

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Annual Tour of Solar Homes and Green Buildings

The Western New York Sustainable Energy Association's annual Tour of Solar Homes and Green Buildings will take place on **Saturday, October 2, 2010** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This self-guided tour of local homes and businesses features energy conservation methods, passive & active solar energy systems, geothermal heating & cooling systems, straw bale design & other 'green' building design elements. For a map and listing of buildings, go to the Northeast Sustainability Energy Association's website: www.nesea.org/greenbuildings. Choose those with the sustainable energy features you want to learn more about and map your tour. For more information contact: jkbozer@gmail.com or enarcht@gmail.com.

The day will kickoff at 10 a.m. with a free public and press event held at Watts Architecture & Engineering, 95 Perry Street, Buffalo, 14203 a renovated former warehouse from 1926 which has been converted into a mixed-use office and retail building. At the press gathering, the WNY Sustainable Energy Association will recognize three area buildings for their efforts in using renewable energy and energy-efficient building. Daemen College will be awarded for achieving LEED Gold Certification for its new Research and Information Center located at 4380 Main Street. LEED certification is awarded to those who demonstrate leadership in energy and environmental design. Aaron Bartley of PUSH (People United for Sustainable Housing) will also be recognized for his work on an older home at 10 Winter Street, which he is converting to a net-zero energy home. Watts Architecture & Engineering, P.C. will be honored for their work in using energy efficient methods and technology to convert the warehouse at 95 Perry Street, where the event is being held.

As part of the tour, local architect Kevin Connors of Eco_Logic studio will be hosting a free workshop after the Solar Tour press event on "How to Make Your Home Energy Efficient". This free workshop will take place at 12 Noon at PUSH headquarters at 271 Grant Street, in Buffalo. Tim Ryan of Apex Wind will give a presentation about the Steel Winds Project in Lackawanna at 12 Noon, at Dug's Dive at the Small Boat Harbor, 1111 Fuhrmann Boulevard in Buffalo.

"For the Wild Things in Your Life"-USA Bird Supply Hosts Grand Opening

USA Bird Supply will host its Grand Opening event on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY. This special event will include wildlife speakers and presentations from ornithological and garden experts as well as a wide variety of vendors to complement the event such as nature artists and regional garden centers. Musical entertainment and organized kids activities like face painting and bird house building are planned throughout the day. In addition, adult guests can expect a nice selection of tasty novelties, from wine tastings to dessert delicacies. All are welcome to attend and celebrate USA Bird Supply's presence in the Buffalo Niagara Region. For more information about the event or vendor inquiries contact Laura Carosi at (716) 407-3118, or Lcarosi@seedcake.com. Be sure to visit us at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY, or at www.SeedCake.com. USA Bird Supply is an online and offline retailer and wholesaler of wildlife and garden supplies, including bird feeders, bird baths, bird houses, mason bee supplies, and American Flags. Located at 11163 Main St. in Clarence, NY, USA Bird Supply is a newbie to Clarence and opened the doors of its first retail location in June 2010, in the Antique World plaza.

Architectural Scavenger Search Party 2010

Attention scavenger hunt lovers! Join up with family and friends for a three-hour adventure canvassing the architectural wonders of downtown Buffalo on **October 2**. Teams of up to four people are provided fun clues pointing them in the direction of famous and lesser-known landmarks. Entry fee includes Buffalo-style food at a post-hunt party at City Grill. Search begins at 2:00pm, with a party at 5:00pm. Sign up at <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/page/search-party-2010/>. This event is limited to only 100 people! 25 per person (\$30 on the day of the event, space permitting). Starts and ends at the City Grill, 268 Main Street.

Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Public Meeting

On Saturday, **October 2, 2010**, 9:30 AM, a Public Meeting will be held at the Lewiston Senior Citizens Center to discuss the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) property status. This meeting is a part of a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant awarded to the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper. Jeffrey Chiarenzelli, Ronald Adams and Ronald Scudato of Environmental Remediation Financial Services (ERFS, LLC) have spent the past year reviewing documents and data provided from the many public and private organizations involved with the characterization and remediation of the various properties contained within the 7500 acres of the LOOW. All interested persons are encouraged to attend this first of two meetings to gain a status report on the remedial assessments and developing activities. This first meeting will include a discussion of the work performed by the various agencies and private contractors. It will also provide you the opportunity to express your concerns as well as provide recommendations on what is required to ensure effective remediation of the LOOW properties.

Canadian US Brownfield Summit

The Canadian US Brownfield Summit will be hosted by National Brownfield Association on **October 6 and 7** from 8am to 5pm each day at the Embassy Suites, 200 Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Join industry experts and learn about best practices connecting the dots between waterfront redevelopment, sediment cleanup and right sizing cities in the US and Canada. A Mayors' Roundtable will focus on what is happening in the Great Lakes region to revive the area and bring sustainable initiatives into the cities. A presentation about the Great Lakes Legacy Act / Great Lakes Action Plan discusses the opportunities and challenges involved in utilizing available funding. Registration is now open! Click [HERE](#) to register! For more information, please contact Mary Hereford, at maryh@brownfieldassociation.org or (224) 567-6790 x 113. Click [HERE](#) for the summit program or for more information.

World on Your Plate-Registration Open

The annual World on Your Plate Food Conference will be held at Daemen College on **October 8 and 9, 2010**. The event features two outstanding keynote speakers, Sandra Steingraber and Anna Lappé, as well as workshops and a locally sourced organic lunch. Dr. Steingraber is an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health. Anna Lappé is a national bestselling author respected for her work on sustainability, food politics, globalization, and social change. For an agenda and registration info, visit <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>. You can save \$5 by pre-registering, making the whole event a mere \$25!! And this year, students are invited to attend FREE of charge, when they pre-register through the website. Visit www.WorldOnYourPlate.org for more info and to register today!

Straw Bale Construction Workshop

Singer Farms will be hosting a hands-on "Straw Bale Workshop" on Saturday, **October 9th** and Sunday, **October 10th**, 2010, from dawn to dusk, at their Eco Barn, Appleton NY. The "Straw Bale Workshop" offers a unique, hands-on learning opportunity to help renovate our 180-year old barn that has been in the Singer Family since 1915. Attendees will have the chance to apply modern day straw bale construction technique by stacking locally sourced straw bales to form an insulating wrap around the old barn. All are invited to this FREE event, but attendees must pre-register at: claire@singerfarmnaturals.com. This is a 2-day event and everyone is welcome either or both days-check out <http://www.singerfarmnaturals.com/SFN/Welcome.html>.

Green Buffalo Run: Local 10/10/10 Climate Action Event

The Green Buffalo Run is one of many activities worldwide on **October 10, 2010** to call attention to the need for climate action. All Buffalo runners (and walkers) who would like to demonstrate their support for this worthwhile endeavor are invited - Sign up at www.350.org. The free race or walk begins at 9am in Delaware Park (start at Parkside/Jewett entrance near the Buffalo Zoo) and the course is 4.2 miles (or walkers can opt for 1.8 mile Delaware Park loop). Organizers are encouraging Western New Yorkers to be part of a global initiative taking place in our own backyard. Participants are encouraged to set aside their political ideologies and simply agree that our planet has a finite number of resources that have begun to dwindle. If you are unable to walk or bike to the park, please carpool. No registration, no timers, no starting gun, no water stations . . . just an opportunity for a great run with friends. The international 10:10 campaign has collected pledges from dozens of local governments, universities, sports teams, and from thousands of individuals, to cut their emissions ten percent this year.

AIA Conference-“Architecture: Creating the Fabric of our Culture”

The Buffalo/WNY Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) is proud to host the 2010 AIA New York State/American Society of Landscape Architects New York Upstate Chapter Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center on **October 14-16, 2010**. The theme of the convention will be Architecture and the Culturals. It will highlight the richness Architecture has on Buffalo by celebrating the great projects here such as the Martin House, the Guaranty Building, the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, the Erie Canal, and many museums and schools. The event will be an opportunity to fulfill continuing education requirements for professionals, but also experience the best Buffalo has to offer its Architecture, people and culture. For more info, visit <http://www.aiabuffalowny.org/>.

“What’s Fracking All About”

Sierra Club (Niagara Group) is sponsoring an informational program on hydrofracking on **Tuesday, October 19** to help the public understand this critical issue affecting our region. Chris Burger of the NYS Sierra Club Gas Task Force will discuss the history and formation of the Marcellus Shale natural gas as well as how the gas is extracted and the impacts (positive and negative). The presentation will also include ways industry strives to protect the environment, problems they experience, and how people react (for and against). Mr. Burger is a college instructor with degrees in Chemical Engineering, Social Psychology and Economics. He is currently chair of the Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition, and the Broome County Energy Commission. He is also a member of the New York State Council of Churches Public Policy Commission. This free public event is at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, 695 Elmwood Avenue (Corner of Elmwood and West Ferry).

Wearable Recycled Art/Fashion Show Seeks Exhibitors

Buffalo ReUse’s ReFIND ARTS proudly presents their 4th Art Exhibition ReTHREAD on Thursday, **October 21** from 7-10pm at ArtSpace at 1219 Main St., Buffalo. This one night only Trashion Show is for artists and designers to create attire from recycled materials, found objects or garbage. It is important that the creation actually be wearable and either the artist or another person can model the pieces, but the pieces will not be static on mannequins. The deadline for submissions is **Monday, Oct 11th**. Photos of entries can be emailed to Caesandra at refindarts@buffaloreuse.org. Artists and Designers can submit up to five different entries. In the application the artist will explain the materials used and the influences of the piece. Entry fee is \$20 (for up to 5 entries) and helps offset the costs associated with the exhibition (rental, equipment, publicity, catering, liquor permit).

New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council Conference at Grand Island

The New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council is holding their annual seminar from **October 22-24** at the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort & Conference Center on Grand Island, NY. This event includes lectures, specialty workshops on animal care as well as opportunities to take the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation exams. Attendees include wildlife rehabilitators, nuisance wildlife control officers, veterinary technicians, and those who want to become more involved with wildlife care. For more info, visit <http://www.nyswrc.org/2010registration.pdf>.

Green Infrastructure-Low Impact Development Workshop

A free workshop Free Workshop for Municipal Planners & Engineers, Code Enforcement Officers, Contractors and Developers will be hosted by Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will help planners learn how their municipality can encourage green infrastructure planning and development as well as learn about the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual updates. The training will take place at the Erie County Fire Training Academy, 3359 Broadway, Buffalo on **October 28** from 8am-12:30pm. Register for the event at 716-858-8077.

Join Green Options and Re-Tree to Spruce up our Streets

Planting street trees throughout our communities adds to sustainability efforts by reducing stormwater runoff issues and ensuring benefits for mobility, community, and the environment. Green Options Buffalo has teamed up with Re-Tree WNY and the City of Buffalo to coordinate the volunteer street tree planting throughout the city this fall. Up to 800 trees will be planted in the City of Buffalo thanks to the efforts of Re-Tree WNY. Half of the allotted trees (400) will be planted as part of the street reconstruction project along South Park Avenue on **October 30th** - volunteers are being asked to meet at 8:30am, South Park High School on 150 Southside Parkway. To volunteer for this planting please contact Paul Maurer at: pdmaurer@roadrunner.com or call 716-843-0133. For more info please visit: www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org and click on Re-Tree WNY or contact Green Options Buffalo at: info@greenoptionsbuffalo.org or 716-218-7164.

Free Climate and Energy Workshops for Teachers

The National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) and National Fuel are pleased to announce four free workshops for 5th-12th grade teachers coming up soon in Western NY. These workshops are provided through funding provided by National Fuel. For the workshops, substitute reimbursement is provided along with meals, and hands-on kits. To be eligible, your school must be in the National Fuel service territory. Energy Detective workshops will be held in Jamestown on **October 18** (Register at: www.regonline.com/needjamestown10) and Buffalo on **November 6** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Buffalo Airport (Register at: www.regonline.com/needbuffalo10). Climate Detective workshops will be held on **October 19** in Lewiston (Niagara Power Project's Power Vista, Register at: www.regonline.com/needlewiston10) and **November 3** in West Seneca (Register at: <http://www.regonline.com/needwestseneca10>). Pre-registration required. For info, contact the NEED Projects NYS Office at 1-866-720-2123 or nyworkshops@need.org. Participating teachers will be provided with Home Energy Efficiency Kits to send home with students to their families.

GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental

GrowWNY (<http://growwny.org/index.php>) is a new hyper-local source of information about living green in Western New York. This website is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors, cares about the environment and wants to know the best places to go and things to do, eat, live, work and play greener. If you want to showcase your local events or advertise a future event, be sure to visit their online calendar and submit your information. GrowWNY (Green Renaissance of Western New York) is a project of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and is made possible through grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources.

Learning Sustainability Campaign Sponsors Green Watch: Check out the Facebook Site

The Learning Sustainability Campaign has launched a new project dedicated to promoting environmental and sustainability literacy for consumers and creators of media. The first step of this project is a facebook site which features regular postings and discussion on relevant local, regional, and global issues. Check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/GreenWatch/140401049308745?created>. Please consider "liking" this page and recommending it to your friends

WNY Environmental Congress to Feature Bill McKibben

The Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo is sponsoring a WNY Environmental Congress on November 13, 2010 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Bill McKibben will be the featured speaker. Additional details will be forthcoming, but check www.growwny.org for updates.

Regenerative Urban Habitat Planned at Central Terminal

The Buffalo Urban Habitat Project will be a living inner-city demonstration classroom on three acres of unused property at the Central Terminal. The project features habitat restoration, native plants, and sustainable site development and construction while explaining the benefits of biodiversity and is seen as a Buffalo first and a model that can be repeated elsewhere as greening and urban farming gain favor in a shrinking city. The urban habitat will demonstrate Regenerative and Ecological Design (RED) principles- the next generation of sustainability and "green." Dave Majewski, owner of landscape contractor Premium Services Inc. Majewski is working with the Curtis Urban Farm Foundation ([CUFF](#)) and the Central Terminal Restoration Corporation to develop the project. Read more about the project and view a site plan at <http://www.buffalorising.com/2010/08/urban-habitat-proposed-at-central-terminal.html>.

Smart Management for Small Communities: Practical Resources for Local Governance

Smart Management for Small Communities: Practical Resources for Local Governance will be held on **October 6-7**, at Ellicottville, NY. Hosted at Holiday Valley Inn & Conference Center, this event will include updates from state and federal agency representatives on funding updates and opportunities, and will offer educational sessions including asset management, succession planning, personnel management, stormwater management, land-use planning, and solid waste management. Contact [Khris Dodson](#) or call 315-443-8818 for more information. The \$120 registration includes meals, lodging, networking reception and all programs. Note: This subsidized price is offered to community representatives and state agency officials only. Private consultants' fee is \$240. [Register here.](#)

Nature Ed-Ventures Weekends

Join Nature Ed-Ventures for one of their upcoming weekends. All program fees include comfortable indoor accommodations with showers, three home-cooked meals, and all program materials and activities at Camp Allegany, Allegany State Park. Halloween Harvest Family Weekend is **October 16-17**. Fees for the family weekends are as follows: \$80 for ages 5+, \$40 for 2-4 year olds, Under 2 free. For more info, visit <http://www.natureed-ventures.com/community.php>.

Lois Gibbs Fellowships Available

The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York (CACWNY) announced the launch of the Lois Gibbs Fellowship, an innovative program that will empower 12 Western New York residents to advocate for a healthy and just environment. CACWNY believes that leadership development of a grassroots base is critical to building an effective environmental health movement in the region. The Lois Gibbs Fellowship will train activist skills and foster relationships between grassroots actors and decision makers. The Lois Gibbs Fellowship is a selective, 10-month program that provides a diverse set of emerging citizen leaders with the tools and training to build sustained political will to improve the environment and health in Western New York neighborhoods.

The Fellowship is open to anyone in Western New York. Applications may be found at www.cacwny.org. Individuals interested or working in environmental health and justice issues are strongly encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to residents working on land-use and food access issues. The Fellowship is designed as a part-time program that can accommodate people who are working full-time. **Applications are due November 4th.**

The program is named in honor of Lois Gibbs, a grassroots environmental justice advocate from Western New York. She is best known for her successful campaign to relocate families living on top of a toxic waste dump in Niagara Falls. Lois Gibbs is emblematic of the program's philosophy: ordinary individuals can make an extraordinary difference when they organize. The Fellowship is generously supported by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

4th Annual Harvest Celebration for Grassroots Gardens

Join Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo at its 4th annual Harvest Celebration fundraiser on November 4th at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum from 5:30-9:00pm. Proceeds from the event will help to support our continuing mission to revitalize neighborhoods and build quality of life through the reuse and beautification of vacant land. Guests of this event can expect to enjoy Flying Bison beer, delicious hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants, a silent auction and great raffle prizes, plus much more. Admission price is only \$30 for non-members, \$25 for members. Call (716) 851-4647 ext 3.

Water-based Education for your Classroom

From November through April, Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education (BUOE) will offer classroom-based lessons to meet NYS Standards in history and science with locally-relevant aquatic studies content. Connect your students to their local water resources with the Lake Tank, Watershed Exploration, Buoyancy and Boat-Building, Ships and Navigation, Wind Technology and other water-based activities and lessons. A BUOE educator will visit your classroom to facilitate each lesson and lessons can be booked individually, in series or in combination with an aquatic science field trip on the Spirit of Buffalo. Lessons will help students make real-world connections to aquatic topics and issues and their local water resources. For more info, call (716) 796-8393 or visit www.buoe.org.

Geocaching on the Great Lakes Seaway Trail

If you need an additional excuse to visit our scenic outdoor areas, take up geocaching and start logging your visits to the caches. Geocaching is “treasure-hunting” with GPS devices as you seek out coordinates and clues to find hidden containers (geocaches) and is fun for all ages. There are about 75 caches along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail. You can pick up a logbook at designated sites (<http://www.seawaytrail.com/geotrail.html>) and use the unique punches at each site to mark your book. If you find 10 caches in one of the five regions, you can collect one of the special souvenir coins. To get started, go to the [Great Lakes Seaway Trail GeoTrail](http://www.geocaching.com) page on www.geocaching.com to obtain the coordinates for the caches. Pay attention to the descriptions for each cache as they indicate in which region the cache is found and the punch number for that cache.

Explore Buffalo’s History and Architecture this Summer

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

Building Materials for Sale at Framing Hope Warehouse

WNY AmeriCorps has partnered with Gifts In Kind International and The Home Depot to open the Framing Hope Warehouse at 635 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY. The first such warehouse in the nation, the Warehouse offers brand-new building and renovating materials to local non-profits for a fraction of what you’d pay wholesale or retail. Materials available at the WNY AmeriCorps “Framing Hope Warehouse” include lighting, doors, high-efficiency windows, cabinets, fencing, window treatments, tile, paneling, trim, and bathroom fixtures. All of the materials are first-quality and donated by local The Home Depot stores. The Framing Hope Warehouse is open every Wednesday from 12 Noon to 3 PM and by appointment Monday thru Thursday. For more information and to download a PDF of the Warehouse’s complete inventory, visit <http://www.WNYAmeriCorps.org/warehouse>.

Backpacking, Kayaking and other Outdoor Courses

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

Terracycle is Helping to End “Garbage”

As we end the holiday shopping season, it is timely to consider the amount of stuff that we accumulate and its fate when we dispose of it. Traditionally, most of our purchases end up in a landfill after serving their original purpose. Now, a new organization, Terracycle, is trying to work with manufacturers to find new lives for many of our products. Unlike traditional recycling which often breaks down packaging and remakes objects, Terracycle is trying to upcycle materials and increase their usefulness. For example, juice pouches can see a new life as purses. Watch the video at www.terracycle.net and begin collecting materials which you can ship for free and receive donations for your favorite school or charity. As discussed in the excellent book “Cradle to Cradle” (www.mcdonough.com/cradle_to_cradle.htm),

nature treats waste as “food” and our ecosystems recycle their wastes. Similarly we consider the life cycle of our goods in designing them and find ways that the materials can be used as technical nutrients for future goods. If you haven’t considered the amount of energy and raw materials that are used in making our stuff, I highly recommend that you watch the video “The Story of Stuff” (<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>). With Terracycle, we now have a place to send our candy wrappers, wine corks and many other items.

Courses Available for Solar Installation

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

Stress Reducer Paddles with Paths, Peaks and Paddles

Paths, Peaks & Paddles, Inc. sponsors Stress Reducer Paddles every Tuesday and Thursday evening through the summer. Join the guides and instructors for a friendly, fun paddle and watch the sunset. On Tuesdays, trips leave their store (1000 Ellicott Creek Rd., Tonawanda) at 6pm for a trip on Ellicott Creek. On Thursdays, meet at Wilson Tuscarora State Park back parking lot at 6:30pm. Join them for free if you have your own kayak or canoe, or rent one. Cost for renting a boat for Ellicott Creek is \$20 solo or \$25 tandem including paddle and required personal floatation device (PFD). For Thursday paddles, cost is \$25 solo or \$30 tandem and they deliver the boat, paddles and PFDs to Wilson. Reservations are required if you are renting a boat-call 716-213-0350. Beginners are welcome!

Buffalo ReUse Continues Tree Planting on the East Side

In an effort to beautify Buffalo’s east side, Buffalo ReUSE will partner with Re-Tree Western New York for a fall tree care and planting event. Buffalo ReUSE invites volunteers to join them in this community-wide effort on Saturday **November 6, 2010**, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. A potluck meal will follow the day’s work. As part of the Buffalo ReUSE mission, the organization works to “green” east side neighborhoods by planting trees, community gardens, and vegetable plots. This fall, the tree care event will feature pruning, re-staking, and tree condition evaluation, in addition to planting. Everyone is encouraged to help; training will be available on-site during the event. Anyone interested in helping should arrive at the Buffalo ReUSE office, located at 158 Eaton Street, at 9:00am. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a dish to pass for the post-planting potluck celebration. For additional information, please contact the main office of Buffalo ReUSE at (716) 885-4131 or email at volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

“The Beauty of Antarctica”

The Engineering Society of Buffalo and Buffalo Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers announce a dinner and presentation on Tuesday, **November 16**. Join them for a 6 pm Dinner followed by 7 pm presentation by Donald W. Owens, president of Earth Dimensions, Inc, at Bravo Café & Catering, 5781 Seneca Street, Elma, NY. This event is sponsored by the Engineering Society of Buffalo and Buffalo Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Don will speak about the trip he and his wife Barbara took in January 2010 organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He will focus on the uniqueness of Antarctica: an island continent surrounded by a swirling mass of water. Antarctica is the highest, driest, coldest and windiest continent. Warming is occurring, but the causes are complex. Don’s presentation will include Antarctica wildlife, particularly penguins. Cost is \$20.00 for ESB and IEEE members and \$22.00 for non-members and guests. Entrée choices are Roast Pork, Shrimp Scampi, or a Vegetarian Option. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by **November 11** at www.tesb.org or call the ESB Office at 873-4455.

Big Six Mile Creek Trail Crossing Completed at Nike Base Park

The nature trail at Nike Base Park on Grand Island has been a work in progress for several decades. Completion of the trail turned out to be an elusive goal due to the need for a crossing of Big Six Mile Creek. A variety of projects were proposed ranging from the installation of expensive bridges to the use of recycled railroad cars or long haul flatbed truck trailers. None of these proposals were compatible with the natural character of creek corridor or the adjacent woodlands and most were judged to have an adverse impact on the environment warranting possible rejection of the necessary regulatory permits.

During the fall of 2009 members of the Town of Grand Island Commission for the Conservation of the Environment met on the banks of Big Six Mile Creek to discuss alternatives. Commission member Paul Leuchner, also a former Niagara River Greenway Commissioner, suggested the use of a Fair Weather Crossing composed of natural materials. He noted that similar crossings had been used successfully throughout the country. The Fair Weather Crossing provides a way for trail users to cross a stream or creek during normal flow conditions, but during periods of high flow the crossing is under water minimizing the obstruction of flow and the entrapment of debris.

A plan for a fair weather crossing at Big Six Mile Creek was developed with the assistance of the Town of Grand Island Engineering Department and a permit authorizing this project was subsequently issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. On August 27, 2010 the crossing was installed thus completing the basic nature trail plan. In the near future interpretive signage will be added providing additional environmental educational opportunities for trail users.

National Smart Seafood Guide 2010

Food & Water Watch analyzed over 100 different fish and shellfish to create the only guide assessing not only the human health and environmental impacts of eating certain seafood, but also the socio-economic impacts on coastal and fishing communities. Their guide recommends safer, more sustainable options based on your personal tastes and priorities. [See Understanding the 2010 Smart Seafood Guide* for more information.](#)

Composting-Not just Banana Peels

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

Boat Launch Site Resource

Bob's Buffalo/Niagara Paddling Put-in Guide, <http://tinyurl.com/BuffaloPaddlesMap2>, is a map of places to launch your canoe or kayak in Western NY, as well as some of his favorite launch sites within a six hour drive from Buffalo. Users can zoom in for more detail, and select from the "map" mode, or view a satellite photo. Click on the symbols for more information about each location.

Calculate your Carbon Emissions

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

Play Free Online Games and Raise Money for Charity

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

Grant Opportunities

The Wild Ones Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program (SFE) gives small monetary grants to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers within the United States and Canada. The grant recipients are those which most successfully reflect the Wild Ones mission to educate and share information about the benefits of using native plants in our landscape and to promote biodiversity and environmentally sound landscaping practices. To be considered for the annual award, non-profit groups such as schools, nature centers, houses of worship, or similar organizations must apply by **October 15, 2010**. Download an application form at <http://www.for-wild.org/seedmony.html>. Please note the guidelines require a signature from the local chapter, Niagara Falls and the River Region.

The Blue Moon Fund seeks to improve the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia that have developed innovative approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Support is provided in the following three initiative areas: Rethinking Consumption and Energy is aimed at developing environmentally-friendly, efficient, and economically competitive transportation and energy choices worldwide. Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems promotes new economic and cultural approaches to reducing resource pressure and preserving biodiversity. Reenergizing Urban Communities is based on the belief that underpinning vibrant cities is their capacity to self-organize in ways that maximize the economic, cultural, environmental, and spiritual benefits of urban life. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year; proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the <http://www.bluemoonfund.org/> to take the required online eligibility test. Rolling deadlines exist for grants.

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

The [National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance's Sustainable Vision](#) grants program funds transformational education programs where breakthrough technologies are created and commercialized through entrepreneurial models for the benefit of people living in poverty in the US and abroad. Focus areas include, but are not limited to, health, clean air and water, energy, nutrition, and shelter. The grants support enrichment and deepening of ongoing programs by building and strengthening interpersonal and inter-institutional networks, and by creating new initiatives within existing programs. Proposals are due **October 15, 2010**.

The National Gardening Association awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations across the United States with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of the following: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. One hundred recipients will receive a \$500 gift card from program sponsor the Home Depot and educational materials from the National Gardening Association. Deadline: **November 1, 2010**. More information [here](#).

Parks & Trails New York's Capacity Building Grants program for park and trail groups provides grants of up to \$3,000 to strengthen not-for-profit organizations that are working to build and protect parks and trails in communities across the state. Through the grant program, made possible by a generous donor, Parks & Trails New York intends to help not-for-profits better fulfill their missions; improve their reach, effectiveness, and impact; leverage more resources; and increase community support for and involvement in park and trail planning, development, and stewardship. Funds can be used to assist with activities associated with organizational start-up and development, training, communications, and volunteer recruitment and management. Deadline: **November 22, 2010**. Complete guidelines are available on the [Parks and Trails New York website](#).

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) announces the second round of the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP 2010). GIGP 2010 will provide seed money for projects which spur green innovation, build green capacity, and facilitate technology transfer throughout the State. Eligible projects will improve water quality and demonstrate sustainable wastewater infrastructure in communities across the State. Grants include design and construction projects. Deadline: **December 3, 2010**. [Click here for full announcement](#).

The Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education, and the National Science Teachers Association have announced the launch of the third annual Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, a program designed to educate, empower, and engage students and teachers across the United States to become "Agents of Change" in identifying and solving environmental problems. K-12 students and teachers are invited to tackle environmental issues to win scholarships and grants for their schools. Student teams, working with a teacher/mentor, identify environmental issues of concern and create sustainable, reproducible improvements in their school (elementary), local communities (middle school), or the world (high school). Deadline: The challenge is open through **March 15, 2011**. Visit the challenge website for more information: <http://www.wecanchange.com/>.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of the US Department of Agriculture requests applications for the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) for fiscal year (FY) 2011 to support: (1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; and (2) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities. More information: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/communityfoodprojects.cfm>. Application Deadline: **November 15, 2010**.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the USDA is announcing the opportunity for public and not-for-profit organizations to submit applications for a Peoples Garden School Pilot Program grant competition. One grantee will be selected to enter into a cooperative agreement for the purposes of developing and running community gardens at eligible high-poverty schools; teaching students involved in the gardens about agriculture production practices, diet, and nutrition; contributing produce to supplement food provided at eligible schools, student households, local food banks, or senior center nutrition programs; and conducting an evaluation of funded projects to learn more about the impacts of school gardens. Info at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/outreach/grants/garden.htm>. Deadline: **November 8, 2010**.

Start Your Flippers for 2010 Tour de Turtles

Join the online community to follow the journey of 10 sea turtles with the Sea Turtle Conservancy's third annual Tour de Turtles, a sea turtle migration marathon unfolding online at www.tourdeturtles.org. The marathon began on August 1 and for three months, Tour de Turtles will follow 10 individual sea turtles, using satellite-tracking technology, as they travel from their nesting beaches to unknown feeding grounds with the goal of being the first turtle to reach the 2,620 km, or 1,628 mi, distance. With as few as one out of 1,000 hatchlings surviving to adulthood, sea turtle conservation efforts must focus on combating human-caused threats through research and education. By tracking sea turtle migrations using satellites, scientists can learn more about these endangered reptiles and the best ways to ensure their protection.

Similar to a human marathon, each turtle will race to increase awareness about a particular "Cause" or threat to sea turtle survival. Utilizing interactive online maps, videos and games, Tour de Turtles will focus on the biology and conservation of sea turtles and their habitats. From a dedicated webpage for each swimmer, audiences will be able to learn more about the competitors, the causes they are supporting, and hear mock interviews with the turtles. Each turtle's distance will be monitored on a regularly-updated Leader Board that will track the turtles' progress on the Tour de Turtles website. Tour de Turtles offers everyone an opportunity to get involved. To start tracking these determined competitors, visit www.tourdeturtles.org. And don't forget, saving sea turtles is a marathon, not a sprint!

Health Effects of Shale Gas Extraction Conference

The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health is hosting a conference on "Health Effects of Shale Gas Extraction: What is Known and What can we Predict?" on **November 19** from 8am-6pm at the University Club in Pittsburgh. This free conference will explore the science and methodological approaches behind understanding environmental health impacts associated with increasing development of natural gas extraction from shale deposits found under wide geographical areas of the United States. This conference is limited to 150 participants. To learn more and register: <http://www.eoh.pitt.edu/marcellus.asp>.

Lowe's Expands Recycling for Public

The national home improvement retailer, Lowe's Companies Inc., is installing recycling centers in nearly 1,700 U.S. stores to provide a one-stop recycling destination for customers. In addition to recycling shipping materials such as pallets, wraps and cardboard, Lowe's stores are now offering to recycle hard-to-handle products like mobile phones, batteries and CFL bulbs. Call2Recycle will handle phones and batteries collected through the recycling centers. The recycling centers will be provided at 1,700 U.S. retail locations.

The Story of Cosmetics Video

Annie Leonard, producer of "The Story of Stuff", has created a new video to inform us of the dangers in our bathroom cabinets. Check it out at <http://storyofstuff.org/cosmetics/>.

Recycle your Electronics and Earn Rewards for your School

A new rewards-for-recycling program has been launched, offering music downloads, discounts on new technologies and donations to schools and non-profits in exchange for old electronics. Points are earned for cell phones, GPS units and other devices and shipping materials are provided. The new program is available through MaxBack.com, and was created by Environmental Reclamation Services of Erie, Pa., and its sister company Funding Factory, which created a fundraising-through-recycling program for schools and nonprofits in 1998. The company does not recycle all of the materials in house. The company refurbishes and recycles ink cartridges in its Erie facility. Cell phones are sold to refurbishers for reuse and recycling, while batteries, metals, chargers and cords are also sent to accredited recyclers, the company said. The company is committed to recycling in a "responsible manner," according to an environmental policy statement on the ERS website. For more information, visit MaxBack.com.

EPA Formally Requests Information from Companies about Fracking Chemicals

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it has issued voluntary information requests to nine natural gas service companies regarding the process known as hydraulic fracturing. The data requested are integral to a broad scientific study now underway by EPA, which Congress in 2009 directed the agency to conduct to determine whether hydraulic fracturing has an impact on drinking water and the public health of Americans living in the vicinity of hydraulic fracturing wells. The EPA is seeking information on the chemical composition of fluids used in the hydraulic fracturing process, data on the impacts of the chemicals on human health and the environment, standard operating procedures at their hydraulic fracturing sites and the locations of sites where fracturing has been conducted. This information will be used as the basis for gathering further detailed information on a representative selection of sites.

Hydraulic fracturing is a process in which large volumes of water, sand and chemicals are injected at high pressures to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations. The process creates fractures in formations such as shale rock, allowing natural gas or oil to escape into the well and be recovered. During the past few years, the use of hydraulic fracturing has expanded across much of the country.

EPA has requested the information on fluid chemical composition be provided on a voluntary basis within 30 days, and has asked the companies to respond within seven days to inform the agency whether they will provide all of the information sought. View the letter on the voluntary information request: www.epa.gov/epahome/hydraulicfracturing/.

M & T Plaza Rehabilitation will Supply Materials for Reuse

M&T Bank is the most recent corporate citizen to embrace the green movement in Buffalo. With the rehabilitation of One M&T Plaza well underway, M&T Bank has teamed up with Buffalo ReUse, Inc. to donate and reuse over 12,000 square feet of Vermont Green Patio Stones. In the coming weeks, there will be a lot of activity around One M&T Plaza in downtown Buffalo, NY. M&T Bank has planned and initiated multi-year project to rehabilitate the Plaza at One M&T Plaza. The Vermont Green Stone will be replaced with granite. The estimated completion date for the project is October 2011. For more info, contact Buffalo ReUse at buffaloreuse@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Buffalo Audubon's Iroquois Observations and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. Tour leaders are desperately needed for the school year tours. The Iroquois programs take place at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Basom, NY. The For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Your help is welcome if you like birds and people! Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Buffalo Audubon Volunteer. 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 the Center at (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. To be a tour guide you must enjoy plants and be able to communicate with small groups. Training is provided with the next round from Sept. 8-12 from 9am-noon. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preservation Buffalo Niagara-Interns and volunteers are welcome. 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 tiffriends@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Friday, October 1

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

A-Frame Cold Frame Workshop-1pm – 3pm at 158 Eaton Street ([map](#)). Buffalo ReUse workshop. Learn how to extend the growing season with a simple A-Frame structure in your garden.

Saturday, October 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.

Scare-assic Park Pirate Adventure-4 to 9pm at Penn Dixie. Telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares, after dark Jupiter and Uranus still close in the east. Mars is low in the west, The Owl star cluster NGC 457 in constellation Cassiopeia. Also Andromeda M31, Ring Nebula M57, Dumbbell Nebula M27 and M13 in the Southwest, other constellations. Special fundraising event, \$6 non-members, \$5 members, children 2 and under free. Visit the website www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560 for information.

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

About Boating Safely Course-8:30am-4:30pm at Gander Mountain. Register with [Joe Kassler](#) at 873-1953.

Log Hotel-10:30 AM. What happens to a tree after it falls down? Join us on a walk through the woods and see what creatures are living underneath downed trees. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Iroquois Observations Canoe Trek- 9:00am - 1:00pm. Meet at Knowlesville Rd. Bridge. We will explore the primitive beauty of Oak Orchard Creek. Bring your own canoe or kayak-life jackets are required. For info, call Rick Allen at 716-445-9685.

Fall Ecology Hike- Join Earth Spirit from 1:00pm - 3:30pm at Birdsong Park - Orchard Park, NY for a leisurely hike through varied environments with a focus on season changes in local plant and animal communities. Fees and Registration: Please contact the Orchard Park Recreation Department: 716-662-6450 or oprec@orchardparkny.org

“For the Wild Things in Your Life”: USA Bird Supply Grand Opening- from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY. This special event will include wild life speakers and presentations from ornithological and garden experts as well as a wide variety of vendors to complement the event such as nature artists and regional garden centers. Musical entertainment and organized kids activities like face painting and bird house building are planned throughout the day. In addition, adult guests can expect a nice selection of tasty novelties, from wine tastings to dessert delicacies. All are welcome to attend and celebrate USA Bird Supply's presence in the Buffalo Niagara Region. For more information about the event or vendor inquiries contact Laura Carosi at (716) 407-3118, or Lcarosi@seedcake.com. Be sure to visit us at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY, or at www.SeedCake.com.

“How Green is your Yard?”-A presentation by WNY Green Property Workshops at 6835 Picture Lake Drive in Hamburg at 10am. While your yard might look nice, is it helping reduce your water use, electric or gas bills? Dave Majewski is Western New York's most knowledgeable landscaper. Featured in Buffalo First magazine, Dave's low maintenance/green/sustainable approach to landscaping can help you understand how nature itself can make a positive impact on your property and energy bills! The workshop will be held at an actual house/property where the owners are looking to reduce their energy costs and have a beautiful yard. This 1 hour learning experience will connect the "whys" with the "hows" of green landscaping. Q&A to follow walkaround talk. If you would like to have solar explained to you in a tangible way, don't miss this talk. The limit is 20 people, so please e-mail twilliamson@RealtyUSA.com This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it to reserve a spot!

Canning Class @ the Broadway Market-Buffalo ReUse workshop on food sustainability from 10am – 12pm. Apple Jam! Broadway Market ([map](#)).

IN-REM Coaching Session-2:00pm – 3:30pm at 298 Northampton ([map](#)). Have you ever thought about buying a house at the City's foreclosure auction? Do you feel overwhelmed by the prospect? Many folks have done it; you can too. We have a panel of people willing to help you determine if purchasing a property at the annual auction is a good fit for you. Talk with Cassie Wilson, Megan McNally, Michele Johnson and others--bring questions and your investment partner or a friend! The In-Rem Auction is October 25-27th, attend the coaching workshop and be better prepared to win a property.

Free Bulb Distribution- Grassroots Gardens will be hosting a bulb distribution at the greenhouse on 205 Grant St. The distribution will take place from 10:00-1:00pm, and is open to all community gardeners.

Overwintering Plants-Urban Roots Workshop at 1pm. Register at workshops@urbanroots.org. 428 Rhode Island St.

Family Workshop-Urban Roots Workshop at 3pm. Register at workshops@urbanroots.org. 428 Rhode Island St.

Sunday, October 3

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

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.

Monday, October 4

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

Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep-Clean-up, planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or www.buffaloinbloom.com.

Tuesday, October 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/>.

Boating Safety Course-Williamsville South, 5950 Main St., Williamsville (Erie) Voelker, Michael (716)352-9606. This class is for adults and children The instructor charges a fee for this course. If you are over 18 in addition to the class fee you will be required to pay NYS Parks a \$10.00 fee for your boating safety certificate.

Project WILD Educator Workshop-4:00-7:00 pm at Tifft Nature Preserve. Project WILD focuses on wildlife and the environment. This workshop helps K-12 educators prepare students to develop problem-solving skills through exploring responsible human actions toward wildlife and the environment. Participants will receive the Project WILD K-12 curriculum and activity guide. Pre-registration required. Please call 896.5200 x342 to register.

Pharmaceutical Dropoff-5 to 7pm at UB Medical School, 3435 Main St., Buffalo 14214. Bring medicines in their original container with personal info blacked out.

Wednesday, October 6

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

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

Orchids 101- 10am Class at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Joe DiDominico, Retired Teacher and President, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society as he takes the mystery out of growing orchids. Pre-registration required- www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx.

Working for Downtown Brown Bag Lunch Series-12 to 1 pm at [Buffalo & Erie County Central Library](#), Central Meeting Room on 2nd Floor. For more information or reservations, please contact Lynn Waclawek at lwaclawek@mtb.com. Free or \$10 to order box lunch.

GBNRTC Public Meeting-9:30am at NYS Thruway Authority at 455 Cayuga Road, Cheektowaga, NY.

Thursday, October 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/>.

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.

Wellness Walk at Tifft-10:00 AM – 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.

Project WILD Aquatic Educator Workshop-4:00-7:00 pm at Tifft Nature Preserve. WILD Aquatic emphasizes aquatic wildlife and aquatic ecosystems. Because these activities are designed for integration into existing courses of study, educators may use one or many Project WILD Aquatic activities or the entire set of activities may serve quite effectively as the basis for a course of study. Participants will receive the Project WILD Aquatic K-12 curriculum and activity guide. Pre-registration required. Please call 896.5200 x342 to register.

Friday, October 8

The Enchanted Forest-6:30-8:30pm. An evening walk through the woods to meet the animals that call Beaver Meadow their home. **Reservations required** (event sells out early). Walk along trails lit with glowing jack-o-lanterns as you visit costumed animal interpreters. Cost \$8 (\$7 members). Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Goat Island Evening Adventure Hike at Niagara Falls State Park-Enjoy an autumn evening from 7-9pm and take advantage of strolling through the oldest state park in the United States. Come join us and see what you have been missing. It is also a great relaxing way to end your day! Fireworks @ 10:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

The Night The Bat Stood Still at Knox Farm State Park-6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For the love of bats! Don't give in to your "B" Movie fears. The only mammal that can truly fly will help us dispel the myths, lose our fears and bring light to the darkness. Same bat time, same bat channel! Short hike with a bat finder will follow an indoor presentation. For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.

"The Standard Model of Cosmology" -Buffalo Astronomical Association meeting at 7:30 pm with featured speaker Dejan Stojkovic, Assistant Professor of Astronomy and Physics at the University of Buffalo. meetings will be held in Classroom Building C122 located just to the north of the Science Building. Follow directions (to #35) on the Buffalo State College map located [here](#).

Glass Block Installation Workshop- 1pm – 3pm Buffalo ReUse workshop at 158 Eaton St. ([map](#)).

Saturday, October 9

The Enchanted Forest-6:30-8:30pm. An evening walk through the woods to meet the animals that call Beaver Meadow their home. **Reservations required** (event sells out early). Walk along trails lit with glowing jack-o-lanterns as you visit costumed animal interpreters. Cost \$8 (\$7 members). Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

13th Annual WNY Earth Science Day-9am to 3pm. National Earth Science Day WNY celebration at Penn Dixie. Talk to earth scientists as they exhibit and demonstrate various aspects of their professions; see a drill rig demonstrating rock coring and drilling operations; view sunspots; collect fossils; and participate in a wide variety of other activities. Girl Scout badge program (call 627-4560 for registration information).

East Aurora Park Hike-10:00am - 12:00pm at Majors Park. Rock Flippin to discover what lies beneath. Cost is \$5/\$3 members or \$15 family. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Growing Up WILD Workshop-9:00 AM to noon. This new program provides early childhood educators with an activity guide featuring 27 field-tested, hands-on, nature-based activities for indoor and outdoor fun. For educators of students ages 3-7. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Fall Nature Crafts-10-11:30 AM for families at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Create a bouquet of flowers from colorful leaves or an animal from dried plants. Use supplies provided by nature to celebrate Fall with us! Non-Members: \$5. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at www.sciencebuff.org.

Fishing Seminars at Orvis-Workshops from 8am thru mid-afternoon on fly fishing and steelheads at Eastern Hills Mall store. Reservations required for some of the classes. Check out details at <http://orvis.com/orvisdays>.

Masten Coalition Volunteer Day -10am – 2pm at School 53 - Wohlers/Woodlawn ([map](#)). Please join us to help with a cleanup over near School 53 - Wohlers/Woodlawn area. Contact Charlene Caver-Miller 874-1709 for more information about Masten Coalition Please email volunteer@buffaloreuse.org if you can help out.

Compost Sifting Workday -10am – 12pm, Buffalo ReUse workshop at 158 Eaton St ([map](#)). Learn how to sift compost and help us prepare material for our gardens.

Sunday, October 10

The Enchanted Forest-6:30-8:30pm. An evening walk through the woods to meet the animals that call Beaver Meadow their home. **Reservations required.** Walk along trails lit with glowing jack-o-lanterns as you visit costumed animal interpreters. Cost \$8 (\$7 members). Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520.

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

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.

Monday, October 11

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

Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep-Clean-up, planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or www.buffaloinbloom.com.

Little Tykes Mini Nature Camp: Busy Beavers-9:30-11:30 AM for Ages 3-5. Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. This Columbus Day, come enjoy a fall morning and explore at Tiff Nature Preserve. Nature games, crafts, hikes, snacks and more are in store. Non-Members: \$8* per session, \$4 additional children with the same adult. *Pricing for one child and adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at www.sciencebuff.org.

Tuesday, October 12

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/>.

“Native American Perspective on Plants: Medicine, Food and Culture”-Talk by Mike Bastine as part of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society monthly meeting at the Harlem Rd. Community Center, Snyder (Harlem Rd. at Lincoln St.) at 7:30pm. Free and open to the public.

"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 Dr. James Williams, Superintendent, Buffalo Public Schools. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

Wednesday, October 13

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

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

Thursday, October 14

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

After-School Escape-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.

Wellness Walk at Tift-10:00 AM – 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.

Nature in Western New York's Future - Speaker Gerry Rising at The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens at 7pm. Also co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Erie County and 8th District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Gerry as he discusses how wildlife and plants are influenced by our changing climate and weather. Stay and have light refreshments after his talk. His column has appeared each week since April 8, 1991 in The Buffalo News. Pre-registration required. www.buffalogardens.com.

Canal Side Public Forum-7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, 345 7th Street, Buffalo, NY. Voice-Buffalo and PUSH Public Meeting about Canal Side development.

Tree Pruning Workshop -4pm – 6pm at 158 Eaton St ([map](#)). Learn how to take care of trees in your neighborhood. We will cover pruning basics.

Friday, October 15

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Food Dehydrator Workshop –Learn sustainable food techniques at this Buffalo ReUse workshop from 1pm – 3pm at 158 Eaton St. ([map](#)). Learn food dehydrating basics. Try some of our dehydrated creations!

Saturday, October 16

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

Pick Up Buffalo- Join Working For Downtown to help clean up the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. Meet at the rear parking lot at Pearl Street Grille & Brewery at 9am. Cleanup is from 9am-noon and coffee and water are provided. For info, contact membership@workingfordowntown.org.

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.

Owls with Chuck Rosenburg at USA Birds Supply -1 to 3 pm. Join Chuck Rosenburg for an in-depth presentation on owls of our area. Hosted by the Land Conservancy and USA Birds Supply at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY.

Astronomy Night at Penn Dixie site-6pm. Telescopes will focus on a just past 1st Quarter Moon, Jupiter and Uranus in the east. Famous Double Star cluster in Perseus, E. T. star cluster NGC 457 in the W of Cassiopeia, and star cluster M15 in Pegasus. No preregistrations required. \$2/person.

Fall Tree ID-10:30 AM. View the beautiful colors of fall, and learn how to identify our local trees. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Fishing Seminars at Orvis-Workshops from 8am thru mid-afternoon on fly fishing and steelheads at Eastern Hills Mall store. Reservations required for some of the classes. Check out details at <http://orvis.com/orvisdays>.

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Field Trip- 8:30 a.m: Trip to Honeyoye Lake *south of Rochester. We will enjoy the fall foliage on our drive, hike one or more of the trails at Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area, and eat lunch at a picnic area with a panoramic view of the lake below. Call Judy Hoffman for meeting place, 684-2049.

Four Season Gardening-Urban Roots Workshop with Richard Price at 2pm. Register at workshops@urbanroots.org. 428 Rhode Island St.

Sunday, October 17

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

Beaver Basics-2-4 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Ever wonder how beaver survive our cold Buffalo winters? Join Friends of Tifft as we explore the habitat of beaver here at the nature preserve. We will discover the beaver's adaptations, preferred foods, and life cycle. A walk to the marsh to search for evidence of beaver activity will also take place. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family. Free for FOT Members.

Fly Fishing 101 for Families at Orvis-Workshop from 2pm to 5pm on fly-fishing at Eastern Hills Mall store. Reservations required for some of the classes. Check out details at <http://orvis.com/orvisdays>.

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

Tuesday, October 19

The Regional Vacancy Crisis: Land Banks and Other Approaches- Forum by the Partnership for the Public Good. 4:00pm – 5:30pm at 237 Main St., Suite 1200 ([map](#)).

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/>.

Sierra Club Meeting and Megahydrofracturing- Meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 695 Elmwood Avenue at West Ferry, Buffalo, New York at 7 pm. The featured speaker will be Chris Burger, a renowned expert on Mega-Hydrofracturing in the Marcellus Shale from the NYS Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club. This is a very important issue as new technology is extremely dangerous to our water supply, environment and people.

Wednesday, October 20

Babes In The Woods-This nature discovery program at Beaver Meadow from 10-11:30am is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. "Falling Leaves" is the topic this month. Registration is required. \$5 child & adult/\$3 each additional child. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

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

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Healthy Transit=Healthy Kids- 12:00-1:00 PM at 617 Main Street in the Market Arcade Building, Buffalo, NY as part of a Citizens' Regional Transit Corp. monthly meeting. A discussion led by Jessie Hersher, Project Coordinator - Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. How does transportation policy and street design relate to healthy living? Ms. Hersher will bring the Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities campaign to bear on the work of CRTC. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, October 21

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

After-School Escape-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.

ReTHREAD: A City-wide Trashion Show-Buffalo ReUSE will hold their annual art exhibition at ArtSPACE from 7-10pm. Our [ReFIND Arts](#) is proud to present [ReTHREAD: A City Wide Trashion Show](#)--an exhibition of garbage couture.

Wellness Walk at Tiff-10:00 AM – 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.

Orchids 101- 6:30pm Class at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Joe DiDominico, Retired Teacher and President, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society as he takes the mystery out of growing orchids. Pre-registration is required for all classes. www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx.

Friday, October 22

Full Hunter's Moon Walk-6:30 PM. As white-tailed deer prepare for mating, the moon will shine bright for spotting bucks as we walk the trails. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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The Asian Carp Invasion of the Great Lakes at Woodlawn Beach State Park-7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. In the 1970's, a U.S. Agriculture Department recommendation to use Asian Carp species for aquaculture pond problems led to potential catastrophic threats to our Great Lakes ecosystem. New York Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council Director Tom Marks leads a discussion of the past, present and future of the Asian Carp in America. For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.

Rain Barrel Workshop- 1pm – 3pm at 158 Eaton St ([map](#)). Learn how to construct a rain barrel from a 55 gallon vessel. Take one home for \$30!

Saturday, October 23

Moon over Tonawanda Paddle- 6:30-10pm paddle. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

East Aurora Park Hike with Audubon-10:00am - 12:00pm at J.P. Nicely Park, 401 West Fall Rd. \$5/\$3 members or \$15 family. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Owl Prowl with Chuck Rosenburg at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve-6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join Chuck Rosenburg for an evening owl prowling. After a brief introductory presentation, participants will venture into the dark to listen and watch for owls. Chuck will imitate owl calls in an effort to lure in these secretive nocturnal raptors. Mr. Rosenburg gained a keen interest in the outdoors while growing up near the Klydel Wetlands in North Tonawanda. For reservations, please call 716.687.1225 or email Megan Mills Weaver at mweaver@wnylc.org.

Life under Leaves-10:30 AM. Search for animals living under leaves on this guided walk. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

The Northern Hardwood Forest - 1:00pm - 3:30pm with Earth Spirit at Shale Creek - Orchard Park, NY for a challenging hike to the "eternal flame" with a focus on the ecology of the Northern Hardwood Forest. Fees: Members \$3.00 / Non-members \$5.00. For registration info, visit www.earthspiritedu.org.

Full Hunter's Moon Stroll-7-8:30 PM for families at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Learn about the Hunter's Moon while strolling around Tiff. Non-Members: \$5. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at www.sciencebuff.org.

Canal Side Community Alliance Public Forum-1pm. Burchfield Penny Gallery Auditorium. Buffalo State College Center for Economic and Policy Studies will co-host a meeting to review information on environmental, infrastructure and financial issues in the auditorium of the Burchfield Penny Gallery.

Sunday, October 24

Morning Bird Walk-9:00 AM. Search for migrating and resident birds along the trails. For adults and kids age 8 and older. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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

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 is a drop-in program. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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Tuesday, October 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.

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/>.

"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 Douglas W. DeCoix Editor, [Western New York Heritage Press](http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html). . <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

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Thursday, October 28

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Workshop on Green Infrastructure-A free workshop hosted by Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will help planners learn how their municipality can encourage green infrastructure planning and development as well as learn about the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual updates. The training will take place at the Erie County Fire Training Academy, 3359 Broadway, Buffalo from 8am-12:30pm. Register for the event at 716-858-8077.

Friday, October 29

Owl Prowl-7:00 PM. Learn about our local owls, and listen for them on a walk in the woods. For adults and kids age 8 and older. Registration required at 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

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Window Glazing Workshop - 1pm – 2pm at 298 Northampton ([map](#)). Learn how to reglaze your windows as home for a cozy winter.

Saturday, October 30

Spider and Pumpkin Crafts-1:00 PM. Create reusable pumpkin bags for treats and spider webs for tricks. For kids ages 6 to 10. Materials fee = \$6.00 per child; \$4.00 for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Owl Prowl-Join Chuck Rosenberg for an evening search for owls and a walk in the nighttime woods. Pre-registration is required-call 585-948-5445.

Audubon Members Walk at Hunter's Creek-10:00am - 12:00pm. Join Bill Michalek on a hike through the eyes of the Iroquois nations. Call 585-457-3228 OR 800-377-1520 to register and get directions.

Halloween Spooktacular at New York Power Authority - 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Happy Halloween! Ghosts, ghouls and goblins.....oh my!! State Park naturalists will take part in this event at the New York Power Authority's visitor center. Come join us for a ghoulish fun time and make a Halloween craft! For information contact NYPA at (716) 286-6661.

Hopewell Indian Mound and Flint Knapping at Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park- 3-4:30pm. We will learn about the life and trading network of the Hopewell Native Americans. A park employee will demonstrate flint knapping. View reproduction pipes, trade goods and artifacts. Take a short walk to visit the Hopewell Indian Mound. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Owls of Halloween with Wild Spirit at USA Birds Supply -1:30pm. Join Paul Fehringer for a presentation of owls of our area at USA Birds Supply at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY. Info at (716) 407-3115.

Sunday, October 31

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

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.

Medicinal Plants and Herbs at Evangola State Park-1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The witches of Halloween are based on Wiccans, early women who learned the lore of plants. What did people do to survive before drugstores were on every corner? Nature had all the answers. Join naturalist Mary Hughes, to learn the lore of edible medicinal plants on a tour of the outdoors. For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.

Festival of Pumpkins at Buffalo ReUse-12pm – 4pm at 320 Northampton St ([map](#)). Garden Event for kids includes: Pumpkin Carving, Big pot of Squash Soup, Roasting Potatoes, building masks from pizza dough, shrunken heads, candy-making and more! FREE.

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Penn Dixie Fundraiser at Romanello's South Restaurant-7-9pm at Romanello's on South Park Ave., Hamburg. For ticket info, visit www.penn Dixie.org.

Project WILD Workshop-4:00 to 7:00 PM. Project WILD is an award-winning environmental education program for teachers and youth leaders of K-12 students. Participants receive a curriculum guide with more than 100 lesson plans. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Working for Downtown Brown Bag Lunch Series-12 to 1 pm at Buffalo & Erie County Central Library, Central Meeting Room on 2nd Floor. For more information or reservations, please contact Lynn Waclawek at lwaclawek@mtb.com. Free or \$10 to order box lunch.

Thursday, November 4

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4th Annual Harvest Celebration-Please join Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo for its 4th annual Harvest Celebration fundraiser at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum from 5:30-9:00pm. Proceeds help to support our continuing mission to revitalize neighborhoods and build quality of life through reuse and beautification of vacant land. Guests can enjoy Flying Bison beer, hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants, a silent auction and great raffle prizes, plus much more. Admission is only \$30 non-members, \$25 for members. Call (716) 851-4647 ext 3.

Friday, November 5

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Saturday, November 6

Getting Squirrely- 10:30 AM. Discover how squirrels prepare for winter through fun activities and crafts. For kids ages 4 to 8. Materials fee = \$2.00 per child; \$1.00 for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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

An Urban Oasis- A gentle hike through an urban nature preserve focusing on Old Growth Forest ecology and unique wildlife populations with Earth Spirit Staff at Reinstein Woods Preserve, Depew from 1-4:30pm. Fees: Members \$3.00 / Non-members \$5.00 Earth Spirit. For registration, contact 716-941-6267.

Iroquois Observation Field Trip to Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant-8:30am-1pm. Meet at Cayuga Pool at 8:30 to caravan or meet at BWTP @ 9:15am (IO) \$free.

Owl Prowl at Iroquois Wildlife Refuge-6:30-8:30pm. Pre-registration is required by calling (585)948-5445. Meet at the refuge headquarters then caravan to prowling site. (IO) \$free.

BSA Environmental Science Merit Badge Workshop – This workshop is for any Boy Scout who wishes to earn his Environmental Science Merit Badge. 10am-3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. \$12 per scout. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Gorge at Low Water at Whirlpool State Park-10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Enjoy the Niagara Gorge after the volume of water in the Niagara River is reduced by 25%. Join park naturalists for a guided hike that will take you past the Whirlpool to the site of the Great Gorge Route station and beyond. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Buffalo Audubon Presentation at USA Birds Supply -1:00pm. Come learn more about our natural world at USA Birds Supply at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY. Info at (716) 407-3115.

Sunday, November 7

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

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.

Monday, November 8

Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep-Clean-up, planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or www.buffaloinbloom.com.

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

Tuesday, November 9

"Reinstein Woods"-Talk by Kristen Rosenberg, Environmental Educator as part of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society monthly meeting at the Harlem Rd. Community Center, Snyder (Harlem Rd. at Lincoln St.) at 7:30pm. Free and open to the public.

"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 Henry McCartney, Executive Director, Preservation Buffalo Niagara. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

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, November 10

Marcellus Shale Opportunities-A half-day program as part of "The Business of Energy" series focused on how research and technical advancements, as well as commercial and regulatory developments, are shaping and reshaping business models and opportunities. This session will be held from 8:30am-1:30pm at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Hwy, Amherst. For an agenda and registration info, visit www.nydirectedenergy.org/seminars/.

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

Thursday, November 11

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

After-School Escape-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.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM – 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, November 12

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Saturday, November 13

The Scoop on Poop-10:30 AM. Join this exploration to identify and learn about animals by looking for their scat! Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Survival Shelters- Includes the art and science of constructing a variety of survival shelters including lean-to, tent, house, tee-pee and cabin design structures. Bring gloves and be prepared to create a variety of "forest homes." From 10am-12:30pm at Erie County Forest, Sardinia. Fees: Members \$4.50 /Non-members \$7.00 of Earth Spirit. To register, contact 716-941-6267.

WNY Environmental Congress- Keynote speaker Bill McKibben, hosted by Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 8:30am-12:30pm. Details to be announced.

East Aurora Parks Hike: Major's Park – Sensing Nature. Use all your senses to explore the nature around you. (\$5/\$3 members/\$15 family). 9am-11am. Visit www.buffaloaudubon.org for info.

Gorge at Low Water at Whirlpool State Park-10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Enjoy the Niagara Gorge after the volume of water in the Niagara River is reduced by 25%. Join park naturalists for a guided hike that will take you past the Whirlpool to the site of the Great Gorge Route station and beyond. For registration call (716) 282-5154.

Winter Birds and Survival-11am. Wild Spirit Birds of Prey and WNY Land Conservancy will present information on how to help our birds survive the winter at USA Birds Supply at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY. Info at (716) 407-3115.

Sunday, November 14

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.

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

Monday, November 15

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Tuesday, November 16

Indoor Gardening 101- 6:30pm Class at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Joe DiDominico, Retired Teacher and President, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society. You don't have to wait for spring to have new plants. Learn how the pros produce plants year round. Pre-registration is required for all classes. www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx.

“The Beauty of Antarctica”-A program with dinner and presentation sponsored by the Engineering Society of Buffalo and Buffalo Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Join them for a 6 pm Dinner followed by 7 pm presentation by Donald W. Owens, president of Earth Dimensions, Inc, at Bravo Café & Catering, 5781 Seneca Street, Elma, NY. Don will speak about the trip he and his wife Barbara took in January 2010 organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He will focus on the uniqueness of Antarctica: an island continent surrounded by a swirling mass of water. Antarctica is the highest, driest, coldest and windiest continent. Warming is occurring, but the causes are complex. Don's presentation will include Antarctica wildlife, particularly penguins. Cost is \$20.00 for ESB and IEEE members and \$22.00 for non-members and guests. Entrée choices are Roast Pork, Shrimp Scampi, or a Vegetarian Option. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by November 11 at www.tesb.org or call the ESB Office at 873-4455.

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Wednesday, November 17

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

Babes In The Woods-This nature discovery program at Beaver Meadow from 10-11:30am is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. “All about Mammals” is the topic this month. Registration is required. \$5 child & adult/\$3 each additional child. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

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Thursday, November 18

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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.

Orchids 102- 6:30pm Class at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Joe DiDominico, Retired Teacher and President, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society as he takes the mystery out of growing orchids. Pre-registration is required for all classes. www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx.

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Friday, November 19

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Saturday, November 20

Outdoor Skills-10:30 AM. Create rope from plants and learn how to build a survival shelter. For adults and kids age 8 and older. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Birding in Winter” – 9am. Learn how to find and identify the birds that spend the winter in our area. (KF) Free.

BSA Historic Tracking Merit Badge Workshop – This workshop is for any Boy Scout who wishes to earn the Historic Tracking Merit Badge. 10am-3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, www.buffaloudubon.com. \$12 per scout.

Sunday, November 21

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

Full Moon with a Hoot! At Beaver Island State Park-6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Take a fall stroll along the East River Trail to relax and unwind with our evening adventure. We will stop at some birding areas before dark, and then as the moon appears we will listen for the call of the owls as they welcome their favorite time of the day!! For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Monday, November 22

Beaver Full Moon Walk-6:00 PM. Enjoy a moonlit walk and learn how beavers prepare for winter. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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Tuesday, November 23

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/>.

Wednesday, November 24

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Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 26

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Turkey Stroll-10:30 AM. Search for wild turkeys and the clues they leave behind on this walk in the woods. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

Saturday, November 27

Flying WILD Workshop-10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This workshop provides middle school teachers with activities that use birds to teach a variety of subject areas. Refreshments provided. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

EA Parks Hike: Sinking Ponds- 10am to noon. "Winter Along the Pond" – Explore the pond and the surrounding area as winter approaches. (EA) \$5/\$3 Buffalo Audubon members/\$15 families.

Enrichment Day at the Buffalo Zoo- Stop by the Buffalo Zoo for Enrichment Day from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., the Zoo's animal residents will receive special enrichment in a variety of ways to stimulate their senses. Keepers will incorporate new food items, toys, smells and sounds to keep the animals mentally and physically healthy. Keepers will also be on hand to explain the particular enrichment their animals are receiving, as well as its significance to that species. To help support the WNY Food Bank, visitors can bring something extra--a canned food item to receive \$1 off admission. (Please note that while no more than \$1 will be taken off each admission, bringing more than one can per person is certainly appreciated!) For more info, call (716) 995-6133.

Sunday, November 28

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.

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Monday, November 29

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Tuesday, November 30

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Tips for the Environment:

- 1. Visit <http://www.growwny.org/>- GrowWNY.org** is the new one-stop site for information on environmental activities and organizations in Western New York. If you have an event to announce, post it to their calendar. For up to date event listings, check their calendar.
- 2. Green your Halloween and Autumn-** have kids use pillowcases for trick or treating instead of plastic bags (holds more and stronger too), compost that pumpkin but toast the seeds as a snack or save for bird food. When buying cold-weather gear, buy recycled-content items such as fleece clothing and blankets made from recycled soda bottles and snow shovels made from recycled plastic. Buying recycled-content products "closes the loop" and encourages companies to make more items with recycled materials. Also clean your yard equipment before storage to make it last longer and out of the landfill. Check out other fall tips at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>.
- 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 full list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for any you missed (www.daemen.edu/offices/academicaffairs/econews). If you have tips to share, please send them to me. I need help with more ideas.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://buffalorising.com>

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

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

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

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

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

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

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

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

Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com

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

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

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

Tuscarora- <http://tuscaroraenvironment.com>

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

NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores

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

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

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

Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>

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

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
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 Green Fund	http://www.buffalogreenfund.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 Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.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 Weed and Seed	http://www.buffaloweedandseed.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture	http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/
Carvings for a Cause	www.carvingsforacause.com/
Celebrate the Waterfront	www.celebratethewaterfront.com/
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	http://ceinfo.org/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	www.cectoxic.org/index.html
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	http://www.cacwny.org/

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

Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
First Hand Learning	www.firsthandlearning.org
For A Clean Tonawanda Site	www.factsowfwny.com/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/
Friends of the Lower Great Lakes	http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp
Garden Walk Buffalo	http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/
Genesee County Nature Center	www.gcv.org
Good Going WNY	www.goodgoingwny.com
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 5-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes Program/UB	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/glp/
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org
Green and Mean (it)	http://www.greenandmeanit.com/
Green Gold Development Corporation	http://greengold.org/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	www.hawkcreek.org
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/

Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	www.jamestownaudubon.org
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	www.jnkscallofthewild.org
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jssbuffalo.com
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.lisc.org/buffalo/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	www.mass-ave.org
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
National Buffalo Garden Festival	http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org/centralwestern
Nature Ed-Ventures	www.natureed-ventures.com
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm
New Millennium Group	www.nmgonline.org/
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php
New York State Parks	www.nysparks.com
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
New York State Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	http://www.nysawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrisg/botany/
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	http://www.nfwhc.org/
Niagara Heritage Partnership	http://www.niagaraheritage.org/
Niagara Restoration Council	www.niagararestoration.org/
Niagara River Anglers Association	http://www.niagarariveranglers.com
Niagara River Greenway Commission	www.niagaragreenway.org
Niagara Watershed Alliance	http://www.had-e-nuff.com/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Our Shared Waters	www.oursharedwaters.com
Our Water Future	http://ourwaterfuture.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Queen City Farm-urban organic farm in Buffalo	www.queencityfarm.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org/main.html
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Slow Food Buffalo	www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara

SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
Sustainable Earth Solutions	www.sustainableearthsolutions.com
Tifft Nature Preserve Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825-6397 to confirm walk taking place	www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx
UBEN-UB Environmental Network Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, 250 Student Union	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/esw/Welcome.html
UB Environmental Stewardship Committee	http://www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/environmentalstewardship
UB ERIE Program	http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/
UB Green Office	http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen
Urban Design Project at UB	http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html
Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and Western NY	http://www.nysphysicalactivity.org/site_beactivenys/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps	http://www.wnyamericorps.org
Western New York Climate Action Coalition	wnyclimateaction@gmail.com
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Hiking Trails and resources	www.wnyhikes.com
Western New York Land Conservancy	http://www.wnylc.org/

Western New York Science Congress	http://wnysc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	http://www4.bfn.org/wnyse/
West Side Ministries	http://www.westsideministries.org/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Rehab and Release Center	http://www.wildspirit.org/
Wind Action Group	http://www.buffalowind.org
Working for Downtown	http://www.workingfordowntown.org/
Zoar Valley Nature Society	www.zoarvalley.org