



# Buffalo in Bloom News

Spring 2011

## Key Bloom Dates at a Glance

April 9 - Community Gardening Class

April 16 - Community Gardening Class

May 7 - Spring Mulching - Niagara Square

May 14 - Bloom Kick-Off/Celebration  
City Hall Niagara Square (see details p.3)

\*May 21 - Planting Day - Niagara Square

May 24 - Bloom Mondays begin at  
Niagara Square 4:00 P.M.  
continue though September

May 26 - Scout Orientation - Harvest House  
(details on page 3 and website)

June 4 - Scout Orientation - Unitarian  
Universalist Church  
(details on page 3 and website)

June 24 - July 31 - National Garden Festival

July 2 - 24 - Garden Scouting Teams tour all  
sectors of the city

Fall - Certificates mailed to all "Bloomed"  
gardens

\*Weather permitting - check website for updates

## BUFFALOINBLOOM.COM

### What a Site!!!!!!

The Buffalo in Bloom steering committee took a gamble in 2004 to devote some of our limited funds to the creation of a website. We were cautioned that it might be a wasted effort since a large portion of our potential audience might not have computer access. Well the world has changed in the past seven years—and a website that drew 300 monthly hits in the summer and fall in 2005 now draws 5,000-6,000 hits per month. We are even on Facebook with a steady number of over 160 facebook fans.

We owe a great deal of gratitude for this terrific communication vehicle to our webmaster — Scot Anderson. Scot came on board in 2005 and helped us design an improved website for a nominal charge. He re-designed the website again in 2006 and it remains our current format. Several years ago Scot began waiving even his nominal consultant fee and became a full Bloom volunteer- willing to give his time and creativity to a program that he sees making an important positive impact on our city. Scot is now pursuing a degree in Computer Information Services at Buffalo State College. We wish him well on his academic quest and thank him for his continuing contribution to the success of Buffalo in Bloom.

### Buffaloinbloom.com Feedback

One of the best aspects of having our website is to hear from our city gardeners directly. "Bloomed" gardeners are not shy about telling us what they don't like about the program as well as offering kudos for what we do right. Program adjustments are a frequent result of hearing from you —so keep the comments, and suggestions, etc. coming—we love hearing from you.

Out of towners are another important audience for our website. Our "Bloomed" gardeners are quick to share the website with relatives and friends across the country to check out their garden photo proudly displaying the Buffalo in Bloom marker. Our website visitors cannot help but be impressed by the breadth and depth of our city's front yard gardens ...contributing to the growing recognition of Buffalo as a significant gardening mecca.

We are delighted to share a recent comment posted on our website from a Houston, Texas couple who "visited" Buffalo last summer:

*"What a city! For weeks we have been captivated by Buffalo in bloom! We have visited almost every home in the listing and are enthralled with not only your beautiful flowers and landscaping – but also your quality, original architecture. We have never personally been to Buffalo, but your website makes us feel like we have. We appreciate that you have opened up your city –to view in a way like no other. Your neighborhoods show lots of creativity and pride of ownership. Keep up the good work!"*

### Buffalo in Bloom Steering Committee

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# 2011 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM GARDENING CLASSES - APRIL 9 AND 16

Our Bloom 2011 newsletter went to press too late to include a timely announcement and registration for the very popular Communities in Bloom gardening classes offered by the Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardeners in cooperation with Buffalo in Bloom. Information about the classes has been featured on our website, the Buffalo News, etc. for the past several months. If you are not a registrant this year be on the look out for 2012 classes by checking out the [Buffaloinbloom.com](http://Buffaloinbloom.com) website beginning in late February, 2012.

## What was covered in 2011 classes?

**APRIL 9** 21st Century Victory Gardening - *vegetable gardening - layout & varieties including heirloom*  
Feed Your Soil - *composting, soil & fertilization*

**APRIL 16** Enhance your Curb Appeal - *Garden & Landscape Design with Sally Cunningham*  
"Get Potted!" - *container gardening for a WOW! Effect*

 If you didn't make a gardening class this year ... you can still join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers who maintain the gardens at Niagara Square. It's a great opportunity to learn - & make a difference! This hardy group gathers at the Square for 1-2 hours every Monday at 4pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners - novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. To get on the e-mail contact list for times and dates at the Square - go to [BuffaloinBloom.com](http://BuffaloinBloom.com) and click on Niagara Square.

## NATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL JUNE 24TH - JULY 31ST

Buffalo in Bloom is proud to be a partner in the National Garden Festival this coming summer. As thousands of garden enthusiasts tour our city—they are sure to notice the Buffalo in Bloom garden markers sprouting up in every city neighborhood.

Be sure to check out the website - <http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com> for the incredible number of events planned for the five week festival - or - click on the link provided on the [Buffaloinbloom.com](http://Buffaloinbloom.com) website.



## BUFFALOINBLOOM.COM CHECK IT OUT

### For Information about

- ✧ Spring Gardening Classes
- ✧ Our May 14th Kick-Off
- ✧ Garden Scout Orientation Sessions
- ✧ Niagara Square planting & maintenance schedule
- ✧ Our Garden Scouting schedule  
July 2nd - 24th
- ✧ Our 2010 "Bloomed" Gardens



### For Contact Information - if you would like to:

- ✧ be a Bloom volunteer
- ✧ be a Bloom garden scout
- ✧ be a 2011 sponsor
- ✧ suggest a garden to be visited

View our 2011 "Bloomed" Gardens and check for weekly updates beginning in late July

Follow us on Facebook!

# BUFFALO IN BLOOM

## SEVENTH ANNUAL SPRING KICK-OFF

in

The Lobby of City Hall on Historic Niagara Square on Saturday, May 14th

### COME CELEBRATE THE 2011 GARDENING SEASON

10:30 to 11:30 am

*Brief Program at 11:00 am*

FREE PARKING AT THE TURNER RAMP NEXT TO CITY HALL

*(Use entrance on West Eagle Street)*

- ✦ Meet other city gardeners and representatives of gardening organizations
- ✦ Mingle with special invited guests - the "Bloomed" gardeners of 2010
- ✦ Participate in a plant exchange - see instructions below
- ✦ Sign-up to be a garden scout for 2011
- ✦ Master Gardeners available to answer questions
- ✦ Tour the Niagara Square flower beds maintained by Buffalo in Bloom volunteers
- ✦ Enjoy light refreshments with fellow gardening enthusiasts
- ✦ Have your soil pH tested \$1/sample (bring a dry sample)
- ✦ Register your name for prize drawings for all attendees throughout the celebration.

#### Plant Exchange Information

To participate in the plant exchange bring perennials you have divided to share. Be sure all plants are clearly labeled with name, bloom period, color, sun/shade requirements. Please no weeds or invasive plants!!! For each plant you contribute you will be given a ticket to use to exchange for another plant of similar size.

#### Thank You 2010 Kick-Off Prize Donors

Adams Nurseries  
Buffalo & Erie County  
Botanical Gardens  
Desi's Produce  
Elbers Landscape Services  
Rudolph Galley & Sons  
Lockwood's Greenhouses  
Petals & Pines Garden  
Center  
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Snyder Ridge  
Landscaping & Garden  
Center  
Upstate Gardeners  
Journal  
Urban Roots  
Community Garden  
Center  
Seneca Greenhouse  
Wilson Farms

## A VERY SPECIAL THANKS!

*The following area garden centers offered our 2010 "Bloomed" Gardens special discounts on purchases:*

Adams Nurseries 5799 Genesee St. & 2121 Sheridan Dr.  
Arbordale Nurseries 480 Dodge Rd. Getzville  
Desi's Produce Clinton & Bailey Farmer's Market  
Elbers Landscape Service 2918 Main St.  
Faery's Nursery 3170 Ridge Rd. Rte. 104 Ransomville  
J & M Produce & Garden Center Clinton & Bailey Farmers Market  
Lavocat's Gardens & Greenhouse 1437 Clinton St.  
Lockwood's Greenhouses 4484 Clark St. Hamburg  
Menne Nursery & Florist 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Mischler's Florist 118 S. Forest Rd.  
Murray Brothers Nurseries 4735 Transit Rd. Orchard Park  
Petals & Pines Garden Center 2723 Clinton St. West Seneca  
Rudolph Galley & Sons 2722 Clinton St. West Seneca  
Seneca Greenhouse 2250 Transit Rd. West Seneca  
Snyder Ridge Landscaping 300 Kenmore Ave.  
Stedman Old Farm Nursery 9300 Transit Rd. Amherst  
or 4090 Southwestern Blvd. Orchard Park  
Urban Roots Community Garden Center 432 Rhode Island St.

## GARDEN SCOUTING IN JULY..... SIGN-UP NOW!

 Gardening experience ... optional Gardening appreciation ... essential

You select a date from July 2nd-24th to spend a few hours "Blooming" gardens in a selected city sector.\*

*\*Maps have been re-drawn so all city sectors will be smaller and more compact.*

Orientation sessions for scouts will be offered . . .

**May 26th at Harvest House** - 1782 Seneca St.

Thursday - 7 P.M., Registration 6:45 P.M.

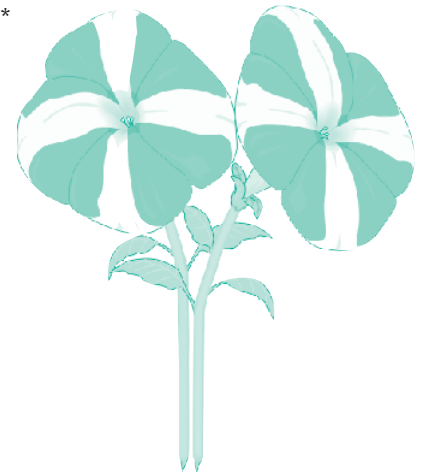
**June 4th at the Unitarian Universalist Church** - 695 Elmwood Ave.

Saturday - 9 A.M., Registration 8:30 A.M.

Sign-Up: On our website [www.buffaloinbloom.com](http://www.buffaloinbloom.com)

...OR BETTER YET...

Join us & sign on at our Annual Kick-Off at City Hall on May 14th





## Buffalo in Bloom

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**THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU!!!!**

*Buffalo in Bloom* is an all-volunteer project of the Buffalo Green Fund, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote planting in the City of Buffalo. *Buffalo in Bloom* relies on volunteers and donations to continue our mission. Listed here are those corporations, foundations and individuals who supported the efforts of *Buffalo in Bloom* in 2010. Thank you to our sponsors for their generosity. Please consider a donation to *Buffalo in Bloom* to help us continue our efforts for another year.

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