

Enviro-News

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Articles:

National Solar Homes and Green Buildings Tour

The 2011 Annual Tour of Solar Homes and Green Buildings will take place on **Saturday, October 1**. This annual event features an opportunity for the public to visit many local buildings which demonstrate the use of solar power, other alternative and renewable energy sources, and other environmentally-friendly designs. Use the map of sites available at [here](#) or listing at www.wnysea.com to plan your self-directed tour. Most sites are open for viewing and asking questions from 10am-4pm. A kickoff to the event will take place at 10am at the LEED certified Thomas R. Beecher Jr. Innovation Center (former Trico building) on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. There are over 30 solar and green building sites for you to choose from and workshops in solar & energy efficiency. The tour sites are located throughout Western New York. All tour information will be announced at the www.wnysea.com and www.facebook.com/wnysea. For questions, email wnysea@gmail.com.

The Second Annual Great Niagara Boat Dance

Join other canoeists and kayakers on the evening of **October 2nd** 2011 at Erie Canal Harbor. Canoeists and kayakers of all skill levels needed with a minimal time commitment required. Practices will be held September 10th, 18th, and 25th on Hoyt Lake (Delaware Park) and the Buffalo River. To sign up or for more information visit: www.Boatdance.com.

WNY Land Conservancy Farm Tour

Join Western New York Land Conservancy for a tour of a soon-to-be permanently protected farm, in the heart of Niagara County! The behind-the-scenes tour will be led by David Coulter, fourth generation family farmer on Tuesday, **October 4th, 2011**, 10am to Noon at Coulter Farms Home, 3871 North Ridge Road, Lockport 14094. **RSVP by Monday, October 3rd** to [\(716\) 687-1225](tel:7166871225) or info@wnylc.org. Coulter Farms, LLC is located in Western New York in the Town of Cambria, north of Lockport. Established by the Coulter Family in 1889, Coulter Farms now actively farms about 100 acres of fruits and vegetables, in land that features a variety of glacial soils from gravel to sand to clay. It is located near the Niagara Escarpment and Twelve Mile Creek. As a relatively small farm in a market dominated by large farms and enterprises, Coulter Farms invests personal attention in their crops and customers. James Coulter was a beloved farmer and businessman in Niagara County. The outpouring of memorial gifts from family and friends after his passing makes possible the permanent protection of this 122 year old Coulter family farm. The Western New York Land Conservancy is currently in the final stages of establishing a permanent conservation easement on this property. More information available at www.coulterfarmsllc.com

The Unstill Life of Plants: Time-lapsed plant motion

Dr. Roger Hangarter will be presenting "The Unstill Life of Plants" at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens on **October 6**. The event is co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Erie County and 8th District Federated Garden Clubs of NYS. Registration and coffee/tea in the Dome will be at 7 PM followed by the 7:30pm presentation. Join Dr. Hangarter as he brings time-lapse photography techniques to the Gardens to demonstrate the

remarkable dynamics of plant life. Dr. Roger Hangarter is Professor of Biology at Indiana University, author of a compelling website www.PlantsinMotion.com, recipient of many teaching awards, and a fascinating presenter. Tickets are \$20 for members of sponsoring organizations; \$25 non-members; \$10 students with ID. Order tickets at www.buffalogardens.com or call 716.827.1584 ext. 291.

Another opportunity to hear Dr. Hangarter will be at Medaille College on **October 7** at 12:30pm in Huber 208. This is a free, public lecture.

WNY Earth Science Day at Penn Dixie

The 14th Annual Western New York Earth Science Day is co-sponsored by Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center and Buffalo Assoc. of Prof. Geologists (BAPG) on **October 8, 2011**, from 9 AM-4 PM at the Penn Dixie Site in Hamburg, NY. Earth Science Week is a popular event for students, scouts, and families to learn what geologists and earth scientists do and the many and varied career opportunities that exist in the earth sciences. Earth Dimensions, Inc., of Elma will conduct drilling and rock coring demonstrations at 11 AM and 2 PM; 25-30 exhibitors; live animals; Weston Geophysical gravity penetrating radar demonstrations (GPR); Hamburg Y.E.S. providing face painting; children's activities; filtered telescopes will focus on the sun and solar flares; and more will be available. Earth Science Day is a great family, scout and school event. The exhibits and drilling demonstrations are FREE. Fossil collecting for non-member adults \$7, children 12 and under \$6, Penn Dixie members are free. No pre-registration is required. The event will be held rain or shine. A food vendor will be present. Visit www.penndixie.org for info.

Gas Facts Fall Fest

Come learn about natural gas exploration and hydrofracking at Gas Facts Fall Fest on **October 9** from 2 to 5pm at the Buffalo Irish Center, 245 Abbot Rd. The event features a film premiere of a short documentary about Western New York families affected by fracking: "WNY Frack Chat". There will also be informative presentations about how high-volume fracking in NYS could affect Western New York. Live music by Babik and Pizza, soda and beer included. Tickets: \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door. Tickets available by contacting Sarah at ssbuckley60@gmail.com, Rita at ryelda@gmail.com, and at Burning Books, 420 Connecticut St, Buffalo, NY.

Tree-topia at Tift

Autumn is a leaf-errific time to celebrate all things trees! Learn your arbors with a tour focusing on tree identification and fascinating fungi at Tift Nature Preserve on Monday, **October 10** from 10am-2pm. Another hike will investigate animal evidence within the forest, particularly those that depend on trees for food, shelter, and protection. Inside the Visitors Center, participants can investigate different types of nests, become a "tree cookie detective", and learn why we need trees. Take home what you've learned by making fall nature crafts such as leaf rubbings, a DIY plant press, leaf insects, and fanciful leaf crowns. Learn about invasive species, forest management, and get a real inside look at how trees work. Sharon Tiburzi of Owl Facts will be presenting live birds of prey between the hours of 12-2pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Non-Members: \$5. Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Food Matters Film Series

Sponsored by Lexington Cooperative Market and Edible Buffalo, the Second "Food Matters" Film Series offers films with inspiring stories about local communities. "Urban Roots" will be shown on **October 12**. Info on the films is available [here](#). Films will be shown at 7pm at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, 341 Delaware; tickets are \$8 (\$6 for Co-op members) available at the market or at <http://brownpapertickets.com>.

Advanced Energy 2011 Conference

The **Advanced Energy 2011** Conference will be held on **October 12 and 13** at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo. The conference includes a continental breakfast each morning, plated lunch featuring one or more keynote speakers on both days, a networking cocktail reception, exhibit booths and a poster session. Educational program includes multiple sessions on each of the following program tracks: Offshore Wind, Battery Storage and Energy, BioEnergy, Building/Energy Efficiencies, Commercial/Residential Solar, Electric Vehicles, Energy Policy, Geothermal and Natural Gas Supply and Demand. For info and registration, visit [aertc](http://aertc.com).

8th Annual World on Your Plate

World on Your Plate, the annual event with workshops and speakers focused on sustainable agriculture and healthy food will be held **October 14 & 15, 2011** at Daemen College, 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY. This year's event features keynote speaker Judy Wicks ([Wicks](#)) with a Friday night film & discussion: The Economics of Happiness. Saturday registration includes breakfast, three workshops, speakers, scrumptious organic lunch and social hour. For info and registration, visit [woyp](#).

Growing Green Fall Urban Agriculture Training

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow your community garden, start composting, grow your own tilapia, learn how to work effectively with teens, learn strategies to address food policy challenges, or create value added products? The Massachusetts Avenue Project's Urban Agriculture Training, **October 14-16, 2011**, features many practical, philosophical, and experiential opportunities to learn from MAP's success with urban, youth centered agriculture. In addition to witnessing the components of a functional urban farm first hand, such as urban fish farming, composting, and value-added food production, participants will be able to engage and observe many of the successful elements in MAP's youth training program, Growing Green. Attending the training also means being able to hear from regional experts on food system planning and development, and network with other beginning or established urban farmers. The weekend workshop includes 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, a cocktail reception, and intensive, hands-on training opportunities. A number of workshops are available from aquaponics to urban chickens. [Registration](#) is \$225 for the weekend.

National Preservation Conference: Alternating Currents

October's National Preservation Conference "Alternating Currents" is to be held in Buffalo **October 18-22, 2011**. The conference includes workshops, speakers, field trips and more. The conference is organized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation which was founded in 1949 and brings people together to revitalize communities addressing economic development and environmental sustainability. For a program and registration, visit [here](#).

Green Tech: Sustainable Cities in the 21st Century at University at Buffalo

The University at Buffalo student chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW-UB) is pleased to host the 2011 ESW National Conference on **October 20-23, 2011**. The conference theme is sustainability in the urban setting with tracks focused on Industry, Campus and Community, and Energy and Natural Resources. For info, visit <http://eswnationalconference2011.weebly.com/>.

Food, Films & Music: Celebrating WNY's Bounty

Join the inaugural event for the future Horsefeathers Community Market space at Connecticut St and Normal Ave (346 Connecticut St.) as we celebrate Food Day 2011 on **October 22** from 5 to 10pm. The event is complete with speakers, educational poster sessions and tables, children's activities, music, tours and of course, FOOD! Celebrate all of WNY has to offer from our burgeoning food truck entrepreneurs to our own cured meats, cheeses, dairy, fresh pasta and local produce. Nutrition professionals will answer your questions about "organic" and make the connection between local foods, health and wellness. Urban farming pioneers, local food producers, rooftop gardening experts and LEED certified architects will explain the vision behind the future Horsefeathers Community Market while you sample culinary delights, wine from the Niagara Escarpment, beer from the Black Rock neighborhood and many more exciting educational and gastronomic opportunities! [Click here](#) to visit our Facebook page.

Halloween Harvest Family Weekend

Register early for this extremely popular Halloween-themed family weekend! The **October 22-23, 2011** weekend includes comfortable indoor accommodations with showers, home-cooked meals, and all program activities at Camp Allegany, Allegany State Park. Pumpkins, apples, cornhusk dolls, bat and owls, and other special Halloween surprises will be part of this year's spooky weekend for families with children of all ages. Fees for the weekends are as follows: \$80 for ages 5+, \$40 for 2-4 year olds, Under 2 free. Visit <http://www.natureed-ventures.com/community.php> for info.

Pharmaceutical Drop Offs Planned

The next Pharmaceutical Collection Day will be held on Saturday, **October 29th** from 10 am to 2 pm at multiple locations in [Erie County](#) and the [City of Buffalo](#). Lots of dropoff sites to help you rid your homes of unwanted, unused, or expired medications, over the counter meds, prescriptions, controlled substances, or personal care products in an environmentally sound way.

Join the 2011 EcoChallenge

The 2011 EcoChallenge takes place **October 1-15**. The EcoChallenge is open to anyone who would like to make a commitment to living more sustainably. Create a team at work or invite your friends and family to participate with you—camaraderie and friendly peer pressure make change a little easier, and a lot more fun. [Register](#) to join a growing community of people who are taking action on behalf of the planet!

Weatherization Volunteers Improve East Side Homes

The WNY Apollo Alliance is coordinating its annual home weatherization project to bring free energy efficiency measures and education to East Side homeowners. Volunteers from labor unions, Daemen College, University at Buffalo, and others will work on October 1 to seal up houses and offer energy efficiency tips.

DEC Releases Revised Draft SGEIS for Public Comment

The DEC received more than 13,000 public comments on the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) issued in September 2009. The Draft SGEIS addresses permit conditions required for gas drilling in Marcellus Shale and other areas of the State. In response to issues raised, DEC has prepared a Revised Draft SGEIS. The [full 2011 Revised Draft SGEIS document \(PDF\)](#) (46 Mb) is available as a single PDF file. To help those interested in understanding the issues involving horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing, several fact sheets are also available. [Proposed regulations regarding high-volume hydraulic fracturing \(HVHF\)](#) are available for public comment. Comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. **December 12, 2011**.

Science Museum Extends da Vinci Exhibit

The Buffalo Museum of Science is extending the run of its summer exhibit, Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion, by two months and its new closing date is October 23, 2011. The exhibition presents a hands-on display of full-size machine replicas constructed according to da Vinci's famous codices. The machines were designed by a team of scientists and artisans in Florence, Italy using the materials, tools and craftsmanship that Leonardo would have used in his time. The exhibit is sponsored by First Niagara and R&P Oak Hill Development. The machines will be moved from their current location on the 2nd floor to the Connections gallery space on the 3rd floor to allow for the installation of the museum's fall exhibit, Journeys Into Papua, which opens on September 17th. As the relocation will necessitate the removal of some pieces of the exhibit, the museum will waive the additional \$2 admission fee previously required to see the exhibit. Machines in Motion will no longer offer extended hours on Friday evenings but will still be open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm. More information can be found at www.sciencebuff.org or by calling [716.896.5200](tel:716.896.5200).

Greenbuild International Conference & Expo in Toronto

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) will host its first Greenbuild outside the United States. Greenbuild 2011, will be held in Toronto **October 4-7**, celebrating what's NEXT for green building! The USGBC's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo convenes the industry's largest gathering of representatives from all sectors of the green building movement. Three days of extensive educational programming, workshops, a vast exhibition floor and ample networking events provide unrivaled opportunities to learn about the latest technological innovations, explore new products, and exchange ideas with other professionals. Greenbuild is the three time recipient of IMEX Green Meetings Award and the 2011 show will be held on Oct. 4-7, 2011, in Toronto, Canada. Last year's conference in Chicago, Ill. drew more than 28,000 attendees and featured more than 1,800 exhibit booths. Info at [greenbuild](http://greenbuild.org).

Federal Grant Provides Great Lakes Education for WNY Teachers

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education Foundation (BUOE), Buffalo Audubon Society (BAS), and Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc. received a \$168,895 federal grant to provide teachers with content and methods for educating students about the Great Lakes in Western New York. The groups will collaborate to educate teachers about Great Lakes water, wildlife and management issues. The two-year grant provides funding to train more than 300 teachers through five-day Great Lakes Academies, held during the summer, and one-day “Get WET for the Great Lakes” institutes spaced throughout the year. The project targets teachers from underserved schools in the watersheds of four Areas of Concern: the Buffalo River, the Niagara River, Eighteen Mile Creek in Niagara County, and the Rochester Embayment, located just north of the City of Rochester in Monroe County. An Area of Concern is a severely degraded geographic area within the Great Lakes, as defined by the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the U.S. and Canada.

The grant is one of 70 grants totaling nearly \$30 million that Environmental Protection Agency awarded under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in 2011. Teachers and administrator interested in learning more about the Great Lakes Academies and Institutes can contact Reinstein Woods at (716) 683-5959.

Win a Membership to Green Options Buffalo!

[GrowWNY's Facebook Comment Contest](#) is back, and this week you have the opportunity to win a year-long membership to Green Options Buffalo (GO-Buffalo). Post a comment to GrowWNY's Facebook Page to be entered to win! GO-Buffalo works to create healthy, environmentally sustainable, community friendly transportation in the Greater Buffalo Region. How to win: "Like" [GrowWNY Facebook Page](#); Visit Facebook and comment on [the contest question](#); Invite your friends to “Like” your comment; The person who garners the most "Likes" for their comment after one week wins the prize! The Contest runs through November and there will be more opportunities to win exciting prizes.

According to Hollywood, Birding is Cool

The October release of *The Big Year*, a major Hollywood motion picture devoted to birding, features Owen Wilson, Jack Black, and Steve Martin. The movie was inspired by Mark Obamasick's best-selling chronicle of three colorful and obsessive birders as they compete for the biggest “Big Year.” Audubon Society served as a resource for the filmmakers, contributing both expertise and Audubon branded materials for set-dressing. For a film trailer, visit [bigyear](#). It's not every day that a major film puts birding into pop culture mainstream!

What are those Big “Mosquitoes”-Not?

If you have any grass nearby, you probably have lots of large crane flies too. These insects appear in late summer and fall and are often mistaken as giant mosquitoes. Aside from the nuisance of a large flying insect, the adults can't bite and cause no harm. They also do not eat mosquitoes, contrary to some legends, but feed on nectar or just mate as adults before dying. The larvae are turf pests and will eat the roots and leaves of some plants as well as decaying vegetation. Several invasive species of crane flies have become abundant in our region in recent years. Images for the life cycle stages are [here](#).

GreenFaith, ENERGY STAR Energy Stewardship Webinar Series

GreenFaith, with US EPA's ENERGY STAR for Congregations Office, invites you to a free three-part webinar series - Energy Stewardship for Religious Facilities. The series will take place on **October 10th, 17th and 24th** from 8:30-9:30 pm ET. It's open to leaders, members and managers of religious institutions across the country. Learn more and register [here](#). A link to webinar recordings will be provided to all who register. So, please register even if you can't join them for all three webinars – they'll send you the recording afterwards.

Most religious institutions can reduce their energy use and costs substantially, but don't know what steps to take first or how to measure their progress. This webinar series will teach you the practices that have saved religious facilities thousands of dollars and provide: simple steps to reduce energy use at your institution; energy resources designed for faith-based facilities; success stories, so you can learn from leaders that have cut their congregation's energy use and an introduction to Portfolio Manager, EPA's on-line energy management tool!

Save our Architectural Gems through Reuse-Earn Prizes

ReUse Action wants to save and give a new life to those wonderful old school doors, gymnasium floors, lockers, industrial carts, unique foundation stone, architectural pieces, scrap metal, windows, and much much more. Material reclamation translates into jobs for our local economy and we don't need the waste entering our landfills!

How can you help??? Let ReUse Action know—there's also an incentive for you. Everyone who delivers leads to the ReUse Action Tip Line (716-884-DEMO) or email tip@reuseaction.com will be entered into a quarterly drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a local Buffalo restaurant. If your tip results in a reclamation opportunity that generates \$500 or more in materials, you will receive a \$25 gift certificate instantly for a local Buffalo restaurant!

So, talk to people you know . . . contractors who are removing materials, architects who are designing new buildings, home owners who are doing rehab, institutions that are in the middle of capital improvement campaigns . . . and find out if any reusable materials are going to be removed. Send the tips with any details you know (type and quantity of material, location, contact info for person with the material and your contact info).

National Fuel Conservation Incentive Plan-Get Rebates for Energy Efficiency

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

NYSERDA Incentives for Solar Hot Water Systems

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

Energy Audits: Free and Low Cost Options

Conserving energy simply makes sense. See if you are eligible for a free or reduced cost energy audit, funded through "Green Jobs Green New York". New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has developed an incentive program for homes, small businesses, and not-for-profits wishing to save energy and related costs but might not have the resources to pay for the necessary work up front. In order to qualify for a Home Energy Audit, you must: own the 1-4 unit residential, review income guidelines ([here](#)), have not had a free audit in the past and provide a fuel usage history from utility bills. There are also limited funds available to provide energy audits for small businesses and not-for-profits. To find out if you are eligible, or if your group would like a presentation on NYSERDA's energy efficiency programs, contact Gary Carrel, WNY Energy Smart Communities Coordinator at 716-652-5400 ext 136 or gcc55@cornell.edu.

Track your Energy Usage

Earth Aid is a private energy software company with technology to retrieve utility data on behalf of virtually any household in America. The company is able to incorporate real data into their platform that enables individuals to interact with and track all of their electric, gas, and water usage in one place online. Want to see how your energy usage compares to your neighbors or individual friends? How about seeing all of the rebates and incentives offered by your area government and utilities — all in one place? Wouldn't it be nice to earn rewards for saving energy—maybe some ice cream or dinner at a local restaurant? You can do all that and much more online at www.EarthAid.net.

Buffalo ReUse Has New Address

Buffalo ReUse has moved to 296 E. Ferry St., Buffalo, NY 14208 (one block east of Jefferson, between the Humboldt exit of the 33 and Jefferson at the corner of DuPont) with entrance and parking on DuPont. They are open Monday-Saturday 10-6 & Sunday Noon-4. For pick ups of donations, click [havematerial](#) or general information and questions: [info](#).

New York Upstate Green Building Council Chapter Webinar

“Concrete Masonry's Contribution to Sustainable Building Projects “ is a live-on-line webinar that you can participate in via computer from your office or home. **October** dates and times and registration are [here](#). This presentation will illustrate the sustainable attributes of concrete masonry products and will identify credits in LEED® 2009 where masonry products can make significant contributions to the point total for certification. Participants will learn about concrete masonry's role in improving indoor air quality with respect to resistance to mold growth and the elimination of volatile organic compounds over the life of the building, as well as its contribution toward increased fire safety, improved acoustics, and energy efficiency. The presentation will provide an overview of several changes which took effect in LEED® 2009, and attendees will learn how the use of various concrete masonry products can contribute to achieving several LEED credits under the categories of Materials and Resources, Sustainable Sites, Energy and Atmosphere, and Innovation in Design. This webinar qualifies for 1 AIA LU (HSW/SD) & 1 GBCI CE.

Partnership for the Public Good Radio Show

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

Buffalo Tours 2011 Season Ongoing

Buffalo Tours offers regular tours of historical sites around Buffalo! Visit BuffaloTours.org for a 2011 tour schedule and descriptions of upcoming events. The Queen City Downtown walking tour continues every Friday at 10am.

GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental

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

Reduce your Stress with a Weeknight Paddle

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

Courses Available for Solar Installation

A range of courses in photovoltaic installation, solar hot water heating and solar power permitting are offered across New York State. Courses fill quickly, so register early. Info at <http://www.esf.edu/outreach/calendar.asp>.

New York Invasive Species Mapping Underway

New York is now using iMapInvasives, a Google Earth and GPS based system that maps invasive species. Training is ongoing statewide to increase the number of people entering sightings and increasing the database. This new map should become an excellent resource for educators, researchers and the general public. View it at <http://imapinvasives.org/>.

Wilderness & Remote First Aid Course

While this course is aimed for the outdoors person, it will help you feel more secure in your homes and when you travel. This is an American Red Cross Course and has a two year certification. This course is taught over four consecutive evenings from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Your final training session is conducted in the outdoors with a 3 hour hands on practical and a 1 hour written test. Course is scheduled for Tuesday evening 10/11/11, Monday evening's 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, and the final hands on practical scheduled at Paths Peaks & Paddles location on Wednesday 12/7/11.

If you have any questions, contact us at 716-213-0350 or at pppinfo@pathspeakspaddles.com. Paths Peaks and Paddles is teaming up with the Williamsville Community Education to present this session. You do not have to be a resident of the Williamsville School System to sign up. You can sign up on line at: <http://www.williamsville.augusoft.net> or by phone at 716-626-8080.

Making Your Own Tumbler Composter

Check out the [video](#) to find out how to make a low cost, effective composter for your yard!

EPA Green Products Portal

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched a new tool designed to provide Americans easy access to information about everyday products like home appliances, electronics and cleaning products that can save money, prevent pollution and protect people's health. The new green products web portal is available at [greener](#).

Webinar: School Buildings as Green Teaching Tools

On October 19 at 7pm, the National Environmental Education Foundation in partnership with the National Education Association Foundation and the Green Schools National Conference is launching the first of a series of three webinars to help educators around the country learn from experts and peers how to green their schools and curriculum. Webinar participants will interact live with national experts and teachers who are transforming their schools for the 21st Century. Registration is free and the first 100 registered participants that log in and complete the webinar will be eligible for a webinar drawing to receive a complimentary registration to the [Green Schools National Conference!](#) All educators are invited to join us for the webinar. [Registerhere](#)

Teacher's Resources

[The Habitable Planet](#)- free multimedia online course for high school teachers and adult learners interested in studying environmental science. The site provides access to course content and activities developed by leading scientists and researchers in the field. Videos, interactive online labs and an online textbook are available.

[Kids' Water Footprint Calculator](#)-National Geographic has re-tooled its popular water footprint calculator for kids! Learn about the water costs of everyday household items and tasks.

[Power Up Game](#)- If anyone out there is listening, Planet Helios is being destroyed and we need your help! The free, downloadable Power Up Game allows individuals an interactive experience to save Planet Helios by selecting energy efficient options and helping to clean up the planet. Lesson plans incorporating the game are available for teachers.

[Watersheds: Connecting Weather to the Environment](#)- free, two-hour online course from COMET® provides an understanding of watersheds as the local environment in which people's actions and decisions play against the backdrop of daily and seasonal weather to affect the quality and health of the area in which they live, as well as the larger system of watersheds of which their watershed is one part. The accompanying Watersheds PowerPoint presentation is also available for download. Notes are included and the presentation can be customized. Registration is required for access.

[Glaciers are Melting](#)- This children's educational story is based on the classic Chicken Little fable and depicts how global warming will impact the plants and animals that reside in the mountains when their glacial habitat is lost. It deals with the concept of global warming in a way that is easy for children to understand and includes free resources and teaching activities online. Volunteer reviewers will be given a free trial eBook to share with their readers for a set period of time.

[Energy Works Michigan](#) -free downloadable, hands-on lessons on energy efficiency, solar energy, and wind energy targeted for upper elementary, middle school, and high school levels. Lessons challenge students to conduct classroom energy audits, interpret wind maps to assess potential wind turbine sites, power a radio using solar panels, and more!

[Recycle-Bowl](#) –sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, this is the first nationwide recycling competition for K-12 students. Recycle-Bowl was created to provide students with a fun, interactive way to learn about waste reduction and environmental responsibility through in-school recycling. Sign up your local school today. Register by **October 10**.

[Do Something Ewaste Campaign](#)-DoSomething.org, Best Buy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR Program are teaming up to encourage young people to make an impact this fall by recycling unwanted electronics that may have otherwise ended up in local landfills. Running from August 15 through October 1, this campaign calls for young people to run localized "E-Waste Drives" in their schools, homes, or in their communities and to drop off their cumulative collection at their local Best Buy store. The E-Waste Drive campaign also encourages them to look for the ENERGY STAR label when considering new electronics purchases. The grand prize for collecting the most e-waste is a \$500 educational grant for each team member. Prizes will also be provided to the top 10 drives for their electronic recycling efforts.

Contest and Award Opportunities

[America's Home Energy Education Challenge](#), sponsored by Dept. of Energy and the National Science Teachers Assoc., offers teachers and their students the opportunity to learn about energy, its use, and how energy conservation saves money and precious resources. **Home Energy Award**, the first segment of the Challenge, inspires friendly competition among classes and schools. Register by **October 7**. Winning projects will be based on student participation rates, energy savings, and the overall creativity and quality of the participating local competition. **The Energy Fitness Award**, the second segment of the Challenge, focuses directly on individual and classroom knowledge about energy. This online component is a separate educational gaming activity. Students can participate at any time and return to play multiple times. Each student who successfully completes the Energy Fitness Award quiz will receive an Energy Fitness Badge. Schools and/or classrooms with exemplary participation in this activity will earn additional prizes. For more info, visit [challenge](#).

[Recycle-Bowl](#) –sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, this is the first comprehensive nationwide recycling competition for elementary, middle and high-school students. Recycle-Bowl was created to provide students with a fun, interactive way to learn about waste reduction and environmental responsibility through in-school recycling. Sign up your local school today. Register by **October 10**.

[Earth Science Week Contests](#)- The American Geological Institute is sponsoring three contests as part of Earth Science Week 2011. Photography Contest ~ Students, geologists, and the general public are invited to submit photos that capture the evidence of the long- or short-term changes taking place around our planet and even in your own neighborhood. Visual Arts Contest: Picturing our Ever-Changing Earth: Students in grades K-5 are invited to submit a two-dimensional piece of artwork to illustrate the various ways air, water, land, and living things change over time. Essay Contest: How Change Shapes our Planet ~ Students in grades 6-9 are invited to submit a brief essay, explaining how interactions between Earth's systems can change our world over time. Discuss the processes used to study these change and how human life can be affected by geologic transformation. Deadline for all contests: **October 14, 2011**.

[Cool Congregations Challenge](#) - It's a contest with prizes to recognize congregations who care about Creation and the climate. Top cash prizes of \$1,000 will go to winning contestants in four categories: energy efficiency, renewable energy, grounds and water conservation, and inspiring Congregants to lower energy use at home. Projects of any size completed in the last year between October 20, 2010 and October 20, 2011 qualify. A complimentary entry guide is available on the website. There is no fee to enter the contest. Entries due by **October 20, 2011**.

The [Lexus Eco Challenge](#) offers an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to address environmental issues in three challenges: Land/Water, Air/Climate, and a Final Challenge. Teams have the opportunity to win \$10,000 in each of the first two challenges and up to \$30,000 in the final challenge. For each challenge, teams must choose a topic and use PowerPoint to illustrate an action plan. Participants are required to show how their ideas were implemented and also evaluate the results of their plan. Deadline for Land/Water is **October 31, 2011**, Air/Climate-November 19, 2011. Final Challenge-**February 20, 2012**.

[Celebrate New York's Forests Photo Contest](#)- the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced a contest to Celebrate New York's Forests. The contest is designed to increase awareness of and appreciation for all types of forests, urban and rural, large and small, public and privately owned, across the state. Submitted photos should capture all aspects of forests and trees in five different categories: 1. Nature (wildlife, plants, natural landscapes, etc.); 2. Enjoying the forest (hunting, fishing, trails, camping, hiking, etc.); 3. Trees where we live (parks, streets, yards, etc.); 4. Forest products (maple syrup, lumber, baseball bats, furniture, etc.); 5. State-owned Forests (State Forests, Forest Preserve lands, forested Wildlife Management Areas, Campgrounds). Submissions due by **November 1, 2011**.

[Eco-Challenge](#)-Have you ever had an idea you think could solve an environmental problem? Are you a thinker and a doer? Not only will you get the chance to test your eco-innovation skills, but each Challenge presents a cash prize for winning ideas. Check out the active Eco-challenges and see if you can make a difference.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Grant Program to Connect Young People to the Outdoors](#)-Launched by outdoor company the North Face, the Explore Fund will support organizations that encourage youth outdoor participation, focusing primarily on creating more connections of children to nature, increasing access to both front & backcountry recreation, as well as providing education for both personal & environmental health. More info at <http://www.explorefund.org/>. Deadline: **October 5, 2011**.

[American Public Power Student Research Grants](#) -Students studying energy-related disciplines in the U.S. or Canada can apply for one of 10 student research grants/internships in conjunction with its Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) Program. Applications are due by **October 15** and February 15 each year.

NEA Foundation [Learning & Leadership Grants](#) support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of two purposes. Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. Maximum award: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study. Eligibility: public school teachers grades K-12; public school education support professionals; or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions. Application Deadline: **October 15th**.

[Fields Ponds Foundation](#) provides funding to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving residents in conservation issues in New England and New York State. The Foundation makes grants under the following priorities: Project grants for trailmaking and other enhancement of public access to conservation lands, rivers, coastlines and other natural resources; Land acquisition for conservation; Assistance in establishing endowments for stewardship of conservation areas; and Related education programs. The Foundation encourages proposals from municipal government agencies and may also consider short-term loans to groups for acquiring conservation lands. Proposals and concept papers may be submitted at anytime.

[The Conservation Project Support Program](#) provides support to assist museums with the identification of conservation needs and priorities and ensure the safekeeping of museum collections by implementing sound conservation practices. A full range of activities are eligible for support, including the following: developing progressive, institution-wide approaches to caring for nonliving and living collections; surveys; environmental improvements for collections; treatment of collections; and training of staff, volunteers, and students in conservation practices. Deadline: **October 3rd**.

[The Target Field Trip Grants](#) program provides funds for Spring 2012 K-12 field trips in order to give students throughout the country the opportunity to explore more of the world outside the classroom. Types of eligible trips include art, science, and cultural museum visits; community service and civic projects; career enrichment opportunities; and other events or activities away from the school facility. Application Deadline: **October 3rd**.

[Classroom](#) Projects Focused on Saving Energy at Home -\$750 Awards Available for K-12 Educators based on creativity in discussing energy efficiency and the extent to which projects allow students to take a leadership role in energy efficiency and sustainability efforts. Teachers in Kindergarten through grade 12 as well as community educators and museum educators are welcome to apply. Extra points will be awarded to schools with more than 50 percent of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches and for projects adopting a multi-disciplinary approach involving two or more

subject areas. Awards are available for educators whose programs are located in communities served by one of New York's investor-owned utilities: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation; Consolidated Edison of New York Inc.; National Grid; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation; and Orange & Rockland Utilities Inc. Applications must be received by **Oct. 15, 2011**. Funds can be used to purchase supplies or equipment for use in hands-on activities related to energy efficiency in the home or for community education events.

The [Environmental Education Sub-Grants Program](#) provides support for efforts to increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide participants in environmental education (EE) projects with the skills necessary to make informed environmental decisions and to take responsible actions toward the environment. Proposed activities must address at least one educational priority and one EPA strategic environmental priority. Educational priorities include capacity building, educational advancement, community projects, human health and the environment, EE teaching skills, and career development. EPA strategic environmental priorities include taking action on climate change, improving air quality, assuring the safety of chemicals, cleaning up communities, protecting America's waters, expanding the conversation on environmentalism and working for environmental justice, and building strong state and tribal partnerships. Application Deadline: **November 8th**

The [School Garden Grant Program](#) is collaboration between Whole Kids Foundation, Whole Foods Market and FoodCorps. To be eligible for a garden grant, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or nonprofit K-12 school that is developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development; planning, construction or operation. For cases in which an applicant facilitates garden projects in more than one school, multiple garden grants may be requested under a single application. In occasional cases, additional funds may be awarded for special projects. Application Deadline: **December 31st**.

[Do Something Seed Grants](#) - Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out weekly to help young people (25 or under). Grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. Grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact.

Positions Open

Groundwork Buffalo (GWB) is seeking a highly motivated self-started individual for the position of Neighborhood Environment Specialist ([details](#)). This exciting opportunity will provide the right person with the opportunity to lead our new urban waters initiative within the Mid-City focus area. Work will include community outreach and education, working with neighborhoods to identify environmental concerns and assist them in developing strategies to mitigate the problems; recruit and coordinate volunteers. Qualified individuals should send a resume and letter of interest to: info@groundworkbuffalo.org by **October 28** deadline.

Internships

Aquarium of Niagara Marine Mammal Care Internship-Check out the requirements and application [here](#).

RestoreCorps Volunteers Needed

RestoreCorps is a group of volunteers who restore local waterfronts to their former natural grandeur by planting native plants, removing invasive species, building rain gardens and stabilizing the shoreline. This helps clean up our waterways and enhance wildlife habitats. RestoreCorps volunteers will work at different waterfront locations until November 2011. For more information about RestoreCorps, including our recent events and frequently asked questions, contact Emily McAndrews (716) 852-7483 ext. 31 or email emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org.

Become a Buffalo Zoo Docent: Adult Volunteers Needed

A Buffalo Zoo docent is a volunteer teacher and tour guide, who enjoys spreading the Zoo's message of conservation and education throughout Western New York. Docent training will be on Saturday, January 7, 2012 and continue each Saturday for 13 weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through April 2012. If you are interested in finding out more

information about this unique opportunity, please join us on Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m or on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please call the Zoo's Volunteer Coordinator at [\(716\) 995-6132](tel:7169956132) to reserve your space.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens- Docents needed. Training is provided. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

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

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

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

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Contact Rakoczy12@gmail.com for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preservation Buffalo Niagara-Interns and volunteers are welcome- visit www.preservationbuffaloniagara.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:

Saturday, October 1

Solar Home and Green Building Tour-Kickoff event at Center for Innovation, Buffalo at 10am with 4 workshops. Over 45 sites to visit. For listing of sites, visit www.wnysea.com. Free!!!

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

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

Buffalo Audubon Volunteer Orientation-Become a 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.

Canoe Trek with Iroquois Observations- 9am-1pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at Knowlesville Road bridge. We'll explore the primitive beauty of Oak Orchard Creek with experienced guides. Bring your own canoe or kayak. Life jackets are required. Alcohol is prohibited on the refuge. Questions? Call Rick Allen 1-716-445-9685.

Educator Workshop: Project WILD-9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Project WILD is an award-winning environmental education program for teachers and youth leaders of K-12 students. Participants receive a Project WILD Curriculum and Activity Guide with more than 100 lesson plans. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Maddies Pet Expo- Fundraiser for homeless animal care, Erie County FairGrounds 10am-5PM.

<http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/petexpo.html>

Basic Botany and Plant Environment-The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens is offering classes as part of a Horticulture I Certificate Program. Cost for members of the Botanical Gardens is \$100/series or \$20/class; non-members, \$125/series or \$25/class. You can [register online](#).

Pirate Fest Scare-assic Park 2011-Penn Dixie Site from 4-9pm. Members \$4, Non-Members \$6. An affordable Halloween Pirate themed evening of fun for the entire family! Info at www.penndixie.org.

Bulbapalooza: Success with Spring Bulbs- 10:00am at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd. Amherst, NY 14228. Tulips, Hyacinth, Daffodil & Crocus arrive in September and need to be planted in the fall! Ben Langeveld, of Netherland Bulb Company, will host this class on how to select, plant and care for your favorite spring blooming bulbs. A "Bulb-Aficionado" since childhood, Ben will also introduce you to the wider world of lesser-known bulbs such as snowdrops, scilla, fritillaria and allium. For success with bulbs and spectacular color next spring, attend this class to plan your fall bulb planting projects. Reservations required 716.693.4444.

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

Wonders of Fall Walk-10:30-12:30 PM at Lillibridge ~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. What makes the leaves turn color? This and other fall wonders will be explored on a leisurely walk through the ever changing old growth forest. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Know the Night Walk- 7 to 9pm at Eshelman ~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Unlike humans, night creatures are well adapted to the dark. Come learn and experience these differences in adaptation while you walk our trail in the dark of night. Smell like the coyote, see like the owl! Not appropriate for children under the age of 5. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Document Shredding-3050 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst from 9am-1pm. Free.

Sunday, October 2

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. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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

ReJuve: The Second Annual Great Niagara Boat Dance- Erie Canal Harbor at 5pm. Canoeists and kayakers will be performing along with dance and art installations. www.Boatdance.com.

Niagara Gorge Hiking Series-Our first hike of the Niagara Gorge Hiking Series starts out at Devil's Hole State Park from 10am-12:30pm. Pack up your hiking gear and join a park naturalist as we descend the 300 plus stairs to learn about the geological history, flora and fauna, and the Devil's Hole Massacre that occurred here 248 years ago! *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

"The Real Dirt on Farmer John"-Film screening from 4-6 p.m. This DVD documents the life of Farmer John as he leaves the farm to find himself in a rather unorthodox manner and comes back to start an organic farm on his father's land. Discussion & potluck supper follows at Riverside-Salem UCC Environmental Cottage, 3449 W. River Rd, Grand Island. (Dress warm & wear sturdy shoes, as there is a small hike to the cottage)

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen – Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Howard Zemsky, Managing Partner, Taurus Capital Partners.

Wednesday, October 5

Busy Beavers -6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Take a guided walk to look for beavers in action, and learn about our official New York State mammal. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-9:30am-11am at NYS Thruway Authority. Meeting locations rotate and times subject to change: please call (716) 856-2026 for confirmation.

WNYEA Quarterly Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 5:30pm-7pm at the Marcy Casino, Delaware Park.

Brown Bag Luncheon Series-at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and is free to the public. As the name implies, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or may pre-pay for a "Box Lunch" that will be waiting for them when they arrive. Speaker is Howard Zemsky, Board Member & Monica Pellegrino Faix, Project Coordinator, Richardson – Olmsted Complex Reuse Project. To reserve a seat or order lunch, click [here](#).

Guided Tours of Journeys Into Papua-Buffalo Museum of Science at 2pm, led by the museum's Curator of Collections, Kathy Leacock or Dr. Robert Foster, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Rochester. All tours are included with general museum admission (\$9 adults, \$8 seniors 62+, \$7 children 2-17) and free for Museum Members and children under 2. Private tours of the exhibit may also be arranged with Kathy Leacock for adult groups of 10 or more if scheduled in advance by calling at 716.896.5200 x338. A discounted group admission rate of \$6 per adult is available. For more information about the tours, exhibit or the museum, visit www.sciencebuff.org or call 716.896.5200.

WNY Carnivorous Plant Club-6:15 to 8pm meeting. Main presentation of the night - American Pitcher Plants! – (*Sarracenia*). Carnivorous Plants (CP) in the News and Open Discussion - bring plants OR general questions. Interested in carnivorous plants? Curious about learning more and meeting some of the finest CP gardeners in the area? [Browse our Facebook page](#) to learn more about us. For venue information, contact wnycpclub@aol.com .

Medicinal Garden Reception at Botanical Gardens-Live demonstrations from D'Youville College School of Pharmacy, Seneca Nation of Indians and Garden staff at 4pm to showcase indoor medicinal gardens and announce designs for outdoor gardens.

Thursday, October 6

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

"The Unstill Life of Plants"-Dr. Roger Hangarter will be talking about the remarkable movement of plants observed using his time-lapse photography at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens at 7:30pm. Registration and coffee/tea in the Dome will be at 7 PM followed by the 7:30pm presentation. Tickets are \$20 for members of sponsoring organizations; \$25 non-members; \$10 students with ID. Order tickets at www.buffalogardens.com or call 716.827.1584 ext. 291.

Let's Make ~ A Groovy Tie Dyed Shirt-6 to 8pm. Gen Public \$25/PNC Members \$20 includes all materials. Tie dye is IN! Learn the basics of tie dying using natural berry dyes. Make and take your own masterpiece on a provided 100% cotton t-shirt. You can also bring additional t-shirts (60% cotton or higher is best) to decorate too! <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Buffalo Architecture Attracts International Interest-Why?-Buffalo's own Tim Tielman will explain at 7:00 pm at Daemen College, Rosary Hall. Tim Tielman has been involved in every major preservation issue in Buffalo for over 25 years, first as a member of the Preservation Coalition of Erie County, then as its Executive Director, and presently the founding member and Executive Director of the Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture. Buffalo is blessed with the legacy of such great American architects as Henry Hobson Richardson, Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Louise Blanchard Bethune, a Buffalonian who was the first American female architect. This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, call 839-8212 or email alumni@daemen.edu.

Friday, October 7

Enchanted Forest-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Enjoy an evening walk through magical woods to meet the animals that call Beaver Meadow home! Walk along trails lit with glowing jack-o-lanterns as you visit nocturnal animals portrayed by costumed interpreters who will regale you with stories about their lives. A magical event for all ages. Reservations required. Call 585-457-3228 to reserve your spot today! \$8/\$7 (members).

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Saturday, October 8

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

Technicolor Leaves- 10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Explore how leaves change color on a guided walk. For adults and kids 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Fall Plant Hike- 2:00 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Explore what plants have to offer in fall. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Behind the Scenes- Buffalo Zoo family workshop from 1-3pm. Get a chance to see behind closed doors and meet with zookeepers. Pre-paid registration is required. For more information call the zoo at (716) 995-6128.

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Field Trip: Allegany State Park, Bee Hunter trail- Join us for a hike to see the autumn leaves. The hike will be about 6 miles. Bring lunch. We will meet at the park and ride on route 20A (Orchard park exit) of route 219 at 8:30am. The hike will start at 10am at the Beehunter trail head on ASP 2A (Red House area). Please call or email Ed Fuchs if you plan to come. 598-1307.

Amari's First Birthday-Come celebrate as the Buffalo Zoo's baby gorilla turns one. From 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., sing happy birthday to Amari, watch our gorilla troop receive birthday treats and wrapped presents, make your own birthday card for Amari and join in keeper talks and special raffle. Bring a gift for Amari (new, wrapped baby toys) to be entered to win a painting created by the gorilla troop, including our birthday girl! (All toys received will be donated to The Salvation Army Emergency Family Shelter.)

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Western New York Earth Science Day-Penn Dixie, Hamburg. Enjoy Public Fossil-Collecting and more! 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info at www.penndixie.org.

Winter Preparation of Roses & Perennials-10:00am at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd. Amherst, NY 14228. To divide or not to divide, that is the question, one of many you might have concerning maintenance of your perennial and rose beds. Roses and tender perennials need special care before winter comes. Our perennial staff will have the answers, including information on the proper times and ways to transplant, divide, prune, feed & mulch your perennial or rose garden to keep it healthy and beautiful. We will also touch on how to deter critters from feasting on your delightful, delectable perennial plants. Reservations required . 716.693.4444.

Creative Conversations -4 to 10pm. [Creative Conversation 2011](http://CreativeConversation2011) are local gatherings of engaged citizens in communities across the country as part of a grassroots movement to elevate the profile of arts in America during National Arts & Humanities Month every October. Larkin at Exchange Building. www.ELABuffalo.com for tickets which include dinner. Speakers address public art.

Sunnking Electronics Recycling Event- For a list of acceptable materials for recycling, visit www.sunnking.com/acceptable-materials. Hamburg Central School E-Scrap Recycling Event, 10am - 4pm, Hamburg High School Parking Lot, 4111 Legion Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075.

Fall Cleanup Day-10:00AM-1:00PM, CORNER OF PROSPECT AVE. & HUDSON ST. Join us as we clean-up and secure 330 and 336 Prospect Avenue, two vacant properties that are waiting to be rehabbed in the heart of the Lower West Side community! Enjoy hot dogs and refreshments, while meeting residents in the neighborhood who benefit from your hard work! Learn more and register by contacting our Community Outreach Coordinator at (716) 882-7661 ext 202 or j.yuhnke@hocn.org

How, Why, When and Where to Prune- UrbanRootsWorkshop by Richard Stedman.

Sunday, October 9

WNY Drilling Defense-Meetings open to all interested in controlling hydrofracking. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://www.facebook.com/WNYDrillingDefense>.

Gas Facts Fall Fest- 2 to 5pm at the Buffalo Irish Center, 245 Abbot Rd. Featuring: Film Premiere of a short documentary about Western New York families affected by fracking: "WNY Frack Chat", Informative presentations about how high-volume fracking in NYS could affect WNY, Live music by Babik. Pizza, soda and beer included. Tickets: \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door. Tickets available by contacting Sarah at ssbuckley60@gmail.com, Rita at ryelda@gmail.com, and at Burning Books, 420 Connecticut St, Buffalo, NY. See burningbooksbuffalo.com for hours. Fundraiser for WNY Drilling Defense and POWR, Protecting Our Water Rights.

Enchanted Forest-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Enjoy an evening walk through magical woods to meet the animals that call Beaver Meadow home! Walk along trails lit with glowing jack-o-lanterns as you visit nocturnal animals portrayed by costumed interpreters who will regale you with stories about their lives. A magical event for all ages. Reservations required. Call 585-457-3228 to reserve your spot today! \$8/\$7 (members).

The Big Sit: A day long Bird-A-Thon Event-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 9am-4pm. This is a Bird Watcher's Digest Bird-a-thon to tally as many birds seen or heard in one day while sitting in one location. Bring binoculars, lunch and a chair. Call 585-948-5445 to reserve a spot. You will be contacted to schedule a time.

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. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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

Christmas at the Lighthouse-11am to 4pm at [Golden Hill State Park](#). This annual event sponsored by *Friends of Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse* will include: tours of the lighthouse, bake sale, basket auction, and souvenirs for sale. Visit a state park naturalist's display. There will be food available including a chicken barbeque. Admission to the park and the lighthouse is FREE. Donations to the Friends Group are gratefully accepted. **For information call (716)795-3885.**

Building Buffalo: Local Architects at Forest Lawn-Jennifer Walkowski, Acting President, Louise Bethune Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians. 2pm at the Forest Lawn Chapel. Tickets \$15-reserve seats at www.forest-lawn.com.

Monday, October 10

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

Tree-topia!-10AM-2 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Autumn is a leaf-errific time to celebrate all things trees! Sharon Tiburzi of Owl Facts will be presenting live birds of prey between the hours of 12-2pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Non-Members: \$5. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Tuesday, October 11

"A Look at Lichens"- Jim Battaglia, NFBS Past President, will share knowledge acquired at the Humboldt Field Research Institute in Maine, where he has taken lichen courses the past several summers. Niagara Frontier Botanical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Main St. (one block south of Main St.) in Snyder. All General Meetings are open to the public and free of charge.

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen - Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Catherine Schweitzer, NYState Delegate, NTHP.

Full Hunter's Moon Stroll-6:30-8 PM for Adults and youth 12 and older at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Learn about the Hunter's Moon while strolling around Tifft. Non-Members: \$5. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Do Wolves Live in the Adirondacks?-ADK meeting from 7-9pm. Join Steve and Wendy Hall, professional wildlife rehabilitation experts and their Adirondack Wildlife and Rehabilitation Center for an evening of as they describe what they do at the Refuge, why they do it (the wolf project, the barn owl & kestrel project, etc.) and how it all relates to the imbalance in nature we've brought upon ourselves, and how to fix it. Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Snyder. NOTE: Please park in rear and enter through back door.

On Main Street - A Fundraiser for Buffalo First!- 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Chow Chocolat, 731 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14203. Featuring Chow Chocolat specialties, live local music and a memorable evening. Tickets are \$10 for Buffalo First! members, \$15 for not-yet-members presale by [clicking here](#), tickets will be \$20 at the door.

WNY Environmental Alliance Habitat & Natural Resources Working Group Meeting - 4 PM in the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo community room, 712 Main Street, Buffalo. Jay Burney and other members of the Habitat Working Group would like to convene this meeting to organize an approach to future work, planning, and work contexts. Habitat, biodiversity, and recognizing and exposing our ecological strengths and weaknesses, are issues that we need to invest our time and energy in. For questions, or to RSVP, please email RebekahW@cfgb.org.

Wednesday, October 12

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

"If Our Water Could Talk" - Tour of Riverkeeper programs 12pm – 1pm at Riverkeeper Office, 1250 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY 14213. Please join us for a free, one hour informational tour. During the tour, attendees will learn about Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper's programs and the impacts our work is having on the community. To reserve your spot, please contact (716) 852-7483 ext. 13 or dmorgan@bnriverkeeper.org.

Western New York Stormwater Coalition Meeting-2pm at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library located at 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Every meeting is open to the public. Meetings 2nd Wed. of the month except July and December.

Full Hunter's Moon Walk- 6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Search for nocturnal creatures during a guided walk under the full moon. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Advanced Energy 2011 Conference-at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo. The conference program will include a continental breakfast each morning, plated lunch featuring one or more keynote speakers on both days, a networking cocktail reception, exhibit booths and a poster session. For info and registration, visit [conference](#).

Thursday, October 13

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

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Friday, October 14

2011 World on Your Plate-7 to 9:30pm for first night of event which features a Friday night film and discussion, starting with the documentary: The Economics of Happiness. Wick Student Center, Daemen College. For more information, check out <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>

Woodpecker Wander-5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Lake Erie State Park. Hammering out insects with my bill, I drum out songs and never stay still! Noisy vocals, I like to rock, while using my tail as a supporting prop. A Downy, Flicker of Pileated light, things could get Hairy at Lake Erie tonight! **For information & registration call (716) 549-1050.**

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

Saturday, October 15

Pearl Street Corridor Renewal Project Pick-Up Buffalo – Working for Downtown seeks volunteers to help maintain and care for the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of the Pearl Street Grille & Brewery and clean up the neighborhood until noon.

<http://www.workingfordowntown.org/content/images/pickup-2011.jpg>

2011 World on Your Plate –Annual event on food and sustainable living. Keynote speaker is Judy Wicks, founder of the White Dog Café, co-founder of the nationwide Business Alliance for Local Living Economies and founder of the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia. Workshops will be taught by local community leaders, including Sarah Bishop, Executive Director of Buffalo First, Christina Abt, radio commentator and author of Chicken Wing Wisdom, and Tom Rivers, newspaper reporter for The Daily News in Batavia, NY, and author of, Farm Hands: Hard Work and Hard Lessons from Western New York Fields. \$25 pre-registration; \$30 at the door; Free for students. Register and info at <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>.

Secrets of the Old-Growth Forest- 10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Take a guided walk among Reinstein Woods' oldest trees and learn about this beautiful and historic forest. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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

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

The Real Goat Island- Join naturalist Mark Carra on an eye-opening hike around the Goat Island you think you know. Between the rich true history and the fascinating flora and fauna of this jewel of WNY you will not find disappointment. If you wish to go up onto the observation tower you will need to bring \$1.00 per person. This will allow you to look from the tower and give access to the base of the American Falls. We will avoid most of the tourist trappings to see a side of the island most never see. Free to Buffalo Audubon members - open to all. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - call 585-457-3228 to register.

Big Tree Trek- Evangola State Park from 9am-11am. Deep in the canopied forest awaits twisted tree relics of all different shapes. Red Maple, Black Cherry and Tulip so tall, a wooded cathedral never felled with a saw! Our forest adventure is sure to be swell, discovering old trees and the stories that they tell! ***For information & registration call (716) 549-1050.***

Niagara Gorge Hiking Series- American Falls- 10am to 2pm. Gorge Trail at Niagara Falls State Park. Hike with us and learn about one of the first hydroelectric plants in the world! Our hike will take us down to the site of the Schoellkopf Power station. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Plant which replaced this former station. *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Creating a Birdscape- 2:00pm at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY 14228. Many of us enjoy feeding and observing our area songbirds, but some communities frown on filling artificial bird feeders for health reasons! Learn how to supply natural food for the birds along with shelter and nesting sites using plant material. Lana will introduce you to trees and shrubs that offer some of these essential elements. Learn which plants will provide natural food for birds to enjoy, while you enjoy the beauty, flower and foliage color of these plants throughout the year. Reservations required 716.693.4444.

The Basics of Maple Syrup Production- 10am - 2pm at Hofheins Maple, 1058 Attica Gulf Rd, Attica NY 14011. Whether you are a New Producer, a Beginner Producer, or a Small Commercial Producer, this workshop will provide you with valuable production information on methods, materials, management, and much more. Sign up today! Cost for this workshop is \$10 which includes lunch. Registration is required by **Monday, October 10th.** For information please contact Deb Welch at 585-786-2251 or wyoingcountycce@cornell.edu

Bulb Workshop- [UrbanRootsWorkshop](#) by David Clark.

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

Sunday, October 16

Colors of Tiff: A Friends of Tiff Event- 2-4 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. What better way to enjoy fall colors than a trip to Tiff Nature Preserve? Come for a tree ID workshop with Friends of Tiff and enjoy the turning leaves. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family. Free for FOT Members.

Building Buffalo: Local Architects at Forest Lawn- Jennifer Walkowski, Acting President, Louise Bethune Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians. 2pm at the Forest Lawn Chapel. Tickets \$15-reserve seats at www.forest-lawn.com.

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

Global Economic Justice Task Force Inaugural Meeting-4 P.M. at Spot Coffee, 765 Elmwood Ave (at Cleveland Ave), Buffalo, NY. This task force would explore these issues, and develop educational and direct action plans to confront them. Possible activities may include: developing and distributing educational materials, hosting movie nights of relevant movies, demonstrations and street theater, letter-writing campaigns, etc. You are welcome to join, and participate on any level. Contact Eric Gallion egallion@verizon.net or 826-3776 or 310-4292.

Genetically Engineered Food- Follow up to World on Your Plate (Sat. Oct. 15) discussion. We will continue the conversation about GE/GMO food & other developments from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. followed by a potluck supper at Riverside-Salem UCC Environmental Cottage, 3449 W. River Rd, Grand Island. (Dress warm & wear sturdy shoes, there is a short hike to the cottage).

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

Alien Investigation Hike-6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Join a guided nature walk focused on non-native species that are invading forests and ponds. Registration required; call 683-5959.

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen - Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Mark Croce, President, Statler City (includes tour).

Wednesday, October 19

Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM in the Market Arcade, 617 Main St. Buffalo NY 14203. Free and open to all interested citizens. www.citizenstransit.org.

National Preservation Conference: Alternating Currents-The conference includes workshops, speakers, field trips and more. Details [here](#).

DEC Air Quality Presentation-DEC will discuss the data that has been collected from the 2 air monitors in Tonawanda, and present the opportunity for residents to ask questions on this information. 7pm at the City of Tonawanda Senior Center - 35 Main St. City of Tonawanda to learn what's in our air, the progress that's been made, and the work that needs to be done. Check www.cacwny.org.

WNY Herpetological Society-8pm at Main Building, Medaille College. <http://www.wnyherpsociety.org/>

Thursday, October 20

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

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Friday, October 21

Owl Prowl-6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Discover our local owls, and listen for them on a walk in the woods. For adults and kids age 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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Saturday, October 22

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

Nature Journaling- 10:00 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Make a nature journal and explore basic drawing and painting techniques you can use. For adults and kids 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center from 10am-3pm. This workshop is for any Boy Scout who wishes to earn his Forestry Merit Badge. \$12 per scout Registration required. www.buffaloudubon.org

Owl Prowl at Iroquois Wildlife Refuge-Join in a nocturnal search for owls. Be prepared for an off road walk. We will caravan to another site. For the whole family. Approx. 2 hours. Pre-registration is required. Limit 75 participants. Call 1-585-948-5445 \$free.

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Composting Workshop-Urban Roots. Contact for details at [urbanroots](#).

The Seedy Truth about Nuts and Berries- 10:30am to 2:30pm. Lillibridge ~ Public \$10/ Members \$5. Autumn fields are abundant with nature's harvest. Uncover the mysteries of how nature packages her seeds and the clever ways they are dispersed in fall on this walk through the fields of Lillibridge. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Niagara Gorge Hiking Series: Rim Trail-10am to 12:30 pm at Whirlpool State Park. Grab your walking shoes as we take a stroll along the gorge via the rim trail. Along the way we will learn about the natural and local history and be treated with spectacular views of the Lower Niagara River. **For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.**

Food, Films & Music: Celebrating WNY's finest bounty-5 to 10pm at Horsefeathers Community Market, 346 Connecticut St., Buffalo. Join the inaugural event for the future Horsefeathers Community Market space at Connecticut St and Normal Ave as we celebrate Food Day 2011. Complete with speakers, educational poster sessions and tables, children's activities, music, tours and of course, FOOD! [Click here](#) for our Facebook page.

Buffalo Zoo Docent Information meeting-10am-noon. Please call the Zoo's Volunteer Coordinator at [\(716\) 995-6132](tel:7169956132) to reserve your space. Docents are volunteer teachers and tour guides, who enjoyspreading the Zoo's message of conservation and education throughout Western New York. Docent training will being on Saturday, January 7, 2012 and continue each Saturday for 13 weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through April 2012.

Composting- [UrbanRootsWorkshop](#) covers the methods of composting.

Sunday, October 23

WNY Drilling Defense-Meetings open to all interested in controlling hydrofracking. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://www.facebook.com/WNYDrillingDefense>.

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Nature's Circle: Beaver Builders-10:30-11:15 AM for ages 2-3 at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting during an outdoor circle time at Tiff. A short walk around the preserve will end our time 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.

Green Cuisine-Green Cuisine is a newly formed food group dedicated to healthy, whole foods and lifestyles. We meet the 4th Monday of every month. This month's focus will be allergies, particularly wheat allergy and sensitivities. We will begin with a presentation followed by discussion and sharing of our experiences. If you have any exceptional recipes using alternative grains or legumes please bring samples and/or recipes for sharing. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Epiphany UCC, 9365 Clarence Center Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032 (741-1441).

Tuesday, October 25

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 248 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

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

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Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

Let's Make ~ Recycled Note Paper- 6 to 8pm. Gen Public \$25/PNC Members \$20 includes all materials. Save a tree! Learn the basics of papermaking and create neat and interesting paper out of old recycled newspaper. Make and take your own recycled notecards. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>

Owl Prowl at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve-6:30pm. Join Chuck Rosenberg 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. Reservations are required for all events and hikes. Please call (716) 687-1225 or email info@wnylc.org for directions and reservations. The hikes are public events and are free of charge.

Saturday, October 29

Outdoor Skills-10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Create rope from plants and learn to build a survival shelter from natural materials. For adults and kids age 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Niagara Gorge Hiking Series: Scenic Overlooks-Niagara Falls State Park. Get a taste of hiking the Niagara Gorge with a park naturalist by hiking the four scenic overlook areas of the Niagara Gorge. Along the way we will stop and learn about the vital role this area played during the industrial era as well as other amazing facts about the local and natural history. *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.* Hourly from 10am-3pm.

Halloween Spooktacular-New York Power Authority from 10am-4pm. 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.*

Winterize Your Landscape - Outdoor Demonstration- 10:00am at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd. Amherst, NY 14228. This winter, Mother Nature will inevitably blast us with both barrels and animal critters will be on the prowl for whatever food is available. Take steps to protect your plants from damaging snow and ice as well as roaming rodents, rabbits and deer. Our experienced staff will share and demonstrate professional methods for pruning, mulching and preparing your landscape for the long winter months. Includes winterizing roses! Dress for the weather, this is a rain or shine outdoor class. Reservations required 716.693.4444.

Owl Prowl at Iroquois Wildlife Refuge-Join in a nocturnal search for owls. Be prepared for an off road walk. We will caravan to another site. For the whole family. Approx. 2 hours. Pre-registration is required. Limit 75 participants. Call 1-585-948-5445 \$free.

Pharmaceutical Collection Day-10 am to 2 pm at multiple locations in [Erie County](#) and the [City of Buffalo](#).

Transitioning into Winter- [UrbanRootsWorkshop](#) by Elizabeth Lipsitz.

Sunday, October 30

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

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Little Tykes Mini Nature Camp: Bat-tastic!-9:30-11:30 AM for ages 3-5 at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Enjoy a fall morning and explore at Tiftt Nature Preserve. Nature games, crafts, hikes, snacks and more are in store as we learn about our nighttime neighbor, the bat! Non-Members: \$8 per session per child and adult, \$4 additional children with the same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Tuesday, November 1

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Wednesday, November 2

Brown Bag Luncheon Series-at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and is free to the public. As the name implies, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or may pre-pay for a "Box Lunch" that will be waiting for them when they arrive. Speaker is Robert Gioia, President, John R. Oishei Foundation, discussing ways to enhance the vitality and the quality of life for the Buffalo Niagara region. To reserve a seat or order lunch, click [here](#).

Waste and Pollution Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo. Meetings are open to all Members, Supporters and Affiliates of the Alliance and to the public. Anyone interested in recycling is welcome to attend.

Food , Agriculture and Gardening Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 5:30-6:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo. Meetings are open to all Members, Supporters and Affiliates of the Alliance and to the public.

Thursday, November 3

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

Energy & Climate Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4:30-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo. Meetings are open to all Members, Supporters and Affiliates of the Alliance and to the public.

Hamburg Natural History Society and Penn Dixie Fundraiser- 7 to 9 PM, at Romanello's South Restaurant, 5793 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY. Silent and voice auctions, raffles, hors d'oeuvres, and more. Donations of baskets, gift certificates, artwork, toys, holiday baskets, tickets for football, hockey or basket ball games are welcome. Pre-sale tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door. Public is invited. Call (716) 627-4560 to purchase pre-sale tickets or make a donation for this important annual event.

Guided Tours of Journeys Into Papua-Buffalo Museum of Science at 2pm. All tours are included with general museum admission (\$9 adults, \$8 seniors 62+, \$7 children 2-17) and free for Museum Members and children under 2. Private tours of the exhibit may also be arranged with Kathy Leacock for adult groups of 10 or more if scheduled in advance by calling at 716.896.5200 x338. A discounted group admission rate of \$6 per adult is available. For more info about the tours, exhibit or the museum, visit www.sciencebuff.org or call 716.896.5200.

Saturday, November 5

Surviving White-tailed Deer-1:00 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Learn how to cope with white-tailed deer in your neighborhood and yard. For adults only. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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

Buffalo Audubon Volunteer Orientation-Become a 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.

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

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

Iroquois Observation Field Trip to Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant-9am to 1pm. Meet at front gate, 9 Tredeasy Ave, Batavia. \$free. www.buffaloudubon.org for more info.

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.

Sunday, November 6

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 Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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

Land Conservancy Speakers Series- Kenan Center, Lockport from 2 to 4pm. Stan Radon, Geologist, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, will speak about time, climate, and the evolution of the geology and landscape of Western New York, specifically regarding the significance of the Niagara Escarpment. Reservations are required, please call (716) 687-1225 or email info@wnylc.org. Free of charge.

Monday, November 7

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

Tuesday, November 8

“Natural History Explorations in Southern Africa”- Professor Jon Titus and botanist Priscilla Titus will recount their sabbatical year spent in Botswana. They will introduce us to the local flora and fauna and discuss current land management practices. Niagara Frontier Botanical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Main St, (one block south of Main St.) in Snyder. All General Meetings are open to the public and free of charge.

Andy of the Mountains - ADK monthly meeting with program from 7-9pm. Living life in the Adirondacks as a woodsman of the 1750's featuring Andrew Eberhardt, a NYS Licensed Guide! Andy is a re-enactor who portrays a member of Roger's Rangers The Rangers were a group of men who were able to use their woodsman skills to battle the Brits during the French and Indian War. He will arrive in full dress for that era including his gear and backpack. Learn what a "Cup of Squirrel" is all about plus much more! Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Snyder. NOTE: Please park in rear and enter through back door.

Behind the Scenes at UB: Fall 2011 PSS Tours- Greiner Residence Hall from 11:30am to 1pm. Free tour. This state-of-the-art residence hall was designed to meet U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating, with eco-friendly features such as floor tiling made from recycled soda bottles, low-flow faucets, and man-made ponds which capture rainwater before it enters an overloaded sewer system. It was also designed to conform with best practices in products and services accessible to people of many different abilities.

Wednesday, November 9

"If Our Water Could Talk" - Tour of Riverkeeper programs 12pm – 1pm at Riverkeeper Office, 1250 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY 14213. Please join us for a free, one hour informational tour. During the tour, attendees will learn about Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper's programs and the impacts our work is having on the community. To reserve your spot, please contact (716) 852-7483 ext. 13 or dmorgan@bnriverkeeper.org.

Western New York Stormwater Coalition Meeting-2pm at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library located at 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Every meeting is open to the public. Meetings 2nd Wed. of the month except July and December.

Environmental Justice Working Group Meeting -4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Hosted by Western New York Environmental Alliance @ Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 712 Main St.

Thursday, November 10

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

Saturday, November 12

The Scoop on Poop-10:00 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Explore stories told by scat (animal poop) about which creatures are in the woods and where they roam. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Nature's Gathering: An Evening of Art, Wine and Cheese-5:00 to 8:00 PM at Knights of Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY. Taste fine regional wines, cheese and hors d'oeuvres while viewing nature-themed artwork for sale by WNY artists. Proceeds benefit Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve. Call 716-683-5959 for ticket information.

What Zookeepers Do- Buffalo Zoo family workshop from 10am-noon. Learn about the variety of diets, practice training techniques and learn how zookeepers manage the animals. Pre-paid registration is required, and all participants are required to pay the workshop fee. For more information call the zoo at (716) 995-6128.

Telescope 101-Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting at Buffalo State College, Classroom Building C122, Buffalo, New York 14222 ([map](#)). BAA telescope connoisseur Larry Carlino will present a survey of instruments and issues to consider as you look to buy or use an astronomical telescope. Members are welcome to come with their own instruments and to share their experience with the general public. We will do some solar observing if the weather cooperates. More on this event as the date draws closer, but be sure to mark this special Saturday meeting on your calendar.

Gorge at Low Water-10am-2:30pm at Whirlpool State Park. 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.*

Sunday, November 13

WNY Drilling Defense-Meetings open to all interested in controlling hydrofracking. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://www.facebook.com/WNYDrillingDefense>.

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 Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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Tuesday, November 15

America Recycles Day-National focus on recycling.

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Wednesday, November 16

Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM in the Market Arcade, 617 Main St. Buffalo NY 14203. Free and open to all interested citizens. www.citizenstransit.org.

Thursday, November 17

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

The Business of Energy- Sustainable Buildings- 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m at UB Center for Tomorrow- North Camps, Buffalo, NY. The Business of Energy series is designed to help businesses compete by reviewing the latest research, technical advancements, and commercial and regulatory developments in the area of alternative energy. For more information and to register visit www.businessofenergy.org

Indoor Explore ~ Migrating Birds- 6 to 8pm. ~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. It's the change of seasons! Learn which birds stay and which leave the area for other parts of the world. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Saturday, November 19

Recycled Robots-1:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Transform old gadgets into insects, spiders and hovercrafts. For adults and kids ages 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop-10am to 3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. This workshop is for any Boy Scout who wishes to earn his Indian Lore Merit Badge. \$12 per scout. Register with Buffalo Audubon- (800) 377-1520.

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.

Buffalo Zoo Docent Information meeting-10am-noon. Please call the Zoo's Volunteer Coordinator at [\(716\) 995-6132](tel:7169956132) to reserve your space. Docents are volunteer teachers and tour guides, who enjoy spreading the Zoo's message of conservation and education throughout Western New York. Docent training will begin on Saturday, January 7, 2012 and continue each Saturday for 13 weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through April 2012.

Sunday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 22

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 248 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

Friday, November 25

Turkey Stroll-10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Join a guided nature walk to look for wild turkeys and the clues they leave behind. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Saturday, November 26

Leaf Hunt- 10:00 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Explore the forest as you search for leaves from different trees. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Sunday, November 27

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. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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Tuesday, November 29

Teaching By Example- Tyra Johnson, Blue Sky Design will speak about and answer questions on her area of expertise related to Buffalo First!'s mission of building a just, sustainable and local living economy in Buffalo and Western New York. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Merge (side room), 439 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202. Buffalo First members free, non-members joining us for the first time will pay a one-time cost of \$10.

Tips for the Environment:

1. Be a greener pet owner. Reuse bags for waste, consider a pet waste composter and use biocompostable bags, adopt from shelters or rescue groups, make your own toys (tied rope scraps, old tshirts stitched together). Choose your flea products carefully. Consider your choices for cat litter. For more tips, check [here and http://blog.raiseagreendog.com/](http://blog.raiseagreendog.com/).

2. Used Tea bags- Teabags can be used to retain moisture at the bottom of plant pots/hanging baskets before filling with soil, can be used as an eye compress to reduce swelling, to dye fabrics and paper art projects, soothe insect bites and sunburns.

3. Reuse and recycle your Tips for the Environment-we are probably all using CFL bulbs, recycling regularly and engaging in lots of earth-friendly behaviors. It's time to reuse and recycle- I've compiled the list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for any missed at [econews](http://econews.com). 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.buffalosprees.com/Buffero-Sprees/Events/>

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

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

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

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

Wildlife Webcams-

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

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

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carvings for a Cause- www.carvingsforacause.com/

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

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

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

Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecattrail.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org

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

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

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

Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal

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

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

Green Jobs and Opportunities

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

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Busti Cider Mill- www.busticidermill.com
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.com
Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>
The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>
Queen City Farm- www.queencityfarm.org/
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sweet Harvest- www.sweetharvest.com
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>
NYSAWG Links to Farmers' Markets, CSA, Other farms- <http://www.nysawg.org/directory-of-farms.html>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Amherst residents' electronics- Amherst Highway Department, 1042 N. Forest Rd., Amherst from 7am-7pm M-F
Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores, Lowe's
Computer equipment-Accepted at all local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers
Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities
Expired or Unused Medicines- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Drug disposal best practices- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Rechargeable Batteries-drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy , Target, Walmart, Radio Shack, Lowe's
Household Goods-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Sneakers-Reinstein Woods
Plastic shopping bags-groceries, many retailers
Recycling A to Z - [realsimple](http://realsimple.com)

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

Regional Environmental Websites with Calendars:

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

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

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June	http://www.adk-nfc.org/home.php
Amherst State Park Arboretum	http://www.amherststatepark.org
Animal Advocates of Western New York	www.animalswny.org
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	www.awarewildlife.com
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	http://www.bergenswamp.org/
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center Volunteer Day every Wed. 10am-2pm at Beaver Meadow	www.buffaloaudubon.org
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://buffaloeearthday.com/EarthDay/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Environmental Management Commission	www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices
Buffalo First	www.buffalofirst.org/
Buffalo Geological Society Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Growing	http://buffalogrowing.org/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/

Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Green Expo	http://buffaloniagaragreenexpo.wordpress.com/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/
Buffalo ReUse	www.buffaloreuse.org/
Buffalo ReuseIT	http://buffaloreuseit.wordpress.com/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education	www.buoe.org
Buffalo Waterfront	http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	http://ceinfo.org/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	www.cectoxic.org/index.html
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	http://www.cacwny.org/
Community Action Organization of Erie County	http://www.caoec.org/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/
Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities	www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE

Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
Eastside Redevelopment Task Force	http://eastsideredevlopment.org/
Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Justice Action Group of Western New York	http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/ny.html
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie County Community College Going Green	http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	http://www.eriectyfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Evergreen-Buffalo State College	www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen
Excalibur Leisure Skills	http://excaliburls.org
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
First Hand Learning	www.firsthandlearning.org
For A Clean Tonawanda Site	www.factsofwny.com/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/
Friends of the Lower Great Lakes	http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/

Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp
Garden Walk Buffalo	http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/
Genesee County Nature Center	www.gcv.org
Good Going WNY	www.goodgoingwny.com
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 4-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Beach Sweep	http://greatlakesbeachsweep.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org
Green and Mean (it)	http://www.greenandmeanit.com/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Groundwork Buffalo	http://www.groundworkbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://www.habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	www.hawkcreek.org
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities	www.healthykidshealthycommunities.org/communities/buffalo-ny
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	www.jamestownaudubon.org
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	www.jnkscallofthewild.org
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jsbuffalo.com

League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.buffalolisc.org
Maddie's Pet Rescue Project	http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	www.mass-ave.org
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	ww2.cattco.org/tag/nannen-arboretum
National Buffalo Garden Festival	http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org/centralwestern
Nature Ed-Ventures	www.natureed-ventures.com
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	http://www.nysacny.org/index.php
New York State Parks	www.nysparks.com
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
New York State Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	http://www.nysawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara County Farm Bureau	http://niagarafb.org/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	www.niagaracounty.com/landfill/otherrecycling.asp
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/

Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsdl/
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	http://www.nfwhc.org/
Niagara Heritage Partnership	http://www.niagaraheritage.org/
Niagara Restoration Council	www.niagararestoration.org/
Niagara River Anglers Association	http://www.niagarariveranglers.com
Niagara River Greenway Commission	www.niagaragreenway.org
Niagara University Sustainability	http://www.niagara.edu/green/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Our Water Future	http://ourwaterfuture.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
ReNU Niagara	http://www.niagara.edu/renu/
Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org/main.html
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara

South Buffalo Alive	http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/
Sustainable Earth Solutions	www.sustainableearthsolutions.com
Tifft Nature Preserve Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825-6397 to confirm walk taking place	www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx
UBEN-UB Environmental Network Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, 250 Student Union	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/esw
UB ERIE Program	http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/
UB Green Office	http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen
Urban Design Project at UB	http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps	http://www.wnyamericorps.org
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.growwny.org/
Western New York Herpetological Society	http://www.wnyherpsociety.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 Stormwater Coalition	www.erie.gov/stormwater
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	www.wnysea.com
West Side Ministries	http://www.westsideminstries.org/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wildlife Educators Coalition	http://www.nywec.com/
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://www.wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Education	http://www.wildspirit.org/
Wind Action Group	http://www.buffalowind.org
Working for Downtown	http://www.workingfordowntown.org/
Zoar Valley Nature Society	www.zoarvalley.org