is designed to train municipal water and wastewater systems operators on the short-term and long-term benefits of incorporating asset management planning into their operations as a means to enabling long-term financial and operational sustainability. The program will include information, training and tools appropriate for operators and public officials. Email [Melissa Young](mailto:Melissa.Young@nywater.org) or call 315-443-8848 for more details.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Alien Invaders-10:30 AM. Take a tour focused on non-native plants invading Reinstein Woods. Learn what you can do to help! Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Wednesday, June 16

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Babes in the Woods- From 10-11:30am at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. This nature discovery program is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. Registration is required. \$5 child & adult/ \$3 each additional child. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Citizens for Regional Transit Monthly Meeting-Join us at Market Arcade (Landmark Society), 12:00 noon-1:00 PM at 617 Main Street, Buffalo. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, June 17

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

After School Escape at Reinstein Woods- A one-hour program from 4:30-5:30pm for children in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun outdoor activity each week. No registration is required, and you can attend as often as you like. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Legal Landscape of Green Construction Issues: Basic Considerations for Every Professional- presented by Kirstin Lowry Sommers, Esq., LEED AP from 5:30-7:30 pm at The Franklin Room, adjacent to the Buffalo Chophouse, 282 Franklin St., Buffalo NY. Cost is Members \$20, Non-Members \$25. Payment by cash or check made payable to AIA Buffalo/WNY. Please RSVP by June 14th to secure a seat as space is limited at registration@knoergroup.com. AIA & CLE Continuing Education Units are available.

WNY Service Learning Coalition Annual Meeting- 3 p.m. at Daemen College. A happy hour/networking opportunity will follow. A limited number of tables will be available for community partners to display program information. Please contact coman@daemen.edu or call 839-8375 if you are interested in having a table.

National Garden Festival Opening Party-\$5 per person, 5:30-8:30pm @ The Botanical Gardens. Celebrate our Opening at The Botanical Gardens! Meet the partners! Get the scoop on our own National Garden Festival! Join us for refreshments, mingling, prizes, coupons, and the opportunity to pick up programs and garden walk maps. Then register early for many of this summer's most exciting events. Cash bar available. Tickets available at <http://www.buffalogardens.com/>.

Friday, June 18

Goat Island Walk-Niagara Falls State Park from 7:30-9:30pm. Calling all walkers! Join a park naturalist to explore the oldest state park in the United States. Learn and discover interesting facts and stories surrounding Niagara Falls. For info & registration call (716) 282-5154. Park admission fees apply.

The Amazing World of Bats - 7:30-9pm, Join Naturalist Jon Townsend for a talk about bats. After the talk we will head out and try to locate the bats at Beaver Meadow and listen to their high pitched echo-location with a special listening device. (Beaver Meadow Audubon Center) \$5/\$3 members.

Canal Side Astronomy with the BAA- 7pm – 11pm, Erie Canal Harbor/Central Wharf District ([map](http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/event.htm)). <http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/event.htm>

Bats! Bats! Bats!-Did you know that a little brown myotis bat can catch up to 1,200 insects in just one hour during peak feeding activity? Learn how amazing and important bats are in the food webs of western NY and beyond! Join us at Tiff Nature Preserve from 9-10:30 PM. Non-members \$5, members 10% discount. Families welcome. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Saturday, June 19

Brush Up Buffalo-Volunteers needed to help paint homes for this annual spruce up. Details and registration online at <http://www.brushupbuffalo.org/>.

WNY Earth Day Family Expo-10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Buffalo Zoo. <http://www.wnyearthday.org/>
Free with zoo admission. Tables and activities for children.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Hiking the Colden Hills-10:00am - 12:30pm at Buffalo Ski Club, Colden. Focus: This is a strenuous and challenging hike through varied terrain that includes steep hills within some of Western New York's premiere ski country. Fees: Members \$3.00 / Non-members \$5.00. Pre-registration required: Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc.- 716-941-6267 or Email: earthspiritoffice@roadrunner.com.

Perennials Symposium at Lockwood's -9:30am-4pm with talks, demonstrations and luncheon. For details, visit http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations -649-4684.

Flowers of Summer-Talk by Stephanie Cohen at 7:30pm and 6pm reception at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Bird of Prey Day-11am-4pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. Experience first-hand the techniques used by Hawk Creek's handlers to enrich the lives of over 90 raptors and other animals, and have a chance to participate for yourself! A fun and informative behind-the-scenes look for all ages. www.hawkcreek.org

Annual Fishing Derby at Bond Lake-Check <http://bondlake.webs.com/2010eventsschedule.htm> for details.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Zoar Valley Springtime Walk -10am-2pm . A walk through the gorge in search of old growth trees and other fascinating aspects of this natural wonder. Walk may be strenuous at times. Bring a lunch. \$5/\$3 members. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day- 9am to 2pm. Items which can be brought to the site for free, proper disposal include Pesticides, fertilizers, pool and household chemicals/cleaners - limit 2 gal. or 20 lbs, Oil-based paints, spray cans - limit 10 gal., paint thinner, stripper and solvents - limit 2 gal., Batteries - lead acid and rechargeable, Oil, gasoline, kerosene, antifreeze - limit 10 gal.,Mercury - thermometers, thermostats, metal, Propane tanks and cylinders - full or empty. Erie County Community College South-enter from Big Tree Rd. For info, call 858-6800.

Meander in the Woods- from 4:30 to 8:00 PM, FORNP's annual fundraiser to support Reinstein Woods! Enjoy appetizers featuring wild edibles, a catered BBQ dinner by Kentucky Greg's, bluegrass music by the Pointless Brothers, and raffles. Tickets are \$30, available thru June 14. Call 716-683-5959 for more info. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Prescription Medication Drop-off- 9 to 11 a.m. in the parking lot of Eastern Hills Mall, 4545 Transit Road, near the Transit Road entrance.

11th Women in the Outdoors Program-Erie County Conservation Society club grounds. Women (12 and over) can sign up for instruction and hands-on outdoor activities. The Springville Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will help with the presentations. Cost is \$60 which includes lunch. Call Angela Wojcik at 496-5292 for registration.

National Garden Festival Speaker Stephanie Cohen-7-9pm at The Flickinger Theatre at Nichols School, 1250 Amherst Street, Buffalo, Dessert and Coffee Reception at 7pm and talk to follow, \$12 Before June 15, \$15 After June 15. Stephanie Cohen taught herbaceous plants and perennial design at Temple University for over 20 years and is the former Founder and Director of the Landscape Arboretum at Temple University, Ambler. Stephanie's book The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer published by Storey Press was selected as the best book for 2005 by the Garden Writers of America. <http://www.buffalogardens.com/c-4-events.aspx>.

PUSH Buffalo Meeting-3pm at 271 Grant St. Come learn how to get involved.

Sunday, June 20

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Tift History Tour-Tift Nature Preserve has an interesting history and plays a major role in Buffalo's past. Spend an afternoon learning how the layout of the preserve has been affected over the years and find some "secret" spots where you can still see remnants of its history. Marvel at nature's ability to reclaim the land and use old maps and photos to imagine the original layout of the preserve. From 2-4pm, \$3 per person, \$10 max. per family. Call 825-6397 for more information.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Monday, June 21

"Floating into the Future" Golf Tournament Fundraiser-The first annual "Floating into the Future" golf tournament will raise funds to support Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education. This event will be hosted by River Oaks Golf Club on Grand Island on June 21. You may register for a full day of golf and dinner or, if you don't golf, please join us for just dinner alone. For more info, visit www.buoe.org.

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Summer Solstice Walk-7:30 PM. Take a walk in the woods on the longest day and the shortest night of the year. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Summer Solstice Sunset Stroll-Stay outside late and join us at Tiff Nature Preserve as we celebrate the longest day of the year with a stroll that will end with a memorable sunset over Lake Erie! 7:45-9:15 PM, Non-Members: \$5, Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Tuesday, June 22

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"- Speaker: Dennis Galucki, Founder [Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature \(C-SAAHN\)](#) as part of an ongoing lecture series on this topic from 12:15-1pm sponsored by Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature and Buffalo and Erie County Downtown Public Library in the Fables Café Conference Room, Downtown Public Library. Free and open to the public.

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 240 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Wednesday, June 23

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Tour Leader Walk at Eternal Flame - 1:30-4pm . If you are a Beaver Meadow Audubon Center tour leader, join us for a hike to the eternal flame in Chestnut Ridge Park. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Stroller Strut-10:00 AM. Bring your stroller or wagon and share a sensory exploration of nature with your young child. For children age 3 and under. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Public hearing on solid waste issues- Sheridan Parkside Community Center at 5 p.m. Come speak up and tell the Department of Environmental Conservation how waste impacts you, your family and community. For questions, call Resa Dimino at NYSDEC (518) 402-9401. The Sheridan Parkside Community Center is located at 169 Sheridan Parkside Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150. The phone number for the Community Center is (716) 873-8340.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting-6:30-9pm at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Rt. 219, West Valley. Agenda will be posted 10 days before meeting at www.westvalleyctf.org/.

Thursday, June 24

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Friday, June 25

Full Moon Adventure-Fort Niagara State Park from 8-10pm. Join us for an indoor presentation on nocturnal creatures, the phases of the moon, constellations and more. You're invited to take a journey on a full moon night! Discover the sights and sounds of spring as you walk through the woods and along the shoreline of Lake Ontario. A naturalist will cover a variety of topics. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

After School Escape at Reinstein Woods- A one-hour program from 4:30-5:30pm for children in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun outdoor activity each week. No registration is required, and you can attend as often as you like. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Full "Strawberry" Moon Walk -8:30 PM. Join us for a summer walk and a lovely view of the night sky. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Niagara Project Power Vista "Niagara Homecoming"- Call 716-286-6661 or 866-NYPA-FUN for more information.

Saturday, June 26

Great American Backyard Campout-Come sleep outdoors at Tiffit Nature Preserve as part of the Great American Backyard Campout! So turn off the computer and the TV, and spend the night outside with family and friends. Pizza, healthy snacks, and s'mores, moon and star gazing, a hike by the light of the Full Strawberry Moon and more! Continental breakfast will be served before you head home! Indoor accommodations will be available in the event of bad weather. Bring your own tent and gear, or you can rent a tent, ground cots, and other gear from ConTENTment Camping (additional fees will apply). From 6:30pm Saturday to 8:30am on Sunday. [Click here for an agenda](#). Non Members: \$28 per person. Members save 10% Families (Kids ages 5 and up) Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register online.

Chestnut Ridge Youth Fishing Clinic conducted by the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen and NYS-DEC in conjunction with the Erie County Fish Advisory Board - rain or shine, free 3-hour, hands-on program for kids and parents at Chestnut Ridge Park, 6121 Chestnut Ridge Road Orchard Park, NY 14127 - **All kids must register with the East Aurora Boys and Girls Club by phone at 716-652-4180**. No license is required for adults. Kids learn "how-to-fish", hands-on rod and reel demonstrations, knot tying, plastic lure rigging, casting, fish handling, fishing, catch and release fishing, lunger pool, NYS-DEC Fish/Fauna station for various WNY species, free area fishing maps. Also includes free lunch w/Sahlen's hot dogs, beverages, etc. Event will run from 9:30 AM - 1 PM with over 60 FREE rod/reel fishing outfits raffled off for kids in attendance. Every child present will win a fishing prize! For more info, call Dave Barus at 652-2256 or Mike Todd at 851-7010.

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Tour Historical Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse-Golden Hill State Park from 1:30-3:30pm. Enjoy the Visitor's Center with its maritime displays and tour the lighthouse. Refreshments will be provided, and a walk along the Lake Ontario shoreline will follow. Event is sponsored by Friends of Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse and the Niagara Region Park Interpretive Programs Office. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154. Park admission fees apply.

Power of the River- 9am hike. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

East Aurora Parks Hike: Warren Drive Park-10am-noon "Wild Edibles and Medicinals" Learn which wild plants have been used for food or medicine throughout time. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info.

Geocaching 101 Workshop @ Emery Park – 1 to 4pm. Learn what this high tech treasure hunting game is all about and then try to find some geocaches in the park. Bring a lunch and a GPS if possible. Meet at the main entrance on the South side of the park. \$5/\$3 members Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info.

Full Moon Fun At Iroquois – 7-11pm. Join us for an evening of fun at the INWR. 7-8pm Childrens scavenger hunt at Swallow Hollow Trail. 8-9:30pm Full moon walk at Swallow Hollow Trail. 9:30-11pm Full moon star gazing with the Rochester Astronomical Association across from Swallow Hollow Trail. (IO) Free Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info.

Bugs By Nightlight – 9-11pm. Join Nathan Lefort and Toby Mansfield as they attract bugs to a white sheet and explore the fascinating world of insects. (Beaver Meadow Audubon Center) \$5/\$3 members Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info.

Children's Nature Scavenger Hunt at Swallow Hollow-7 - 8 pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.

Star Gazing with RAC at Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area- (across road from Swallow Hollow)-9:30 - 11 pm. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info. Iroquois Observations program.

Stories in the Woods-10:30 AM. Listen to a nature story, followed by a short walk in the woods. For children ages 4 to 5. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Residential Computer and Electronics Dropoff-11am-3pm at Hamburg High School 4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg. Also accepting paper for shredding (5 box limit).

New York's Free Fishing Days 2010-No license is required by anyone for these two days, resident or non-resident. This is a great time to get the whole family on the water and see how much fun it can be.

Kids Fishing Derby-8 a.m.-noon Popular kids fishing derby will be held from Town of Newfane Marina in Olcott, (716) 778-8531.

Williamsville Garden Tour -10am-4pm, Village of Williamsville Garden Walk Pick-up site: Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main St., outside table day of event. E-mail: gardenwalkvow@aol.com.

Lewiston Garden Tour-10am-5pm, Lewiston GardenFest Pick-up site: hospitality tent on Center Street, Fee: none.

National Garden Festival Speaker Amy Stewart-2:00 p.m. Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, Free and open to the public. Award-winning gardening author Amy Stewart will be a featured speaker for the National Buffalo Garden Festival and Citybration.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Niagara Project Power Vista “Niagara Homecoming”- Call 716-286-6661 or 866-NYPA-FUN for more information.

Sunday, June 27

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Wag and Walk-Fundraiser for Greyhound Rescue. Register from 12:15-12:45 and walk begins at 1pm. Riverview Solar Technology Park, 5201 River Road, Tonawanda. Visit www.cbre.com/petwalk for info.

New York’s Free Fishing Days 2010-No license is required by anyone for these two days, resident or non-resident. This is a great time to get the whole family on the water and see how much fun it can be.

Big Toys, Trucks and Bikes- The 6th Annual Big Toys, Trucks and Bikes fundraiser at Penn Dixie will be held from 11 AM to 4 PM. A variety of vehicles will be available to sit in and have pictures taken. This event is enjoyed by boys and girls of all ages. In addition, fossil collecting and the viewing of sunspots and solar flares through a filtered telescope will be available. Additional details will be in the next newsletter, on the website, in fliers, and emails sent out to the membership. Two \$200 gas cards and a toy raffle will be held at this event, with the drawings at 3 PM. If you would like to donate a toy for the toy raffle or have your vehicle on display call (716) 627-4560.

Lewiston Garden Tour-10am-5pm, Lewiston GardenFest Pick-up site: hospitality tent on Center Street, Fee: none.

Parkside Garden Tour- 10am-4pm. Pick-up site: Church of Good Shepherd, Jewett Parkway & Summit Avenue, day of the event. Website: www.parksidebuffalo.org/tours. Fee: \$5 donation to Parkside Community Association is encouraged.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Niagara Project Power Vista “Niagara Homecoming”- Call 716-286-6661 or 866-NYPA-FUN for more information.

Monday, June 28

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy’s. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA’s Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Tall Tails-10:00 AM. Mark Paul Bunyan Day by listening to some tall tales about forest animals, then search for animals on a walk in the woods. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Tuesday, June 29

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Wednesday, June 30

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Dragons in Your Backyard- 6:30 PM. These dragons don't breathe fire, attack people, or sting horses. Take a glimpse at the lives of harmless dragonflies that patrol ponds in search of mosquitoes to eat. Reinstein Woods staff will present hour-long, family-friendly programs at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on Losson Road. No registration is required. For info, call (716) 683-5959.

Starry Night in the Garden-6-9pm at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Starring... Collective Soul featuring... Serena Ryder, The Calling's Alex Band and Melanie Fiona. Tickets: \$40 General Admission. Go to www.tickets.com to purchase tickets! Ticket price includes food and wine sampling, a commemorative Star 102.5 wine glass, and a uniquely intimate live music experience under the stars. New this year: special VIP seating with private catered food, wine, front stage access, and meet and greet opportunities!

“The Real Dirt on Farmer John” Film Screening- Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. Doors open at 6:30pm with the film beginning promptly at 7pm. This film is the true story of third-generation Illinois farmer John Peterson and how he struggles to stay afloat as family farms decline. His story is one that parallels the history of American farming. His family farm eventually hits rock bottom but Peterson is able to turn things around and become one of the leaders in the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) movement as head of Angelic Organics. Tickets are \$8.00 for general admission and \$6.00 for Lexington Cooperative Market members, Edible Buffalo subscribers, seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Lexington Cooperative Market at 807 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo or online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/browse.html?keywords=food+matters+film+series>.

Little Tykes Mini-Nature Camp at Tiff Nature Preserve-Nature's where it's at for summertime fun! Games, crafts, hikes and more are in store for your little ones. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks provided. 9:30-11:30am, ages 2-3. Non-Members: \$8* per session, \$4 additional children with the same adult Members: \$24* for all four sessions (every 2 weeks through Aug. 11); individual sessions and additional children 10% off non-member price, *Pricing for one child and adult Pre-registration required. If registering for all four sessions, please call. Register online or call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Thursday, July 1

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

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Friday, July 2

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Saturday, July 3

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Burning up the Buffalo Paddle- 7:30am paddle. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

Buffalo Audubon Volunteer Training-Free training to become a volunteer will be held at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call the Center at (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Mushrooms, Mosses and Ferns- 10:30 AM. Explore the mysterious world of flowerless plants and fungi. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Pickle Eating Contest at Buffalo ReUse- Come celebrate in the urban gardens and have some fun from 3-pm. 298 Northampton ([map](#)). Check www.buffaloreuse.org for details.

Sunday, July 4

Happy 4th-Enjoy the outdoors with family and friends!

Monday, July 5

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

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Tuesday, July 6

Community Bicycle Workshop- From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

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Wednesday, July 7

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"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"-Miss Buffalo II cruise from 3-5pm with speaker-Dennis Galucki, [Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature \(C-SAAHN\)](#). Cost \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6-12.

Alien Invaders - 6:30 PM. Invasive species are plants that can spread quickly and harm the environment. Adults will learn how they can help stop the spread of invasive species and children will play an "Alien Invaders" game. Reinstein Woods staff will present hour-long, family-friendly programs at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on Losson Road. No registration is required. For info, call (716) 683-5959.

Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting- Public Meeting at 9:30am. Join us to learn how GBNRTC operates and to see how "hot" transportation topics in the region are being addressed. Niagara County Public Safety Building. Meeting locations rotate and may change, so call to verify location at 856-2026.

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Friday, July 9

Canal Side Astronomy with the BAA- 7pm – 11pm, Erie Canal Harbor/Central Wharf District ([map](#)). <http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/event.htm>

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Saturday, July 10

Urban Canoe Trek-10:00am - 1:00pm. This canoe expedition will involve a leisurely paddle along one of Buffalo's interesting waterways and will focus upon the unique ecology of creek/river environments. Fees: Members \$3.00 / Non-members \$5.00. NOTE: Please bring your own canoe/kayak and lunch. Pre-registration required: Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc.- 716-941-6267 or Email: earthspiritoffice@roadrunner.com.

Volunteer Day at Wilson Street Urban Farm-9am – 12pm at the Wilson St Urban Farm ([map](#)).

Riverwalk Bike Tour- 9am bike tour. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

Native Plants Day Symposium and luncheon-Guest speakers; details and fees at Lockwood's Nursery http://lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. 9:30am-2:30pm.

EA Parks Hike at Major's Park "Creek Exploration"-Join Buffalo Audubon Society from 10am-noon for a study of the creek that flows through the park. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info.

Annual Allenberg Bog Walk - A casual hike through the preserve in search of summertime flora and other interesting facets of this unique environment. \$5/\$3 members. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info and required reservation and meeting place/time.

Growing Up WILD Workshop- 9:00 AM to noon. This new program provides early childhood educators with an activity guide featuring 27 field-tested, hands-on, nature based activities for indoor and outdoor fun. For educators of students ages 3-7. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Sea Lion Birthday Party at the Buffalo Zoo-Presented by *NOCO Energy, WGRZ-TV, 97 Rock and WHTT*. Join us in celebrating our California sea lions' birthdays at NOCO Sea Lion Cove! You'll have the opportunity to wish Dallas and Pocus a very happy birthday, enjoy cake provided by Tops Friendly Markets (while supplies last) and also take part in games and raffles. Win a framed photo of one of our handsome boys or even a behind-the-scenes tour! Come give our sea lions a birthday to remember! For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

Orchard Parkway Garden Walk (Niagara Falls)-10am-3pm, Pick up site: 1302 Main St., corner of Orchard Parkway & Main; day of event; "Look for smiling gardeners at the white tent." www.orchardparkway.com, free.

Buzz Around Hamburg Garden Walk-10am-4pm, Pick-up site: Memorial Park, Lake & Union
Website: www.hamburggardenwalk.com. Free.

Lockport in Bloom-10am-4pm, Pick-up site: Kenan Center, 433 Locust St.; City Hall, 1 Locks Plaza; many nurseries and businesses (see web site); available mid-June. E-mail: blumgarden@roadrunner.com. Free.

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Sunday, July 11

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Snyder-CleveHill Garden View-10am-4pm, Pick-up site: Trillium Flower Shop, 2195 Kensington Ave., avail. day of event. www.hkccommunity.com. Fee: \$3 donation per person.

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Tuesday, July 13

Summer Ecology School -July 13 to 15 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Receive curriculum to connect students to nature, with interdisciplinary, hands-on activities. Includes Flying WILD and NYSERDA Energy workshops and potential 15 hour in- service credit. For educators of students in grades K-8. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

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Mysterious Mushrooms -6:30 PM. On warm rainy days mushrooms sprout up quickly in the woods and they can disappear in a few hours. Where do they go? Are any of them poisonous? Learn these answers and much more as we explore the world of fungi. Reinstein Woods staff will present hour-long, family-friendly programs at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on Losson Road. No registration is required. For info, call (716) 683-5959.

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Friday, July 16

Frederick Law Olmsted Gala-A sit-down dinner event in Delaware Park Meadow. Great auction items! Live music by Soul Providers 6:30 - 11p.m. \$175 ppers. \$350 couple Dinner, awards, dancing. Sponsorship opportunities available! Contact Joy at 716-838-1249 x17 or joy@bfloparks.org.

Annual Oak Orchard Canoe Trip - Oak Orchard Creek flows through the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and offers plenty of birding and wildlife opportunities from red-headed woodpeckers to bald eagles. Bring a lunch. Meet at the refuge headquarters on Casey Road for 10am departure. \$7/\$5, canoe rental extra. Contact www.buffaloudubon.org for info and reservation.

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Saturday, July 17

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Ride For the Birds-Join Buffalo Audubon Society for a motorcycle ride around the countryside of Western NY. This dice run will offer prizes, music and food. Call (800) 377-1520 for more information.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Ribbit, Slither, Croak! - 10:30 AM. Discover our local snakes, turtles, frogs and salamanders on this guided walk. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Amherst Garden Walk-9am-5pm; rain date Sunday, July 18, 2010, 10am-6pm, Pick-up sites: day of walk - Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main St. Amherst, 9am-3pm; Williamsville Meeting House, 5658 Main St., Williamsville 9am-3pm; 1445 Maple Rd., 9am-4pm . gardenwalk@amherst.ny.us. Free.

Clarence Hollow in Bloom-10am-4pm. Pick up site: Clarence Hollow Farmers Market, Main St. between Ransom Rd and Salt Rd; 9:00am day of tour, Fee: \$5.

Grand Island Garden Tour-11am – 5pm. Pick up: tickets available ahead of time – call 773-4946 or 773-2421; the day of the event-pick up at Historic Trinity Church, 2100 Whitehaven Rd, Grand Island, exit 19 off 190, go east. www.gitumc.org. Fee: \$12 before 7/15; \$15 after.

Lancaster Garden Walk-10am-4:30pm, Pick-up site: Lancaster Deli, 155 Lake Ave; Broadway Deli, 5430 Broadway; Lancaster Bee; Depew Bee; available Thursday, July 15th. Free. www.lancastervillage.org.

National Buffalo Garden Festival- Check out the details and schedule at www.nationalgardenfestival.com.

Sunday, July 18

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

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South Buffalo Alive-Garden walk from 9am-3pm. Pick up site: Caz Coffee Café, 688 Abbott Rd, South Buffalo on Thurs, Fri, and Saturday, July 15, 16, 17. On day of event avail. in gazebo at Tim Russert's Childrens Garden, next to the Dudley branch library which is at 2010 South Park. www.southbuffaloalive.com, Fee: \$2.

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Monday, July 19

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Tuesday, July 20

Worms in the Woods - 10:30 AM. Roll over logs and search for worms as we learn how they help recycle nature. For children ages 6 to 10. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

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Wednesday, July 21

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Babes In The Woods - This nature discovery program is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. "What's in the Pond?" is the topic this month. Registration is required. (BM) \$5 child & adult/ \$3 each additional child. Contact www.buffaloudubon.org for info and reservation.

Thursday, July 22

Pond Life - 10:00 AM. Dive into the world of aquatic organisms and see what is living in our ponds! For children ages 6 to 12. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

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Friday, July 23

Nature Stories by the Campfire - 8-9:30pm . Listen to tales of nature including some Native American stories, while you roast marshmallows by the campfire. (Beaver Meadow Audubon Center \$5/\$3members.

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Saturday, July 24

Crepuscular Hike and Wildlife Surveys- 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Chaffee Wildlife Preserve, Chaffee. Focus: Hike with our naturalist through old fields and mature forests as we gather information on local wildlife based upon sightings, sounds and other life signs. If available, please bring binoculars. Fees: Free of Charge (Co-sponsored by Waste Management of Chaffee) . Pre-registration required: Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc.- 716-941-6267 or Email: earthspiritoffice@roadrunner.com.

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Summer Wildflowers- 10:30 AM. Search for the wildflowers of the summer season and learn their uses and folklore. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

East Aurora Parks Hike in JP Nicely Park "Geocaching 101"- 10am-noon. Learn about this fairly new treasure hunting sport as we seek out the caches hidden in the park \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info.

Family Movie Day - 1-4pm Join us for a family friendly nature movie and some popcorn at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Nature Center. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family.

Garden Walk Buffalo-10am-4pm. Pick up site: Richmond Summer Senior Center, corner of Richmond and Summer; Buffalo Seminary, 205 Bidwell Parkway; Aids Community Services, 206 S. Elmwood Avenue, corner of Chippewa. www.gardenwalkbuffalo.com, free.

Paddles Up Niagara 2010-Phone: (716) 278-1796. Come to Niagara Falls State Park for the Fifth Annual "Paddles Up Niagara" along the southeastern shore of Grand Island. The non-competitive paddle starts at Little Beaver Island Launch Site and continues to East River Marsh Launch Site then back to Little Beaver all within Beaver Island State Park, a 4.8 mile journey. Pledging to "WEAR IT" makes you eligible to win one of 50 Life Jackets given away the day of the event.

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Tuesday, July 27

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 240 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

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Wines in the Wild 2010-Annual Wines in the Wild event at the Buffalo Zoo. For only \$40 pre-sale (sold through July 27) or \$50 at the door, your ticket includes a variety of food and dessert items, wines and beers, as well as some great specialty services vendors.. This event takes place from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., rain or shine. Guests MUST BE at least 21 years or older. www.buffalozoo.org. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase standard tickets online.

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Knee-High Naturalists- 10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for FORNP members. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Going Batty! - 8:00 PM. Separate fact from fiction and learn about the only true flying mammals. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Little Tykes Mini-Nature Camp at Tift Nature Preserve-Nature's where it's at for summertime fun! Games, crafts, hikes and more are in store for your little ones. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks provided. 9:30-11:30am, ages 2-3. Non-Members: \$8* per session, \$4 additional children with the same adult Members: \$24* for all four sessions (every 2 weeks through Aug. 11); individual sessions and additional children 10% off non-member price, *Pricing for one child and adult Pre-registration required. If registering for all four sessions, please call. Register online or call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Dirt! The Movie Film Screening- Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. Doors open at 6:30pm with the film beginning promptly at 7pm. The film takes on the unlikely subject of soil. This film tells the story of Earth's most valuable and under-appreciated resource. Through modern industrial pursuits and the clamoring for both profit and natural resources, our human connection to dirt has been disrupted. The film makes the case that drought, climate change, even war all directly related to how we are treating our soils. The only remedy is to reconnect with this precious natural resource. Tickets are \$8.00 for general admission and \$6.00 for Lexington Cooperative Market members, Edible Buffalo subscribers, seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Lexington Cooperative Market at 807 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo or online at [here](#).

Thursday, July 29

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Friday, July 30

U-Pick Blueberry Fundraising Event for WNY Land Conservancy- Support our annual fundraising efforts with a U-Pick Blueberry weekend at Jim & Toni Cudney's family farm located at 5991 Scherff Road in Orchard Park. Come for the day to pick blueberries in their prime season. Bring your own containers. Minimum donation \$5 per container. Proceeds donated to the Western New York Land Conservancy. Jim Cudney is a long-time board member and currently serves as chair of the Conservation Committee. Please contact Mr. Cudney at (716) 662-9428 with any questions. From 9am to dark.

Saturday, July 31

Bike EcoTour- 9am bike tour. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

Fairy Houses -Saturday, July 31 at 10:30 AM. Use natural materials to build a fairy house among the trees of Reinstein Woods. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Poetry and Posies (Flower Show) (East Aurora)-12-6pm Pick-up site: event is being held at Stonegate Mansion, 270 Buffalo Rd.; East Aurora. www.gardenclubsofwny.com, free.

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Tips for the Environment:

1. Line-drying hints- If you like to use free solar power to dry your clothes, here are some tips to help the process. Hang shirts from the hemline to prevent bunching at the shoulders. Don't fold clothing over the line-it takes longer to dry and you may end up with fold lines. To avoid stiff clothing, add ½-¾ cup vinegar per load before the rinse cycle. Vinegar odor disappears as clothing dries and your clothes are softer.

2. Reuse and recycle your Tips for the Environment-we are probably all using CFL bulbs, recycling regularly and engaging in lots of earth-friendly behaviors. It's time to reuse and recycle-so I've compiled the full list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for anything you missed (www.daemen.edu/offices/academicaffairs/econews). If you have tips to share, please send them to me. I need help with more ideas.

3. Check out the DEC Green Living Tips at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://buffalorising.com>

<http://wnyscienceleaders.ning.com/>

<http://www.buffalospree.com/Buffalo-Spree/Events/>

<http://www.exploreny.net/events.php3>

<http://www.metrowny.com/events.php>

<http://www.buffalo.edu/calendar>

Additional local blogs and websites-

Re-Energize Buffalo Blog- <http://renewnrg.blogspot.com/>

ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to zaczek@prodigy.net

New York Outdoors Blog- <http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com>

Buffalo New York Outdoors- <http://www.squidoo.com/buffalonyoutdoors>

Buffalo News Jim Heaney Blog-http://buffalonews.typepad.com/outrages_insights/

Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>

The Greener Ride -<http://www.thegreeneride.org/>

Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/48977.html>

Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>

MRodgers-FCS-Grant Resources- <http://mrfcsgreen.blogspot.com>

Local Food- <http://buffalolocavore.blogspot.com/>

Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>

Jamestown Audubon Society-<http://jamestownaudubon.wordpress.com/blog/>

Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>

Educational Offerings for kids-<http://www.buffaloalliance.org/publications/erg/index.php>

Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>

Buffalo Niagara Partnership- <http://buffaloniagarapartnership.blogspot.com/>

Buffalo First Blog- <http://blog.buffalofirst.org/>

Green Job opportunities- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>

Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>

Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>

Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>

WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>

Ecosentials- <http://ecosentials.wordpress.com/>

DEC State of Green - <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>.

Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>

Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>

Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com

Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>

Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>

The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>

Tuscarora- <http://tuscaroraenvironment.com>

Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores

Computer equipment-Accepted at all local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers

Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities

Expired or Unused Medicines- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf

Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Drug disposal best practices- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Rechargeable Batteries-drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy , Target, Walmart, Radio Shack stores
Household Goods-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Sneakers-Reinstein Woods

Nearby Cities Green Websites:

Rochester- <http://RocEarth.com>

Toronto- <http://www.weconserve.ca/>

Links to area/state environmental/community sustainability organizations and regularly scheduled activities:

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June	http://www.adk-nfc.org/home.php
Animal Advocates of Western New York	www.animalswny.org
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	www.awarewildlife.com
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	http://www.bergenswamp.org/
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center Volunteer Day every Wed. 10am-2pm at Beaver Meadow	www.buffaloudubon.com
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	http://www.freewebs.com/bondlake/
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	http://www.bbbo.org
Brush Up Buffalo	www.brushupbuffalo.org
Buffalo Astronomical Association	http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/
Buffalo Blue Bicycle	www.buffalobluebicycle.org
Buffalo CarShare	http://www.buffalocarshare.org/
Buffalo Earth Day	http://buffaloearthday.com/EarthDay/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Environmental Management Commission	www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices
Buffalo First	www.buffalofirst.org/
Buffalo Geological Society	www.bgsny.org

Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran Buffalo Goes Green	www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices
Buffalo Green Fund	http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/
Buffalo Growing	http://buffalogrowing.org/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/
Buffalo Institute for Urban Ecology	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/buffalo.htm
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.org
Buffalo Ornithological Society	www.bosbirding.org
Buffalo Recycles-City Information	http://www.buffalorecycles.com/
Buffalo ReUse	www.buffaloreuse.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education	www.buoe.org
Buffalo Waterfront	http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/
Buffalo Weed and Seed	http://www.buffaloweedandseed.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture	http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/
Carvings for a Cause	www.carvingsforacause.com/
Celebrate the Waterfront	www.celebratethewaterfront.com/
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	http://ceinfo.org/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html

Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	www.cectoxic.org/index.html
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	http://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.cleancommunitiesofwny.org/
Clean Energy for Jamestown	http://www.cleanenergyforjamestown.com/
Community Action Organization of Erie County	http://www.caoec.org/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/
Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities	www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
Eastside Redevelopment Task Force	http://eastsideredevelopment.org/
Eco-Island Nature Center	www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518
Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www.epa.gov/region02/state/nylink.htm
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie Canal Trailway	www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	http://www.eriectyfsc.org/

Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Evergreen-Buffalo State College	www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen
Excalibur Leisure Skills	http://excaliburl.org
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
First Hand Learning	www.firsthandlearning.org
For A Clean Tonawanda Site	www.factsowfny.com/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/
Friends of the Lower Great Lakes	http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp
Garden Walk Buffalo	http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/
Genesee County Nature Center	www.gcv.org
Good Going WNY	www.goodgoingwny.com
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 5-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Beach Sweep	http://greatlakesbeachsweep.com
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes Program/UB	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/glp/
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org
Green and Mean (it)	http://www.greenandmeanit.com/
Green Gold Development Corporation	http://greengold.org/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/

Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	www.hawkcreek.org
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	www.jamestownaudubon.org
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	www.jnkscalofthewild.org
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jssbuffalo.com
Lake Ontario Ordinance Works Restoration Advisory Board	www.loowrab.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.lisc.org/buffalo/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	www.mass-ave.org
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
National Buffalo Garden Festival	http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org/centralwestern
Nature Ed-Ventures	www.natureed-ventures.com
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm
New Millennium Group	www.nmgonline.org/
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php
New York State Parks	www.nysparks.com

New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
New York State Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	http://www.nysawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrisg/botany/
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	http://www.nfwhc.org/
Niagara Heritage Partnership	http://www.niagaraheritage.org/
Niagara Restoration Council	www.niagararestoration.org/
Niagara River Anglers Association	http://www.niagarariveranglers.com
Niagara River Greenway Commission	www.niagaragreenway.org
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Our Shared Waters	www.oursharedwaters.com
Our Water Future	http://ourwaterfuture.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Queen City Farm-urban organic farm in Buffalo	www.queencityfarm.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat,	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html

Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm

Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)

<http://rarerehab.org/>

Retree Western New York

www.re-treewny.org/main.html

Roger Tory Peterson Institute

www.rtpi.org

Slow Food Buffalo

www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/

Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)

<http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara>

SPCA serving Erie County

www.yourspca.org

Street Synergy

<http://www.streetsynergy.org/>

Sustainable Earth Solutions

www.sustainableearthsolutions.com

Tifft Nature Preserve

Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825-6397 to confirm walk taking place

www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php

Tuscarora Environmental Task Force

<http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx>

UBEN-UB Environmental Network

Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, 262 Capen Hall

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/>

UB Engineers for a Sustainable World

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/esw/events.html>

UB Environmental Stewardship Committee

<http://www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/environmentalstewardship>

UB ERIE Program

<http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/>

UB Green Office

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen>

Urban Design Project at UB

<http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/>

Urban Roots

www.urbanroots.org/

US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/>

Voice-Buffalo

<http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html>

Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and Western NY

http://www.nysphysicalactivity.org/site_beactivenys/

Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association

www.wnywea.org/

Western New York AmeriCorps

<http://www.wnyamericorps.org>

Western New York Climate Action Coalition	wnyclimateaction@gmail.com
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Hiking Trails and resources	www.wnyhikes.com
Western New York Land Conservancy	http://www.wnylc.org/
Western New York Science Congress	http://wnysc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	http://www4.bfn.org/wnyseal
West Side Ministries	http://www.westsideministries.org/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Rehab and Release Center	http://www.wildspirit.org/
Wind Action Group	http://www.buffalowind.org
Working for Downtown	http://www.workingfordowntown.org/
Zoar Valley Nature Society	www.zoarvalley.org