

Garden tours galore!

We hope this spring finds you well and ready to enjoy gardening again. Make sure to mark your calendar for July 30 & 31, and help celebrate **Garden Walk Buffalo**, America's largest garden tour! With the jaw-dropping gardens you've come to expect, Buffalo gardeners look forward to sharing their gardens with you. Here are more great garden celebrations to enjoy:



East Side Garden Walk

- **The East Side Garden Walk** the ever-growing tour (Now two days!) will hold its annual walking tour on July 23 & 24. Also new will be a headquarters location to pick up maps during the tour, location yet to be determined.
- **Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale** returns to the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens on June 25 & 26 to inspire beginner and veteran gardeners alike with unique, hand-crafted garden decor.
- **Tours of Open Gardens on Thursdays and Fridays in July** showcases nearly 100 exceptional gardens throughout WNY (*NOTE: No gardens will be open Friday, July 1*).
- **Weekend garden walks** include 17 neighborhood tours from June to August, from Lockport to Hamburg and points in between.
- **Urban Farm Day** is a free, self-guided tour on August 27. You'll discover more than a dozen diverse Buffalo farms raising homegrown food from around the world.



Tonawanda Open Garden

As we prepare for the 2022 season, we appreciate your support, whether through donations, becoming a member of the Living Gardens Legacy Society, volunteering at events, shopping our online store, touring the gardens, or attending one of our events. No matter where you are, you can always stay connected online to the garden community you love. Follow us on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram; and sign up for our eNewsletter at



Urban Farm Day

GardensBuffaloNiagara.com. Here's to spring, here's to new beginnings...SEE YOU soon! *From the Board, Volunteers, and Gardeners of Gardens Buffalo Niagara*

A legacy blooms



Amy J. Vilz, a UB librarian who loved history, gardening, and travel, has generously established a memorial fund to support one of her favorite events, Garden Walk Buffalo.

Vilz died on March 4, 2021, at 47, after a battle with cancer.

Through a bequest managed by the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, Amy leaves a living legacy that will continue to spread beauty and joy for years to come.

A native of Buffalo, Vilz graduated from the University at Buffalo with history and MLS degrees. She became head archivist for University Libraries at UB in 2013.

Amy planned her whole life to buy a house, plant a garden and see the world, and reaching those goals helped sustain her during her illness. She lived doing what she loved, whether it was tossing coins into Rome's Trevi Fountain or working side-by-side with her mother, Jeanne Vilz, to wrap Amy's brand-new Kenmore home in beds of colorful perennials. She said it best in her self-written obituary: *"In lieu of flowers, plant some...Plant roots for the future!"*

To support Garden Walk Buffalo via the Amy J. Vilz Fund, please contact the Community Foundation at (716) 852-2857.

If you would like to learn more about bequests through Garden Buffalo Niagara's Living Gardens Legacy Society, visit GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/legacy-gifts. Or contact Catherine Lincoln at ccarrlincoln@GardensBuffaloNiagara.com, or call (716) 247-5004.

"In lieu of flowers, plant some... Plant roots for the future!"

FREE! **Garden Walk** Buffalo
America's largest garden tour

Saturday & Sunday, July 30 & 31, 10am-4pm

Visit hundreds of creative urban gardens! It's free and self-guided, no tickets required! Find a map online or at select sponsor locations in July, or at our headquarters during the days and hours of the Walk only. To learn more, visit GardenWalkBuffalo.com.



FREE! **East Side Garden Walk**
Now two days!

Saturday & Sunday, July 23 & 24, 10am-3pm

East Side gardening shows a strong sense of community. In its 5th year, the tour embraces a wide range of gardens – from urban farms to lots cared for by neighbors. The tour is self-guided, free maps available at downtown Buffalo Public Libraries in July, and at a headquarters location, yet to be determined. For more info, visit EastSideGardenWalk.com.



Open Gardens
Nearly 100 exceptional gardens!

Thursdays and Fridays in July (except Friday, July 1!)

Nearly 100 exceptional gardens to visit for select hours throughout Buffalo Niagara.

To find out where you can get a guide, or to purchase online, visit OpenGardensWNY.com.



FREE! **Buffalo-Style Garden Art Sale**

50+ vendors of garden art!

June 26 & 27 10am-4pm (3pm on Sunday)

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave.

Art for every garden and gardener. Food trucks, live music, a "Plant Society Row" and a basket raffle make shopping fun! Visit GardenArtSale.com for a list of vendors.



FREE! **URBAN Farm Day**

Featuring 16 urban farms

Saturday, August 27, 10am-3pm

Tour gardens and learn about culturally significant crops, raising chickens and harvesting honey. For a list of farms and more information, visit UrbanFarmDay.com.



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2022 Garden Events Calendar

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE	18 & 19 Lewiston GardenFest	20	21	22	23	24	25 Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale
	26 Buffalo Style Garden Art Sale	27	28	29 	30	JULY	1 NOTE: No Open Gardens today!
3	4 Happy Fourth of July! 	5	6	7 EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY	8 FRIDAYS IN JULY Open Gardens in: Buffalo		9 Springville Concord Garden Walk Buzz Around Hamburg Town of Amherst Garden Walk North Tonawanda Garden Walk
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For more events, links, updates, and more, visit GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/events

East Side Garden Walk news



The East Side Garden Walk has partnered with the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission and the African Heritage Food Co-op to fight food insecurity on Buffalo's East Side. This program, *Mrs. Frances Nash's Garden Basket*, will provide farm-fresh fruits and vegetables to those in need – more than 200 people a week will have access to high nutritional value foods for free throughout the 2022 growing season. With your support this program can service up to 400 people a week. Donating today at MichiganStreetBuffalo.org/garden-basket.



Ground will be broken this summer to create more dignified surroundings at the Freedom Wall (Michigan St at E Ferry St), a mural celebrating African American leaders' historic and ongoing work for political and social equality. Thanks to the East Side Garden Walk Committee, in collaboration with Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission, and a \$366,000 grant from Senator Kennedy, the area between the wall and street curb will be improved and LED lighting will be installed to accent the wall portraits.



2022 Gardening Grants

The 2022 Lunenfeld Beautification Grants has awarded a record \$18,648 to support gardening projects by local block clubs and community groups. Thanks to all who applied! Visit GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/grants for this year's recipients.

Visit the online store!

Posters to coasters, tote bags, garden signs, jewelry, tea towels, baseball caps, magnets, and more! Proceeds benefit garden-centric community change.



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With your donation, both Garden Walk Buffalo *and* East Side Garden Walk maps will be mailed to you before the tours!

Help beautify Buffalo – make your donation before **June 15** at GardensBuffaloNiagara.com or donate by mail using the enclosed envelope. All Gardens Buffalo Niagara donors since June 16, 2021 will receive both tour maps in their mailbox in early July. Donations received after June 15, 2022 will be added to our list to receive next year's map. And as always – thank you for your continued support!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Green thumb not required.

We're looking for volunteers for Garden Walk Buffalo and the East Side Garden Walk to greet visitors, encourage donations, sell merchandise, and answer questions for visitors that don't know the area. There are also other committees and events that need dedicated volunteers to coordinate, publicize and staff throughout the year.

SIGN UP TODAY! Email Volunteers@GardensBuffaloNiagara.com or call 247-5004. Visit GardensBuffaloNiagara.com to find ways you can help.

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