



Gardens In Plain View

Strolls to see front gardens any day of the week!

WALK, BIKE, OR DRIVE: ≈4 miles



The Iron Island Neighborhood

The Lovejoy Neighborhood was established in 1862 on property owned by Churchyard Farms. It was named after Henry Lovejoy who was a drummer in the War of 1812 and then a surveyor. When the railroads were being built up in the late 1800s, the workers realized they were an island of iron, "We are an iron island." They built many of the homes in this area and on the far east side of Buffalo. Many immigrants, mostly from western Europe, arrived to work on the railroads, opened businesses, and soon Iron Island was named a "city within a city," as every amenity was provided by the very diverse population. The trains still run on two sides of the neighborhood and are heard day and night, offering a comforting sound to the many residents. Most people who live in this area love their homes which are still owned by the family members who helped found this neighborhood all those years ago.

Look for...

- A** Iron Island Museum & Iron Island Preservation Society
- B** Hennepin Park
- C** Buffalo Vietnamese Buddhist Temple
- D** William & Ogden island garden
- E** The Veterans Memorial at Hennepin

Note

Please enjoy the front yard garden strolls and beautiful landscapes from the sidewalk. In an effort to practice social distancing, we would like to note that side gardens and backyards will not be open to the public this year. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

- Practice social distancing
- Wear face masks as required
- Wear sunscreen
- Stay hydrated
- Wear comfortable shoes
- Wear a hat

Thank you to everyone for participating in this year's Gardens In Plain View! Visit [bcbwny.com/play](https://www.bcbwny.com/play) for more fun summer activities.

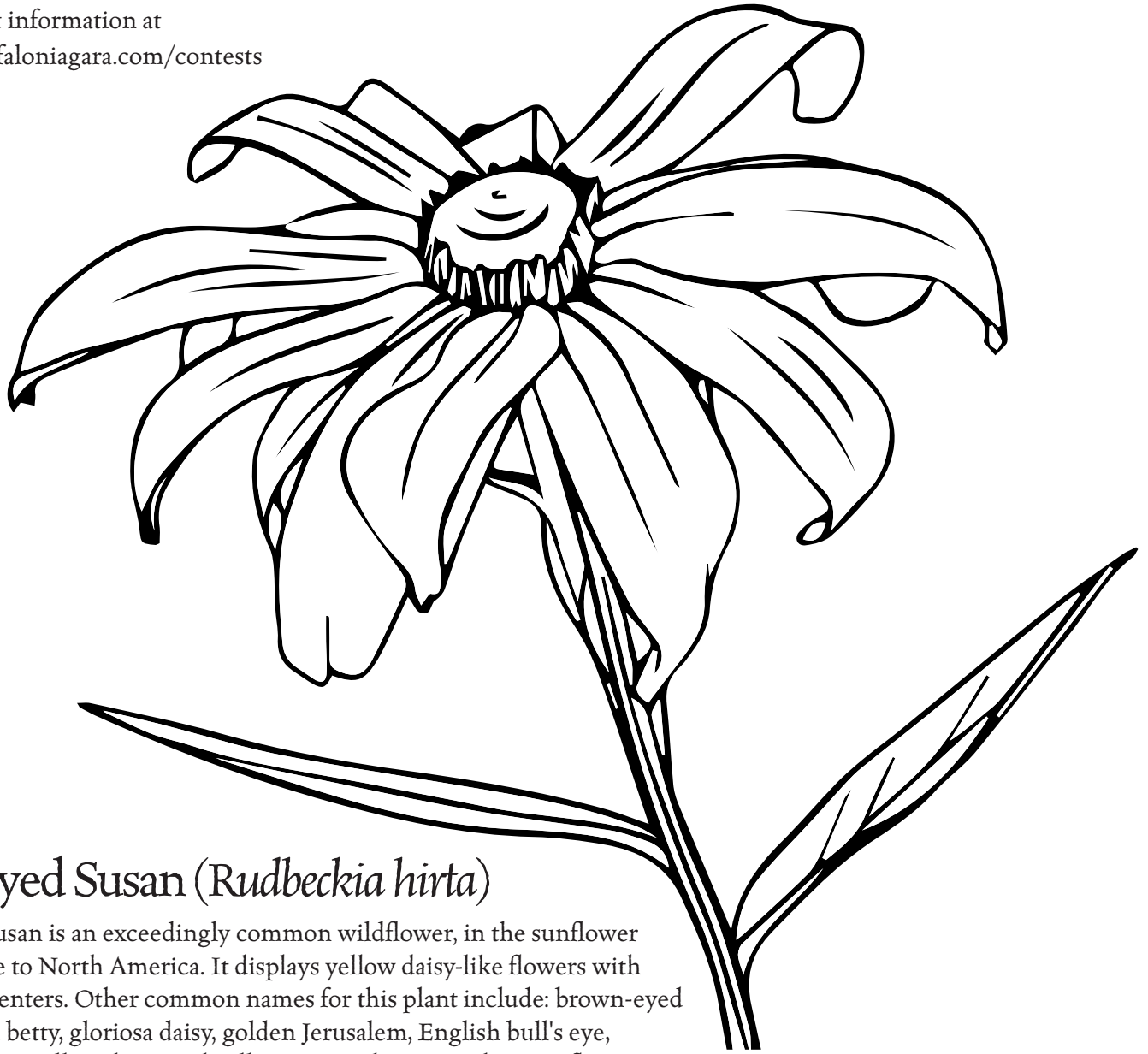


IN JULY: SUNDAYS Gardens In Plain View Strolls to see front gardens any day of the week **MONDAYS** Gardeners' Eye View Gardener-provided content **TUESDAYS** Garden Pro InterView Interview with a pro **WEDNESDAYS** Garden Stories **THURSDAYS** Gardens Buffalo Niagara Into View GBN video shorts **FRIDAYS** Garden Live View Interview in a garden with a gardener **SATURDAYS** Points of View Interview with a partner

View master coloring contest!

Look for this native plant in front yard gardens, color, and post it to Instagram with hashtag #plantsinplainview, and you could win a weekly prize in July!

Find contest information at
GardensBuffaloniagara.com/contests



Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

Black-eyed Susan is an exceedingly common wildflower, in the sunflower family, native to North America. It displays yellow daisy-like flowers with dark brown centers. Other common names for this plant include: brown-eyed Susan, brown betty, gloriosa daisy, golden Jerusalem, English bull's eye, poor-land daisy, yellow daisy, and yellow ox-eye daisy. It is the state flower of Maryland. It is a larval host to the bordered patch, gorgone checkerspot, and silvery checkerspot butterfly species.

What makes a wildlife habitat garden? Look for:

FOOD: Native plants provide food eaten by a variety of wildlife. Feeders supplement natural foods. Look for bird feeders, berries, and nuts.

WATER: All animals need water to survive, and some need it for bathing or breeding as well. Look for birdbaths, ponds or water features.

COVER: Wildlife need places to take shelter from bad weather and places to hide from predators or hunt for prey. Look for trees and shrubs.

PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG: Wildlife need resources to reproduce, and to protect and nourish their young. Look for birdhouses.

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES: Maintain your yard or garden in natural ways to ensure soil, air, and water stay healthy and clean. Look for rain barrels, no pesticide signs, and composters.