

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage-Connect with the Outdoors

The 53rd Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage will be held **June 3-5, 2011** at Allegheny State Park. The weekend is filled with over 100 nature-related activities for all ages, interests and abilities. Visit www.alleghenynaturepilgrimage.com for details.

MAP Organic Seedling Sale and Summer Produce

Massachusetts Avenue Project (MAP) has vegetable seedlings for sale **Saturday, June 4** from 11am-2pm at their Farm located at 389 Massachusetts Avenue in Buffalo. Seedlings include collard greens, eggplant, peppers (habanero, jalapeno, Vietnamese hot), thai basil, lemon grass, watermelon, cilantro, pak choi, tomatoes, mustard greens, okra, Chinese cabbage and more! They will also have organic vegetables for sale throughout the summer: Tuesdays 2-4pm, Thursdays 4-6pm and Saturdays 11am-2pm. Bring friends and family out to support your local community farm.

Video Contest for WNYEA Members: Win \$10,000 for your Nonprofit

The GrowWNY.org video contest for Western New York Environmental Alliance members is underway with \$15,000 in unrestricted grants up for grabs. Winner will receive a \$10,000 unrestricted grant for operating expenses and runner up will receive a \$5,000 unrestricted grant for operating expenses. Organizations can submit their video entries on the [GrowWNY facebook fan page](#) through **June 5, 2011**. After the posting deadline, the public will be asked to vote for the winner.. [Click here](#) for full contest details and the contest timeline.

Environmental Educator Feedback Needed for State Environmental Literacy Plan

A public forum for a draft New York Environmental Literacy Plan will be held on **June 6** from 1-4pm at Fletcher Music Hall at the Chautauqua Institution. The Environmental Literacy Plan grew out of the efforts of a large number of formal and informal educators in response to the No Child Left Inside legislation currently being considered in Congress. For info and a copy of the plan, contact Dr. Michael Jabot at jabot@fredonia.edu or 320-0189.

Wine and Wags Fundraiser

If you and your dog are looking for a fun way to say hello to summer, plan on attending the SPCA's Sixth Annual Wine and Wags Social on **June 8, 2011** from 6-8:30pm! Attendees can sample distinctive wine and beer selections, enjoy great food, learn about pet-related products from vendors and exhibitors, and take chances on an exciting auction and raffle prizes. Dogs will enjoy doggie pools and an agility course. The event takes place on the SPCA's grounds, 205 Ensminger Road in Tonawanda. Reservations (www.yourspca.org) are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door or \$100: Patron: Two reservations, 1 free adult registration to the Paws in the Park Walk, and a \$15 gift certificate to the SPCA's Petique. You must be 21 years or older to attend. Identification is required. (Dogs are not required, but welcomed!)

Food Matters Film Series

Sponsored by Lexington Cooperative Market and Edible Buffalo, the Second "Food Matters" Film Series will offer four films with inspiring stories about local communities. "The Garden" will be shown on **June 8**, followed by "Truck Farm" on **June 29**, "What's on Your Plate" on September 14 and "Urban Roots" on October 12. Info on the films is available at <http://lexington.coop/film2.html>. All films will be shown at 7pm at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware (at Tupper) and tickets are \$8 (\$6 for Co-op members) available at the market or at <http://brownpapertickets.com>.

Sail Away on an Observation Day with BUOE!

Ever wonder what a Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education (BUOE) program is like? Well, come see for yourself! Join the students and crew and test your sea legs on a real BUOE program! Join us as a special guest and observe or join in on raising sail, steering, navigating and rotating through our interactive Science Learning Stations. You will see first-hand how students engage in hands-on learning and discovery on Lake Erie and observe the transformations that take place as they experience and learn from their world in new ways. (We will be under way the entire time; you will not be able to disembark until we return to the dock.) Space is limited to 5 guests per day. RSVPs are required to ensure space. Programs are rain or shine! Observation dates are **June 2** (9:30am-12:30pm), **June 6** (9am-noon), **June 8** (10am-1pm) and **June 15** (10am-1pm). RSVP to kate@buoe.org or (716) 796-8393.

Roger Tory Peterson Festival

The Third Annual Roger Tory Peterson Festival in Jamestown, **June 9 -12, 2011**, will include many new events designed to appeal to novice birders and to those who simply wish to enjoy and learn more about nature with like-minded folk. While many of the Festival's field trips and sessions are planned for serious intermediate and hard-core birders, on Friday June 10 school children and their parents are invited to participate in hands-on experiences and beginner field trips at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History. These will provide an easy introduction and a less intimidating environment for helping young and old alike find the pleasures many have derived from an engagement with nature. Vendors and experts will be available to help with binoculars, advice on backyard bird feeding and other bird related interests. A live raptor exhibit and a bird-banding demonstration will enable all to get up close and personal with these creatures usually seen only in the distance. For more information: <http://birdfest.rtpi.org/>.

16th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour

The annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Lighthouse Tour will be held on **Sunday, June 12, 2011**. 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 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. The cost of the cruise and lighthouse tour for Penn Dixie members - \$22 adults, \$19 children and non-member adults - \$25, children \$22. Register early to reserve your seat. Groups, students, scouts, seniors, and civic organizations are welcome. A confirmation letter will be sent out to all registrants upon receipt of paid registrations. To request information, call (716) 627-4560 or visit the Penn Dixie website at www.penndixie.org to download the flier and registration form.

Household Hazardous Drop-Off

Erie County, in partnership with several county municipalities, will hold the next Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off on **Saturday, June 18, 2011** at Erie Community College, South Campus from 9am-2pm. Please enter the site from Big Tree Road. Hazardous household materials are common products used around the home almost everyday. A substance is considered hazardous if it ignites easily, reacts or explodes when mixed with other substances, is corrosive or toxic. Check for labels that bear the words "poison", "toxic", "warning", "danger", "combustible", "flammable", "corrosive", or "caution." Unwanted materials should be disposed in an environmentally sound manner. Acceptable Materials for drop-off include: up to 10 gallons of waste automotive fluids such as: motor oils, gasoline, antifreeze, brake & transmission fluids;

up to 10 gallons of oil-based paints, paint strippers and thinners, spray paints, kerosene & other solvents; rechargeable batteries: nickel cadmium, nickel metal-hydride, lead-acid (auto/truck/boat/motorcycle/tractor), lithium, lithium-ion, and button (watch/calculator) batteries (for year-round battery disposal information, click [here](#)), propane tanks or cylinders (full or empty); up to 2 gallons or 20 pounds of pesticides, fertilizers and pool chemicals; mercury and any mercury containing devices such as thermometers or thermostats. For info, visit www2.erie.gov/environment/index.php?q=waste-management-and-recycling.

WNY Earth Day Family Expo

This year's WNY Earth Day Family Expo is Saturday, **June 18, 2011** from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Buffalo Zoo. Expo activities are included in Zoo admission. Kids enjoy a scavenger hunt by visiting each of our interactive exhibits and receive a bag of prizes!!! Music by Mama Earth's Kitchen Band will provide great entertainment. Exhibitors can register by contacting Sharon Benz at sbenz@daemen.edu

Meander in the Woods

Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc. (FORNP) invites the public to "Meander in the Woods: A Unique Earth-Friendly Fundraiser," on **Saturday, June 18** from 4:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in the town of Cheektowaga. 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 maple-glazed chicken wings served with strawberry spritzers. Following the stroll, attendees will enjoy a barbecue dinner catered by Kentucky Greg's Hickory Pit. The unique sounds of the Pointless Brothers will provide a backdrop while a basket auction and raffles 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."

Great Lakes Experience Festival Seeks Exhibitors

The Great Lakes Experience Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 18th** at the Commercial Wharf in Downtown Buffalo. The Festival is our best opportunity to educate the community about local natural resources, celebrate our ecological success stories, and to reinforce the simple truth that everyone has a role in protecting our shared environment. By hosting live animal exhibits and educational games and displays, visitors will enjoy learning about everything from local wildlife to safe boating. If your organization would like to exhibit at the festival, please call Beth Smeader at 545-1700 or bsmeader_gle@yahoo.com for a participation form.

Buffalo Citybration 2011

Buffalo will celebrate its assets with a citywide celebration from **June 23-June 26**. Buffalo Citybration is a renaming of the Buffalo Old Home Week which was first held in 1907. The event continues to showcase Buffalos assets, highlight opportunity and celebrate successes in order to retain our best and brightest and attract individuals and businesses to our community. This year, this four day festival will focus on Buffalos waterfront, helping to connect Canal Side and the waterfront to Downtown Buffalo. From free Cheerios to scavenger hunts, there is something for everyone. For info, contact 716-903-7155 or info@citybration.com. Website www.citybration.com.

'Becoming an Outdoors-Woman' Workshop

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now offering one of its very popular "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" workshops **June 24 through 26, 2011**, at the Silver Bay YMCA on Lake George, Warren County. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is a program that offers weekend-long, outdoor skills workshops for women ages 18 or older, and is designed primarily for women with little or no experience with outdoor activities. Nearly 40 different classes will be offered at the Silver Bay workshop. These include canoeing, fishing, fly fishing, kayaking, shotgun shooting, GPS, map and compass, backpack camping, turkey hunting, day hiking, wilderness first aid, survival skills, archery, bowhunting, camp stove cooking, reading wildlife sign, muzzleloading, and fish and game cooking.

Women can even earn a Hunter or Trapper Safety Education certificate. The early registration fee ranges from \$270 to \$290, which includes seven meals, two nights lodging, instruction in four classes, program materials and use of equipment. [Workshop information and registration materials](#) are available on the DEC website.

Garden Bus Tours

Five day-long bus tours have been organized by the American Automobile Association in partnership with Horizon Club Tours as part of the [National Garden Festival in Buffalo](#). The tours will not only give you the opportunity to get an up-close and personal look at some great Western New York gardens, but your guide will be able to point out things you might not have noticed on a garden walk by yourself. Tours are: Forest Lawn Cemetery (**June 24**), Olmsted Parks (**July 1**), Southtowns Bouquet (**July 8**), Buffalo Private Gardens (**July 15**), Darwin Martin House and local Private Gardens (**July 29**). There are two pick-up/drop-off sites for the tours: AAA Travel and Insurance Center, 100 International Drive, Amherst, or at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, Two Fountain Plaza, Buffalo. Each tour includes an elegant sit-down luncheon. Registration limited. To [register](#) or to see more details, go to the [Horizon Club Tours site](#).

Code Green Training: Making Older Buildings Energy Efficient

A two-day Code Green Workshop will be offered **July 14-15** at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site at 641 Delaware, Buffalo. The registration deadline is July 8 and cost for the workshop is \$75. Code Green workshops are designed for contractors, architects and other building professionals. These workshops focus on energy conservation issues of interest to those who work in older buildings, but who do not specialize in historic preservation or historic structures. For example, a contractor hired to insulate a 1920s residence or an architect who wants to understand the application of air sealants for a mixed-use building rehabilitation would come away with information that would help them better serve their clients. Participants will receive technical information on the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (ECCCNYS-2010) and its application for historic buildings in both classroom and field presentations. For more info and registration, visit <http://nyserdacodetraining.com/seminar.php?s=55&d=158>.

Reinstein Woods Offers Summer Ecology School for Educators

Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center is accepting registrations for a three-day educator workshop happening from 9:30 am- 3p.m. on **July 19 - 21, 2011**. "Summer Ecology School" will introduce K-12 educators to new and exciting environmental education techniques. The three-day program provides 15 hours of instruction for which in-service or continuing education credit may be available. Participants receive written materials to enable them to transfer their new knowledge directly to the classroom. A materials fee of \$30 includes lunch on the final day of the school.

Participants will learn how to connect students to nature through hands-on activities that align with New York State learning standards. Activities are designed to fit into existing curricula in science, English language arts and other subject areas. Topics include nature-literacy connections, using school buildings and "green" buildings as teaching tools, and ideas for how to use schoolyards as learning habitat. The program will include a field trip to a "green" building and an introduction to using geographic information systems (GIS) for service-learning. A registration form is available [online](#) or by calling Reinstein Woods at (716) 683-5959. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended.

7th Annual Star Lights at the Buffalo Museum of Science

Join the Buffalo Museum of Science for an adult evening of star gazing, wine and beer tasting on Saturday, **July 23** from 8-11pm. Guests can visit the Buffalo Astronomical Association on the Museum rooftop for spectacular city views and view the stars through telescopes (weather permitting). Tickets are \$40 (while they last). Museum Members save \$5 per ticket. [Click here for more information or to purchase your tickets today!](#)

Wines in the Wild

On Wednesday, **July 27**, the ProZoo Board and the Women's Board will host the annual Wines in the Wild event at the Buffalo Zoo. For only \$40 pre-sale (sold through July 26) 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. For further information or to purchase tickets, please call (716) 995-6131. [Click Here for Standard Tickets](#) or call for VIP ticket information.

6th Paddles Up Niagara

Join us for the Sixth Annual "Paddles Up Niagara" along the southeastern shore of Grand Island on **Saturday, July 30, 2011**. 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. Register by July 16, 2011 at <http://www.niagaragreenway.org/Paddles%20Up%20Registration%202011.pdf>. For more info call the Niagara River Greenway Commission at (716) 773-5361.

Cornell Cooperative Soil Clinics

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners (CCEMG) of Erie County is providing soil clinics at the Lancaster Farmers' Market from 9am to noon on June 4, July 9, August 6, September 3 and October 1. CCEMG will also be at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens to provide soil analysis and answer gardening questions from 10:00am – 1:00pm on **June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 13, August 27**. Paid admission is required for the Botanical Gardens. Bring your soil and testing will be done while you wait. For \$5.00, you may bring up to three different samples. Soil remediation strategies will be suggested based on the findings. Proceeds from the soil testing benefit the CCEMG of Erie County. For info on how to collect a representative soil sample, call 716.827.1584 ext. 291 or visit <http://cceeriecounty.shutterfly.com/mastergardeners>.

New York Public Transit Association Conference in Buffalo

Join colleagues and industry professionals at the New York Public Transit Industry's 2011 Conference, taking place **June 1-3** at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, Buffalo NY. This year's conference will provide an in-depth look at how the state's public transit industry can achieve Collaborative, Collective Cost-Cutting while providing safe and dependable service to ridership. The 2011 conference program will provide timely educational sessions from dynamic speakers, many opportunities for networking and information-sharing, and information displays spotlighting the latest in industry products and services. For info on the conference and registration, visit <http://www.nytransit.org/events-and-training/conferences/2011-spring-conference/spring-conference-brochure>.

Amherst Residents Electronics Drop-offs

Amherst residents can recycle their old computers, televisions, kitchen appliances and more at the Amherst Highway Department, 1042 N. Forest Rd., Amherst. Drop-offs are accepted from 7am-7pm on Monday-Friday with proof of residency. For the complete list of accepted items, visit www.amherst.ny.us. For questions about the program, contact randerson@amherst.ny.us.

NYSERDA Incentives for Solar Hot Water Systems

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is offering incentives for solar hot water systems through the end of 2015 or until funds run out. Incentives will generally cover 15-20% of the installed cost and are paid directly to an eligible installer. State and federal tax incentives may also apply to the system, lowering the cost further. If you use an electric water heater, this may account for 20% of your monthly electric bill. For info, visit <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/2149atta.pdf>.

2011 DEC Summer Environmental Camps

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has opened registration for the 2011 summer camp programs. The Summer Camp Program offers week-long adventures in conservation education to children ages 12-17. DEC operates four residential camps for children ages 12-14: Camp Colby in Saranac Lake, Franklin County; Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County; Camp Rushford in Caneadea, Allegany County; and Pack Forest in Warrensburg, Warren County. Pack Forest also features Teenage Ecology Workshop, a three-week environmental studies program for 15-17 year old campers. Campers participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities. DEC counselors teach youth conservation techniques used by natural resource professionals, such as measuring trees and estimating wildlife populations. For information and applications, visit www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html.

Summer Teen Zoo Naturalist Program-Registration Opens

Are you interested in animals and the environment? Have you ever wanted to work in a zoo? Then become a Zoo Teen Naturalist! This Buffalo Zoo program has two sessions for ages 13-14 and 15-16; Session 1 is July 11-29 and Session 2 is August 1-19. Registration is limited to 15 per session and opens in March 2011! Zoo Teen Naturalists will have the opportunity to get more hands-on here at the Buffalo Zoo. This internship-like program is for the older teen who is serious about expanding their animal knowledge and considering a career with animals. Be prepared for real-life animal experiences and more opportunities for up-close animal encounters and animal handling! For info, visit http://www.buffalozoo.org/summer_teen_program.html.

Adventures Afloat and Ashore for Kids

Join Tiff Nature Preserve and Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education for a discovery summer day camp on land and water for youth Ages 9 - 13! Camp will be held August 1-5 from 9:30am-3:30pm each day (late pickup available for a charge). Campers will spend two days on the tall ship Spirit of Buffalo, testing out their sea legs as scientists afloat! Discovery of the lake environment through hands-on science activities while learning the ropes of a traditional ship, steering, navigating and climbing the rig. Campers will then spend two days ashore exploring the marsh and forest habitat at Tiff Nature Preserve. Highlights will include a up-close look at the aquatic life of the marsh and fishing on Lake Kirsty. To conclude the program, parents can join their camper for a morning ride on the ship and a picnic lunch and presentations at Tiff in the afternoon or join in for part of the day! Pre-registration required. Please call 825-6397 or visit www.sciencebuff.org. Registration Deadline is July 25.

Workshop Series in Ecosystem Restoration Engineering

SUNY University at Buffalo is offering their 2011 Workshops in Ecosystem Restoration Engineering. Workshop 1 (**June 6-10**) covers Stream and Watershed Processes: Fluvial Geomorphology and Channel Processes and will meet. Workshop 2 (**June 13-17**) and addresses Stream Ecology & Restoration: Functional Hydraulic Structure, Biological Assessment, Bioengineering Design. Workshop 3 (**June 20-24**) will be a Great Lakes Primer: Ecology, Management, and Tools for Restoration. Contact the ERIE Program Office with inquiries. Participants may register for any one, two or three modules. Sponsored in part by the University at Buffalo's ERIE Program (www.erie.buffalo.edu) and Great Lakes Program (www.eng.buffalo.edu/glp/). For further info, contact David Blersch at (716) 645-4001 or email dblersch@buffalo.edu.

Enriching Zoo Animals

This Buffalo Zoo family workshop is planned for **September 3** from 10am-noon. Throughout the workshop we will learn about animal behavior to prepare various treats for the animals, and then meet up with the zookeepers. Get a chance to see zoo animals on exhibit interact with treats that you make yourself! Pre-paid registration is required, and all participants are required to pay the workshop fee. For more information call the zoo at (716) 995-6128.

Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion

Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion, an unprecedented interactive exhibition will open at the Buffalo Museum of Science (BMS) on Saturday, June 4th and continue through August 28. Entry to the exhibition is timed and includes admission to the rest of the museum's halls. The exhibition's visit to Buffalo is sponsored by First Niagara Bank and R&P Oak Hill Development, LLC. The exhibit presents 40 operational, actual-size working machines, as opposed to miniatures or static displays. The machines were designed by a modern team of scientists and artisans who used the craftsmanship that Leonardo would have used in his time.

Organized into four parts based on da Vinci's study of the elements of nature and applied knowledge - earth, water, air and fire - the exhibition highlights include a revolving crane, a full-size armored tank large enough for several visitors to explore inside, a working robot, and four flying machines. Other displays include the hydraulic water saw, the pillar lifter, floats for walking on water, the parachute and the machine gun. More information about the museum and the exhibition can be found at www.sciencebuff.org.

Citizen Science Projects: BudBurst, Brown Stinkbugs, Ladybugs and More

Project BudBurst is a citizen science program where people make regular observations of plants in their area and report their findings. People might observe a plant in their backyard, neighborhood, school, workplace or along a daily walk. Their findings help scientists understand changes in our natural environment. For info, visit www.neoninc.org/budburst/GetStarted_BudBurstObserver.php. BudBurst Buddies is a part of Project BudBurst designed specifically for children. To participate, kids pick a tree or shrub to watch. During the year, they make multiple observations about the changes the plant is undergoing. If they report at least four different observations, they will receive an official BudBurst Buddy certificate. For info, visit <http://neoninc.org/budburst/buddies/>.

The Brown Marmorated Stinkbug (*Halyomorpha halys*) (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae) is an invasive species that has made its way from Asia and was first officially documented in New York in the Hudson Valley region in 2008. Citizen scientists are needed to help monitor its spread. These stink bugs, which are aggressive pests on apple and peach crops, sometimes congregate inside buildings looking for winter shelter. The Hudson Valley region may be the leading edge of the population expansion. If you find a suspected Brown Marmorated stink bug, send a sample for identification so we can document its distribution. Place captured specimens in a small plastic container such as a plastic medicine bottle or film canister and mail to: Cornell Hudson Valley Lab, Attn: Peter Jentsch, BMSB Project, P.O. Box 727., Highland, NY 12528. Check out photos at <http://ento.psu.edu/extension/factsheets/brown-marmorated-stink-bug>.

[The Lost Ladybug Project](#) invites the public to get outside to “spot” ladybugs. Your ladybug observations, once submitted to the website, become useful data to researchers who study ladybug populations, diversity, and distribution patterns. Initially a collaboration between Cornell University researchers and the New York 4-H Cooperative Extension, this NSF-funded project is now tracking ladybug species across North America. [Register online](#) to learn how you can participate.

As spring approaches, Cornell Lab of Ornithology is ready to begin another season of NestWatch, a nest-monitoring project for all North American birds. You can participate in a project to help scientists track information on breeding birds. Check out their website for more info at <http://watch.birds.cornell.edu/nest/home/index>.

National Fuel Conservation Incentive Plan-Get Rebates for Energy Efficiency

National Fuel's Conservation Incentive Program offers residential customers in National Fuel's western New York service area a number of money-saving rebates when they replace specified appliances with energy-efficient models. Rebates are available for the following items (minimum required efficiency must be met), providing they were installed on or after December 1, 2010: hot air furnace, hot water boiler, steam boiler, programmable thermostat, and water heater. For details and program requirements, visit <http://www.nationalfuelforthought.com/rebate-conditions4.html>. Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2012, to receive a rebate.

Master Plan for Central Terminal Announced

The Central Terminal Restoration Corporation has unveiled its master plan for the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of Buffalo's Central Terminal. The Terminal complex includes an 18-acre site that hosts an art deco office tower, passenger concourse and four-story baggage building. You can [download a copy](#) of the plan.

Buffalo Tours 2011 Season Planned

Buffalo Tours is ready for spring and summer! Visit BuffaloTours.org for a 2011 tour schedule and descriptions of upcoming events. The Queen City Downtown walking tour continues every Friday at 10am.

Upcoming Documentary to Chronicle Environmental Movement

A new documentary “A Fierce Green Fire” to be released in early 2012 chronicles grassroots and global environmental movements building over five decades. The film has been through two rounds of scripting and editing and has received a grant from the Sundance Documentary Fund to cover editing a fine-cut. The film is structured in 20-25 minute sections that can be viewed independently in a classroom setting. Check out the trailer at <http://www.afiercegreenfire.com/>.

Partnership for the Public Good Radio Show

PPG now has a radio show, the Public Good, each Tuesday from 1:00 to 1:30 pm on WUFO AM 1080. Each week they will feature a PPG Partner or other person working toward the public good and discuss some of the region's hottest issues. Hosted by PPG co-director Sam Magavern. Listen on your radio or at www.wufoam.com.

Energy Audits: Free and Low Cost Options

Conserving energy simply makes sense. See if you are eligible for a free or reduced cost energy audit, funded through "Green Jobs Green New York". As part of the new program, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has developed an incentive program for homes, small businesses, and not-for-profits wishing to save energy and related costs but might not have the resources to pay for the necessary work up front. It is funded by \$112 million allocated by the state's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, to be used over the next five years. The program, which seeks to significantly increase the energy efficiency improvements undertaken in the state, will create green jobs by stimulating investment in improvements for residential homes and small commercial, not-for-profit and multifamily buildings. It also will fund significant training for green jobs.

In order to qualify for a Home Energy Audit, you must: own the 1-4 unit residential, review the income guidelines (see link below), have not had a free audit in the past and provide a fuel usage history from utility bills. If your household makes 200% or less of the Area Median Income for your county Erie County (\$127,400), then you can receive a free audit or the cost is only \$200 for incomes up to \$254,800 (400% median). A list of eligible income levels is available at: www.getenergysmart.org/Files/HomePerformance/gjgny_area_median_income.pdf.pdf.

There are also limited funds available to provide energy audits for small businesses and not-for-profits. To find out if you are eligible, or if your group or company would like a presentation on NYSEDA's energy efficiency programs, contact Gary Carrel, WNY Energy Smart Communities Coordinator at 716-652-5400 ext 136 or gcc55@cornell.edu.

MAP Named Innovator in Food Systems

The Massachusetts Avenue Project of Buffalo, NY, was recognized nationally as one among five innovative models in a new online resource focused on promoting a more sustainable and resilient food system in the United States. GoodFoodMovement.org recently launched by Good Food Strategies, is the result of a year long landscape analysis conducted with support from [The 11th Hour Project](http://The11thHourProject.org). With nearly 10 years of experience, the Massachusetts Avenue Project's (MAP) (www.mass-ave.org) mission is to nurture the growth of a diverse and equitable community food system, to promote local economic opportunities, access to affordable, nutritious food and social change education. Located on Buffalo, NY's West Side, MAP implements its mission primarily through its Growing Green Program, an urban agriculture and job training program for youth, focused on sustainable food production and regional food system development.

Since 2002, Growing Green has provided green job training to over 400 inner city youth, ages 14-20, increasing their knowledge of food sources, how to grow, process and market organic food, as well as the impact food has on their health and that of their community. As part of their training, Growing Green youth plant and harvest an acre urban farm, running two aquaponics greenhouses, producing vegetables, herbs, eggs and fish for neighbors, the elderly, local restaurants and markets throughout the year. Youth are trained to lead other youth and adults in the community, teaching them how to grow and prepare their own food and access more locally grown food. In addition to the urban farm, Growing Green's program components include a youth-run social enterprise, a Mobile Market, educational workshops for schools and communities, and policy initiatives to address healthy food access and support local farms. If you would like more information about the Massachusetts Avenue Project or the Good Food Movement's new study of food systems solutions please call 716.882.5327 x 2 or email dpnoc@mass-ave.org

The Business of Sustainability: Green is Gold Video

A short video was created for the "The Business of Sustainability, Green is Gold" workshop at the Global Social Change Film Festival & Institute 2011 in Bali. It is a reminder that economy and environment are linked. See it at <http://vimeo.com/23227104>.

Daemen College Announces New Degree Program in Global and Local Sustainability

Daemen College has launched a new Bachelor of Arts program in Global and Local Sustainability. This interdisciplinary program, first of its kind in Western New York, is designed to prepare students for the twenty-first century by developing problem-solving skills and emerging research methods to address contemporary sustainability issues. Students will choose a concentration from business, graphic design, natural sciences or other liberal arts discipline and apply this disciplinary knowledge, along with integrative perspectives from sustainability coursework, to develop practical solutions addressing the social, environmental and economic well being of communities. An integral part of this curriculum is the requirement that students have hands-on experience in addressing relevant community problems in both local and global communities. Students can select specialized sustainability coursework from topics in green buildings, alternative and renewable energy, sustainable business practices, global water issues, environmental health, food and sustainable agriculture, global health, urban planning and community development and conservation biology or also complete a certificate in entrepreneurship. For details on the new program, contact byoung@daemen.edu.

New Video Released: The Niagara Habitat

The Learning Sustainability Campaign has just released a new video "The Niagara Habitat." The video is designed to showcase our terrific natural region. The video was created by videographer, director, musician James Grimaldi, Jay Burney, and a wonderful voice over by Madelyn Burgess. For more information contact Jay Burney, email: lscampaign@aol.com. View at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWAqEftu_WA&feature=player_embedded.

Master Gardener Program for Niagara County Residents

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program plays an important part in community outreach efforts. Master Gardener Training Programs are offered approximately every two years. The next training will start in the Fall of 2011, details coming soon! 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 info about the training, contact John Farfaglia at jaf21@cornell.edu.

Wilderness and Boating Classes

Paths, Peaks and Paddles, Inc. has joined up with local school districts to offer courses in Wilderness First Aid, Kayak Operation, Kayak and Canoe Safety. Check out offerings and registration at www.pathspeakspaddles.com/events.php.

Reduce your Stress with a Weeknight Paddle

Paths, Peaks and Paddles, Inc. (PPP) has started their annual Tuesday and Thursday evening stress reducer paddles. Come join the guides and instructors of PPP every Tuesday and Thursday evening through October for a paddle for either relaxation, stress relief or just plain FUN. It beats sitting in front of the tube and definitely beats yard work. On Tuesdays, we meet at the store (1000 Ellicott Creek Rd. Tonawanda) at 6:00pm and take a paddling trip on Ellicott Creek up and around the big island. On Thursdays, meet out in Wilson at the Wilson Tuscarora State Park (Route 18 East of Niagara Falls) at 6:30pm in the back parking lot. We will either take a paddling trip on either the East or West Branch of Twelve Mile Creek. To top off the evening we paddle out to Lake Ontario and watch a spectacular sunset over Toronto 38 Miles away across the lake. If you need to rent a boat, the cost for a solo boat is only \$25.00 per boat or \$30.00 for a tandem for Tuesdays or \$5 more for Thursdays (which includes delivery to Wilson). The boat rental includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350. All are welcome and if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak), there is no charge. No alcohol or personal electronics use on the group paddle. For info, visit <http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com>.

GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental

GrowWNY (<http://growwny.org>) is a new hyper-local source of information about living green in Western New York. If you want to showcase your local events or advertise a future event, be sure to visit their online calendar and submit your information.

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. Info at <http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/>.

Pepsi Releases Recyclable Fountain Cups

PepsiCo is launching new eco-friendly cups, recyclable and compostable fountain drink cups for quick-service restaurants, stadiums, theme parks and universities. The new cup options will allow these venues to choose the cup that can be accepted by their local recycling and composting programs. The new offerings consist of fully recyclable clear plastic cups, including a cup containing 20 percent post-consumer recycled content, as well as compostable paper cups and wax cups made with plant-based materials sourced from sustainably managed forests. All three plastic cups are recyclable, depending on local recycling services, and Pepsi says that the #1 PETE cup should be recyclable at any facility that accepts #1 PETE, a commonly recycled plastic. <http://www.pepsico.com/PressRelease/PepsiCo-Rolls-Out-Eco-Friendly-Recyclable-and-Compostable-Cups05172011.html>.

Climate Change Predictions for Western New York

NYSERDA has published a draft document outlining predicted changes in climate for different parts of the state and how this will impact different sectors: transportation, energy, food, health and others. One of the predictions from the report is that heavy downpours may become more common followed by late summer droughts. Perhaps this spring weather has been a taste of the future... "Responding to Climate Change in New York State" (November 2010 Draft, NYSERDA), is available at <http://www.nysesda.org/programs/environment/emep/clim-aid-synthesis-draft.pdf>.

Why Cowbirds Lay Eggs in Other Birds' Nests

Our local Brown-headed Cowbird is a brood parasite- a bird that lays its eggs in nests of other bird species and shirks its parental duties. The parental instinct of these other species is so strong that they not only rear the cowbird chick, but often favor it with additional food due to its larger size and begging. Sadly, for many of our local songbirds, this has resulted in less successful reproduction of their own young. Brood parasitism behavior appears to be a result of cowbirds' evolutionary past as a bird that followed bison (hence name "cow"bird) herds, feeding on insects that were stirred up. Due to their wandering habits, the cowbirds couldn't easily remain with their nests to tend their young, so surrogate parents of other species solved their reproductive problem. To learn more, visit http://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/migratorybirds/fact_sheets/default.cfm?fxsh=3.

Do you Know your S--t?

If you think you know it all, test yourself with an online scat quiz. You can learn to identify the different fecal forms and impress your friends on an outdoor adventure. Visit <http://enature.com/challenge/ScatChallenge.asp>.

Environmental Solutions: Converting Plastic to Oil

A Japanese inventor has developed a technology to recover usable oil from plastic garbage. View the video clip at <http://www.flixxy.com/convert-plastic-to-oil.htm>.

Check out the "Straddle Bus"

A new design of mass transit in China may offer cheaper options than subways. The vehicle looks like a train or bus straddling the road. Normal traffic can pass as usual under the elevated straddling public transport. Powered by electricity and solar energy, the bus can speed up to 60 km/h carrying 1200-1400 passengers at a time without blocking other vehicles' way. Check out photos at <http://www.chinahush.com/2010/07/31/straddling-bus-a-cheaper-greener-and-faster-alternative-to-commute/>.

Employment Opportunities

Groundwork Buffalo is now accepting applications for the Summer 2011 Green Team! Buffalo high school students, ages 14-18, are eligible. The Green Team Program is great for gaining hands-on experience, achieving personal growth and for building important job skills. It's a great resume builder, a great job and a lot of fun! Be sure to get your application in early. Info at <http://www.groundworkbuffalo.org/jobsvolunteering.html>.

Position Opening for Teacher Naturalist for the For the Birds Niagara! Program-Buffalo Audubon is seeking candidates for a one-year full-time naturalist position. This position is part of a partnership between the Buffalo Audubon Society (BAS) and Audubon New York (ANY) to deliver Audubon New York's For the Birds Niagara! program and additional environmental programs to the residents of Niagara County. The Teacher Naturalist will be responsible for teaching the For the Birds! program, and additional environmental education programming in Niagara County, specifically at Joseph Davis State Park, and will coordinate closely with both ANY and BAS and make local contacts with schools and other organizations. S/He will, teach programs, maintain relationships with schools, teachers, volunteers and partners, maintain schedules, coordinate programs and manage all aspects of the delivery of these programs. Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree in biology, environmental education, environmental science or related field (or equivalent experience), and a strong background in natural history. Maturity, creativity, initiative, enthusiasm, sense of humor, an attitude of life-long learning, and willingness to work with people of all backgrounds are a must. We anticipate that the interview and hiring process will move very quickly, so if this sounds like the job for you, email your cover letter, resume and references to: Loren H. Smith, Executive Director, Buffalo Audubon Society, lhsmith1031@gmail.com. All application materials should be submitted by **June 8 2011** for full consideration.

Internship Opportunities

Internship/Research with Honey Bees-An opportunity for a college student to gain valuable experience as an intern or on a research project on honey bees. You would be helping to operate a diversified beekeeping business located in Little Valley, NY. The primary focus is breeding resilient, pest and disease resistant bees. We also produce, pack and sell honey and bee pollen in our area, and produce and sell queen bees and nucleus colonies, shipping throughout the US. The business uses sustainable beekeeping; no antibiotics or pesticides. Contact: Bob Brachmann at 716-699-4145 or foxbrachmann@hotmail.com.

Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is seeking an intern to help in their Institutional Advancement Department this spring. Responsibilities include helping to extend the organization's visibility, assistance in maintaining social networking sites, performing online research, and helping manage Raisers Edge database system. For more information, please contact Steven Nagowski at volunteer@bfloparks.org or 838-1249 ext. 15.

Buffalo CarShare and Green Options Buffalo are seeking interns to help build their membership base, launch marketing campaigns, draft a business plan and help with Complete Streets program. For info, please call 898-0850.

Contest and Award Opportunities

Rachel Carson "Sense of Wonder" Contest-Show how the beauty of nature inspires you through poetry, essays, photos or dance. Entries must be from a team of two or more persons, a young person and an older person. The deadline for team entries is **June 10, 2011**. <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>.

Be an ENERGY STAR Video Challenge-Pick up your home video camera and [document your energy-saving story](#)—from what you are doing in your school, workplace and community—to make a difference with ENERGY STAR. The videos will be featured on energystar.gov and social networks. The best entries will be showcased in a video scheduled for release during Energy Awareness Month in October. Help inspire others to change the world with ENERGY STAR and join us anytime now through August. Info at <http://www.energystar.gov/changetheworld>.

Amateur photo contest is being sponsored by Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and Friends of Iroquois. Submissions are due by **September 1, 2011** and photos must be taken at the refuge. For details, visit www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/documents/2011FINWR%20Photo%20Contest%20Final.pdf

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[The Fund for Wild Nature](#) provides grants to grassroots organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. The remaining deadline for 2011 is **September 1**.

2011 Carol Jorgensen Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship- provides \$1,000 to a full time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline, including environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public administration, public policy, and related disciplines. Eligible applicants must be affiliated with a federally recognized tribe and be a full time student. Tribal enrollment is not required, but tribal affiliation must be verified by a letter of support from a current or former tribal government official or respected member of the tribal community. <http://www.nc-chokeberry.com/theonefeather/2011/03/17/carol-jorgensen-scholarship-for-environmental-stewardship/>. Deadline is **June 3**.

[Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good Community Sponsorship Program](#) supports grassroots organizations throughout the country working to do good in their communities. Eligible projects must have a positive impact on the community in one of the following areas: Environmental Goodness, Healthy Human Goodness, or Animal Goodness. The deadline for submitting online applications is **June 21, 2011**.

The [Native Plant Conservation Initiative](#) supports on-the-ground conservation projects that protect and restore native plant communities on public and private lands. The program funds multi-stakeholder projects that focus on the conservation of native plants and pollinators under any of the following areas: conservation, education, restoration, research, sustainability, and data linkages. The application deadline is **June 30, 2011**.

[Pulling Together Initiative](#) seeks proposals that will help control invasive plant species, mostly through the work of public/private partnerships such as cooperative weed management areas. A project must work to prevent, manage, or eradicate invasive and noxious plants through a coordinated program of public/private partnerships and also help increase public awareness of the adverse impacts of invasive and noxious plants. The application deadline is **July 15, 2011**.

State grants available for park and trail projects-Applications for the next round of grants from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for local park, trail, historic preservation, and heritage area projects will be available June 1. Public [workshops](#) for potential applicants will take place across the state between June 13 and 23. Attendance at one of these workshops is highly recommended as competition for the grants will be fierce. Completed applications will be due on **September 1, 2011**. For more info, visit the State Parks [website](#) or contact your [Regional Grants Officer](#).

Green Thumb Challenge from the Green Education Foundation (GEF) aims to connect children with nature and the healthy benefits of gardening. GEF provides schools and youth groups with beginner-friendly resources to plant gardens of any size, in addition to fun activities and standards-based lessons linking the classroom to the garden. All participants have the opportunity to be awarded a \$5,000 grant in recognition of their garden project. Application deadline **September 30** [Learn more](#).

National Preservation Conference-Volunteer Opportunities

Planning is underway for the 2011 National Preservation Conference to be held in Buffalo, October 18-22, 2011. An estimated 2000 preservationists, planners, architects and others are expected to attend. For info on volunteering, visit www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/page/2011-national-preservation-conference/.

Volunteers Needed For the 2011 Byron Dig

The Byron Dig is the Museum's Ice Age paleontological and archaeological research project. This year is the 29th field season. Work will be conducted in the Batavia area in late July and early August, and potential volunteers are invited to apply. Participants must be in good health and capable of negotiating uneven ground. The minimum age is 13 years, and persons under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legally responsible adult who is also serving as a volunteer. For additional info, please contact Dr. Richard Laub at (716) 896-5200, ext. 368, or by e-mail at rlaub@sciencebuff.org.

Jobs Wanted for Urban Youth

ReUse Action has nine young adults that are eager for an opportunity, eager for a job. If you know of contractors, artisans, landscapers, businessmen or businesswomen, manufacturers, or anyone else that may be able to provide an entry level opportunity for an eager young adult, please share the following blog address with them:

<http://reuseaction.com/2011/05/it-takes-our-village/>.

RestoreCorps Volunteers Needed

RestoreCorps is a group of volunteers who restore local waterfronts to their former natural grandeur by planting native trees, grasses and shrubs, removing invasive species, building rain gardens and stabilizing the shoreline. This helps clean up our waterways and enhance wildlife habitats. RestoreCorps volunteers will work at 16 different waterfront locations throughout Buffalo Niagara between April and November 2011. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know so we can inform you when other events will be taking place as they are confirmed! We will teach you everything you need to know on the day. Come and meet new like-minded people, get outdoors and get some exercise! We will provide tools and materials, drinks and snacks. For more information about RestoreCorps, including our recent events and frequently asked questions, click here. To get involved, call Emily McAndrews (716) 852-7483 ext. 31 or email emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

Volunteer opportunities are available at local organizations for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time. For a listing of some positions, visit www.handsongreaterbuffalo.org/.

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. No need to register, but bring a lunch. Free training to become a volunteer will be held the first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot for volunteer training.

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. Training is provided. 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 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. 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@excaliburls.org or visit <http://excaliburls.org>

Garden Walk Buffalo helps to rejuvenate neighborhoods, helps make our neighborhoods more walkable, and has an incredible impact on Buffalo's image outside the region. Its committees deal with marketing, PR & communications, finance, merchandise, party planning, Garden Walk Buffalo Beautification Grants, headquarters coordination, sponsorships and more. If you're interested, email GardenWalkBuffalo@yahoo.com.

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, 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 info/application, email muj265@homeny.org or visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs 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. 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. For info, visit <http://www.landmark-niagara.org/>.

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve offers a variety of volunteer positions as well as internships for college students. You can be trained to give tours, care for our trails and gardens, act as a youth instructor, greet visitors, or help spread the word about Reinstein Woods at off-site events. Our newest volunteer program is Trail Tuesdays, where volunteers help control invasive species each Tuesday. It's a great way to meet new people while doing something positive for the environment. For more information about these and other opportunities, call 683-5959 or visit the volunteer page of Reinstein Woods' website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1960.html>.

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:

Wednesday, June 1

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-9:30am-11am at NFTA Board Room, 181 Ellicott St., Buffalo. Meeting dates and times subject to change: please call (716) 856-2026 for confirmation.

Buffalo Growing Meeting-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St. Hosted by WNY Environmental Alliance.

Thursday, June 2

“Slow Ash Mortality”-11am webinar on invasive pests. To access webinars, log on to <http://breeze.msu.edu/eab-university/>.

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/>.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiffitt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiffitt volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

After-School Escape-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Western New York Environmental Alliance Climate Energy & Climate Change Working Group meeting-4:00 PM at the Community Foundations for Greater Buffalo, 712 Main Street, at the corner of Main and Tupper.

Wind Action Group Meeting -5:30pm at the Community Foundations for Greater Buffalo, 712 Main Street, at the corner of Main and Tupper. For info, contact WAG Chair Derek Bateman at bateman@ecc.edu.

Friday, June 3

Allegany Nature Pilgrimage-Allegany State Park. Visit www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com for more details. A full & fabulous weekend for all with over 100 activities for all ages, interests and abilities.

Opening Reception for Photography Exhibit “Curious Critters”- Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown will feature photographs by Dave FitzSimmons through Sept. 30. The opening reception is at 5:30pm. www.rtpi.org for info.

Saturday, June 4

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.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

MAP Urban Farm Tours and Volunteer Opportunities- Massachusetts Avenue Project Urban Farm is open for volunteer projects, tours and visitors, between the hours of 10AM and 2 PM, rain or shine. Please feel free to stop by 389 Massachusetts Ave., Buffalo and check out this season's flock of chickens, our original aquaponic fish farm, and the new, 25,000 fish aquaponic greenhouse. www.mass-ave.org.

National Trails Day Gorge Hike- Whirlpool State Park from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The recipe for the day: beautiful scenery, peacefulness, happiness and good for your health! Get out your hiking gear and join us as we hike the Whirlpool Rapids Trail to an old observation area of the former Great Gorge Route trolley line. A display highlighting some of Niagara's Daredevils will precede the hike. National Trails Day is an annual event celebrated across the United States. “Made with all natural ingredients” 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- 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Hyde Park, Niagara Falls, NY. Come celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week, and visit our state parks display at this event. For info call (716) 691-5456, ext 122 or visit <http://lowergreatlakes.fws.gov>. Youth fishing contest-registration until 9:30am for ages 5-15.

Wild Herbs and Edibles of the Season at Chestnut Ridge- 9:30 AM. Bill Michalek will lead this Buffalo Audubon outing to locate (and sample) the edible plants to be found trailside in late spring and early summer. We'll also be exploring the medicinal folklore of the local plant species we encounter. Meeting Place: Park entrance on Newton Road.

Griffis Sculpture Walk-12:00pm - 2:00pm at Griffis Sculpture Park with Buffalo Audubon. Griffis Sculpture Park in Ashford Hollow is a collection of strange, surrealistic sculptures set among a beautiful backdrop of rolling hills, ponds, and forests. Walk led by naturalist Mark Carra. \$5.00 Call 585-457-3228 to register.

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage-Allegheny State Park. Visit www.alleghenynaturepilgrimage.com for more details. A full & fabulous weekend for all with over 100 activities for all ages, interests and abilities.

350 Tree Planting at Tiff-10am-2pm, free for families (ages 10 and up). Trees provide habitat for migratory songbirds and other wildlife while using carbon dioxide for photosynthesis. This year, Tiff Nature Preserve is setting out to plant and fence 350 trees in one day, but we can't plant these trees ourselves. Why 350? Come find out! Please wear clothes and shoes for working outdoors (rubber knee boots if you have them). Please bring a shovel if you have one. We will provide refreshments.. Pre-registration required. Please call 825-6397.

Elephantastic Weekend at the Buffalo Zoo-Presented by Wegmans, WGRZ-TV, 97 Rock and Classic Hits 104.1, 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. The Niagara Frontier Reading Council will also distribute free books (while supplies last) as part of their "Wild About Reading Program." For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

Crepuscular Hike- 6:00pm - 8:30pm at Birdsong Park - Orchard Park, NY. A hike with Earth Spirit through fields and wetlands in search of evening wildlife with a focus on actual sightings, life signs and sounds of the night. Fees: Members \$5.00/Non-Members: \$10.00 Registration: Contact Orchard Park Recreation to register: 716-662-6450 or oprec@orchardparkny.org.

Summer Container Planter or Windowbox Workshop-11:30am with Mary Gurtler. You will choose among the newest and longest-flowering annuals and plant a container full of blooms; gardening expert Mary Gurtler will offer tips about the plants and their care. Fees \$35 http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations -649-4684.

Insect-Eating Plants: Carnivores of the plant world-1pm with David Clark. How to keep your Venus flytrap snappy, your pitcher plants filled, and Sundews sticky. Plant discounts for youth. Fees \$10 adults, \$5 youth ages 7-12 free. http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations -649-4684.

The Fang Gang-2 p.m. at Genesee Country Village & Museum, Mumfordsville. They howl. They bark. They growl. And they are fascinating. Three wild representatives of the Canidae family will appear in a brand new program "The Fang Gang" designed to explore the fascinating world of these notable creatures that prowl every continent but Antarctica. All these visitors—the eastern coyote, red fox and grey wolf—are designed for the chase—lithe bodies and relatively long legs. The gray wolf is the largest of the lot. It sometimes can reach more than six feet head-to-tail. Onondaga storyteller Perry Ground of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy will weave traditional Native American stories about these animals. The presentation will start at 2 p.m. in the museum's Exhibition Hall. Reservations are required. Cost is \$12/\$10 members with a Village Combo Pass (\$20 per person) that includes admission to the historic village. <http://www.gcv.org/calendar/detail/77/>

Zoar Valley's Gorges and Waterfalls- Nature Conservancy Hike from 10am-noon. Explore the Zoar Valley gorge at the South Branch of Cattaraugus Creek. We'll view gorge walls from the bottom up and visit Deer Lick Falls. The hike will be about one mile total, but footing may be slippery, rocky, and wet, making this a moderate to difficult hike. To reserve your spot, e-mail Gretchen Holtz at cwnyevents@tnc.org with the hike name in the subject line. Reservations required by **May 31**.

Woods Walk & Trail Run at Eshelman - Get Out & Celebrate National Trails Day. Follow rolling hills, woodlands, meandering streams near meadows and grasslands, and wonderful vistas on trail selections which range from easy to more difficult. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org> for details.

Senior Stroll-9:30 AM. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Recycling Rain-11:00 AM. Learn about to create a rain barrel and rain garden for your home to help conserve fresh water. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Grain Elevator Tour-Urban explorers unite! Buffalo Tours' first bicycle tour in several years takes place at 10am. Not only are we riding along the grain elevators on the Buffalo River, we're going inside them as well! Be sure to bring a camera for amazing views inside and out. [Reserve your spot here](#). Reservations are limited to 25 people. You must have a helmet and working bicycle to participate. The three-hour tour is \$20 per person, or \$15 for members of PBN. Meet us at the Erie Canal Harbor by the Whipple Truss Bridge.

WNY Land Conservancy Member Orientation and Volunteer Action Day-10am to 4pm. Join the Land Conservancy and help make things happen at the Kenneglenn Nature Preserve! New Member and Volunteer Orientation available 9-10 am with all current volunteers invited to join us from 10am – 4pm. Help is needed for spring clean-up of 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.

Sunday, June 5

Trek Tift-2-3:30 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tift for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Allegany Nature Pilgrimage-Allegany State Park. Visit www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com for more details. A full & fabulous weekend for all with over 100 activities for all ages, interests and abilities.

Elephantastic Weekend at the Buffalo Zoo-Presented by Wegmans, WGRZ-TV, 97 Rock and Classic Hits 104.1, 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.

Children's Day at Penn Dixie-1pm to 4pm. Celebrate Children's Day at Penn Dixie! Special fun events for children and their families, prizes for contests, viewing sunspots and other astronomy activities, fossil identification, and more! For info, www.penn Dixie.org.

Monday, June 6

Public Forum on NYS Environmental Literacy Plan- The Environmental Literacy Plan grew out of the efforts of a large number of formal and informal educators in response to the No Child Left Inside legislation currently being considered in Congress. The meeting will be held from 1-4pm at Fletcher Music Hall at the Chautauqua Institution. For info, contact Dr. Michael Jabot, SUNY Fredonia at jabot@fredonia.edu.

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Tuesday, June 7

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Wednesday, June 8

Buffalo Ornithological Society Meeting/Picnic-The last meeting of the year and Annual June Picnic to be followed by a short field trip of Tiff Nature preserve. Bring your own food and we will eat at 6:00 PM near the Visitor Center at Tiff.

SPCA's Sixth Annual Wine and Wags Social- from 6-8:30pm on the SPCA's grounds, 205 Ensminger Road in Tonawanda. Reservations (www.yourspca.org/) are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door or \$100: Patron: Two reservations, one free adult team member registration to the Paws in the Park Walk, and a \$15 gift certificate to the SPCA's Petique. You must be 21 years or older to attend. Identification is required at the check-in tent. Attendees will have a unique opportunity to learn about and sample distinctive wine and beer selections presented by local wine purveyors and regional brewers, enjoy great food, learn about pet-related products from vendors and exhibitors, and take chances on an exciting auction and raffle prizes. The dogs will enjoy doggie pools and an agility course. (Dogs are not required, but welcomed!)

Western New York Service Learning Coalition Annual Meeting-From 3:30-5:30 at The Eight's Bistro located at 888 Main Street, Buffalo! Come celebrate all the wonderful service-learning projects and events from the past year and hear about the exciting changes in store for this coming year! We'll have delicious food options and a cash bar. RSVP's are not needed, but encouraged, so let us know if you plan on joining us. We hope to see you there! Contact Stephanie Malinenko at smalinen@daemen.edu.

Food Matters Film Series: "The Garden"- Info on the films is available at <http://lexington.coop/film2.html>. All films will be shown at 7pm at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware (at Tupper) and tickets are \$8 (\$6 for Co-op members) available at the market or at <http://brownpapertickets.com>.

Thursday, June 9

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Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

After-School Escape-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Fracking & You- 7-9:30pm at the American Legion, 6500 Maples Rd., Ellicottville, 14731. The event will feature Ben Price who works with CELDF <http://www.celdf.org> the organization of lawyers that has helped to write many of the important bans against fracking and other environmentally destructive practices.

Science and Food Safety Workshop- 4:30pm to 7:30pm at CCE Erie County, 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY [\[Map\]](#). Info at 716) 652-5400.

Friday, June 10

Candle Lantern Hike into the Niagara Gorge-7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.at Niagara Falls State Park. Let's explore the Great Gorge Railway Trail and experience a delightful walk by candlelight after making your own lantern. This time of year, the fireflies should be out to greet us with their sparkling glow! For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Alien Invader Investigation-6:00 PM. Explore the "alien" plants and animals at Reinstein Woods, and learn what you can do to help. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Buffalo Astronomical Association meeting- 7:30pm – 10:00pm at Buffalo State College, Classroom Building C122, Buffalo, New York 14222 ([map](#)).

Paddling Progressive Dinner- Come on out and join Paths Peaks & Paddles for our 3rd Annual Paddling Progressive Dinner. Your evening adventure starts at 6:30 pm out at Wilson Tuscarora State Park (Route 18 in Wilson NY). A donation of \$65.00 per couple is requested. You will paddle along the creek and end out on the lake. Your first stop will be where the staff will be making mouthwatering appetizers for you. Your second paddling stop will be at the Soup & Salad stop with fresh baked breads and rolls. After paddling a bit more you will come to your entrée stop where you get to choose your entrée for the evening of, Beef, Chicken or Seafood. With a little more paddling, you are off to the last stop for some Sinfully Decadent Desserts and beverages to top off your dinner while watching the sunset over the Toronto skyline 38 miles away. Participation is limited so don't delay in signing up and Reservations are a must. If you have questions regarding this event please contact us at 213-0350.

Saturday, June 11

“About Boating Safely”-one-day course offered at McKinley Mall from 8am-5pm. Register with Bob Moscato at rmossail@aol.com (681-3889) or visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org for a full course description.

Summer Tree Identification Hike-10am to noon at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Hike leader John Sly will share information with hikers on how to identify trees in the summer. Special attention will be paid to native trees. Mr. Sly is a Land Conservancy volunteer and long-time volunteer program leader for the Buffalo Audubon Society. Reservations are required to attend the Summer Tree Identification Hike as space is limited. Please call (716) 687-1225 or email info@wnylc.org for directions and reservations. The hike is a free public event.

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Iroquois Observation Program: Full Moon Fun at Kanyoo Trail- 6:30pm - 11:00pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. 6:30-8pm Children's Nature Walk with Leon Sam Briggs. 8-9:30 pm Full Moon Walk. 9:30-11pm Star Gazing with the Rochester Astronomy Association. Free.

DEC Fishing Clinic at Tiff-Join DEC biologists, Erie County Sportsmen and volunteers for an educational fishing day at Tiff's Lake Kirsty from 9:30am-1pm. Bait, fishing instruction, prizes and hot dog lunch provided. Advance registration required. Please call the DEC at 851-7010. Ages 8-12.

Hypertufa Workshop-1pm. Make your own container for the perfect miniature alpine garden, patio succulent garden or a mini-hosta garden. Fees To be determined. www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations -649-4684.

JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary Fundraising Event: Tiger by a Tail— Hosted by Bellus Lux Lucis Fine Arts Gallery, Afternoon & Evening at 10750 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031. For details: <http://bellusluxlucis.com/event/27041/tiger-by-a-tail>. Two Siberian tigers will be on display. Free and open to the public.

Women in the Outdoors-Erie County Conservation Society hosts this for women ages 12 and older. Activities include courses on shotgun, archery, photography, camping/backpacking, wilderness survival and more. For registration, call 941-3012 or email viewofcountry@yahoo.com or lindaoffhaus@aol.com.

Wildflower Walk-10:30 AM. Enjoy discovering the folklore and uses of wildflowers. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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

About Boating Safely Course-8am to 5pm at McKinley Mall. For more info, contact Bob Moscato at 681-3889 or visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org.

Sunday, June 12

Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour-8:30am-1:30pm. Call (716) 627-4560 for registration information and cost or visit www.penndixie.org. Limited space available.

Frack Action Meeting-Meetings open to all. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://groups.google.com/group/frackactionbuffalo/>.

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Monday, June 13

Evening Paddle on The Buffalo River- We meet at the Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center located at 345 Ohio Street, near Republic Street, across from Father Conway Park at 6:00pm. If you do not have a kayak you are welcome to rent one for \$30.00pp. If you have your own kayak feel free to join the group for a great evening. We plan to be off the water at approximately 9:00pm. This event is scheduled to take place rain or shine. Registration is required if you need to rent a kayak by calling 716-213-0350. With each boat rental you will receive a paddle and PFD. PFD's are required by everyone on this event. We kindly ask that you leave all electric devices behind for a few hours so everyone can relax and unwind. There will be no alcoholic beverages or drugs on the water. Feel free to contact us at 716-213-0350 or pppinfo@pathspeakspaddles.com.

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"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Andrew Bannon, George Eastman House. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

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Second Quarterly Meeting of Western New York Environmental Alliance- 4:00 pm at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Preserve in North Java, New York. [CLICK HERE](#) for directions and information about Beaver Meadow. RSVP at [THIS LINK](#). Meeting will feature a SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat) Analysis of Environmental Education in Western New York.

Wednesday, June 15

Full Moon Stroll at Tift Nature Preserve-8:30-10pm for ages 12+. June's Strawberry Moon will guide us through Tift's trails to we enjoy the sounds that alert us of summer's wonderful approach. Pre-registration required. Call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register at www.sciencebuff.org/commerce/detail/index.cfm?nPID=245.

Evening Stroll-8:00 PM. Join us for a walk at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve to find planets, stars, the moon and wildlife. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting- 617 Main Street in the Market Arcade Building, Buffalo, NY, 12:00-1:00 PM, on the third Wednesday of the month. Monthly meetings are free, and open to the public.

Thursday, June 16

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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Indoor Explore: Insect-O-Rama- Join Pfeiffer Nature Center in Portville from 6-8pm. Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. So you say Ugh! To Bugs? Not so here! Explore the wondrous insect life cycle. See where the bugs are while waiting for spring. Investigate live and preserved specimens. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Friday, June 17

Goat Island Adventure Walk-7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Niagara Falls State Park. 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. Join us and see what you have been missing. For registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, June 18

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.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

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Adventure Hike- 10:00am -12:30pm at Shale Creek - Orchard Park, NY. A challenging hike with Earth Spirit through beautiful mature forests and gorges along Shale Creek with an eventual visit to the "eternal flame." This adventure hike involves strenuous climbs, both downhill to the creek as well as bushwhacking back to the top of the gorge. Fees: Members \$5.00/Non-members \$10.00 For info, Phone: 716-941-6267 or email: office@earthspiritedu.org.

1st Annual Great Lakes Experience Festival- 11am-6pm at the Commerical Slip, Downtown Buffalo. Come learn about local natural resources, celebrate our ecological success stories, and to reinforce the simple truth that everyone has a role in protecting our shared environment. <http://www.thegreatlakesexperience.org/>

Hostas Large and Small- with Mike and Kathy Shadrack, authors of The Book of Little Hostas. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Space limited, call for reservations -649-4684. Fee and details To be determined.

Bird of Prey Day- 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. Click here for [more info](#) and [tickets](#). 11am-4pm.

WNY Earth Day Family Expo- from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Buffalo Zoo. Expo activities are included in Zoo admission. Kids enjoy a scavenger hunt by visiting each of our interactive exhibits and receive a bag of prizes!!! Music by Mama Earth's Kitchen Band will provide great entertainment.

Historic Cabin Tour at Lillibridge – 9am-noon. Free tour of the Pfeiffer Nature Center cabin, listed on the National Historic Registry. It is a great place to step back in time and learn about the American Chestnut tree, the Pfeiffer/Wheeler/Dusenbury families, and the ties between the Nature Center and another great forest, Hearts Content in western Pennsylvania. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Wondering About Wildflowers at Lillibridge- 10:30am-12:30pm. Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Join Pfeiffer Nature Center for this event. During May, many wildflowers spring back to life! The old-growth forest and meadow will serve as backdrops during this gentle walk to enjoy and learn about some of our native wildflowers with a wildflower expert. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Know the Night Walk at Eshelman- 8 to 10pm at Pfeiffer Nature Center. Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Unlike humans, night creatures are well adapted to the dark. Come learn and experience these differences in adaptation while you walk our trail in the dark of night. Smell like the coyote, see like the owl! Not appropriate for children under the age of 5. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Kenmore Recyclable Dropoff-Village of Kenmore and Buffalo ReUse will accept leftover building supplies, furniture, appliances and tools from 9am-noon at the parking lot behind the Municipal Building, 2919 Delaware. Contact Buffalo ReUse at 882-2800 for large items. For full list, visit www.villageofkenmore.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off- Erie Community College, South Campus from 9am-2pm. Please enter the site from Big Tree Road. For info on accepted items, visit www2.erie.gov/environment/index.php?q=waste-management-and-recycling.

Meander in the Woods- Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc. fundraiser, from 4:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Learn and taste edibles from the woods and then enjoy a barbecue dinner catered by Kentucky Greg's Hickory Pit. The unique sounds of the Pointless Brothers will provide a backdrop while a basket auction and raffles 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.

Senior Stroll-9:30 AM. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

RestoreCorps Habitat Restoration - 9am – 1pm in Wheatfield ([map](#)). RestoreCorps volunteers will be joined by volunteers from the United Way's 'Business Meets Community' program to plant at a private site on the Niagara River in Wheatfield. For more information, or if you would like to attend, please contact Emily McAndrews prior to the event. emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org (716) 852-7482 ext 31.

Pearl Street Corridor Renewal Project– Working for Downtown seeks volunteers to help maintain the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. We meet at 9a.m. in the rear parking lot of the Pearl Street Grille & Brewery and clean up until noon. www.workingfordowntown.org/content/images/pickup-2011.jpg

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Tift History Tour-2 to 4pm. Tift 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. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family. Free for FOT Members. For all ages. Call 825-6397 for more information.

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Summer Solstice Sunset Stroll at Tift Nature Preserve-Stay outside late and join us 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. For all ages. Non Members: \$5 - Museum Members save 5%! Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register online. www.sciencebuff.org/commerce/detail/index.cfm?nPID=242

Summer Solstice Twilight Walk-8:00 PM. Join us on a journey through the moonlit woods at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve on the first night of summer. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Wednesday, June 22

Visit to Jamestown Audubon – 8:30am-5:30pm. Join Buffalo Audubon for an all-day excursion to visit our sister Audubon Chapter. We will visit their nature center, hike the trails, and say hi to Liberty, their bald eagle. Carpool from Springville will be available. Bring a lunch. \$5 admission to the Jamestown Audubon Center. Call 585-457-3228 to reserve your spot and for directions.

West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting-6:30 to 9pm at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Rte 219, West Valley.

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Friday, June 24

A Walk in the Garden with Kerry Mendez and Sally Cunningham- 3pm. Join garden experts Kerry Mendez and Sally Cunningham for a tour of the perennials and shrubs of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. At 4:30pm, in the Botanical Garden meeting room-Tips for Low-Maintenance, High Impact Perennial Gardens, by Kerry Mendez. Learn to create and care for great looking, ever-blooming gardens using organic practices. Recommendations include plant selection, design tips, mulch, fertilizer, maintenance shortcuts and more. (An opportunity for book signing and sales follows the talk.) For registration and fees, visit BuffaloGardens.com.

Kickoff Party for the National Garden Festival-6pm. Special guest—Kerry Ann Mendez, garden consultant, designer, writer, teacher and lecturer from Saratoga Springs NY. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres, prizes, special guests, book signings and more! Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo. For info and tickets, <http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com/index.asp>.

Forest Lawn Cemetery and the Botanical Gardens Bus Tour—Tour Host: Sandy Starks, Interpretive Program Director at Forest Lawn Cemetery. You'll see the gardens and ancient trees of Forest Lawn Cemetery, tour the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and enjoy a "Walk & Talk in the Perennials Garden" with Kerry Ann Mendez, where you'll be able to chat with her and ask her questions. Lunch: Curly's Grill. Price: \$79/person. To [register](#) or to see more details, go to the [Horizon Club Tours site](#).

Citybration Events-Multiday Buffalo Celebration. Visit www.citybration.com for full details. From 6-9pm- Hot Air Balloon rides on the Outer Harbor. Climb into a safely tethered hot air balloon and rise more than 100 feet over the Outer Harbor and beautiful Lake Erie, or bring a lawn chair and watch the fun. Take the Skyway to the Furhmann Blvd. exit, turn right until you see the balloons! Plenty of parking. \$15 for adults, \$10 children 12 and under OR Sunset Reception on the 28th Floor Observation Deck of City Hall, \$5 suggested donation at the door OR Bisons Game.

Saturday, June 25

Free Fishing Day!- 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Buckhorn Island State Park. See how much fun fishing can be on a special day when no N.Y. Fishing license is required! We will bring the fishing equipment to teach “catch and release” fishing techniques, fish identification and aquatic ecology. For info & registration call (716) 549-1050.

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Zoar Valley Walk-10:00am - 2:00pm. A Buffalo Audubon 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. Call the center to register and for directions at 585-457-3228.

Insectival-Drop in for a bug-tastic time at Tiff Nature Preserve where families of all ages can join in Tiff's first Insectival – a celebration of insects and their arthropod kin! 10am-2pm. Activities will include sweeping for insects on the grassy mounds, dipping for aquatic insects in the cattail marsh, buggy crafts that are sure to be a hit with the younger set, an insectigation station, and much more! It's sure to be an insect-errific day for everyone! Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register online. \$5 non-members, museum members save 5%. www.sciencebuff.org/commerce/detail/index.cfm?nPID=243

Perennials Day- Kicking off the National Garden Festival! Three of our featured speakers are: Tony Post, Valleybrook Greenhouses: Rock Stars an Alpine or Miniature Garden, Kerry Ann Mendez, Perennially Yours in Ballston Spa, Author: Blue Ribbon Perennials for your Winning Garden, Sally Cunningham, WNY garden expert, author, and columnist will be presenting Front Yard Design with Perennials. This all-day program will include a delightful catered luncheon. http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations -649-4684.

8th Annual Village of Williamsville Garden Walk-10am-4pm. Maps can be picked up day of event at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville NY 14221. We usually have about 30 gardens participate in our one square mile event. Info: gardenwalkvow@aol.com.

Nature Walk at Eshelman – 9-10am. Join Pfeiffer Nature Center for a free hike. Take in an easy walk through our retired farmlands observing the seasonal changes in our shrub wetland, mature meadow, creek and pond edges, and the mixed hardwood forest. Suitable for all ages. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Critters of the Creek Walk at Eshelman – 10:30am-12:30pm. Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. What's in the water? Walk the creek and collect assorted critters (macro-invertebrates), enjoy games, and see who lives in the water! Be prepared, it's hands on and feet wet fun! <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Field Trip: West Seneca Oxbow Preserve-Meet at 9:00 a.m. Directions: East on Clinton, cross Harlem and continue ½ mile to where French Road comes in on left at “Vinny's”. Look for driveway and open gate on right directly across from Vinny's and second driveway past “Petals & Pines” Nursery. Drive in to where you see parked cars. Leader: Dave Spiering 548-6846. Our on-site guide will be Margaret Wooster from Buffalo Niagara River Keepers.

Family Fun Fest: Alien Invaders! -10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Enjoy a fun-filled day exploring the world of invasive plants and animals at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Kids will discover alien invaders through games, crafts and outdoor activities. Adults will learn how to help prevent the spread of invasive species. *No registration required.* For more info call 683-5959.

Citybration Events- Participate in this multi-day celebration with a tour of Delaware Neighborhood homes (10am-3pm), Queen City Downtown (10am-noon), Scavenger Hunt (2-5pm) or a Floating Cocktail Party (5:30-7:30pm). Check out details at www.citybration.com.

Sunday, June 26

Trek Tiftt-2-3:30 PM at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiftt for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Frack Action Meeting-Meetings open to all. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://groups.google.com/group/frackactionbuffalo/>.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Citybration Events- Join the fun with Breakfast on the Waterfront, Canal Side activities, Walk or Cycle the Waterfront and more. Check out times and details at www.citybration.com.

Monday, June 27

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com.

Invasive Species in the Great Lakes- 8pm. Free Lecture from the Erie County Department of Senior Services Program, everyone welcome. What are the factors behind the ever-increasing invasive animal and plant species, and what can/should we do to control this infiltration? What are the implications for the health of the Great Lakes? See preserved samples of Gobies, Sea Lamprey, Quagga Mussels, Orange Roughy, Spiny Water Fleas and more. Instructor: Ray Markiewicz. Registration required. Call Canterbury Woods, 929-5823. Canterbury Woods, 705 Renaissance Drive, Williamsville.

Tuesday, June 28

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April through September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

"Why are Buffalo Niagara's Art, Architecture, History, and/or Nature Important?"-- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Edythe "Kitty" Turgeon, Roycroft Campus Historian and Innkeeper. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>

Teaching By Example- Prish Moran, Sweet_ness 7 Cafe will speak about and answer questions on their area of expertise related to Buffalo First!'s mission of building a just, sustainable and local living economy in Buffalo and Western New York. Knowledge is power, as they say. And if people share their knowledge and expertise with the greater community, we all benefit. Together, we can become more empowered citizens and advocates for the issues that truly concern us and continue to push Buffalo forward with people power. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Merge (side room), 439 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202. If you're already a Buffalo First! member, come reap the benefits of membership -- admission is free. And if you haven't joined us yet -- what are you waiting for? Non-members will pay a one-time cost of \$10, to cover the annual individual Buffalo First! membership.

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/>.

Outdoor Adventure Club: Insects of the Night- 8pm. These activities at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve are designed to help youth age 12 and older explore nature and the outdoors. Registration is required for each session; call 683-5959. Search for moths and other insects attracted by light and scent.

Buffalo ReUse Quarterly Info Meeting- 6:30pm – 8:30pm at ([map](#)). Get an update on our activities & get a chance to talk with our board and staff.

Benefit Corporations and the Triple Bottom Line-Partnership for the Public Good forum from 4-5:30pm at 237 Main Street, Suite 1200. Join us to discuss a bill in the New York State legislature which would establish a new kind of corporation, a benefit corporation, devoted to the triple bottom line of people, planet, and profit. Free and open to the public. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Megan Connelly at megan@ppgbuffalo.org or (716) 852-4191x110.

Wednesday, June 29

Dragons in Your Backyard- 10:30 AM. Glimpse the life of harmless dragonflies that patrol Reinstein Woods' ponds. For adults and kids age 8 and older. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Food Matters Film Series: "Truck Farm"- Info on the films is available at <http://lexington.coop/film2.html>. All films will be shown at 7pm at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware (at Tupper) and tickets are \$8 (\$6 for Co-op members) available at the market or at <http://brownpapertickets.com>.

Thursday, June 30

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/>.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tift volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

After-School Escape-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Friday, July 1

Bugs By Night-9:00pm - 11:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join naturalist Mark Carra as he attracts various insects and provides his unique insight into their world and their ways. \$5/\$3 members. Call 585-457-3228 or email Jackie at keller@buffaloudubon.org to register.

Buffalo's Celebrated Olmsted Parks Bus Tour-Host: Brian Dold of Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. You'll see all six of the Olmsted Parks (Cazenovia, Delaware, Front, Martin Luther King Jr., Riverside and South) and the parkways connecting them. Learn more about America's oldest coordinated system of public parks and parkways. Lunch: The Lunch Box at Parkside Lodge, Delaware Park To [register](#) or to see more details, go to the [Horizon Club Tours site](#). Price: \$65 per person.

Saturday, July 2

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.

Griffis Sculpture Walk-12:00pm - 2:00pm at Griffis Sculpture Park with Buffalo Audubon. Griffis Sculpture Park in Ashford Hollow is a collection of strange, surrealistic sculptures set among a beautiful backdrop of rolling hills, ponds, and forests. Walk led by naturalist Mark Carra. \$5.00 Call 585-457-3228 to register.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

Senior Stroll-9:30 AM. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Pond Life- 10:30 AM. Dive into the world of aquatic organisms, and see what is living in our ponds at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. For adults and kids ages 8 and older. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Feed Your Soul's 2011 Tour & Tastes at Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market-10am. For the first time, Western New York's favorite urban farmers market will offer guided tours. Guests will meet a selection of the market's farmers and artisan foodmakers, while hearing about WNY's exciting farm-to-table movement and agricultural bounty. Learn about the growing methods used and the unique and exciting edible items that each vendor raises or makes by hand. Samples, recipes from local chefs, and information packets will be provided to each guest. Tickets are \$11 per person and will be available as of June 1st at www.eatlocalbuffalo.com. Information about the Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market can be found at www.elmwoodmarket.org.

Nature Walk at Lillibridge – Free, 9 to 10am. Enjoy a leisurely walk through a rare old growth forest with large specimens of Eastern Hemlock, White Pine, American Beech, and Red Oak and observe the seasonal changes in this majestic forest. Suitable for all ages. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Fabulous Ferns Walk at Lillibridge -10:30-12:30 PM, Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Are you flabbergasted by ferns? Many ferns and fern allies grace the grounds of Lillibridge, from those tucked at the base of ancient oaks to delicate wisps in the verdant fields. These marvelous primordial spore bearing plants can be identified using a simple key introduced on this walk. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Sunday, July 3

Trek Tiff-2-3:30 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiff for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monday, July 4 – Happy Holiday

Tuesday, July 5

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/>.

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April through September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Wednesday, July 6

Red Wiggler Worm Story Hour - At 6:30 PM for children ages 4-7 and their caregivers. Reinstein Woods staff will present hour-long, family-friendly programs at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road. *To register, contact the library at 716-668-4991.*

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-9:30am-11am at Niagara County Public Safety Building, 5526 Niagara St. Extension, Lockport, NY Meeting dates and times subject to change: please call (716) 856-2026 for confirmation.

Waste and Pollution Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

Thursday, July 7

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/>.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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

Fantastic Forest Fun at Lillibridge – 10am to 3pm. Gen Public \$25/PNC Members \$20. A day in the woods for KIDS only! It's a one day sampler of everything the woods has to offer... from moss to mammals, bugs to birds, salamanders to sow bugs... walk in the woods, romp in the meadow, do a few crafts, lounge through lunch at the pavilion. Have a great day exploring and take home your own tied dye t-shirt, and hand made nature prints. For ages 6 and up. Fee includes a white cotton t-shirt for each kid to tie dye. Bring a bag lunch and snack. Beverages are provided. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Let's Make a Butterfly Mounting Plate- Pfeiffer Nature Center from 6-8pm. Gen Public \$25/PNC Members \$20 includes all materials. They flit; they flutter, but do not be flustered! You too can learn to identify common butterflies in our area and be acquainted with their lifecycles. Come see a demonstration on how to catch, preserve, and mount butterflies. Make your own net and learn which butterflies can be selectively collected. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Friday, July 8

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

Southtowns Bouquet Bus Tour-Tour Host: [Mike Shadrack](#), international hosta expert and author. You'll see the Boston hosta and shade garden of [Mike and Kathy Shadrack](#), who wrote The Book of Little Hostas: 200 Small, Very Small, and Mini Varieties. You'll also see outstanding private gardens in Hamburg and Eden. Lunch: Lockwood's Greenhouses. Price: \$75 per person. To [register](#) or to see more details, go to the [Horizon Club Tours site](#).

Saturday, July 9

Botanical Field Trip- Niagara Frontier Botanical Society outing to Brown Road & Conewango Swamp area, Cattaraugus Co. Easy roadside walking interspersed with short drives. Bring lunch. Leader: Dick Rosche. E-mail him at: drosche2@verizon.net for time and meeting place.

Educator Workshop: Project WILD-9:00 AM to noon. This hands-on workshop demonstrates how to use wildlife to enhance teaching. Participants receive a standards-based curriculum and activity guide with more than 100 lesson plans. Refreshments provided. For educators of students in grades K-12. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Buzz Around Hamburg Garden Walk -10am-4pm. <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Lockport in Bloom Garden Walk- 10am-4pm. <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Wilson Garden Tour-hosted by Wilson Garden Club will host a three-day garden tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pick up a free map at Wilson Garden Farm & Pet, 240 Young St., Wilson. Eight to 10 gardens will be featured, some — but not all — within walking distance to each other. Questions? Call Jill Rohring at 751-6334.

Hunters Creek Splash Hike – 10am to 3pm at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve. We will slish hike the creek bed from the centerline bridge to the office of the WNY Land Conservancy with frequent stops with short talks about the creek and a lunch stop at the base of mossy point. Bring a lunch and water. The creek bed may be slippery with sharp slate. Wear sturdy footwear. Call the WNY Land Conservancy at 716-687-1225 to register.

Allenberg Bog Annual Walk - A casual hike through the Buffalo Audubon preserve in search of summertime flora and other interesting facets of this unique environment. Please call 585-457-3228 to register. We will meet in Springville at 9am to carpool to site with return about 2pm.

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

Astronomy Program at Penn Dixie Site-8:30pm. Filtered telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares and after dark the Penn Dixie Skies. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free.

About Boating Safely Course-8am to 5pm at McKinley Mall. For more info, contact Bob Moscato at 681-3889 or visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org.

Sunday, July 10

Frack Action Meeting-Meetings open to all. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://groups.google.com/group/frackactionbuffalo/>.

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Lockport in Bloom Garden Walk- 10am-4pm. <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Snyder CleveHill Garden View- 10am-4pm <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>.

Akron In Bloom- 12-4pm beginning at the gardens of the Rich-Twinn Octagon House, 145 Main St., Akron. <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Wilson Garden Tour-hosted by Wilson Garden Club will host a three-day garden tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pick up a free map at Wilson Garden Farm & Pet, 240 Young St., Wilson. Eight to 10 gardens will be featured, some — but not all — within walking distance to each other. Questions? Call Jill Rohring at 751-6334.

Orchard Parkway Garden Walk -downtown Niagara Falls from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. he free walk begins at the white welcome tent at the corner of Orchard Parkway and Main Street, Niagara Falls, where information will be available tour day. The Web site: www.orchardparkway.com

Trek Tift-2-3:30 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tift for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monday, July 11

Wilson Garden Tour-hosted by Wilson Garden Club will host a three-day garden tour from noon to 5 p.m. Pick up a free map at Wilson Garden Farm & Pet, 240 Young St., Wilson. Eight to 10 gardens will be featured, some — but not all — within walking distance to each other. Questions? Call Jill Rohring at 751-6334.

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com .

Tuesday, July 12

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April-September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Butterflies of Royalty-10:30 AM. Search for butterflies on this guided walk at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and learn to attract these beautiful insects to your backyard. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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/>.

Wednesday, July 13

Sly Fox and Clever Coyote- At 6:30 PM. Reinstein Woods staff will present hour-long, family-friendly programs at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road. *To register, contact the library at 716-668-4991.* Investigate the lives of foxes and coyotes as we dispel common misconceptions about these secretive creatures.

Thursday, July 14

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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 15

Nighttime Nature Nuts- 8:30 PM. Come explore the trails at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve at sunset and learn about nocturnal wildlife. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Buffalo's Famous Private Gardens Bus Tour-Host: Jim Charlier, president of Garden Walk Buffalo, and Sally Cunningham, director of the National Garden Festival. You'll see selected gardens of the famous Garden Walk Buffalo in the Cottage and Elmwood Village districts. Lunch: Cabaret. Price: \$75 per person To [register](#) or to see more details, go to the [Horizon Club Tours site](#).

Saturday, July 16

Summer Nature Festival - Membership Event for Earth Spirit. 1:00pm - 5:00pm at Buffalo Ski Club - West Falls, NY. An afternoon of nature education programs to include sessions on Wildlife Ecology, Summer Herb Hikes, Live Animal Demonstrations, Nature Games and more! Fees: A membership with Earth Spirit. Current Members free when accompanied by a non-member friend (otherwise members pay \$5.00). For info, Phone: 716-941-6267 or email: office@earthspiritedu.org.

Wild Renn Festival at Hawk Creek-11am-4pm. What better way to celebrate man's 4,000 year old history with raptors than to go back to the Medieval period when falconry reigned. Enjoy— up-close raptor encounters, flying bird shows, barn owl releases, and over 90 animals. Featuring dragon exhibit, live music, medieval reenactments, games for the kids, and stunning original artwork, there is something for everyone! [Click here](#) to view photos of past events. See our [schedule of events](#) and get [tickets](#)!

Stories in the Woods- 10:30 AM. Listen to a nature story followed by a walk in Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. For children ages 4-6. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Plants of the Woods- 2:00 PM. Discover the native and non-native plants that grow in Reinstein Woods and even in your own backyard. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Kenmore Recyclable Dropoff-Village of Kenmore and Buffalo ReUse will accept leftover building supplies, furniture, appliances and tools from 9am-noon at the parking lot behind the Municipal Building, 2919 Delaware. Contact Buffalo ReUse at 882-2800 for large items. For full list, visit www.villageofkenmore.com.

Historic Niagara Falls Garden Walk- 10am-5pm <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk- 10am-4pm <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Lancaster Garden Walk- 10am-4:30pm <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

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.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

Full Moon Walk – 8:30-10pm. Walk the trails at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center with the moon lighting your way. Look for the nocturnal animals that live at Beaver Meadow and see the preserve “in a different light” BMAC. \$5/\$3 Members. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Pearl Street Corridor Renewal Project Pick-Up Buffalo – Working for Downtown seeks volunteers to help maintain and care for the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of the Pearl Street Grille & Brewery and clean up the neighborhood until noon.
<http://www.workingfordowntown.org/content/images/pickup-2011.jpg>

Sunday, July 17

Wild Renn Festival at Hawk Creek-11am-4pm. Enjoy— up-close raptor encounters, flying bird shows, barn owl releases, and over 90 animals. Featuring dragon exhibit, live music, medieval reenactments, games for the kids, and stunning original artwork. See our [schedule of events](#) and get [tickets](#)!

Lancaster Garden Walk- 10am-4:30pm <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

South Buffalo Alive Garden Tour- 9am-3pm <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Clarence Hollow Garden Walk- Tickets and map, \$5 will be available at the Clarence Hollow Farmers Market, on Main Street between Ransom and Salt roads between 9 a.m. and noon.

Historic Trinity Eighth Garden Tour-Grand Island from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets (\$15) and map are available day of the tour at Historic Trinity Church, 2100 Whitehaven Road. Presale tickets (\$12) are available before July 15 by calling 773-2421 or 773-4946. Proceeds go for the preservation of the Gothic Revival country church.

Orchard Park Garden Tour- 10am-4pm. Tickets can be purchased from 10 am-2 pm at the Orchard Park Historical Society/Jolls House, 4287 South Buffalo St., Orchard Park, or at gardens on tour. \$5 donation will support the Orchard Park Garden Club's Scholarship Fund. For additional information call 662-1121 or 674-6430.

South Buffalo Alive's Annual Tour of Gardens- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pick up maps (\$2 donation) at the Caz Coffee Cafe, 688 Abbott Road, beginning July 16. On tour day, you can find them at the Tim Russert children's garden next to the Dudley Library on South Park Avenue. See www.SouthBuffaloAlive.com.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monday, July 18

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours at 5pm weather permitting. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com.

Evening Paddle on The Buffalo River- Paths, Peaks and Paddles, The Cooperage and the Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center have teamed up once again to paddle the Buffalo River! We meet at the Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center located at 345 Ohio Street, near Republic Street, across from Father Conway Park at 6:00pm. If you do not have a kayak you are welcome to rent one for \$30.00pp. If you have your own kayak feel free to join the group for a great evening. We plan to be off the water at approximately 9:00pm. This event is scheduled to take place rain or shine. Registration is required if you need to rent a kayak by calling 716-213-0350. With each boat rental you will receive a paddle and PFD. PFD's are required by everyone on this event. We kindly ask that you leave all electric devices behind for a few hours so everyone can relax and unwind. There will be no alcoholic beverages or drugs on the water. Feel free to contact us if you are interested in our Monday evening paddle. We can be reached at 716-213-0350 or pppinfo@pathspeakspaddles.com.

Tuesday, July 19

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April-September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Summer Ecology School -Tuesday through Thursday, July 19 to 21, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Receive curriculum to connect students to nature, with interdisciplinary, hands-on activities. Includes potential 15-hour, in-service credit. For educators of students in grades K-12. Registration forms available [online](#) or by calling 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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/>.

Subsidy Reform in New York State-Partnership for the Public Good forum from 4-5:30pm at 237 Main Street, Suite 1200. Join us to discuss a bill in the New York State legislature which would establish a new kind of corporation, a benefit corporation, devoted to the triple bottom line of people, planet, and profit. Free and open to the public. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Megan Connelly at megan@ppgbuffalo.org or (716) 852-4191x110.

Wednesday, July 20

Colorful Creatures- At 6:30 PM for children. Reinstein Woods staff will present hour-long, family-friendly programs at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road. *To register, contact the library at 716-668-4991.* Learn about wildlife and how they use their brilliant shades to survive.

Thursday, July 21

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tifft volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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 22

Frederick Law Olmsted Gala- A three-part dressy evening starting at 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, dinner & dancing at Front Park to celebrate Buffalo's Olmsted legacy. Live music, a lively auction, and an afterparty party featuring Buffalo's very own All Star Band! More info at <http://www.bfloparks.org>.

Saturday, July 23

Star Lights -8:00-11:00PM at the Buffalo Museum of Science. Adults 21+ only. Join us for this casual affair featuring wine and beer tasting, delicious snacks, entertainment, and spectacular city views from the museum's rooftop. Tickets are \$40. Members get \$5 off with valid member I.D. To purchase, [order online](#), stop by Chauncey's Museum Shop or call 716-896-5200 ext. 385. Tickets will not be sold at the door if event sells out.

Wild Renn Festival at Hawk Creek-11am-4pm. What better way to celebrate man's 4,000 year old history with raptors than to go back to the Medieval period when falconry reigned. Enjoy— up-close raptor encounters, flying bird shows, barn owl releases, and over 90 animals. Featuring dragon exhibit, live music, medieval reenactments, games for the kids, and stunning original artwork, there is something for everyone! [Click here](#) to view photos of past events. See our [schedule of events](#) and get [tickets](#)!

Senior Stroll-9:30 AM. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Mushrooms and Fungi: A Kingdom of Their Own- 10:00 AM. Explore the mysterious world of mushrooms on this guided fungus foray at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Amherst Garden Walk 10-4 <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Ken-Ton Garden Tour- 10am-4pm plus Saturday Night Lights 8:30-10:30pm.
<http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Nature Walk at Eshelman – Free from 9am-10am. Take in an easy walk through our retired farmlands observing the seasonal changes in our shrub wetland, mature meadow, creek and pond edges, and the mixed hardwood forest. Suitable for all ages. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Making Your Own Soap at Lillibridge – 10:30am to 2:30pm. Gen Public \$35/PNC Members\$30 includes soap and supplies. Come and make your own soap using native plants. These native plants have wonderful healing qualities. Leave with the knowledge to make your own soap, a sample of soap, a jar of jewel weed juice, and a jar of birch leaf oil. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Owl Prowl & Night Walk at Lillibridge – 7 to 9pm. Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Join our wildlife rehabilitation specialist to learn about these elusive and beautiful creatures. It's a fascinating up-close look at owls. There will be a live bird display and hands-on activities followed by a short hike into the dark night to call in native, wild owls. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Feed Your Soul's 2011 Tour & Tastes at Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market-10am. For the first time, Western New York's favorite urban farmers market will offer guided tours. Guests will meet a selection of the market's farmers and artisan foodmakers, while hearing about WNY's exciting farm-to-table movement and agricultural bounty. Learn about the growing methods used and the unique and exciting edible items that each vendor raises or makes by hand. Samples, recipes from local chefs, and information packets will be provided to each guest. Tickets are \$11 per person and will be available as of June 1st at www.eatlocalbuffalo.com. Information about the Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market can be found at www.elmwoodmarket.org.

An Afternoon of Urban Gardening- 12pm to 3pm. Please join us for an informative afternoon! Topic facilitators will be here the entire time discussing, demonstrating and answering your questions. Come and expand your urban gardening knowledge! Container/Vertical Gardening with Dave Clark; Sustainable Gardens, Four Season Gardening with Richard Price; Urban Bee Keeping with Philip Barr; Living Roofs with Dave Lanfear; Urban Flocks with Monique Watts Urban Roots Community Garden Center, 428 Rhode Island Street, Buffalo. Contact : <http://www.urbanroots.org/>.

Sunday, July 24

Wild Renn Festival at Hawk Creek-11am-4pm. What better way to celebrate man's 4,000 year old history with raptors than to go back to the Medieval period when falconry reigned. Enjoy— up-close raptor encounters, flying bird shows, barn owl releases, and over 90 animals. Featuring dragon exhibit, live music, medieval reenactments, games for the kids, and stunning original artwork, there is something for everyone! [Click here](#) to view photos of past events. See our [schedule of events](#) and get [tickets](#)!

Frack Action Meeting-Meetings open to all. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://groups.google.com/group/frackactionbuffalo/>.

Ken-Ton Garden Tour- 10am-4pm. <http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Trek Tiftt-2-3:30 PM at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiftt for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monday, July 25

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com .

Tuesday, July 26

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.

Teaching By Example- Geoff Kelly, Editor of ArtVoice will speak about and answer questions on his area of expertise related to Buffalo First!'s mission of building a just, sustainable and local living economy in Buffalo and Western New York. Knowledge is power, as they say. And if people share their knowledge and expertise with the greater community, we all benefit. Together, we can become more empowered citizens and advocates for the issues that truly concern us and continue to push Buffalo forward with people power. 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Merge (side room), 439 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, 14202. If you're already a Buffalo First! member, come reap the benefits of membership -- admission is free. And if you haven't joined us yet -- Non-members joining us for the first time will pay a one-time cost of \$10, to cover the annual individual Buffalo First! membership.

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April-September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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/>.

Wednesday, July 27

Wines in the Wild-Annual fundraiser at the Buffalo Zoo 6-9pm rain or shine. For \$40 pre-sale (sold through July 26) 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. VIP tickets, which allow you early entry, a goodie bag and a champagne toast cost \$100. Guests MUST BE at least 21 years or older. For info or to purchase tickets, please call (716) 995-6131. [Click Here for Standard Tickets](#)

Going Batty!- 8:00 PM. Separate fact from fiction as you learn about the only true flying mammals at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Thursday, July 28

Let's Make Native Bee Poles at Pfeiffer Nature Center- 6 to 8pm. Gen Public \$25/PNC Members \$20 includes all materials. Learn how to make your own Native Bee Pole. This pole will attract solitary bees to help pollinate your gardens. There are 97 different species of native bees. Native bees are non-aggressive, do not colonize, or make hives. Pole is included in the workshop. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Educator Workshop: Flying WILD-10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Flying WILD materials introduce students to bird conservation through hands-on classroom activities and school bird festivals. Refreshments provided. For educators of students in grades 6-8. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve

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Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tift volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Friday, July 29

Outdoor Adventure Club: Nature Photography-6:30 PM- These activities at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve are designed to help youth age 12 and older explore nature and the outdoors. Registration is required for each session; call 683-5959. Join us for an indoor tutorial, then head out on the trails to hunt for the perfect picture.

The Darwin Martin House of Frank Lloyd Wright and Private Gardens of Historic Parkside & Amherst Bus Tour- Host: Mary Van Vorst, Master Gardener. You'll see the traditional plantings of the Darwin D. Martin House, as well as wonderful private gardens in Amherst and Tonawanda. Lunch: DiGiulio & Company. Price: \$79 per person. To [register](#) or to see more details, go to the [Horizon Club Tours site](#).

Saturday, July 30

Wild Wetlands- 10:30 AM. Take a guided nature walk to search for secretive animals that inhabit Reinstein Woods wetlands. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Garden Walk Buffalo- 10am-4pm, or as long as the yellow signs are out.
<http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

6th Paddles Up Niagara-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. Register by July 16, 2011 at <http://www.niagaragreenway.org/Paddles%20Up%20Registration%202011.pdf>. For more info call the Niagara River Greenway Commission at (716) 773-5361.

Sunday, July 31

Bergen Swamp / Letchworth State Park Botanical Field Trip- Two day trip through August 1 led by Steven Daniel and Doug Bassett. Join us for two days of exploring two premier botanical hot spots of western New York: Bergen Swamp and Letchworth State Park. To register, please contact Steven Daniel (natdisc@rochester.rr.com). Sponsored by New York Flora Association. Call Ed Fuchs for times and meeting places, 598-1307.

Garden Walk Buffalo- 10am-4pm, or as long as the yellow signs are out.
<http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Tips for the Environment:

- 1. Natural furniture polishes**- consider using tung oil which dries hard and fast and has no toxic fumes. Mix it with a citrus-based solvent and apply it to most wood surfaces (www.refinishfurniture.com/tung_oil_finish.htm). Other recipes include mixtures of vinegar and oil (olive or jojoba). For ideas, visit www.care2.com/greenliving/alternative-furniture-polish.html#.
- 2. Rainbarrel Pumps**-Now that our wettest Spring on record may be coming to an end, you can start planning to use the water stored in your rainbarrels. A new solar pump is available that will help you use a hose directly from your barrel. Check it out at www.rainperfectpump.com or design your own. Don't have a rain barrel? Visit your local garden centers or check out Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper's barrels at <http://bnriverkeeper.org/programs/rain-barrels/>.
- 3. 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- I've compiled the list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for any missed at www.daemen.edu/offices/academicaffairs/econews. If you have tips to share, please send them to me. I need help with more ideas.

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.metroyny.com/events.php>

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

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

Wildlife Webcams-

Iroquois NWR kestrel cam-<http://newyorkwild.org/kestrel/kestrel.htm>

UB Falcon cam- <http://www.buffalo.edu/webcam/falconcam2.html>

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

Buffalo Niagara Gardening - <http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.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/>

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

Buffalo Green Fund-<http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/>

Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/>

Carvings for a Cause- www.carvingsforacause.com/

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

DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>

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

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

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

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

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

Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>

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

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

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

Ecoessentials- <http://ecoessentials.wordpress.com/>

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

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

Re-think Buffalo- <http://rethinkbuffalo.blogspot.com/>

Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>

Good Neighborhood- <http://thegoodneighborhood.com/>

Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>

Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>

Examiner Buffalo <http://www.examiner.com/buffalo>

Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve- www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029

Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org

Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>

Eco-Island Nature Center- www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518

NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>

Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal

Niagara Watershed Alliance- <http://www.had-e-nuff.com/id6.html>

Slow Food Buffalo- www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Green Jobs and Opportunities

Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://www.greenjobs.com/>
UB Green Job list- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>
Engineering jobs-<http://www.engineering-job-site.com>
Manufacturing management/supply chain-<http://www.operations-jobs.com>

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Busti Cider Mill- www.busticidermill.com
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.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>
Queen City Farm- www.queencityfarm.org/
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sweet Harvest- www.sweetharvest.com
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's
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, Lowe's
Household Goods-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Sneakers-Reinstein Woods
Plastic shopping bags-groceries, many retailers
Recycling A to Z - www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/tips-techniques/recycle-anything-0000000006117/index.html

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

<http://www.planetfriendly.net/learn.html>
<http://www.globalteer.org>
<http://www.ecovolunteer.org/>
<http://www.eco-volunteerusa.org/>
<http://www.goeco.org/>
<http://www.woof.org/>

Regional Environmental Websites with Calendars:

Rochester- <http://RocEarth.com>
Toronto- <http://www.greenontario.org/index.html>

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
Amherst State Park Arboretum	http://www.amherststatepark.org
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.buffaloaudubon.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 Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Growing	http://buffalogrowing.org/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/

Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Green Expo	http://buffaloniagaragreenexpo.wordpress.com/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	http://www.buffaloorithologicalsociety.org/
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 Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
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/
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://eastsideredevlopment.org/
Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Justice Action Group of Western New York	http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/ny.html
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie County Community College Going Green	http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
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.factsofwny.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 4-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org
Green and Mean (it)	http://www.greenandmeanit.com/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Groundwork Buffalo	http://www.groundworkbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://www.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
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	www.jnkscallofthewild.org
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jsbuffalo.com
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.buffalolisc.org
Maddie's Pet Rescue Project	http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/

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 York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.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 Farm Bureau	http://niagarafb.org/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	www.niagaracounty.com/landfill/otherrecycling.asp
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsd/
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
Niagara University Sustainability	http://www.niagara.edu/green/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
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
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
ReNU Niagara	http://www.niagara.edu/renu/
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
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara
South Buffalo Alive	http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/
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, 250 Student Union	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/esw/ESW-UB/Welcome.html
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/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps	http://www.wnyamericorps.org
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.growwny.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://wnyssc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	www.erie.gov/stormwater
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
Wildlife Educators Coalition	http://www.nywec.com/
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://www.wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Education	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