

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Drive-through Community Pharmaceutical Drop-Off

A drop-off program for unused household medications is planned for Saturday, **April 10** from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Joseph Hospital, 2605 Harlem Road. Used pharmaceuticals should be disposed of properly and not tossed in the trash or flushed down the toilet. For more info, visit www.chsbuffalo.org/AboutUs/News/Archive/March2010/SSJCDropOff.

Environmental Documentary Series at Burchfield Penney

The Burchfield Penney Art Gallery is hosting a four part screening series of environmental documentaries to go along with their "Heat Waves in the Swamp" exhibition of Charles Burchfield's paintings. They are running two community screenings of feature documentaries: "Everything's Cool" (about global warming) on **April 8** at 8:00 p.m and "No Impact Man" on **April 22** at 7:00 p.m. They are also screening two afternoons of short environmental documentaries by WNY filmmakers, on **Sun April 11 and Sun April 25**. Check the event calendar for times for each.

Buffalo's Waters: Conservation Conversation 2010

Adirondack Mountain Club's Niagara Frontier Chapter presents Conservation Conversation 2010 "Buffalo's Waters: the History, Present and Future of one of our Planet's Most Water-Rich Environments on **Saturday, April 10**. This session includes presenters Jerold Bastedo of Penn Dixie, Rachel Heckl of Great Lakes United, Theresa Hudson of the US Army Corps of Engineers and Tim Tielman from Campaign for Greater Buffalo. The free event is from 8:30am-1pm at the Gateway Executive Office near Woodlawn Beach State Park.

"Building Your Self-Reliance Skills Basket: The Art of Empowered Connectedness in Nature"

Heartwood Wilderness and Web of Life join to bring retreat participants invaluable intuitive and active self-reliance skills in a time when sustainability depends on the balance of survival skills. The retreat is from **April 9-11** at Arnot State Park in Central New York (Arnot Forest: www.dnr.cornell.edu/arnot/). Tuition of \$375 includes: A shared experience in wilderness skills, fire side teachings, 6 wholesome meals, heated rustic cabins, and use of conference hall for inside gathering space. Space is Limited! Check on availability with organizers as **payment is requested by April 2**. Make checks payable to: Conexus: 157 Piper Rd., Newfield, NY 14867. For more information: Denise Ashman (716-512-2155) or Sue Hirschberger (607-379-0161).

Wilderness First Aid Course

The Essentials of Wilderness First Aid will be offered by Russ Crispell at the UB South Campus on **April 11** from 5pm—9pm. Cost is \$45 and includes first aid kit and book. At Wilderness Safety Institute we have streamlined the 16 hours of typical WFA instruction down to the essentials of Wilderness First Aid to only 4 hours. Designed for the individual or

small groups that travel beyond pavement into the outdoors, the essentials of WFA covers the most critical aspects of providing safety and first-aid in a wilderness setting. Adhering to the wisdom of the Wilderness Medical Society and its guidelines we will give you both theory and practical up-to-date training. Note: Last Hour will be conducted outside – please at be prepared to bring a day pack and appropriate hiking clothes and boots. Mail Registration Form To: 307 Glencove Road, Tonawanda, New York 14223 with Checks Payable To: Russ Crispell. Contact Russ at 716.481.5406.

Buffalo ReUse Seeks Artists for Bird Abode Exhibition

This goes out to all the artists and bird watchers! Buffalo ReUse is hosting an art exhibition in April, our first BIRD ABODE EXHIBITION. Do you have an idea for a bird house that incorporates recycled material, found objects or green technology? Maybe your perfect birdhouse has a fountain to attract flamingos or solar panels to warm those penquin toes. Remember, ostriches and emus need homes too! Send jpgs of your entries and other inquiries to refindarts@buffaloreuse.org. Deadline is **April 12**.

Green Infrastructure Workshop

The Green Infrastructure Workshop in Rochester on **April 12** will provide expert insight into the issues affecting the design, installation and maintenance of green infrastructure in upstate New York and is targeted at engineers, planners, municipal officials, architects, landscape architects, planning consultants, and public works officials and those interested in learning more about this environmental topic. The event is from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM at Golisano Institute for Sustainability at RIT, 111 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623. Workshop fee of \$95 includes registration, breaks and lunch. [Click here](#) to register for the event. For more info contact, George Thomas at gthomas@ceinfo.org.

Annual Sierra Club Niagara Group Dinner

The Niagara Group Annual Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, April 12** at the Eagle House Restaurant, 2nd floor, 5578 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221. The dinner will include guest speaker Michael Goehle of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service who will give a presentation on invasive water and land species. He has been extensively involved with the Great Lakes and the issue of the Asian Carp. The following awards will also be presented: The Blake Reeves award to attorney and ExCom member, Richard Lippes; The Bruce Kershner award to author and former Executive Director of Great Lakes United, Margaret Wooster; A Volunteer Service award to Trailblazer co-editor Gretchen White. The function will commence at 5:45 pm. Dinner is Dutch treat and all are invited. If you wish to attend, please call Bob Ciesielski at (716) 895-3367 (office), (716) 839-0180 (home), or send an email to rmciesie@yahoo.com.

Sustainable Stewardship: Greening Historic Buildings

Preservation Buffalo Niagara is sponsoring a free lecture “Sustainable Stewardship -- Greening Historic Buildings” from 2-4pm on Tuesday **April 13** at the Larkin on Exchange Building, 6th Floor. The speaker is Barbara A. Campagna, FAIA, LEED AP, Chief Architect of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Sustainability Program is demonstrating that conservation and improvement of our existing built resources, including re-use of historic and older buildings, greening the existing building stock, and reinvestment in older and historic communities, is crucial to combating climate change. Barbara Campagna will discuss the National Trust’s Sustainability Program and how the 29 historic sites of the National Trust are integrating historic preservation values with green building practices – from green housekeeping techniques to sustainability master plans to LEED certification for historic rehabilitations. Preservationists, design professionals, building managers and persons focusing on sustainable energy should attend this workshop. Pre-Registration is Required-- This workshop is free but seating is limited. To register, call 716 852-3300 or email name and address to info@preservationbuffaloniagara.org.

Jane Goodall to Speak at Canisius College

The Canisius College Institute for the Study of Human-Animal Relations and The William H. Fitzpatrick Institute of Public Affairs and Leadership proudly announce a special lecture “Gombe and Beyond: The Next Fifty Years” by Jane Goodall on **April 14** at 7:30 pm in the Canisius College Koessler Athletic Center. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Tift Nature Preserve School Earth Day Program for 2010

Celebrate National Environmental Education Week and Earth Day at Tift Nature Preserve on **Thursday, April 15** from 10am-1pm! Students will learn about Tift's wildlife, various habitats, alternative energy sources, recycling, composting, and more! Please dress appropriately for the outdoors. Theme Days offer hands-on inquiry-based activities centered on particular themes for grades 3-8. Students will encounter new concepts, make connections, and gain a better understanding of the world around them. Space is limited to 90! **To register your group**, please call Robin Mancuso at 716.896.5200 x338 or email rmancuso@sciencebuff.org Fee: \$5 per student

Buffalo First Volunteer Orientation

On Thursday, **April 15th**, Buffalo First will be hosting our first ever Volunteer Orientation. This non-profit helps to promote locally-owned businesses. Be a part of the network of people working to strengthen our local economy and find out about opportunities to get involved. Orientation will be held from 6:30-8pm. Refreshments will be provided. To RSVP contact Rebecca Newberry at rnewberry@gmail.com or call 716-725-6100. Location will be given to those who RSVP.

2010 Buffalo-Niagara Earth Day Celebration Green Schools Contest : Open for Submissions

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and the 40th anniversary of our company, Ecology and Environment, Inc. is hosting a Project Earth Green Schools Contest to highlight the efforts of western New York schools to become more environmentally sustainable. The contest is offered in conjunction with the Buffalo Niagara Earth Day Celebration and any Grade 6-12 class or school club in Western New York is eligible to participate. Please visit buffaloeearthday.com to learn more! Deadline to submit your project is **April 16!!!** Share your school's green efforts on ProjectEarth.net and enter your class or school club to win a \$500 award.

Whether your school has been striving to address environmental concerns for many years or is just starting to take steps to "go green," we encourage you to share your good ideas and highlight any initial success you have achieved. Your entry will be seen by other schools that will benefit from your ideas and experience. Visit <http://www.projectearth.net/> for more info.

Boom Day Events Planned

BoomDays are coming! The expanse of Western New York's and Southern Ontario's waterfront will be magically transformed into a "boomtown" with the Eighth Annual "Boom Days" celebration, **April 15-17, 2010**. "Boom Days" is the region's grass roots celebration of the advent of spring, commencing each year with the lifting of the Lake Erie-Niagara River ice boom. "Boom Days" commemorates the Niagara region's bustling waterways of days gone by, glorifies our natural, artistic and cultural wealth, and thanks our strong winter.

Festivities will begin with the ceremonial Ice Boom Ball Drop as mayors and dignitaries from both sides of the border thrust an orange, 7 foot diameter ball over the railing of the Peace Bridge and watch it gently drift the length of the Niagara River. The E.M. Cotter, the world's oldest operating fireboat will be on hand with a full water-jet salute.

On Saturday night, April 17th, we vent a winter's worth of pent-up energy and party! In Buffalo we're at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park. Adults and children alike will enjoy live music featuring The Stonebridge Band, a fireworks display by WNY Skylighters, plenty of food and beverages, and a great party up until 10. Tickets can be ordered by calling 716-852-7483. Other Saturday evening highlights are: the Boom Days Poetry Contest, when contest winners will receive their prizes and have an opportunity to read their work and a talk about the ice boom given by WIVB Weatherman Don Paul. And in Niagara Falls we're at the LaSalle Yacht Club, 73 South 68th Street, where there will be live music featuring Ladies First Jazz, created by Jennifer May, a fireworks display, and a full night of pageantry. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.boomdays.com.

Power Shift NY Western New York Regional Summit

The Western New York Regional Summit for Power Shift is planned for **April 16-18** at University of Buffalo. The purpose of the Power Shift Western New York Regional Summit is to unite environmentally active students from colleges

and universities from around the region, as well as high schools students and young environmental professionals. The 3-day conference will open with a day of action on Friday, April 16th. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with speakers, panels, and workshops similar to those in Powershift 09' in Washington D.C last March. Students are invited to be part of these panels, and share with one another their experiences in environmental action on their campuses and in their lives.

If you are interested in getting involved, such as hosting a panel/speaker session, are from a local green business that would like to have a presence at the conference, would like to sponsor the event, or would like more information, please contact Danielle Peters at dpeters3@buffalo.edu.

"Happy Homes, Healthy Homes Art Show-Works Invited"

A group art show from **April 16-22** presented by CFGB (Community Foundation for Great Buffalo) and FEHR (Family Environmental Health Resources) has been designed to raise awareness about the issues surrounding safe housing and healthy children. The art show at 464 Gallery, 464 Amherst St. in Buffalo is designed to show by picture and word, how to be aware of, how to identify and how to protect your children from dangers and toxins in the environment. The show will highlight the conditions of and remedies necessary to take an unsafe, unhealthy home and make it a safe and healthy environment for all members of the family, especially children. Artwork in all medium and written word which embodies the aforementioned themes presented will be graciously accepted for exhibit. We anticipate works showing the positive themes (good nutrition, safe homes, and active kids) as well as negative themes (deteriorated housing, urban blight, and under-utilized parks). We invite works that highlight urban problems, and offer solutions for green and healthy homes, in Buffalo and beyond. To offer a piece for the show email to Marcus Weiss at: mindweb.us@mac.com.

"Is Your Home Radioactive?"

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning's (ECDEP) Radon expert, Frank Scarpinato will present a session designed to inform the average citizen of the potentially life threatening hazard presented by radon gas. This presentation is open to the public and will be held on Friday, **April 16** at Canisius College, Horan- O'Donnell building Rm. 107 at 2:00 PM. Parking is free in the parking ramp on Jefferson (at Delavan). Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas which is the leading cause of non- smoking related LUNG CANCER in the United States. This talk will explain what radon is, where it comes from, why it is dangerous, how to test for it, and where to get help mitigating high levels. This presentation is a must for all home owners and anyone who ever plans on buying a home. For info, contact Frank.Scarpinato@erie.gov.

Help Buffalo ReUse get a Grant-Vote on Facebook

Buffalo ReUse is currently in the top five for the Adult category of Green Heroes Grant Program on Facebook. The contest is being held by Clorox Green Works, along with the Jane Goodall Institute, to recognize individuals, organizations, and schools that are making their communities greener. Help our local nonprofit earn \$ and vote. Check it out at <http://www.buffaloreuse.org/Volunteer/GreenWorks>. Hurry and vote before **April 18!**

Spring Shoreline Sweep-Volunteers Needed

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is seeking citizens to join the Spring Shoreline Sweep, to help clean up the shorelines in Western New York on **Saturday, April 17th**, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We encourage all volunteers to participate in the movement to beautify Buffalo and Niagara's waterways.

Families, community groups, employee groups, service clubs, scouts and individuals can help at 37 sites across Erie and Niagara Counties. Sites in great need of volunteers include: Scajaquada Creek, Broderick Park, Hoyt Lake, Seneca Bluffs, South Park, and more. For a complete list of sites, a map, and to register, please visit www.bnriverkeeper.org or contact Adrienne Kina at 716.852.RIVER (7483) ext. 19, or akina@bnriverkeeper.org.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is grateful for the sponsorship of Keep Western New York Beautiful, Rigidized Metals, Ecology and Environment, and the M & T Charitable Foundation for materials and services.

Buffalo Audubon Earth Day Festival

The Beaver Meadow Audubon Center is planning its third annual Earth Day Festival at our North Java center for April **17th** from 10am-4pm. Environmental groups from across New York, nature hikes, walk-a-thon, bike race, crafts, and raffles and much more throughout the day. A Trails Cleanup event will take place during the festival starting at 10am. The festival is designed to promote environmental awareness and encourage people to take better care of the environment. Cost is \$6 adults/\$4 ages 3-12/under 3 free. Bring a bag of newspapers, CFL bulbs, inkjet or laser printer cartridges, old cell phones, old sneakers or old computers for recycling and receive a free raffle ticket.

Buffalo Niagara Green Expo

The [Buffalo Niagara Green Expo](#) will be held on Saturday, **April 17th** at the Galleria Mall. The Expo is a chance for businesses and organizations that have green products, services, or concepts, to set up a table and show their ideas to the community. Volunteers are also needed on April 16th and 17th to assist the exhibitors, either to set up the Friday evening before the Green Expo or during the day of the Expo. They may be asked to greet the public, help exhibitors, or even walk around the mall directing the public's attention to the exhibits. Anyone wanting to add his or her efforts to promoting environmental activities in WNY through the Green EXPO is encouraged to send an email with your name, telephone number, and email to mfisher@environmentaleducation.com, or janetmg@verizon.net.

Buffalo in Bloom Gardening Classes

Attend a one-day gardening class presented by CCE Master Gardeners of Erie County in cooperation with Buffalo in Bloom- your choice of three (3) dates and three (3) locations - to learn about perennials, annuals, bulbs, soils and compost, fertilizers, organic gardening, disease and pest prevention, growing vegetables and more. Classes are intended for Home Gardeners, Community Gardeners and Volunteers in Public Spaces. Each participant will receive a notebook/binder chock full of invaluable gardening information to use as a resource, as well as to share with others! Sessions are **April 17** at UB South, **April 24** in East Aurora and **May 1** at ECC North. For exact locations and registration deadlines, check the event calendar listing in the Enviro-News. Cost is \$20 per person. For further information call (716) 652-5400 x176 or [Click here for a downloadable registration form/brochure for the 2010 Communities in Bloom.](#)

Spring Nature Camp at the Buffalo Zoo

Put the "spring" back in your child's step by signing up for Spring Nature Camp from April 19-23! We'll celebrate the changing of the seasons with the animals during this series of day-long workshops. Each day, your camper will enjoy live animal demonstrations, exhibit visits, games, crafts, stories and more in a safe and stimulating environment. Sign up for one day or all five and have a ROARING good time! Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Prices are \$35 per day or \$155 for the week for non-Zoo members. Prices for members start at \$32 per day. There is a discount if you register for all five days. The Zoo also offers a fee-based before and after care program. For more information, please call (716) 995-6128 or see us [here](#).

Penn Dixie Open During School Spring Breaks

Penn Dixie will be open to the public during Spring Break from April 17-25, 2010, M-SA 9 AM to 4 PM and SU 11 AM-4 PM. No pre-registrations are required. HNHS members free, non-member adults \$6, children 12 & under \$5. The winter frost and spring rains have exposed thousands of fossils waiting to be discovered. Dress for the weather. Penn Dixie will be open rain or shine.

Peace Education Fund Sponsors Earth Week Activities

The Peace Education Fund is celebrating the environment and peace with several events during Earth Week. The Peace Education Fund (PEF) is a local initiative (www.fundpeace.org) whose goals include seeking ecological preservation for all peoples and beings in the quest for peace. PEF has planned a Planting of a Tree of Peace on **April 18**, and celebrating together on Saturday, **April 24th**, with a Gala Lizzard Ball, a WNY progressive tradition with music & food, promoting earth stewardship, peace, and respect for all. For details on these and other events, visit <http://peaceonearthweek.org/>.

"Smart Grid Opportunities"

The University at Buffalo's clean energy business incubator program, Directed Energy, will host "Smart Grid Opportunities" on **April 21** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Hwy., Amherst, N.Y. This half-day workshop is designed to help businesses and researchers better comprehend technical advancements and business opportunities related to efforts to revamp the electrical grid and will be co-hosted by Hodgson Russ LLP.

The keynote speaker will be Robert B. Catell, chair of the New York State Smart Grid Consortium, the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR) and the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center at Stony Brook University. will discuss "The New York State Smart Grid Consortium: Mission, Roadmap, Challenges and Opportunities."

The workshop is the first in a series of four to be held in 2010, part of Directed Energy's effort to support a clean-energy technical and business cluster in Western New York. Read more about the "Smart Grid Opportunities" Workshop [here](#), and about the "Business of Energy" Series [here](#).

Daemen hosts Erin Brockovich as Academic Festival Keynote

Environmental activist Erin Brockovich, who, as an unknown legal researcher, became a 20th century icon by winning the largest medical settlement lawsuit in US history, will speak at Daemen College, 7:30 p.m., **Thursday, April 22, 2010**. Brockovich's talk, "Moral Choices and Environmental Justice," will serve as the keynote address to the 2010 Daemen College Academic Festival, and will be held in Wick Center on the Daemen campus, 4380 Main Street in Amherst. It will be free and open to the public. Daemen College acknowledges the generosity of KeyBank Foundation, and Robert Warren and the Estate of Rupert Warren in helping to make this event possible.

Earth Day 2010 Celebration

It is that time of year again!! Earth Day 2010 is just around the corner on **April 22**, 2010. Your organization is invited to participate in the 3rd Annual 2010 Buffalo-Niagara Earth Day Celebration. We invite you to join us in encouraging those in your company, school, organization or agency to carpool, bike, walk or take Metro Bus or Rail on April 22. We are also very excited to promote a number of great events happening around the region in April, so that all WNYers have an opportunity to celebrate Earth Day in several ways. Visit BuffaloEarthDay.com to learn more!

The 2010 Buffalo-Niagara Earth Day Celebration provides a unique opportunity for you to explore the options of alternative transportation in WNY as well as the benefits they provide. By ridesharing in mass numbers on Earth Day, WNY'ers will enjoy lower travel costs and reduced traffic-related stress, while also contributing to reduced vehicle emissions, lower traffic congestion, and an improved quality of life for all residents.

As in years past, registering your organization's participation is an easy, no cost way to demonstrate your organization's commitment to environmental stewardship. Just visit BuffaloEarthDay.com to register your company or organization. For your participation we will display your organization or company's logo at the bottom of the website and your company's name will be listed on the site as a [participating organization](#). Your employees can use this site to [pledge](#) their individual support. To find alternative transportation, visit GoodGoingWNY.com, which is a great resource to explore and which will assist your organization's employees or members to find ridesharing opportunities. Simply enter a starting address and a destination; the program will identify carpool matches, bus options, and bicycling routes.

SUNY Fredonia Holds 10 Days of Events to Celebrate the Earth

SUNY Fredonia presents EARTH WEEK 2010: BE THE CHANGE, **April 15th – April 25th**, 2010. Now in its 3rd year, the Earth Week series has become one of the largest and most prominent annual events on the SUNY Fredonia campus. This year's lineup offers more than 40 different events, including an Earth Day keynote address by renowned environmental activist Lois Gibbs, a free community environmental film festival, a duathlon, a 13-hour teach-in on sustainability topics, a Green Home Expo, a CFL Giveaway, and a variety of theatre, art, and musical performances and installations. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the 2010 Earth Week Calendar of Events at <http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/earthweek/calendar.asp>.

Global Youth Services “Day” Events-Volunteers Welcome

Daemen College has been selected by Youth Service America as a Lead Agency locally for the largest annual service event in the world – Global Youth Service “Day”. This three-day period of service from **April 23-25** will involve more than 600 Western New York youth, and adult volunteers in environmental projects. These efforts will include environmental literacy, weatherization, and community garden projects in three disadvantaged neighborhoods in the City of Buffalo: Seneca Babcock; the West Side; and the Fruit Belt. Volunteers are needed for the following days/times: Friday, April 23 – 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm; Saturday, April 24 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Sunday, April 25 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. For more information or to volunteer, contact Susan Marchione at smarchio@daemen.edu. Don't miss the Kick-Off Reception on Friday, April 23 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM; State Farm Insurance Parking Lot, 555 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY.

Buffalo ReUse Seedling Foster Parent Program: Germinating New Ideas

Folks all over Buffalo are thumbing through stacks of seed catalogs and carefully planning the space in their gardens, including the Green Space Coordinators at Buffalo ReUse. Americorps Members, Ben Kaiser and Brad Kujawski have been plotting for two months and have created a nursery for seedlings in the basement at ReUse. With funding provided, in part, by The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and a smaller grant from Gardenburger, ReUse has ordered about a hundred different vegetables, herbs and flowers for the 2010 growing season.

Becoming a Seedling Foster Parent is easy! Prospective foster parents would take home a tray or two of assembled cells containing soil and seeds. The seeds need a little coaxing "on their bottoms" to germinate. “The ideal temperature seeds need to germinate is around 70-80 degrees. Putting them on top of, or near, a radiator works well as long as the seeds don't get too hot or the soil dries out. You would need to water them, turn them for even sunshine exposure and protect them until they grow bigger and can be brought back to Buffalo ReUse for the Seedling Swap. Buffalo ReUse's Seedling Swap will be held Saturday, **April 24th** from 10am-4pm (along with their Open House). There will be a second Seedling Swap on Saturday, May 22nd in conjunction with a Salad Smorgasbord Buffet. And finally, Buffalo ReUse is planning ahead for some summer shenanigans! ReUse will orchestrate a Pickle Eating Contest! Details are developing quickly, but ReUse hopes to encourage gardeners to plant one extra cucumber plant so there will be plenty of pickles available for the contest. Several hundred pickles will be needed since they hope to use only local supplies.

If you're interested in gardening with ReUse, becoming a Seedling Foster Parent or a pickler, please contact greenspaces@buffaloreuse.org or call 716-885-4131.

Introduce your Kids to Fishing at “Teach Me to Fish”

"Jimmy Griffin Memorial Teach Me to Fish" is a free hands-on seminar with outdoor writer, Forrest Fisher, for kids and parents on Sunday, **April 25** at the Bison City Rod & Gun Club, 511 Ohio St, Buffalo, NY. Come learn about fishing. Kids will have hands-on rod and reel demonstrations, knot learning, lure rigging, get free area fishing maps and free Sahlen's hot dog and ice cream dessert lunch. Special activities include fish feeding as kids can help the staff feed 10,000 steelhead fingerlings raised in floating pens on the Buffalo River. Event will run from 2 - 4 p.m. with 50 FREE rod/reel fishing outfits for kids in attendance. Every child present will win a fishing prize! For more info, call 652-2256.

Behavior, Ecology, Conservation and Unique Adaptations of Woodpeckers

The Buffalo Museum of Science presents the 2010 Vaughan Lecture by Dr. Jerome Jackson, Professor of Ecological Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast University on **April 28**, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Museum Auditorium. The talk is free and open to the public. Dr. Jackson will examine the ecological roles of woodpeckers in natural ecosystems and how those roles have changed in our modern world. He will also touch on the cultural and political history of woodpeckers, and give the audience a rare glimpse of life inside a woodpecker nest. Searchers for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker and other conservation issues associated with woodpeckers will be reviewed. He will also provide information on how to attract and provide for woodpeckers in urban and suburban landscapes.

A Vaughan Lecture for Bird 'N Buffet is available at 5:30pm before the lecture. This casual buffet dinner with a birding theme is a tradition with the Vaughan Lecture and proceeds benefit educational programs at Tiff Nature Preserve. Tickets are \$25/person, includes buffet dinner and refreshments with pre-registration required before Monday, April 19. Register online or call Erin at 716.896.5200 x385.

“Wetlands/Waters of New York’s Great Lakes and Adjacent Lake Plain”

The New York State Wetlands Forum, Inc. will hold their 2010 Annual Conference and Meeting on **April 28 & 29, 2010** at Millennium Hotel Buffalo. The 16th annual Spring Conference and Business Meeting will examine an interesting variety of wetland-related issues and developments. For more information on the meeting, visit <http://www.wetlandsforum.org/>.

Lois Gibbs to Speak at Clean Air Coalition Annual Dinner

The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York is featuring keynote speaker Lois Gibbs, Love Canal organizer and internationally renowned environmental justice advocate at their annual dinner on **Friday, April 30th**. Tickets and reservations for the dinner can be made at their website at http://www.cacwny.org/?page_id=334. Dinner will be held at Holiday Inn Grand Island, [100 Whitehaven Road](#) with dinner served at 7:30pm.

Building the Canvas Covered Canoe

Building the Canvas Covered Canoe with Lew Markle Session II workshop occurs over two weekends in April. The course offered by Buffalo Maritime Center will meet from 9am-5pm on **April 16, 17, 18 & 23, 24, 25**. Participants will use a canoe mold, already constructed, on which to build the 15 foot canoe from start to finish. The process will involve steaming ribs and planks, planking, carving the breasthooks, stretching the skin and filling the weave. At the end of the workshop participants may draw straws to see who gets to take the canoe home for the cost of the materials. The cost of the workshop is \$750. For more information contact Richard Butz at butzra@buffalostate.edu or call 716-878-6017.

WindSenators Program – Teacher Training Program

Are you an educator interested in working with teachers and students to bring wind energy science and technology into K-12 classrooms? Want to become part of the KidWind outreach and training network? Looking to sponsor a KidWind Challenge in your state or region? Then this is the program is for you. The goal of the WindSenators Education Network is to provide regional locations with knowledgeable, experienced wind energy educators who can share the tools and information required to teach students and the public about wind energy science and technology. ***ALL NYS teachers that attend will receive a \$750 stipend for attendance and all of their meals, lodging and travel are covered.

The six-day training, from August 2-7 in Albany, provides hands on instruction about wind energy science and technology addressing a variety of subjects (physics, technology, biology, earth and environmental science) and includes in depth training on the WindWise Curriculum and KidWind materials and curricula. There will also be guest speakers from the wind industry, and tours of local wind facilities.

WindSenators are an integral part of the WindWise and KidWind programs. WindSenators can provide wind energy teacher trainings in their state or region, purchase Kidwind products at reduced prices, participate in the development of new wind energy curriculum and materials, sponsor KidWind Challenge and related events in their state, represent these programs at conferences and events. Learn more at www.kidwind.org/students_teachers/wind_senators.php.
Applications are due April 15th!

Buffalo Audubon Society Annual Dinner Features Wayne Gall

The 2010 Annual Dinner of the Buffalo Audubon Society will be held on Wednesday, **May 5** at 6pm. Wayne Gall, Regional Entomologist for the New York State Department of Health and great friend of the Buffalo Audubon Society, will be the featured speaker as he presents his world-famous “Far Side of Nature.” The 101st dinner will be held at Protocol Restaurant, 6766 Transit Road in Williamsville. The cost is \$30 per person and reservations must be made by April 24. Please call (585) 457-3228 or (800) 377-1520 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Native Plants in Any Garden

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, along with Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Erie County and 8th District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State will host Dr. Don Leopold on **May 6, 2010** at 7pm. Dr. Leopold is a Distinguished Teaching Professor at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science

& Forestry in Syracuse and the author of Native Plants of the Northeast: a Guide for Gardening and Conservation. This presentation will include native plant discussion, recommendations, question and answer session and refreshments following the presentation. Dr. Leopold's books may also be pre-ordered (see order form), or purchased at the event at a discount. Dr. Donald J. Leopold has a Ph.D. in forest ecology from Purdue University, a M.S.F. in forest ecology, and a B.S. in ornamental horticulture/nursery management. In August 2009, Dr. Leopold received the New York State Nursery and Landscape Association George L. Good Gold Medal of Horticulture Award for outstanding contributions to horticulture in the state of New York. [Click here to register!](#) Tickets are \$20 (\$24 after April 1).

Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education Announces Scholarships for 2010 Programs

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

Ecotour Guides Needed for Summer

Interested in becoming an Eco-Tour guide? Want to share your love of Buffalo and educate your fellow community members about Buffalo's unique environmental heritage? We need you! Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is offering three training field sessions for the 2010 Eco Tour season: Saturday, May 1: Art Park Trail #8 Hike (Lewiston) and Niagara Falls Bike Tour (From Robert Moses Parkway at the Intake Towers, up by Niagara Falls, to Devil's Hole) ; Saturday, May 8: Field Training for Niagara River Walk Bike Tour (Erie Basin Marina, up the river to northern tip of Squaw Island, back down Niagara St.) and the New "Dredge the Buffalo" Bike Tour (Route TBD); Saturday, May 15: Buffalo River Paddle – From Harlem Road Fishing Access, down to Cazenovia Creek and back; Sunday, May 23 – Saturday, May 29: Graduation Tours – All graduation tours will be given the last week of May. We will schedule them once docents have selected which tours you would like to lead. To register, please contact Brooke Rickettson at brickettson@bnriverkeeper.org or call 852-7483 ext. 19. The cost is \$25 for all 3 trainings.

New York Interfaith Power & Light Earth Day Resources

Please check out the many Earth Day resources at NYIPL's web page www.nyipl.org/congregation/thru_the_year.html! In addition, <http://interfaithpowerandlight.org/2010/03/act-in-your-community-this-earth-day/> lists special offers on three great films you can use to educate your congregation on environmental matters: "A Sea Change," "Dirt," and "A Dirty Business." You may also watch a simulcast presentation of "Blessed Earth" on April 21. Watch online or organize a group screening in your congregation. Experience special music and guests, an exclusive look at the new Blessed Earth video series www.blessedearth.org/simulcast/films.html featuring Dr. Matthew Sleeth, and interact with others across the world in a live townhall setting. Partners include the National Association of Evangelicals, the nondenominational Christian congregation Northland Church of Orlando, and Asbury Theological Seminary. Learn more about the event and sign up at www.blessedearth.org/simulcast/.

Get Outside Day! 2010

It's time to get outside and play! April 3, 2010 is Get Outside Day! for the Natural Leaders Network, encouraging all young people of all ages to get outside! From toddlers to teens (and younger and older too!), we want to see you out there! We want to see you and your network of young people enjoying the outdoors all the time, and especially during the week leading up to April 3 as a special part of C&NN's Children and Nature Awareness Month.

Whether nature for you is a local trail, a community garden, the neighborhood pond, the tree in your backyard, or a national or state park, it's time to get out there and enjoy. Lead a hike, play in a pond, climb a mountain, write poems, devise a scavenger hunt, arrange a service project—if it gets you and other young people outside, we want to hear about it. So visit www.naturalleaders.org to register your Get Outside Day! event today.

Climate Webcast Available for Colleges

On April 21, tune in to National Wildlife Federation's FREE webcast - [Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming](#) - and hear from colleges that are leading the clean energy movement. Chill Out showcases colleges that are cutting their carbon footprint and working towards a sustainable future. See the leading campuses in green jobs, student activism, innovative design and campus actions and get project ideas for your school.

The Chill Out webcast is the perfect organizing tool to host on its own or with your other Earth Day activities. Each registrant will receive an organizing tool kit via email to help plan your event. The webcast will be available "on-demand" starting at 9:00 am Eastern on **April 21**, and lasts 30 minutes and is great for students, faculty, staff and administrators. Bring this FREE webcast to your campus! [Get more information about Chill Out and register for the webcast.](#)

68th Annual WNY Science Congress

The Annual WNY Science Congress will be held on **May 1, 2010** at Buffalo State College. This event for youth in grades 5-12 accepts projects in a number of science categories. For more info, visit <http://wnysc.org/>.

The Energy Highway

An upcoming conference titled "The Energy Highway: The Efficient, Secure, Reliable and Environmentally Sensitive Transmission and Distribution of Electricity" will be held **April 16th**, at The Links at Erie Village, E. Syracuse, N.Y. For info including registration, visit www.cazenovia.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=355&ctl=Details&mid=2157&itemID=2010

Erie County Envirothon

The Erie County Envirothon is an annual, outdoor, hands-on, environmental educational program open to all high school students in Erie County. Participants in the Envirothon learn about and are challenged in the subjects of forestry, wildlife, aquatics, soils, and a current environmental issue topic. To prepare for the Envirothon, students study the various Envirothon topics with help from local natural resource field professionals including ecologists, conservationists, biologists, foresters and field technicians from local environmental agencies. During the Envirothon, students work as a team to achieve the highest score in the Envirothon test categories. All students are rewarded for participation; the winning team of students at the Erie County Envirothon earns the privilege of representing Erie County at the New York State Envirothon in June. The 2010 Erie County Envirothon will be held **April 1** and **April 29** at Elma Village Green/Elma Senior Center. Registration is required. There is no cost to participate. If you are involved with a high school, encourage the students to participate. For more information, please contact Melanie Saunders at Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District (716) 652-8480 or visit www.ecswcd.org.

Junior Solar Sprint Competition Planned for May

The 2010 Junior Solar Sprint Competition will be held on **May 8th** at the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company. Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) is a hands-on interdisciplinary project for students in grades 6, 7 or 8. The students build a model solar racecar to specific specifications using an approved solar panel and electric motor. The remainder of the car is made from a wide variety of materials, however balsa wood and foam core are very popular. The subjects that can be integrated into a JSS program include lessons on electricity, solar energy, energy conservation, wind resistance, gear ratios, as well as making design changes based on test results. The cars are no longer than 24 inches and no wider than 12 inches. The cars are designed to run in a straight line while guided by a tight string. At this competition the student's cars are judged for Innovation, Craftsmanship, Technical Merit and Speed.

Registration checkin for this year's competition starts at 8:30 AM on May 8 with the design portion of the competition starting at 9:00 AM. The race portion of the competition starts about 11:00. The trophy winners from our Buffalo Area competition are invited to attend the Northeast Regional Competition in Massachusetts. This is a rain or shine event, spectators are welcome. For more information see our JSS Buffalo web site at: www.jssbuffalo.com or contact the local JSS Competition organizers at jssbuffalo@yahoo.com. The JSS sponsor for the North Eastern USA is the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (www.nesea.org).

SunChips® Video Contest-Change is Irresistible

SunChips® believes in the motto “Be the Change.” As an example, they have started using solar energy instead of fossil fuel to help make SunChips® snacks in their factory in Modesto, California. Recently, they’ve launched their new 100% compostable chip bag made from plants. Every 10.5 oz. SunChips® package is designed to fully break down in just 14 weeks when placed in a hot, active compost bin or pile. We hope that you’ll see what we see: Change is Irresistible. Your Assignment: Change is Irresistible.

Help SunChips® inspire others to see that taking small steps towards making positive change is important for the prosperity of our planet. Use the new SunChips® 100% compostable bag, made from plants, as the example to inspire others to make changes for a brighter tomorrow. Create a VCAM (viewer created ad message) and upload it by **April 8**. The result of your VCAM should feel powerful, provocative, positive, aspirational, and action-oriented (not confrontational). Check out the contest at <http://current.com/groups/sunchips/>. Refer to www.sunchips.com for more information on the compostable packaging.

Upcoming KidWind Event Offer Challenges for Students-Seeks Sponsors

Kid Wind is an educational program promoting a hands-on approach to renewable energy science and engineering. A local KidWind Challenges is planned at Erie Community College South on **May 20** in conjunction with the Western New York Technology Education Association (WNYTEA) Tech Wars. You may register for the KidWind Challenge online at www.kidwind.org or contact local organizer Andy Lueth at andy@kidwind.org. In addition, information on the two Tech Wars is available online at www.WNYTEA.com.

KidWind is actively seeking additional sponsors for in-kind and cash donations for their event, including food, T-shirts and other prizes. Sponsors will be invited to attend the KidWind Challenge and will be featured in promotional materials. By supporting the KidWind Challenge, your organization is contributing in a tangible way toward training the next generation of wind engineers and scientists. Please consider supporting their efforts, by joining as a sponsor, or perhaps as a judge at an upcoming event. For more information on the challenge, please visit www.kidwind.org, or for more information on becoming involved with the KidWind Challenge events in WNY, please contact Andy Lueth at 716-TCH-WIND (716-824-9463) or via email at andy@kidwind.org.

How Does Your Garden Grow

“How Does Your Garden Grow” is presented by Master Gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County and offered through Villa Maria College Life Long Learning. Session 1 will provide helpful hints regarding the importance of soil, the principles and tasks involved in preparing and maintaining a garden bed, and how to select a useful range of perennials and annuals that thrive in WNY. Session 2 will focus on integrated pest management. All classes are free to the community. Classes begin April 15 to April 22. For info, visit <http://www.villa.edu/Spring2010Programs.html>.

Tree Planting 2010 at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Help restore 17 acres at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. One-year old tree seedlings of oak, hickory, black cherry, hemlock and white pine will be planted during the month of May. Volunteers are needed for Saturdays and Sundays (except Memorial Day) for half- or full-day shifts (lunch provided). To help with planning, **please register by April 5**. Contact 585-948-5445 for more info or visit <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/pdf/Tree%20Planting%20Flyer.pdf>.

Job Openings in GO-Buffalo's Recycle-A-Bicycle Program

Green Options Buffalo (GO-Buffalo) is expanding its Recycle-A-Bicycle program into a handful of new host facilities and is looking for qualified, enthusiastic program instructors to teach school-aged children the basics of bicycle repair and maintenance, as well as the environmental impacts of our transportation choices. Qualifications include: strong commitment to youth leadership, sustainable communities and bicycle transportation and basic mechanical skills, knowledge of bicycle repair and maintenance, and a firm grasp on the environmental impacts of transportation. New positions start on April 12th, 2010 and are \$15/hour, roughly 10 hours/week, Mondays through Thursdays during school year. Option to expand position full-time through Americorps. Send your resume, with a cover letter and contact information to: leslie@greenoptionsbuffalo.org. **Application deadline is April 6.**

Temporary/Seasonal Bird and Bat Survey Field Technician Positions

Full time and Part time Field Technicians needed to begin April 24, 2010 to assess the impact of wind turbines on birds and bats. Applicants must use their own vehicle in the field. Shared housing is available. This is a temporary/seasonal position that will require a commitment until October 31, 2010. Location: near Plattsburg, NY and near Rochester, NY Salary: hourly with federal mileage. Qualifications: Field experience, rabies vaccination or post vaccination titer, Bird and/or Bat ID skills and AAS or BS preferred. Will consider college students with good work ethic and references. Applicant must be physically fit and will need to maintain concentration while searching over long distances in heat, wind and cold. Must be able to record data in the field and acquire the skilled use of GPS, compass and other basic field equipment. Apply by sending resume and three references to Linda Slobodnik at lmsconsulting@yahoo.com by **April 15**.

2010 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency. This competition is open to public- and private-sector entities that have successfully used smart growth principles to improve communities environmentally, socially, and economically. The application period is open from February 8, 2010 to **April 5, 2010**. Up to five awards will be given in the following categories: Programs, Policies, and Regulations, Smart Growth and Green Building, Civic Places, Rural Smart Growth and Overall Excellence. More information at <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards>.

Green & Mean It

Buffalo's Green Hospitality initiative, Green & Mean It, was formed in August 2007. The goal of the initiative is to develop and maintain environmentally responsible practices and promote a green experience for travelers and conventioners visiting the region. The Buffalo Niagara Convention & Visitors Bureau and a consortium of local partners are determined to improve performance in the areas of waste management, energy savings, food production and disposal, water savings, environmentally safe cleaning products, paints, and office practices. They are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and implementing sustainable practices. For more information, visit <http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/meetingplanners/green/default.asp>.

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

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

Non Profit Management Certificate

Villa Maria College is offering a Non Profit Management Certificate Course through their lifelong learning program. This is a comprehensive program that will examine the fundamental principles, guidelines, and the effective practices and strategies relative to the Non Profit Organization in the 21st century. Classes are from April 13 to June 10, 2010. For more info, visit <http://www.villa.edu/Spring2010Programs.html>.

Board of Directors/Executive Director Training

Gerard Place is sponsoring the "3rd Annual Board of Directors/Executive Director Training" on **April 20, 2010** from 6:45 -9 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Parish Hall in Amherst. This training will emphasize the importance of recruiting and training new board members, evaluating the organization and the executive director, and encouraging the development of leadership skills. Registration is limited to 40 participants. The cost of the program is \$15 per person. For more information, please call 897-9948 ext 100.

Non Profit Marketing Plan Development

Canisius College Center for Professional Development is offering [Creating a Marketing Plan for Not for Profit Organizations](#) on Wednesdays, April 21st and April 28th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Canisius Amherst Conference Center. This class is for board members, managers and development staff who want to learn more about how marketing can help them reach and engage donors, volunteers, board members and clients. Tuition is \$149.

Buffalo ReUSE Wants Your Stuff

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

2010 Community Supported Agriculture Listing Available

Our Western New York growing season is here and time to make plans for your fresh veggies. For those you want a weekly adventure with fresh produce, consider a share in a CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture). You will support local farmers and have a reliable supply of healthy offerings. A guide to local options is available at: <http://www.ediblecommunities.com/buffalo/spring-2010/a-guide-to-community-supported-agriculture-csa-in-western-ny.htm>.

Kayaking Classes Offered

Paths, Peaks & Paddles is teaming up with local community education programs to offer courses in Introduction to Kayaking and Kayak & Canoe Safety Rescue. All equipment is provided all you need to bring is a swimsuit, towel, a lock for your locker and a positive mental attitude All instructors are New York State Licensed Guides. For details on the classes call Paths Peaks & Paddles at 213-0350.

The Kayak & Canoe Safety Course will be offered twice. It will be conducted Wednesday evenings at Lancaster Central School at 5201 Williams Street Lancaster, NY from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on 4/7, 4/14 & 4/28/10. Sign up On Line at: www.lancasterschools.org or by contacting the Lancaster Community Education Office at 716-686-3262. The second offering is Tuesday evenings at Kenmore East Pool on Brighton Road from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on 4/27, 5/4 & 5/11/10. Paths, Peaks & Paddles is teaming up with the Ken-Ton Community Education Program to present this session. You do not have to be a member of the Ken-Ton School System to sign up. Contact the Ken-Ton Community Education office at 874-8411 ext 7324. Cost is \$145.00 for either three-week class.

Introduction to Kayaking meets 6-9pm on April 13 at the Kenmore East Pool. Cost is \$65.00. Please call Paths Peaks & Paddles at 716-213-0350 if you have any questions regarding the class. Paths Peaks and Paddles is teaming up with the Ken-Ton Community Education Program to present this session. You do not have to be a resident of the Kenmore School System. You can sign up by contacting the Ken-Ton Community Education Office at 716-874-8411 - Ext. 7324

Buffalo in Bloom 6th Annual Spring Kick-off and Garden Scouts

Come celebrate the 2010 gardening season at the Buffalo in Bloom 6th Annual Spring Kick-off in the Lobby of City Hall on Historic Niagara Square Saturday, **May 15th** from 10:30 - 11:30 am with a brief program at 11:00 am. Free parking is available at the Turner Ramp next to City Hall (Use entrance on West Eagle Street). Meet other city gardeners and gardening organizations, bring perennials to share or exchange, meet Master Gardeners who can answer your questions, tour the Niagara Square flower beds maintained by Buffalo in Bloom volunteers and have your soil pH tested \$1/sample. For details on the event, soil testing or plant exchange, visit www.buffaloinbloom.com/kickoff.htm. Buffalo in Bloom seeks garden scouts to help identify award-winning gardens this summer. All you need to do to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity is to attend the Kick-Off event on **May 15th** at City Hall, email us at volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com or [Click here](#) for a printable volunteer application.

Habitat for Humanity Building Green

Habitat for Humanity International has a goal of 1,000 "green" houses per year for the next five years. Here in Buffalo, there are four new green houses under construction for 2009-2010, located on Guilford and Ferguson Streets. Generally, these houses are healthier, more comfortable, energy efficient, durable, and have a smaller environmental footprint than conventional houses. The 20 Guilford Street house was the first for the Buffalo affiliate to meet LEED's (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold-rated performance level. It is the first single family LEED registered project pursuing certification in Western New York according to LEED provider personnel.

Beaver Meadow Summer Day Camp

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

Terracycle is Helping to End "Garbage"

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

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage-Plan Ahead

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage, a weekend of exciting workshops and hikes celebrating the outdoors, is June 4-6 at Allegheny State Park. Cabin accommodations go quickly, so if you plan to attend and want to stay in a cabin, you can reserve a cabin through <http://reserveamerica.com>. For more information on the Pilgrimage, now in its 52nd year, go to <http://alleghenyournaturepilgrimage.com>.

Nature in Art

Several nature-based art exhibits opened in March. The UB Art Gallery is displaying Alberto Rey's Lightwell Project through May 15. This work is a continuation of his Biological Regionalism series in which he attempts to reestablish a connection to local landscapes by introducing fish found in bodies of water near the exhibition venue and into the gallery through video and traditional piscatorial painting. The Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown is displaying Alberto Rey's work ("Trout and Biological Realism") through May 9. The Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State College will feature "Heat Waves in a Swamp: The Paintings of Charles Burchfield" through May 23. Burchfield chose to focus his nature-based art in the ground beneath his feet, working almost exclusively in watercolor, his primary subject was the landscape around his home outside Buffalo. From April 9-30, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute will host the Banff Mountain Photography Tour and 19 images from the competition will be on view. The RTPi Banff Film Festival will be on April 13 at Reg Lenna Civic Center in Jamestown (www.rtpi.org).

Share your Energy Tip Contest

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

NYSERDA Funding for Energy Efficiency Training

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking partnerships with eligible training entities to deliver energy efficiency training programs throughout New York. The Program goal is to significantly expand existing energy efficiency training infrastructure to serve the needs of the portfolio of programs funded through the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard. Funding is available to deploy training and certification programs as outlined in the NYSERDA Workforce Development Training Guidance Document and Application. All eligible organizations such as professional development associations, trade training and development associations, universities, community colleges, technical trade schools, and other entities as described in the eligibility section of the guidance document are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted through **August 1, 2010**. For more info, visit <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/funding.asp?i=2>.

R.A.R.E. Director Receives Outstanding Service to Animals of Western New York Award

The Western New York Veterinary Association is presenting an "Outstanding Service to Animals in Western New York" award at its April 1 dinner to Marion Janusz, Executive Director of R.A.R.E. (Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education). The association normally makes its awards to veterinarians, but is making this special award for recognition of Janusz' commitment to the care of reptiles. R.A.R.E., a tax-exempt 501c3 charitable foundation founded in 1996, is a New York State registered animal shelter/rehab center under the direct supervision of a qualified reptile veterinarian and a local wildlife rehabilitator/certified reptile specialist. Here abused, sick/injured, abandoned reptiles and amphibians are given the best supportive care possible until they can be adopted out to pre-approved homes. R.A.R.E. is Western New York's leading reptile organization, and operate the area's only exclusive reptile care facility. R.A.R.E. has found homes for hundreds of reptiles/amphibians nationwide and helped education many in the proper care of these animals through our educational programs locally, as well as through our national HERP HOTLINE at (716) 656-7273.

Art Work Wanted for Garden Walk Promotion

Garden Walk Buffalo is looking for submissions of original artwork for use on the Garden Walk 2010 posters, t-shirts and maps. Artwork must be garden-related and it is preferable that it relate to the type of gardens, flowers, and neighborhoods found on Garden Walk Buffalo in late July. **Entries are due Friday, April 9**. Visit <http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/>.

Lake Ontario Exploration Workshop for Teachers

The Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (COSEE) Great Lakes, in partnership with the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network, invites 4th-10th grade teachers and non-formal educators from the Great Lakes region to participate in the Lake Ontario Exploration Workshop, July 25-30, 2010. This workshop is designed to promote Great Lakes and ocean sciences in formal and informal education and forge lasting relationships between science researchers and educators. Participants will be involved in classroom and field programs, work with scientists, examine curricula and resources, and explore classroom activities relating to the Great Lakes and ocean resources. Fifteen educators will be selected from throughout the Great Lakes basin. For info, visit <http://www.coseegreatlakes.net/events/loew#procedures>. Completed applications with required principal or supervisor support letters must be received by COB on **April 9, 2010**.

Ecology and Environment Launches Project Earth

Local company Ecology and Environment launched its website "Project Earth" this year at www.projectearth.net. Project Earth is an international network connecting people around the world to engage in and jointly solve environmental problems through action and project-based collaboration. It will empower you to build your global network by interacting with individuals from all over the world to learn, support and solve global environmental problems through mutually developed solutions.

Garden Crusader Award Application

Gardener's Supply presents annual Garden Crusader Awards to nominated individuals in categories of Education, Restoration, Urban Renewal and Feeding the Hungry. For more info on the program and application info for 2010, visit <http://www.gardeners.com/Garden-Crusader-Awards/5549,default.pg.html>. Deadline is **June 1**.

New York State Environmental Education Scholarship for Academic Study Now Available

A \$500 or \$1,000 scholarship and a 2010 conference registration will be awarded to at least one undergraduate or graduate student at a New York college or university. This scholarship program is a tangible way of expressing appreciation to our host state, New York, and supporting the future of environmental education in the state. Eligible applicants should be currently enrolled in a degree program that will prepare him/her to be an environmental educator in a formal or non-formal setting. **DEADLINE: May 3, 2010.** Learn more about this scholarship opportunity at: <http://www.naaee.org/conference/scholarships>.

UB Green Library Opens

UB Green is proud to showcase an updated “green building and design” section for all of those architects, planners, or do-it-yourselfers out there. The updated library at 220 Winspear Avenue (UB South Campus) has also gone digital, we can finally say good-bye to VHS! We will also be featuring the new titles that have been added to our library. The library will be hosting some other events this semester for you to keep an eye out for like a movie night and get-togethers for group discussions on a few books and related topics. UB Green library should have an answer to any of your green questions, come on over and see what it’s all about. The library is open to the public-call 829-3535 for current hours. More info is available at <http://www.ubgreenoffice.com/>.

Calculate your Carbon Emissions

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

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

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

Play Free Online Games and Raise Money for Charity

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

Grant Opportunities

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

[The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program](#) awards grants at the state and regional level for programs that give individuals access to a better life. Education grants support programs that address the educational needs of underserved young people, ages 12-30. Job Skills Training grants promote professional training, counseling, and support services to help people improve their work-related skills. Health grants strive to improve access to healthcare and promote healthy lifestyles. Environmental Sustainability grants support programs that are designed to help people become more sustainable as well as programs that enhance the environment. Applications may be submitted between February 1 and August 20, 2010.

The National Science Foundation's [Advanced Technological Education \(ATE\) Program](#) provides support to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels for the high-technology fields that drive the nation's economy, with emphasis on two-year colleges. Letters of inquiry should be submitted by April 22, 2010.

The [Farm Foundation](#) provides small grants of up to \$10,000 that address one of the Foundation's six program areas: Energy and Agriculture; Food, Agricultural, and Trade Policy; Agricultural and Food System Productivity, Research, and Technology; Agriculture in the Environment; Food Quality, Safety, and Consumer Perceptions; and Viability of Rural Regions. Grants should develop, disseminate, and/or publicly present educational materials or scientific research findings which contribute to informed discussions and foster debate. The upcoming application deadline is April 30, 2010.

The [National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program](#), an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, provides seed grants ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 to innovative proposals that seek to increase the number and effectiveness of organizations interested in assisting the [Refuge System](#) nationwide. The goals of the program are to help Refuge Friends organizations gain experience in developing projects, expand and increase their capacity and skills, meet local refuge challenges, gain community recognition and support for the refuge, and build long-term relationships. Proposals must be submitted by April 30, 2010.

[The Lawrence Foundation](#) is a private family foundation focused on making grants to support environmental, education, human services and other causes. The Lawrence Foundation makes both program and operating grants. There are no geographic restrictions on their grants. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2010.

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

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

Weatherization Assistance Funding Available

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

Green in 3 Contest

There's a lot about the environment that can be fixed. Now, let's say you had the power of the adman – and could broadcast your message to the masses. Using just three written words, create a 30-second (or less) video telling us how you would make the environment better. For a complete set of Rules and Regulations click on the [contest rules page here](#). Prize of \$500.00 cash for each first-place winner. Deadline for Entries: Fri. **April 9**.

DEC Youth Camps

Foster a love for the natural world that will last a lifetime- send a child to a DEC camp for a week! Campers learn about the environment through hands-on, outdoor activities and build friendships that last forever. Contact with environmental professionals throughout the week enriches the learning and encourages career exploration.

Four camps, Colby (Northern Adirondacks), Pack Forest (Southern Adirondacks), DeBruce (Catskills) and Rushford (Western NY), host youth 12 to 14 years old. DEC also offers week-long Ecology Workshops for teens 15 to 17 years old at Pack Forest and Rushford.

Complete information about the camps is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>. We begin accepting applications postmarked no earlier than February 6 for campers sponsored by an organization and February 27 for campers whose parents pay the \$325 fee. Application forms are available on the website or by calling DEC Camps at 518-402-8014.

Online Video Project to Highlight Environmental Activities

Show YOUR commitment to a clean and healthy environment by joining in the "It's My Environment" video project! Just hold up a sign and say "It's My Environment" as you take a simple action to protect the environment while a friend films you. We'll pick several to include in a compilation video we'll release on Earth Day (April 22). It'll look like the sign is traveling from clip to clip, forming a human chain. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/earthday/video>.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heartwood Wilderness Skills School-Located in Wales, NY (3 miles from East Aurora) is looking for volunteers with outdoor/teaching experience. If you are articulate, professional, physically fit, and have respect for Nature, call 716-655-7622. As a volunteer, you may be asked to help prepare for workshops, harvest materials, and assist with classes/hikes."

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

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

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

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

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

Preservation Buffalo Niagara-Interns and volunteers are welcome. For info, visit <http://www.landmark-niagara.org/>.

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

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Thursday, April 1

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

Wee Explorers-Buffalo Science Museum activity from 10:30-12 for children ages 3-4 and their care giver. Cost is \$5 for museum members and \$12 for non-members (1 adult with 1 child). Pre-registration is required. Call 716.896.5200 x338. Program topic changes monthly, visit <http://www.sciencebuff.org> for details.

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

Sustainability Bazaar-UB Student Association Environmental Department at University Student Union from 10 am to 3 pm.

Food Inc. Film Screening-UB Green will be hosting a screening of the Academy Award Nominated Documentary, on at 6 p.m. For planning purposes, RSVP to: Rundell@buffalo.edu if you plan to attend. Please include "Food Inc" in the subject line. UB Green Library, 220 Winspear Avenue. Healthy refreshments will be served. Brought to you by UB Green and the UB Environmental Network.

Food and Emerging Media Speakers Series- 7-9pm at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Amanda McDonald Crowley is speaking about "Food in the City", the recent research focus of Eyebeam's Sustainability Research Group, and presenting a range of our inspirations: artists who have been working on projects as diverse as urban farming, food mapping, and eating in an art context. [Food and Emerging Media Speaker Series](#) examines the role of emerging media and new technology on the exploration of the many facets of food. The talk is free and open to the public.

Friday, April 2

Spring Egg-stravaganza-Drop in for an egg-stremely fun time at Tiff Nature Preserve! Learn about animals that come from eggs, make some spring-themed crafts, dye eggs using natural dyes (dye provided, please bring your own hard-boiled eggs; 6 eggs per person maximum) and more! From 10am-2pm. Non-Members:\$7, Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Saturday, April 3

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

Bunny Basics-10:30 AM. Hop along with us as we share Eastern Cottontail rabbit facts, make a craft and search for rabbits on the trail! For children age 9 and under. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Easter Planter workshop- Gardening classes on various topics. Check for times, costs and other course topics at http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations after **March 10**. Phone 649-4684.

Seaster Egg Hunt- The only underwater egg hunt in Western New York, rain or shine! Children search the exhibits for "SEAsTer" Eggs. Win Prizes! Say hi to the SEAsTer Bunny & Beaker, the Aquarium Penguin Mascot. Niagara Aquarium.

Owl Prowl at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-8pm – 10pm. Pre-registration is required. Call the refuge headquarters at 585-948-5445. Join local owling expert Chuck Rosenburg on a nighttime quest to see our local species of nocturnal hunters on the wing. Chuck's prodigious talent for imitating calls of the screech, barred, and great horned owls is a must see, and a walk in the nighttime woods is always an experience to remember.

Birding by Car-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 9am-noon. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Focus on Peregrine Falcons-With Connie Adams at Refuge Headquarters, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 1-2pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Eagle Watch: Cayuga Overlook-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 1-4pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Rototilling workshop-Buffalo ReUse from 2-3pm at 298 Northampton St.

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.

Frogwatch Training workshop- Beaver Meadow Audubon Center at 10am. Learn how to join in on the excitement of counting frogs. This citizen science program is allowing researchers to determine how frogs are doing in our area and across the world. Anyone can participate in their own yards or at Beaver Meadow. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Ebird Training workshop - Beaver Meadow Audubon Center at 11am. Learn how to use your enjoyment of watching birds to help researchers learn more about our feathered friends. We will teach you all about the EBird citizen science program and how to use the EBird website. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Volunteer Day at the Farm-Massachusetts Avenue Project from 10am – 1pm at 389 Massachusetts Avenue ([map](#)). Come help get the farm ready for planting. MAP's urban youth farm is at 389 Massachusetts Avenue & features Buffalo's first straw-bale greenhouse, a 1000-gallon rain water catchment system, and Buffalo's first local aquaponics system.

Monday, April 5

UB Environmental Network meeting-UB student group weekly meeting at 7pm, 250 Student Union North Campus. <http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/>.

Buffalo's Historic Past – Class at Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Presented by Dr. Joseph Bieron, Professor Emeritus, Canisius College. From 7-8:30pm. Series Cost: GM \$40; \$11 per class, NM \$48; \$13.00 per class. Join us for an enjoyable Monday evening delving into the glorious history of our Queen City of the Great Lakes. Register at <http://www.buffalogardens.com/c-5-classes.aspx>.

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

Tuesday, April 6

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

Square Foot Gardening Method-Buffalo ReUse workshop from 2pm – 3pm at 320 Northampton St ([map](#)). Caesandra teaches square foot gardening in our community gardens.

Food and Emerging Media Speakers Series- 6pm at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Kathy High, New Media Artist and Curator is speaking. [Food and Emerging Media Speaker Series](#) examines the role of emerging media and new technology on the exploration of the many facets of food. The talk is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 7

Working for Downtown Speaker Series-James Morrell and Cynthia Schwartz, City of Buffalo Planning Board will speak from noon-1:30pm in the Central Library meeting room, 1 Lafayette Sq. For reservations or to order a box lunch for \$10, contact Lynn Waclawek at lwaclawek@mtb.com.

Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-Public Meeting at 9:30am. Join us to learn how GBNRTC operates and to see how "hot" transportation topics in the region are being addressed. NYS Dept. of Transportation- 100 Seneca St. Meeting locations rotate and may change, so call to verify location at 856-2026.

Williamsville North Planetarium Show-6pm. Viewing of the Williamsville skies with **Penn Dixie telescopes** at the Williamsville Space Planetarium at 1595 Hopkins Rd. (near Dodge).

EPA Webinar Series: Putting the Pieces Together and EPA tools-10am-11:30am. EPA and NYSDEC webinar on waste management. ([map](#)). <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/homepage.nsf/information/webinars>.

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

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

Emerald Ash Borer Natural History-Buffalo Audubon meeting with speaker Patrick Marren, Regional Forester for the DEC, who will present on the natural history and status of the Emerald Ash Borer in Western NY. The program will be held at the Reinstein Woods Visitor Center, with refreshments served at 6:30 pm and the program starting at 7pm. Members and nonmembers are welcome to attend.

Thursday, April 8

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

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

“Everything’s Cool”- Free screening of documentary at Burchfield Penney Art Center at 8pm. An environmental documentary by Judith Helfand & Daniel B. Gold , 2007, 89 mins.

“Hindsight on Highway H2O”- Presentation by Jennifer Nalbene, Director, Navigation and Invasive species, Great Lakes United at noon in the First Floor Gallery of UB Art Gallery North Campus. Construction and the opening of canals and waterways, like the Chicago waterway system and the St. Lawrence Seaway facilitated larger ships and higher traffic volume. But development of commercial navigation has facilitated one of the worst ecological tragedies of all time: the introduction of invasive aquatic species. If we knew then what we know now, would we have done things differently?

Friday, April 9

Owl Prowl-7:30 PM. Learn about our local owls, and listen for their calls on a walk in the woods. For adults and children age 8 and older. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

"100 Years of Norton; a century of astronomy as seen from the pages of a book"-Buffalo Astronomical Association meeting with featured speaker will be John Gauvreau at 7:30pm at Buffalo State College in Classroom Building C122 located just to the north of the Science Building. Follow directions (to #35) on the Buffalo State College map located [here](#)

Saturday, April 10

Gardening with Children Workshop-Urban Roots workshop at 10am. For more info: <http://www.urbanroots.org>.

Ancient Forests-10:30 AM. Explore the diversity and richness of mature forests on this guided walk. For adults and children age 8 and older. To register call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Native Plants Workshop-Urban Roots workshop at 2pm. For more info: <http://www.urbanroots.org>.

Designing the Backyard Landscape-Menne Nursery Class held at 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst at 10am. Reservations required for all classes, call 693-4444 to reserve. Reservations made 24 hours in advance will be given preferred seating. Class schedule is subject to change, stop in often and pick up our latest detailed list or check on line at www.mennenursery.com.

A Perfect Lawn-Menne Nursery Class held at 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst at 1pm. Reservations required for all classes, call 693-4444 to reserve. Reservations made 24 hours in advance will be given preferred seating. Class schedule is subject to change, stop in often and pick up our latest detailed list or check on line at www.mennenursery.com.

Houseplant Saturday- Gardening classes on various topics. Check for times, costs and other course topics at http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations after **March 10**. Phone 649-4684.

East Aurora Parks Hike: Signs of Spring – 9am, Take a look around for signs that the cold winter is drawing to a close. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family). Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for registration or info.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop - Beaver Meadow Audubon Center from 10am-3pm. This workshop is for any Boy Scout interested in earning the Eagle required Environmental Science Merit Badge. Pre-registration is required. (BM) \$12 per scout. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for registration or info.

Birding by Car-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 9am-noon.
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Focus on Purple Martins-With Rick Marx at Refuge Headquarters, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 1-2pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Eagle Watch: Cayuga Overlook-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 1-4pm.
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Woodcock Walk-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 7:30-9pm. Meet at Swallow Hollow.
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Drive-through Community Pharmaceutical Drop-Off-A drop-off program for unused household medications is planned from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Joseph Hospital, 2605 Harlem Road. Visit <http://www.chsbuffalo.org/AboutUs/News/Archive/March2010/SSJCDropOff>.

Buffalo's Waters: the History, Present and Future of one of our Planet's Most Water-Rich Environments-Adirondack Mountain Club's Niagara Frontier Chapter presents Conservation Conversation 2010 which includes presenters Jerold Bastedo of Penn Dixie, Rachel Heckl of Great Lakes United, Theresa Hudson of the US Army Corps of Engineers and Tim Tielman from Campaign for Greater Buffalo. The free event is from 8:30am-1pm at the Gateway Executive Office near Woodlawn Beach State Park.

History of Niagara Falls State Park- Join us at Niagara Falls State Park from 1-4pm as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Niagara Falls State Park. A presentation will include historical photos, facts and memorable stories. A walk in the park will follow. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Recovery Garden Day-8:30am – 10am at Buffalo Museum of Science ([map](#)), Urban Roots and Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo present 4 workshops related to community gardening and food production. Pre-registration is required. Additional information on these workshops is available [here](#).

Protect your Identity Day- This is a no cost opportunity for businesses and residents of Niagara County to securely destroy sensitive documents, electronics and X-rays while supporting environmentally responsible recycling. Mobile Shredders will process materials in accordance with all HIPAA, FACTA and Sarbanes Oxley regulations. 120 Main Street, Lockport, NY South parking lot (enter off Walnut & Elm St.), 10am - 4pm. Businesses must make an appointment. Please call 731-8740 to schedule your corporate clean out. For additional questions, please call the NCRDD at 434-6568 or visit their website at www.niagaracounty.com/landfill.

Ape-ril Event at Buffalo Zoo-Meet our gorillas, and learn what makes each one of them unique! The day's activities include keeper talks, enrichment and crafts. Since recycling cell phones benefits gorillas in the Congo by decreasing the demand for coltan mining, each visitor who donates an old cell phone will receive \$1 discount off regular Zoo admission per phone. For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

Italian Feast Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity-5:30-8:15pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8550 Main St. (at Harris Hill Rd.) Williamsville. Catered by Falletta's Restaurant. Cost is \$15/person \$8 for children under 12. Send checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity PO Box 1191 Williamsville, NY 14231-1191. **Contact :** Nativity: Char Tornabene 644-4843.

Sunday, April 11

Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens - Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden Class Presented by the Buffalo Niagara River Keepers at: 1:00pm & 3:00pm. Cost: \$1 Garden Admission It's Dollar Day! Join us to find out how to provide plants with a drink of soft, oxygen-filled rainwater while exercising water conservation. Learn how to relieve pressure on other water sources by installing a rain barrel at your home. Each barrel is \$99.95 + tax. Orders for the barrels will be taken at these presentations. Register at <http://www.buffalogardens.com/c-5-classes.aspx>.

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

Environmental Documentaries-Free screenings of documentaries at Burchfield Penney Art Center beginning at 2pm. Films include Heron Pond by Cade Bursell, 2007, 7:35 min.; Sightings by Holly Johnson, 2006, 4:00 min.; Motels, Motels, Motels by Jan Nagle, 2010, 3 min.; The Siege by Jan Nagle, 2010, 6 min.; Shoot the Moon by Seth Wochensky 45 min; and The Last of the Scoopers by Seth Wochensky, 10 min.

Tile Your Wall Workshop-Buffalo ReUse workshop from 12pm – 1pm at 298 Northampton St ([map](#)). Learn how to tile a wall with Scott Kozak!

Ape-ril Event at Buffalo Zoo-Meet our gorillas, and learn what makes each one of them unique! The day's activities include keeper talks, enrichment and crafts. Since recycling cell phones benefits gorillas in the Congo by decreasing the demand for coltan mining, each visitor who donates an old cell phone will receive \$1 discount off regular Zoo admission per phone. For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

Monday, April 12

UB Environmental Network meeting-UB student group weekly meeting at 7pm, 250 Student Union North Campus. <http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/>.

Annual Dinner for the Sierra Club Niagara Group- The Group will present its annual award to an outstanding local environmentalist. The function will commence at 5:45 pm. All are invited. Reservations required-please contact Bob Ciesielski by phone or email: phone: 716 895-3367 (office), 716 839-0180 (home) or email: rmciesie@yahoo.com. Eagle House Restaurant, 5578 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221.

Green Infrastructure Workshop-The event provides expert insight into the issues affecting the design, installation and maintenance of green infrastructure in upstate New York. From 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM at Golisano Institute for Sustainability at RIT, 111 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623. Workshop fee of \$95 includes registration, breaks and lunch. [Click here](#) to register for the event. For more information please contact, George Thomas, Executive Director, Center for Environmental Information office: 595-262-2870 or gthomas@ceinfo.org.

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

Tuesday, April 13

“Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century”- Speaker: Mary Roberts, Executive Director of Darwin Martin House Restoration as part of an ongoing lecture series on this topic from 12:15-1pm sponsored by Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature and Buffalo and Erie County Downtown Public Library in the Fables Café Conference Room, Downtown Public Library. Free and open to the public.

Sustainable Stewardship -- Greening Historic Buildings-Preservation Buffalo Niagara is sponsoring a free workshop from 2-4pm at the Larkin on Exchange Building (6th floor). Barbara Campagna, the Chief Architect of the National Trust, will discuss the National Trust's Sustainability Program and how the 29 historic sites of the National Trust are integrating historic preservation values with green building practices – from green housekeeping techniques to sustainability master plans to LEED certification for historic rehabilitations. **Pre-Registration is Required--** This workshop is free but seating is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, call 716 852-3300.

Mainstreaming the Alternative: Creating a Sustainable Transportation Network in Buffalo and Western New York-7pm Allen Hall Theatre, South Campus at University at Buffalo. With participants from Buffalo Carshare, Green Options Buffalo, Center for Transportation Excellence and NFTA.

Nature's Circle: Earth Day Birthday-Read a story and have some fun during outdoor circle time at Tiff Nature Preserve. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Designed for ages 2-3 from 10:30-11:15 AM with a cost of \$4 per child & adult (\$2 additional child with same adult). Pre-registration required. Call 716.896.5200 ext. 338.

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

“Springtime Wildflowers and More”-Niagara Frontier Botanical Society annual dinner and talk by Wayne Gall. Dinner reservations must be made by **April 1**. Cost is \$25 per person. 6pm cash bar followed by dinner at 7pm at Sonoma Grille, 5010 Main St. For info, contact robertj@medaille.edu.

What Do You Know About The ADK Winter Mountaineering School?- Adirondack Mountain Club Monthly meeting at 7:30 pm. Come and listen to Len Pratt tell us about ADK Winter school. Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Snyder NOTE: Please park in rear & enter through back door.

Back Country Cooking-A class on Dutch oven cooking by Stan Kowalski Jr. presented by Western NY Chapter International Dutch Oven Society at 6:30pm in Gander Mountain Lodge at 880 Young St, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Below the Horn: a birding trip to South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula-7:30pm at Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown. Talk by Mike Hamilton, past president of the Buffalo Ornithological Society, who has been chasing birds all over the United States and Canada for some time. In addition to his trip to Antarctica he has also been to Kenya, the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico (social, but there were birds to be seen!), the mountains of Ecuador and just recently to Australia for a much too short 5 ½ days visit with his daughter on her 50th birthday. In November of 1995 he joined a group of about 40 birders on Wing's second trip to South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula. This presentation is a photographic record of what was a fascinating and wonderful expedition. For info, contact Jim Berry at jberry@rtpi.org

Wednesday, April 14

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

“Gombe and Beyond: The Next Fifty Years”-Presentation by Jane Goodall sponsored by the Canisius College Institute for the Study of Human-Animal Relations and The William H. Fitzpatrick Institute of Public Affairs and Leadership. 7:30 pm in the Canisius College Koessler Athletic Center. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Doors open at 6:30pm.

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

Thursday, April 15

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

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

Boom Days- Visit <http://www.boomdays.com/> for the full schedule of events for this annual celebration of the removal of the ice boom.

Buffalo First Volunteer Orientation-From 6:30-8pm. RSVP and get directions from Rebecca Newberry at rnewberry@gmail.com or call 716-725-6100.

Brush Up Buffalo Steering Committee Meeting-From 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood Housing Services, 995 Kensington in Buffalo. We will be especially focusing on neighborhood selection and team development. We also would greatly welcome new [committee](#) members! Planning for the June 19 cleanup....

“I Drink Therefore I Am”- A presentation by Margaret Wooster, Habitat Coordinator, Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper at noon in the First Floor Gallery of the UB Art Gallery. Wooster will use maps that she created of the major Great Lakes rivers that cross New York State to tell stories about the waterways of Western New York.

Friday, April 16

Boom Days- Visit <http://www.boomdays.com/> for the full schedule of events for this annual celebration of the removal of the ice boom.

Buffalo Growing Seed/Transplant Volunteer Day-11am – 1pm at 271 Grant Street ([map](#)). Package seeds and prepare transplants for distribution at the MAP building.

Harbingers of Spring-7:00pm - 8:30pm at Orchard Park Recreation Center, Yates Park. While Groundhog's Day may be the colloquial barometer in determining the start of Spring, many other creatures are announcing the coming of the new season long before. Come and discover the real signs of Spring and become attuned to the fascinating rhythms of Nature through this unique indoor presentation. Earth Spirit Members \$3.00 / Non-members \$5.00. Pre-registration required: Earth Spirit 716-941-6267 or Email: earthspiritoffice@roadrunner.com.

"Is Your Home Radioactive? How to tell if your home has a radon gas problem."-Presentation at Canisius College, Horan- O'Donnell building Rm. 107 at 2:00 PM. Parking is free in the parking ramp on Jefferson (at Delavan). All welcome to attend. This class is designed to inform the average citizen of the potentially life threatening hazard presented by Radon Gas. This colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas is the leading cause of non- smoking related LUNG CANCER in the US. Erie County Department of Environment and Planning's Radon expert, Frank Scarpinato, will explain what radon is, where it comes from, why it is dangerous, how to test for it, and where to get help mitigating high levels. This presentation is a must for all home owners and anyone who ever plans on buying a home. For info, contact Frank.Scarpinato@erie.gov.

Saturday, April 17

Boom Days- Visit <http://www.boomdays.com/> for the full schedule of events for this annual celebration of the removal of the ice boom. From Spring Shoreline Cleanups to nighttime fireworks-plenty to do.

Spring Shoreline Cleanup-9am-noon. Visit www.bnriverkeeper.org for more information and sites.

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

Buffalo-Niagara Green Expo-From 10am-6pm at Walden Galleria. A free event that will give you the opportunity to learn about the worlds of sustainable energy, weatherization and energy efficiency for buildings, green landscaping and gardening, holistic health, and so much more. This event also promotes networking where new business to business relationships can develop and companies with employment opportunities can connect with people looking to get into the green job sector. Sponsored by Senator Thompson. Info at <http://www.bnge.org>.

Earth Day Festival at Beaver Meadow- Environmental groups from around WNY, solar panel display, nature hikes, crafts and much more. Fun for the entire family at Beaver Meadow Audubon Nature Center! From 10am-4pm-\$6 adults/\$4 ages 3-12/under 3 free.

Trail Cleanup at Beaver Meadow-Join us from 10am-noon and help us keep the trails at Beaver Meadow in pristine shape for the summer hiking season. Bring some clippers, work gloves and boots.

Earth Day Clean-up-Join us for a spring clean-up of Tiff Nature Preserve from 9am-noon in conjunction with the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Spring Shoreline Sweep. Refreshments will be served. Call 825-6397 for more information or to reserve a group. Bring your own work gloves and help out! Families welcome and no registration is necessary.

Organic Gardening for Beginners-Menne Nursery Class held at 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst at 10am. Reservations required for all classes, call 693-4444 to reserve. Reservations made 24 hours in advance will be given preferred seating. Class schedule is subject to change, stop in often and pick up our latest detailed list or check on line at www.mennenursery.com.

Orchid Extravaganza-Menne Nursery Class held at 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst at 10am. Reservations required for all classes, call 693-4444 to reserve. Reservations made 24 hours in advance will be given preferred seating. Class schedule is subject to change, stop in often and pick up our latest detailed list or check on line at www.mennenursery.com.

Earth Day Celebration-11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. An eco-friendly event for the whole family. Make crafts out of recycled materials, learn ways to save energy and register to win Earth-friendly door prizes! You also can enjoy a guided nature walk. Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve will sell lunch items. Registration is not required for this event. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Gardening & Landscape Care for Beginners with Sally Cunningham –Gardening classes on various topics. Check for times, costs and other course topics at http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations after **March 10**. Phone 649-4684.

Frogwatch Training workshop-10am. Learn how to join in on the excitement of counting frogs. This citizen science program is allowing researchers to determine how frogs are doing in our area and across the world. Anyone can participate in their own yards or at Beaver Meadow. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for registration or info. (Paul Fehringer, Beaver Meadow, donation)

Field Trip to Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant-Meet at Cayuga Overlook, Iroquois National Wildlife at 8:30am or WWTP at 9am. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

EBird Training workshop-11am to noon. Learn how to use your enjoyment of watching birds to help researchers learn more about our feathered friends. We will teach you all about the Ebird citizen science program and how to use the Ebird website. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for registration or info. (Paul Fehringer, Beaver Meadow, donation)

"Songs for a Livable Land"- Concert by Nan Hoffman and Joe Tumino at 7pm @ St. John's Grace Episcopal Church, 51 Colonial Circle, Buffalo, NY. Nan is a singer, musician, performer, recording artist, and workshop presenter. She has been sharing music with people of all ages for more than thirty years throughout the United States and parts of Canada. Her repertoire encompasses a wide range of folk songs and ballads, both contemporary and traditional, including topical, spiritual, and humorous songs. Her presentations are fun and informative, and much of her material invites audience participation. Hosted by PEF (Peace Education Fund), IPN (Interfaith Peace Network), and St. John's Grace.

Focus on Nature Photography-With Tom Pocziwinski at Refuge Headquarters, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 1-2pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Eagle Watch: Cayuga Overlook-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 1-4pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

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.

Every Day is Earth Day-Environmental exhibits 10am-4pm, Niagara Power Project Power Vista, Lewiston 286-6661. Join in the fun at this event sponsored by NYPA. Visit our state parks display and make a nature craft. For information call (716) 286-6661.

Boom Days-LaSalle Yacht Club from 6-10pm. Celebrate spring and removal of the ice boom. Visit our state parks display at this event. For information call (716) 523-3980.

Spring Peeper Fever- Awakened by the thawing earth, sleigh bell balladeers call us into a crystal water wetland world. Join us at Evangola State Park from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for a frog and salamander migration to ancestral breeding pools serenaded by a one inch harbinger of spring. For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.

Buffalo Growing - East Side Seed/Transplant Distribution -10am – 1pm at 298 Northampton St ([map](#)) for distribution of seeds/transplants for community gardens on the East Side.

Buffalo Growing - West Side Seed/Transplant Distribution- 1:30pm – 4:30pm at 207 Grant St - Greenhouse ([map](#)) for distribution of seeds/transplants for community gardens on the West Side.

Volunteer Day at the Farm-Massachusetts Avenue Project from 10am – 1pm at 389 Massachusetts Avenue ([map](#)). Come help get the farm ready for planting. MAP's urban youth farm is at 389 Massachusetts Avenue & features Buffalo's first straw-bale greenhouse, a 1000-gallon rain water catchment system, and Buffalo's first local aquaponics system.

Buffalo in Bloom Gardening Classes- Attend a one-day gardening class (9am-3pm) presented by CCE Master Gardeners of Erie County in cooperation with Buffalo in Bloom- at Allen Hall First Floor UB South Campus Main St and Niagara Falls Blvd - to learn about perennials, annuals, bulbs, soils and compost, fertilizers, organic gardening, disease and pest prevention, growing vegetables and more. Classes are intended for Home Gardeners, Community Gardeners and Volunteers in Public Spaces. Cost is \$20 per person. For further information call (716) 652-5400 x176 or [Click here for a downloadable registration form/brochure for the 2010 Communities in Bloom](#). Registration Deadline 04/09/10.

The Birds of Spring-1:00pm - 4:00pm at [Iroquois Wildlife Refuge](#), Alabama/Shelby. Join Earth Spirit at the Refuge to experience the Spring migrations as we learn about the history of bird watching, the ecology of birds, plus the identification of local waterfowl, other avian migrants and residents. Fees: Members \$5.00 / Non-members \$7.00. Pre-registration required: Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc.- 716-941-6267 or Email: earthspiritoffice@roadrunner.com.

Eco-Challenge Family Workshop – Buffalo Zoo workshop 10am-noon. We all know the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. Now, find out how our friends in the animal world do that everyday! From owls reusing nesting sites to millipedes in the rainforest recycling nutrients back into the soil, we will discover examples of animals that recycle. Through hands-on activities, we will challenge ourselves to be more like the animals we encounter throughout the Zoo by finding unique ways to be "green," including vermiculture (worm-composting), eating a no-waste lunch at school or using a rain catcher at home! Pre-paid registration for this workshop is required. Registration forms are available on http://www.buffalozoo.org/Workshop_registration.pdf or by calling (716) 995-6128.

Sunday, April 18

"Want Peace? Clean Up the Environment and Solve the Energy Crisis!"- Local energy activist and former WNY Peace Center director Walter Simpson will frame the week by explaining connections between environmental and peace issues from Noon to 1:30 at the Burchfield Penney Art Center (1300 Elmwood Avenue). A peace tree ceremony outside BPAC will follow the presentation. Free; public welcome.

Earth Day Weekend: Earth Day Celebration-Noon-4PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. What better way to celebrate Earth Day than a visit to Tiff. Join Friends of Tiff for kids' activities, games, crafts, live animals, environmentally-friendly information, tours of the preserve, information on the history of Tiff, and refreshments. Call 825-6397 for more information. FREE.

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

Earth Day Event at Bond Lake-For more info, visit <http://bondlake.webs.com/2010eventsschedule.htm>.

Companion Planting Workshop- Buffalo ReUse workshop from 12pm – 1pm at 320 Northampton St ([map](#)). Caesandra teaches companion planting in our community gardens.

Monday, April 19

Buffalo's Historic Past – Class at Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Presented by Dr. Joseph Bieron, Professor Emeritus, Canisius College. From 7-8:30pm. Series Cost: GM \$40; \$11 per class, NM \$48; \$13.00 per class. Join us for an enjoyable Monday evening delving into the glorious history of our Queen City of the Great Lakes. Register at <http://www.buffalogardens.com/c-5-classes.aspx>.

UB Environmental Network meeting-UB student group weekly meeting at 7pm, 250 Student Union North Campus. <http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/>.

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

Tuesday, April 20

CSI: Critter Sign Investigation-10:00 AM. Become a nature detective and look for "clues" left by wildlife along the trails. For children ages 6-10. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Food and Emerging Media Speakers Series- 5:30pm at UB South, 301 Crosby Hall. Carmen Trudell and Jenny Broutin, Professors of Architecture Technology, CUNY are speaking. [Food and Emerging Media Speaker Series](#) examines the role of emerging media and new technology on the exploration of the many facets of food. The talk is free and open to the public.

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

3rd Annual Environmental Information Fair-Buffalo State College from 11:30am – 1:30pm on Perry Quad. There will also be a collection of personal electronics from faculty, staff & students during the Fair. For more information feel free to contact EVERGREEN at 716-878-6835.

Clark Street Blues- 5pm – 8pm at Peckham and Clark Street in Broadway Fillmore ([map](#)). Part of the Lizard Ball, which aims to reconnect Buffalo with the natural environment and peace. Join CUFF for a variety of live music, food and public art to celebrate the beginning of Buffalo's first urban blueberry farm. Artists are invited to bring ideas and materials for really-- raised beds and rock gardens. Contact: patbraun16@gmail.com.

Erie Canal Redevelopment: How Will the Community Benefit?-From 4:00pm – 5:30pm at 237 Main St., Suite 1200 ([map](#)). To confirm time and day of event which is subject to change, and to reserve a seat, email megan@ppgbuffalo.org.

Wednesday, April 21

WNY Herpetological Society Meeting-8pm in Alumni Room of Main Building at Medaille College.

Little Tykes Mini-Nature Camp: Earth Day Birthday-9:30-11:30 AM for Ages 3-5 at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Come investigate how Spring is springing out, as well as celebrate Earth Day, at Tifft Nature Preserve. Nature games, crafts, hikes, snacks and more are in store. Non-Members: \$8 per child and adult, \$4 additional children with the same adult. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

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

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

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

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

"Smart Grid Opportunities"-Workshop by The University at Buffalo's clean energy business incubator program, Directed Energy from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Hwy., Amherst, N.Y. This half-day workshop is designed to help businesses and researchers better comprehend technical advancements and business opportunities related to efforts to revamp the electrical grid and will be co-hosted by Hodgson Russ LLP. Read more about the "Smart Grid Opportunities" Workshop [here](#), and about the "Business of Energy" Series [here](#).

Backyard Birds-Penn Dixie is pleased to have Marilyn O'Connell, of Wild Birds Unlimited in Blasdell, speak on "Backyard Birds" at 7 PM in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office, 3556 Lake Shore Road in Blasdell. Ms. O'Connell's presentation will have excellent photos of the different types of birds that may be observed in WNY and at the Penn Dixie site. Learn about the variety of birds that you can attract to your backyard feeders and how to attract them. The public is welcome. Penn Dixie members are free, non-members \$3/person.

"King Corn"- River-Side Salem United Church of Christ Film and Food Series, Environmental Cottage, 3449 West River Road, Grand Island, NY. 6:30pm (potluck supper at 6:00pm). Two recent college graduates plant a single acre of corn and set out to follow it on its journey from the seed to the dinner plate. There is a short hike from the road to the cottage - please wear sturdy shoes or boots. For more info, contact: aeheartz@roadrunner.com or (716) 741-8815.

Thursday, April 22

“Moral Choices and Environmental Justice”- Erin Brockovich is the 2010 Daemen College Academic Festival speaker (sponsored by Warren Fund, KeyBank Foundation, and Daemen). Free and open to the public. 7:30pm - Wick Center.

Earth Day Wellness Walk-Want to get outside on Earth Day and appreciate nature? Join Tifft volunteers at Tifft Nature Preserve from 10am-noon for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. Families (Kids ages 5 and up). Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338. Suggested \$2 donation per person.

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Recycling and Music for Earth Day- 11am-3pm create your own instrument at 12:30 & 3pm families will be lead in short concerts using some familiar tunes recycled with green lyrics, Explore & More...a children's museum, East Aurora 655-5131.

No Impact Man: The Adventures of a Guilty Liberal Who Attempts to Save the Planet and the Discoveries He Makes About Himself and Our Way of Life in the Process - Free screening of documentary at Burchfield Penney Art Center at 7pm. By Laura Gabbert & Justin Schein, 2009, 90 mins.

Tour Leader Training - Help Buffalo Audubon teach our youth about the environment by becoming a tour leader. We will teach you everything you need to know to be confident enough to lead tours for school groups at Beaver Meadow. You must attend both days (April 22 and 23) from 10am-3pm. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for registration or info.

Earth Day Press Conference-Hyatt Hotel at Noon.

Transitioning to Sustainable Communities-Rochester presentation from 5pm – 9pm at First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Rd South, Rochester NY ([map](#)) with guest speaker at 6:15pm. Tina Clarke from the Sustainability Institute will highlight some of the successes other communities have achieved preparing for the profound changes ahead. The rebirth of these communities has resulted in progress toward generating their own power, building houses using local materials, growing more of their own food...and having fun doing it! <http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Rochester/2010Forum.html>.

“How Do We Educate the Public on the Love Canals of Today”-Presentation by Lois Gibbs, Center for Health, Environment and Justice in Rosch Recital Hall, SUNY Fredonia 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Free and open to the public. <http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/earthweek/calendar.asp>.

Friday, April 23

Insect Home Hunt- 10:00 AM. Bring your detective skills as we search the woods for webs, galls, cocoons and other homes. For children age 6 and older. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

4th Annual Enviro-Fair-McKinley Square (in front of City Hall), Downtown Buffalo, 11am-2pm.

Tour Leader Training for Buffalo Audubon - Help Buffalo Audubon teach our youth about the environment by becoming a tour leader. We will teach you everything you need to know to be confident enough to lead tours for school groups at Beaver Meadow. You must attend both days (April 22 and 23) from 10am-3pm. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for registration or info.

Food and Emerging Media Speakers Series- 6:30pm at Sugar City. Neil Coletta, Food Scholar and Artist, is speaking. [Food and Emerging Media Speaker Series](#) examines the role of emerging media and new technology on the exploration of the many facets of food. The talk is free and open to the public.

Global Youth Services “Day” Kickoff- 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM; State Farm Insurance Parking Lot, 555 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY. Contact smarchio@daemen.edu for more information or to volunteer.

Global Youth Service “Day” Events-Volunteers needed for projects in environmental literacy, weatherization, and community garden projects in three disadvantaged neighborhoods in the City of Buffalo: Seneca Babcock; the West Side; and the Fruit Belt. For more information or to volunteer, contact Susan Marchione at smarchio@daemen.edu.

Saturday, April 24

How to Design & Plant a Vegetable Garden-Menne Nursery Class held at 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst at 10am. Reservations required for all classes, call 693-4444 to reserve. Reservations made 24 hours in advance will be given preferred seating. Class schedule is subject to change, stop in often and pick up our latest detailed list or check on line at www.mennenursery.com.

Feeling Froggy-10:30 AM. Come out to The Woods, and learn all about frogs and toads through activities and crafts, along with a critter hunt. For children ages 4 to 8. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Herbal Windowbox workshop –Gardening classes on various topics. Check for times, costs and other course topics at http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood’s Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations after **March 10**. Phone 649-4684.

Growing Orchids with Joe Di Domenico –Gardening classes on various topics. Check for times, costs and other course topics at http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood’s Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations after **March 10**. Phone 649-4684.

East Aurora Parks Hike at Hamlin Park: Bluebirds – 10am-noon. Learn about our state bird and grab the binoculars as we try to spot some bluebirds in the park. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family) Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for registration or info.

Spring Wildflower ID Workshop – 10am-2pm. Take a stroll around Beaver Meadow and Rose Acres in search of our spring ephemerals and learn tricks to identification. (BMAC, \$5/\$3members) Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for registration or info.

Spring Peeper/Woodcock Walk at Beaver Meadow-8pm to 9:30pm (BMAC, \$5/\$3 members) Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for registration or info.

Earth Day Celebration- Help Hawk Creek Wildlife Center celebrate our precious natural world. Come face-to-face with bald eagles, take a tour of Walk With the Eagles! Join us from 11am-4pm. Children 4yrs and under are FREE! Adults \$10, kids \$7. Info at www.hawkcreek.org.

Gala Lizzard Ball-A WNY tradition, celebrating earth stewardship. From 7:00 – midnight @ DNIPRO, the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 562 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY. Admission: \$10. Music: includes Gruvology, My Rap Name is Alex, Equinox, Blood-Thirsty Vegans. Activities: Chinese Auction, Silent Auction, 50/50 Split, Raffle (item TBA), Snacks, Cash bar. Hosted by PEF (Peace Education Fund). Updates on www.peaceonearthweek.org.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Open House-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center from 9am-4pm. For information call (585) 948-5445 ext 200.

Eagle Watch: Cayuga Overlook-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 10am-4pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Spring into Nature-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters from 9am-4pm.
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Counterfeiters Ledger- Join the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society on this field trip to an Akron Nature Conservancy site for spring flower viewing. Call ahead to carpool, due to limited parking. Leaders: Laurie Baldwin at 735-3727 and Joanne Schlegel at 835-6042.

Astronomy at Penn-Dixie- 7:30 PM, View a gibbous waxing moon, Saturn, Mars near the Bee-Hive Cluster M44, Venus in the west, the Spring Triangle rising in the east and other constellations. May view some lingering meteors from the Eta Aquarids meteor shower. www.penndixie.org for info.

Rain Gardens-Beaver Island State Park from 7-9pm. “Don’t be a fool, a toad on a stool, come discover a seasonal pool! Inflating their throats, with a balloon-like sack, an amphibian attack, with a wood frog quack, Blue-spotted salamanders perform breeding dances too, and stick their eggs to branches like glue. Feathery gills, it’s part of the thrills, gee this is cool, I love vernal pools!” For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.

Astronomy Day at Buffalo Museum of Science-11am-3pm Included with museum admission. Join members of the Buffalo Astronomical Association and the staff and volunteers of the Buffalo Museum of Science as we celebrate along with amateur astronomers around the world the love and fascination of our universe and the hobby of astronomy. Members of the Buffalo Astronomical Association will be on the rooftop of the museum with our specially filtered solar telescopes to safely view the sun. Come rain or shine and be infected with “Astronomy Fever”—A highly virulent and contagious lifelong fascination of our universe for which there is no cure.

Buffalo ReUse Open House- 298 Northampton ([map](#)) from 10am-4pm. Lots of activities including seed & seedling swap until 2pm, tours of community gardens and tool library, food and live music, Bird Abode Art Exhibition and lots of fund for the kids.

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation (CUFF) Cleanup Day-9am – 3pm at 130 Curtis St ([map](#)).

Buffalo in Bloom Gardening Classes- Attend a one-day gardening class (9am-3pm) presented by CCE Master Gardeners of Erie County in cooperation with Buffalo in Bloom- at CCE Erie County Demonstration Room 21 S.Grove St E.Aurora - to learn about perennials, annuals, bulbs, soils and compost, fertilizers, organic gardening, disease and pest prevention, growing vegetables and more. Classes are intended for Home Gardeners, Community Gardeners and Volunteers in Public Spaces. Cost is \$20 per person. For further information call (716) 652-5400 x176 or [Click here for a downloadable registration form/brochure for the 2010 Communities in Bloom](#).
Registration Deadline 04/16/10.

Community Tree Plantings-Join Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy at Delaware Park and Riverside Park starting 9 a.m. to Noon. Must be 15 + to volunteer. For information or to volunteer Call 838-1249 ext. 15 or click [here](#).

Earth Day at the Old Water Mill- 9:00 am - Noon. The village of Williamsville is celebrating Earth Day at the Old Water Mill in the Village. Local groups and the Amherst Conservation Advisory Council will be represented.

Global Youth Service “Day” Events-Volunteers needed for projects in environmental literacy, weatherization, and community garden projects in three disadvantaged neighborhoods in the City of Buffalo: Seneca Babcock; the West Side; and the Fruit Belt. For more information or to volunteer, contact Susan Marchione at smarchio@daemen.edu.

Sunday, April 25

Spring Wildflowers in Zoar Valley-Join Buffalo Audubon at 10 AM at the Valentine Flats Parking Area, Gowanda (To car pool, meet at the Tops parking lot in Springville at 9:15). Contact Person: Bill Michalek (billmarkm@yahoo.com). Zoar Valley is a treat to explore at any time of year, but the spring wildflower display is breathtaking. Many of the flowers we’ll see are only in bloom for a few weeks out of the year, and each year we find new species to enjoy. This is a hike of moderate difficulty with some steep and muddy slopes.

"Teach Me to Fish"- A free hands-on seminar with outdoor writer, Forrest Fisher, for kids and parents at the Bison City Rod & Gun Club, 511 Ohio St, Buffalo, NY. Come learn about fishing, kids will have hands-on rod and reel demonstrations, knot learning, lure rigging, get free area fishing maps and free Sahlen's hot dog and ice cream dessert lunch. Special activities include fish feeding as kids can help the staff feed 10,000 steelhead fingerlings raised in floating pens on the Buffalo River. Event will run from 2 - 4 p.m. with 50 FREE rod/reel fishing outfits for kids in attendance. Every child present will win a fishing prize! For more info, call 652-2256.

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

Environmental Documentaries- Free screening of documentaries at Burchfield Penney Art Center at 4pm. Include: Eerie Tales, by Courtney Grim, 9:00; Buffalo Harvest, Carl Lee and Dorothea Braemer (Work in progress); Buffalo ReUse: Building a Community, Carl Lee, 19:30 min; Random Notes of Ragpicker Woman, Dorothea Braemer, 14 min. and Warming Trend by Cade Bursell, 2009, 15 min.

Spring Bird Walk at Penn Dixie-9 AM to 11 AM led by Mike Morgante. Mike is a member of the Hamburg Natural History Society and the Buffalo Ornithological Society. The Penn Dixie Site Bird list, compiled by Mike Turisk and Mike Morgante, will be provided to all those attending. <http://www.penndixie.org>.

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Monday, April 26

Composting at Home - Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden Class- Join Charles for some practical tips on getting a compost site started at home. Learn the benefits of this "going green" practice. Presented by Charles McHugh, Master Gardener. Register at <http://www.buffalogardens.com/c-5-classes.aspx>. Time: 6:30-8:00pm Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12.

UB Environmental Network meeting-UB student group weekly meeting at 7pm, 250 Student Union North Campus. <http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/>.

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

Tuesday, April 27

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 244 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

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

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

Wednesday, April 28

Full Fish Moon Walk-8:30 PM. Join us for a walk on the night of the full moon. Bring binoculars and flashlights if you have them. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Explore Woodpeckers and Their Role in Human Affairs-A Buffalo Museum of Science Vaughan Lecture by Dr. Jerome A. Jackson. 7pm at the Science Museum. Talk is free to the public. A buffet dinner is available at 5:30pm for \$25 with reservations at www.sciencebuff.org.

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

New York State Wetlands Forum 2010 Annual Conference-Millennium Hotel Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. For registration, agenda and details see: <http://www.wetlandsforum.org/event/2010am/2010agenda.html>

West Valley Citizen Task Force-6:30-9pm, Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY. Check for Agenda at http://www.westvalleyctf.org/meetings_2009.html

Thursday, April 29

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

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Petropolitan Art Auction- Join us for a silent and live auction of animal inspired art, including works from famed photographer William Wegman and from Buffalo's own Robby Takac of the Goo Goo Dolls to benefit Maddie's Pet Rescue Project in Erie County. Reservations: \$40 in advance / \$45 at the door, Doors open at 6:00pm, Food and drinks served at 6:30pm, Live auction begins at 8:00pm. The Butler Mansion, 672 Delaware Avenue. For tickets visit, <http://maddieseriecounty.org/Reservation-Form.html>.

New York State Wetlands Forum 2010 Annual Conference-Millennium Hotel Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. For registration, agenda and details see: <http://www.wetlandsforum.org/event/2010am/2010agenda.html>

Friday, April 30

Spring Tree ID Hike-Come celebrate with us at Tiff Nature Preserve from 6:30-8pm on a day set aside just for trees-Arbor Day! Learn the clues that trees show us that spring really is here to stay! Non-Members: \$5. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Exploring the World of Low Wage Work- 10am – 12pm at 237 Main St., Suite 1200 ([map](#)). To confirm time and day of event and reserve a seat, email megan@ppgbuffalo.org.

Clean Air Coalition Annual Dinner-The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York is featuring keynote speaker Lois Gibbs, Love Canal organizer and internationally renowned environmental justice advocate at their annual dinner on Friday, April 30th. Tickets and reservations for the dinner can be made at www.cacwny.org/?page_id=334. Dinner will be held at Holiday Inn Grand Island, [100 Whitehaven Road](#) with dinner served at 7:30pm.

Saturday, May 1

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

CITO at North Tonawanda Audubon Preserve Cache In/ Trash Out- This is a cleanup at the NT Audubon Preserve arranged through the geocaching network. Everyone is invited to help out from 9am-noon. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Trail Cleanup at Beaver Meadow - Help us keep the trails at Beaver Meadow in pristine shape for the summer hiking season. Bring some clippers, work gloves and boots from 9am-noon. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Bear Awareness Day-Visit the Buffalo Zoo on this day and learn about our continued efforts at raising public awareness about bears and how their habitats are affected by global climate change. Highlights include informational tables, crafts, keeper talks and enrichment for the animals. The event runs from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and is free with Zoo admission. Please call (716) 995-6133 for more information.

Trail Cleanup-10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring your rakes and shovels for our annual trail clean-up. This is a great opportunity to fulfill community or scout service hours and for volunteers of all ages to help prepare our trails for spring. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Victorian Planters –Gardening classes on various topics. Check for times, costs and other course topics at http://www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Lockwood's Greenhouses, 4484 Clark St., Hamburg. Space limited, please call for reservations: 649-4684.

Spring Birding in Amherst State Park-Join Buffalo Audubon at 8am. Meet behind the apartment building in Amherst State Park. Enter from Mill Street at the Amherst State Park sign across from Mill Middle School. Join veteran birders Gerry Rising and Mike Galas on this annual spring outing searching for spring migrants. Warblers and other neotropical migrants are often highlights of the walk, and birders of all skill levels are welcome! Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org to confirm time.

Owl Prowl at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge-8:30pm – 10:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Call the refuge headquarters at 585-948-5445. Join local owling expert Chuck Rosenberg on a nighttime quest to see our local species of nocturnal hunters on the wing. Chuck's prodigious talent for imitating calls of the screech, barred, and great horned owls is a must see, and a walk in the nighttime woods is always an experience to remember.

Focus on Butterflies-With Toby Mansfield at Refuge Headquarters, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 1-2pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Warbler Walk on Swallow Hollow Trail-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 8am-11am. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Marsh Birds- Meet at Kanyoo Trail at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters from 6-8pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

April Showers Bring May Flowers- Niagara Falls State Park from 1-4pm. This presentation will be on wildflowers with many interesting facts about them. Then join us for a walk in the park to search for these treasures that greet us each spring. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

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.

Greenhouse and Aquaponics Construction (MAP) -389 Massachusetts Avenue ([map](#)). Join the Crew at MAP and tons of other volunteers as we construct MAP's second greenhouse and aquaponics system. This greenhouse will significantly increase MAP's growing power and ability to provide fresh, locally grown foods. MAP's urban youth farm currently features Buffalo's first straw-bale greenhouse, a 1000-gallon rain water catchment system, and Buffalo's first local aquaponics system.

Spring Tree Planting at Buffalo ReUse-9am – 3pm, meet at 298 Northampton St ([map](#)). If you would like to help plant trees or if you'd like to assist with the potluck, please email volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

Buffalo in Bloom Gardening Classes- Attend a one-day gardening class (9am-3pm) presented by CCE Master Gardeners of Erie County in cooperation with Buffalo in Bloom- at Erie Community College North Campus Kittinger Room K100 - to learn about perennials, annuals, bulbs, soils and compost, fertilizers, organic gardening, disease and pest prevention, growing vegetables and more. Classes are intended for Home Gardeners, Community Gardeners and Volunteers in Public Spaces. Cost is \$20. For info call (716) 652-5400 x176 or [Click here for a downloadable registration form/brochure for the 2010 Communities in Bloom](#). Registration Deadline 04/23/10.

Community Tree Plantings-Join Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy at Cazenovia Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and South Park starting 9 a.m. to Noon. Must be 15 + to volunteer. For information or to volunteer Call 838-1249 ext. 15 or click [here](#).

The Herbs of Spring-From 1:00pm - 3:30pm at West Falls Park, West Falls. This moderate hike through fields and mature forests will focus upon Spring ephemerals (early forest herbs), plant ecology, medicinal herbs and wild edible plants. Fees: Members \$5.00 / Non-members \$7.00. Pre-registration required: Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc.- 716-941-6267 or Email: earthspiritoffice@roadrunner.com.

Be a Better Gardener-Urban Roots Workshop at 10am with Master Gardener Julie Baldo. Visit www.urbanroots.org for info.

“Grow-Your-Own Garden Seedlings Organically”- UB Art Gallery will present a hands-on presentation on organic seedling production, at 10 a.m. in the First Floor Gallery. The workshop, to be led by Richard Price, member of Seedsavers’ Exchange and a former Northeast Organic Farming Assoc.-certified organic market gardener, will cover soil mixing, lighting and heat requirements, potting-up, equipment and seedling care.

Sunday, May 2

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Fundraiser- Taste of the Southtowns event will be held at the Springville Fire Hall from 11-5 P.M. We will have a Silent Auction, Chinese Auction (50 Baskets), Live Music and many fine restaurants from the Southtowns to serve their specialties. If you are interested in donating, email rosebird@frontiernet.net.

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

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

Citizen Action for Neighborhood Renewal- 6pm – 8pm at Buffalo Museum of Science. The West Side Community Collaborative has chased out crime, cleaned up the blight, and transformed property values from some of the worst in the area to become the fastest growing real estate market in the City. We will discuss how this group rehabs vacant properties instead of demoing them, coordinates block clubs, builds gardens and develops parks, starts businesses, and drives private investment - all with no funding, no paid staff, and little direct assistance from outside the neighborhood. This is a model that can be duplicated anywhere in the city by any group interested in improving their neighborhood. Workshop is part of a series being hosted by PBN.

Wednesday, May 5

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

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

Buffalo Audubon Annual Dinner-Speaker Wayne Gall. For reservations and information, visit www.buffaloaudubon.com.

Working for Downtown Speaker Series-Peter Cammarata and David Stebbins, Buffalo Urban Development Corp., will speak from noon-1:30pm in the Central Library meeting room, 1 Lafayette Sq. For reservations or to order a box lunch for \$10, contact Lynn Waclawek at lwaclawek@mtb.com.

Annual Dinner of the Buffalo Audubon Society- Wayne Gall, Regional Entomologist for the New York State Department of Health and great friend of the Buffalo Audubon Society, will be the featured speaker as he presents his world-famous "Far Side of Nature." The 101st dinner will be held at Protocol Restaurant, 6766 Transit Road in Williamsville at 6pm. The cost is \$30 per person and **reservations must be made by April 24**. Please call (585) 457-3228 or (800) 377-1520 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

Thursday, May 6

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

Native Plants in Any Garden-The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, along with Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Erie County and 8th District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State will host Dr. Don Leopold at 7pm. Dr. Leopold is a Distinguished Teaching Professor at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry in Syracuse and the author of Native Plants of the Northeast: a Guide for Gardening and Conservation. This presentation will include native plant discussion, recommendations, question and answer session and refreshments following the presentation. [Click here to register!](#) Tickets are \$24 after April 1.

Friday, May 7

Wildflower Sunset Stroll-Wilson Tuscarora State Park from 6:30-8:30pm. Spring is in the air! Come and enjoy the many glorious wildflowers found this time of year as we take a relaxing stroll through the woods. We will end the evening by watching the sunset on Lake Ontario. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, May 8

Project WILD Workshop for Educators-9:00 AM to noon. 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. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Focus on Bird Feeding-With Karen Colton at Refuge Headquarters, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 1-2pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Focus on Flowers for Hummingbirds & Butterflies- Refuge Headquarters, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 2-3pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Warbler Walk on Kanyoo Trail-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge bird watching from 8am-10am. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Migrant Bird Walk- Meet at Refuge Headquarters at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters from 3-5pm. <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/>.

Iroquois Rookery Hike - Join naturalists Ed & Jan Kramer as they take you to a hidden great blue heron rookery at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 9:30am-1pm. (IO) \$donation. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

East Aurora Parks Hike "Spring Wildflowers" -From 10am-noon, explore the park as we seek out the wildflowers that are beginning to emerge in Majors Park along Route 16. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 families. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Wings of Spring-Don't miss this International Migratory Bird celebration! Learn more about the birds living at the Buffalo Zoo, as well as migratory birds and the history and significance of migration. Informational tables, keeper talks, crafts and activities will be taking place throughout the Zoo's Gazebo Lawn area. The event runs from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and is free with Zoo admission. For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

Spring Peeper Walk - Join us from 8-9pm at Beaver Meadow as we explore the ponds at dusk in search of those noisy little tree frogs. \$5/\$3 members. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Junior Solar Sprint Competition- Jamison Road Volunteer Fire Company with registration beginning at 8:30am. Spectators welcome! Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) is a hands-on interdisciplinary project for students in grades 6, 7 or 8. The students build a model solar racecar to specific specifications using an approved solar panel and electric motor. For more information see our JSS Buffalo web site at: www.jssbuffalo.com or contact the local JSS Competition organizers at jssbuffalo@yahoo.com.

Arkwright Falls Field Trip-Join Niagara Frontier Botanical Society members and friends in Chautauqua County to look for spring ephemerals. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the Home Depot parking lot, just east of the Mile Strip Road exit (Exit 56) from the I-90. Once in Fredonia we will be guided by Jon and Priscilla Titus, and will be joined by some of Jon's botany students from Fredonia State College. Call Joanne Schlegel, 835-6042 if you plan to come.

Sunday, May 9

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

Monday, May 10

Soil Problems, and Amendments - Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden Class. Got problems with your soil? Grow rocks instead of plants? Join Charles for the answers to your soil dilemmas. For an additional \$5.00 charge, bring in up to five dry soil samples that night for testing (These will be taken to Cornell Cooperative Extension and the results will be mailed to you). Presented by Charles McHugh, Master Gardener. Register at <http://www.buffalogardens.com/c-5-classes.aspx>. Time: 6:30-8:00pm Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12.

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Integrated Pest Management-- Niagara Frontier Botanical Society meeting and talk by Charles McHugh, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens who will discuss ways to control insect pests with less pesticides. Meeting at 7:30pm at Harlem Road Community Center, Harlem & Lincoln St., Snyder. Free to the public.

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Friday, May 14

New Moon Walk-8:30 PM. Enjoy an evening in the woods without the aid of the full moon. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

“Camarasaurus Dinosaur Discovery in the Deserts of Utah”-The Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center is pleased to have Joseph “PaleoJoe” Kchodl, of Midland Michigan, speaking at 7 PM in the auditorium of the Gateway Executive Office at 3556 Lake Shore Rd., Blasdell. Penn Dixie members are FREE, non-members \$3 each. Call (716) 627-4560 for information and directions.

Saturday, May 15

Emerald Ash Borer Educational Workshops-Cornell Cooperative Extension is offering a workshop from 9am-noon at the Niagara County 4-H Training Center in Lockport. **For registration**, contact Karen Krysa at kmk27@cornell.edu or 433-8839 ext. 221.

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

Birding for Beginners-9:30 AM. Learn how to identify some common local birds and how to use binoculars properly. Bring binoculars if you have them. For adults and children age 8 and older. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Beaver Pond Probe-Evangola State Park from 1-3pm. The beaver pond provides a home with succulent plants and trees for North America’s largest rodent, and creates habitat for fish and wildlife. Let’s explore the pond, beaver dam and lodge. For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop – This Workshop from 10am-3pm is for any Boy Scout interested in earning the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. Pre-registration is required. (BM) \$12 per scout Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@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.

Buffalo in Bloom 6th Annual Spring Kick-off- in the Lobby of City Hall on Historic Niagara Square from 10:30 - 11:30 am with a brief program at 11:00 am. Free parking is available at the Turner Ramp next to City Hall (Use entrance on West Eagle Street). Meet other city gardeners and gardening organizations, bring perennials to share or exchange, meet Master Gardeners who can answer your questions, tour the Niagara Square flower beds maintained by Buffalo in Bloom volunteers and have your soil pH tested \$1/sample. For details on the event, soil testing or plant exchange, visit www.buffaloinbloom.com/kickoff.htm.

Scout Boat Building Weekend-Both Saturday and Sunday at the Buffalo Maritime Center. A hands on building experience & more. The Troops will walk away with a weekend skiff, canoe, and/or skimmer. For more details contact Theresa in the shop or at buffalomc901@gmail.com.

Nature Adventures Day-1:00pm - 4:30pm at Chaffee Wildlife Preserve, Chaffee. Join Earth Spirit at the Preserve to experience a variety of family-oriented nature programs including live animal demonstrations, ecology hikes, pond studies, wildlife lectures and more. Fees: Free of Charge (Co-sponsored by Waste Management of Chaffee). Pre-registration required: Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc.- 716-941-6267 or Email: earthspiritoffice@roadrunner.com.

Organic Gardening Day at Lockwood’s –10am-3pm, \$30 fee includes handouts. For details visit www.lockwoodsgreenhouses.com/classes_events.php3. Space limited, please call for reservations -649-4684.

Astronomy Night at Penn Dixie-8pm. Telescopes will be available to view a thin waxing crescent moon below Venus in the west, Mars getting closer to Saturn in the constellation Leo, the Bee-Hive cluster M44, Hercules the famous globular cluster M13, and a variety of other constellations. No pre-registrations required. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free.

“Dig with the Experts”-Dig at Penn Dixie Site. Penn Dixie members are \$25 each, nonmember \$30 each. Pre-registration recommended. Call (716) 627-4560 or email jbpendix@gmail.com for information and registration. Also a Special Event day to collect fossils and view solar flares through a filtered telescope. No preregistration required for the Special Event Day. Adults \$6 each, children \$5, children 2 and under free, and Penn Dixie Members free.

Operating Historic Preservation Commissions-9am to noon, Larkin on Exchange Bldg. 6th floor, 726 Exchange St., Buffalo. Guest Lecturer-Julian Adams, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Pre-registration required due to limited seating-free. To register call 716 852 3300.

Sunday, May 16

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

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Spring Bird Walk at Penn Dixie-9 AM to 11 AM led by Marilyn O’Connell, of Wild Birds Unlimited and HNHS Corporate Member. The wild flowers, vegetation, and a variety of Penn Dixie animals will also be viewed. <http://www.penndixie.org>.

Monday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 18

Stream Stabilization/Restoration Course-May 18-20, 2010 at Henrietta Fire Training Center, 60 Erie Station Road Extension West, Henrietta, NY. 9:00am - 4:30pm Cost: \$50.00 for all three days. This exciting workshop will introduce the methodologies and procedures for initiating, planning, analyzing, and ultimately designing long-term sustainable river and stream stabilization or restoration approaches. Innovative, environmentally sensitive, and cost-effective approaches to channel restoration will be discussed. Comprehensive case studies will also be presented. For more information: #585.473.2120 x3 or robert.kiley@ny.nacdnet.net.

Wednesday, May 19

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

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

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

“The Yes Men Fix the World”- River-Side Salem United Church of Christ Film and Food Series, Environmental Cottage, 3449 West River Road, Grand Island, NY. 6:30pm (potluck supper at 6:00pm). There is a short hike from the road to the cottage - please wear sturdy shoes or boots. For more info, contact: aeheartz@roadrunner.com or (716) 741-8815.

Thursday, May 20

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

Friday, May 21

Acoustic Music to Feed Your Soul- 7pm-8:30pm. This special concert featuring "Straight from the Heart" is sponsored by Mystic Wolf Healing Arts to benefit Hawk Creek. Amherst Community Church. [For more info, click here.](#)

Saturday, May 22

Butterflies of Royalty-11:00 AM. Search for monarch, viceroy and admiral butterflies on this guided walk. We will also discuss methods for attracting these beautiful creatures to your backyard. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Niagara Frontier Botanical Society Plant Sale-From 9:30am-1pm at the Harlem Road Community Center, Snyder.

Whirlpool Flats Hike-Whirlpool State Park from 10am-1pm. Experience the beauty and awe of the Niagara Gorge on this rugged, but scenic hike to the Whirlpool Flats. Topics will include history, plant and tree identification, birding, and much more! For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

East Aurora Parks Hike “The Other Side of the Creek” - Explore the Hubbard Road side of East Aurora’s newest park from 10am-noon. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 Families. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop – This Workshop from 10am-3pm is for any Boy Scout interested in earning the Bird Study Merit Badge. Pre-registration is required. (BM) \$12 per scout. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Test Paddle Canoes and Kayaks-Paths, Peaks and Paddles sponsored event. Factory Representatives Will Be Available To Answer Your Questions. Rain or Shine-10:00am — 4:00pm, 1000 Ellicott Creek Road, 3/4 Mile West of Niagara Falls Blvd. PLUS Seminars on: Beginning Kayaking, Beginning Canoeing, Local Places To Paddle, Canoe & Kayak Touring/Tripping, Kayaking Fishing, Women and Kayaking and New & Easy ways to load & Transport your Kayak. This will be a great time to test paddle that boat you had your eye on; see the latest in camping gear and get free advice from the pros. Refreshments are available. www.pathspeakspaddles.com

Sunday, May 23

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Monday, May 24

Integrated Pest Management - Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden Class. Learn how to use environmentally friendly gardening practices instead of chemicals to treat insect infestations and diseases of your plants. Presented by Charles McHugh, Master Gardener. Register at <http://www.buffalogardens.com/c-5-classes.aspx>. Time: 6:30-8:00pm Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12.

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Tuesday, May 25

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 244 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

“Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century”- Speaker: Kerry Mitchell, Manager, Political/Economic & Public Affairs, Canadian Consulate General as part of an ongoing lecture series on this topic from 12:15-1pm sponsored by Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature and Buffalo and Erie County Downtown Public Library in the Fables Café Conference Room, Downtown Public Library. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, May 26

Buffalo Green Drinks-A social networking event to bring individuals together who want to promote green business and community sustainability. The event is hosted [Upstate Green Business Network](#) in association with [US Green Building Council Upstate Chapter](#) at 6pm at D'Arcy McGees, 257 Franklin St., Buffalo. For info visit <http://ceinfo.org/ugbn/index.php>.

Stroller Strut-1:00 PM. Bring your stroller or wagon, and share a sensory exploration of nature with your young child. For children ages 3 and under. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

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Full Flower Moon Walk-8:00 PM. Enjoy a walk at the time of year when flowers bloom during the day, and the moon "blooms" at night. To register call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Friday, May 28

Full Moon Adventure-DeVeaux Woods State Park from 7:30-9:30pm. Join us for an indoor presentation on nocturnal creatures, the phases of the moon, constellations and more. We'll trek through an old growth woods to an open field for some great stargazing opportunities. Learn some interesting and spooky stories about the area along the way. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, May 29

Wildflower Wander-10:00 AM. Embrace the spring season by taking a walk to learn about New York's wild flowers that grow at Reinstein Woods. For adults and children age 8 and older. To register call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Dr., Depew.

Cave of the Winds Display-Niagara Falls State Park from 11:30am-6:30pm. Experience the local and natural history of the park and gorge through hands-on displays and thought-provoking interpretive signs at the Cave-of-the-Winds elevator cueing line area. For information call (716) 282-5154. Park admission fees apply.

Sunday, May 30

Cave of the Winds Display-Niagara Falls State Park from 10am-4pm. Experience the local and natural history of the park and gorge through hands-on displays and thought-provoking interpretive signs at the Cave-of-the-Winds elevator cueing line area. For information call (716) 282-5154. Park admission fees apply.

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Tips for the Environment:

1. Water filters- If you don't feel comfortable drinking straight from the tap, don't waste your money on bottled water. Invest in a water filter and try to recycle it when you replace it. To decide what category of filter you need for your concerns and an explanation of possible contaminants in water, check out

http://environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/water-filter-buying-guide/what-to-look-for/?source=email_gg. Brita and TerraFlo filters have recycling programs. Still need convincing on the switch from bottled water, watch "The Story of Bottled Water" at <http://storyofstuff.org/bottledwater/>.

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

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

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://buffalorising.com>

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

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

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

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

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

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>
Buffalo Niagara Partnership- <http://buffaloniagarapartnership.blogspot.com/>
Buffalo First Blog- <http://blog.buffalofirst.org/>
Green Job opportunities- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>
Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>
WNY Enviro-<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>
The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>
Tuscarora- <http://tuscaroraenvironment.com>
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores
Computer equipment-Accepted at all local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers
Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities
Expired or Unused Medicines- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Drug disposal best practices- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Rechargeable Batteries-drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy , Target, Walmart, Radio Shack stores
Household Goods-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Sneakers-Reinstein Woods

Regional Environmental Websites with Calendars:

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

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

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June	http://www.adk-nfc.org/home.php
Animal Advocates of Western New York	www.animalswny.org
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	www.awarewildlife.com
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center Volunteer Day every Wed. 10am-2pm at Beaver Meadow	www.buffaloaudubon.com
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	http://www.freewebs.com/bondlake/
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	http://www.bbbo.org

Brush Up Buffalo	www.brushupbuffalo.org
Buffalo Astronomical Association	http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/
Buffalo Blue Bicycle	www.buffalobluebicycle.org
Buffalo CarShare	http://www.buffalocarshare.org/
Buffalo Earth Day	http://buffaloearthday.com/EarthDay/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Environmental Management Commission	www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices
Buffalo First	www.buffalofirst.org/
Buffalo Geological Society Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Green Fund	http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/
Buffalo Growing	http://buffalogrowing.org/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/
Buffalo Institute for Urban Ecology	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/buffalo.htm
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.buffaloolmstedparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.org
Buffalo Ornithological Society	www.bosbirding.org
Buffalo Recycles-City Information	http://www.buffalorecycles.com/
Buffalo ReUse	www.buffaloreuse.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/

Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education	www.buoe.org
Buffalo Waterfront	http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/
Buffalo Weed and Seed	http://www.buffaloweedandseed.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture	http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/
Carvings for a Cause	www.carvingsforacause.com/
Celebrate the Waterfront	www.celebratethewaterfront.com/
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	http://ceinfo.org/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	www.cectoxic.org/index.html
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	http://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.cleancommunitiesofwny.org/
Clean Energy for Jamestown	http://www.cleanenergyforjamestown.com/
Community Action Organization of Erie County	http://www.caoec.org/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/
Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities	www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
Eastside Redevelopment Task Force	http://eastsideredevlopment.org/
Eco-Island Nature Center	www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518

Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www.epa.gov/region02/state/nylink.htm
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie Canal Trailway	www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
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 Lower Great Lakes	http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp
Garden Walk Buffalo	http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/
Genesee County Nature Center	www.gcv.org
Good Going WNY	www.goodgoingwny.com
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 5-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Beach Sweep	http://greatlakesbeachsweep.com

Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes Program/UB	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/glp/
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org
Green Gold Development Corporation	http://greengold.org/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	www.hawkcreek.org
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	www.jamestownaudubon.org
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	www.jnkscallofthewild.org
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jsbuffalo.com
Lake Ontario Ordinance Works Restoration Advisory Board	www.loowrab.org/
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.lisc.org/buffalo/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	www.mass-ave.org
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org/centralwestern
Nature Ed-Ventures	www.natureed-ventures.com
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm
New Millennium Group	www.nmgonline.org/
New York 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 Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrisg/botany/
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	http://www.nfwhc.org/
Niagara Heritage Partnership	http://www.niagaraheritage.org/
Niagara Restoration Council	www.niagararestoration.org/
Niagara River Anglers Association	http://www.niagarariveranglers.com
Niagara River Greenway Commission	www.niagaragreenway.org
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Our Shared Waters	www.oursharedwaters.com
Our Water Future	http://ourwaterfuture.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org

Queen City Farm-urban organic farm in Buffalo	www.queencityfarm.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org/main.html
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Slow Food Buffalo	www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
Sustainable Earth Solutions	www.sustainableearthsolutions.com
Tifft Nature Preserve Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825- 6397 to confirm walk taking place	www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx
UBEN-UB Environmental Network Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, 262 Capen Hall	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/esw/events.html
UB Environmental Stewardship Committee	http://www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/environmentalstewardship
UB ERIE Program	http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/
UB Green Office	http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen
Urban Design Project at UB	http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html

Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and Western NY	http://www.nysphysicalactivity.org/site_beactivenys/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps	http://www.wnyamericorps.org
Western New York Climate Action Coalition	wnyclimateaction@gmail.com
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Herpetological Society	www.wnyherp.org/
Western New York Hiking Trails and resources	www.wnyhikes.com
Western New York Land Conservancy	http://www.wnylc.org/
Western New York Science Congress	http://wnyssc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	http://www4.bfn.org/wnyseal/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Rehab and Release Center	http://www.wildspirit.org/
Wind Action Group	http://www.buffalowind.org
Working for Downtown	http://www.workingfordowntown.org/
Zoar Valley Nature Society	www.zoarvalley.org