



Buffalo in Bloom News

Spring 2010

Key Bloom Dates at a Glance

* April 10 - Spring Clean-Up
Niagara Square

April 17 - Community Gardening Class
SUNY at UB Allen Hall (details p.2)

April 24 - Community Gardening Class
Cornell Cooperative Extension
(details page 2)

May 1 - Community Gardening Class ECC
North (details p.2)

* May 8 - Niagara Square
Spring Mulching

May 15 - Bloom Kick-Off/Celebration
City Hall Niagara Square (details p.3)

* May 22 - Planting Day Niagara Square

May 24 - Bloom Mondays Begin at Niagara
Square 5:00 P.M.
-continue through September

May 27 - Scout Orientation Harvest House
7-9PM (check website for details)

June 5 - Scout Orientation Unitarian
Universalist Church 9-11AM
(check website for details)

June 19 - July 25 - Buffalo Garden Festival
New for 2010

JULY 3 - JULY 25 - Garden Scouting Teams
Tour all sectors of the city

Fall - Certificates mailed to all
"Bloomed" Gardeners

* Weather permitting - check website

SIXTEEN YEARS AND HEADING FOR 20!!!!

Buffalo in Bloom (BIB) has always been an all-volunteer program dependent on the enthusiasm and commitment of its key volunteers. As we begin our sixteenth year we decided to ask several steering committee members to share what is about BIB that keeps them coming back year after year.

Kate Bukowski [16 years] "BIB has been a consistent part of almost a third of my life. The whole idea of BIB was to improve the street scape in the city and I think we have. It has been a great city-wide project, involving both gardeners and scouts who take time to recognize the hard work of the gardeners. Every year more and more people are taking pride in their property and planting and maintaining gardens."

Maureen O'Connell [10 years] " I love meeting people in various neighborhoods who have planted gardens in an effort to improve their own homes as well as their neighborhood. It is a great feeling to make someone happy by congratulating them and hearing their stories. It is what makes my work with BIB meaningful."

Nancy Thomas [15 years] "Sixteen years ago I had the only front yard garden on my block — now almost half the homes on the street have front yard gardens...this has happened all over the city —thanks to the volunteers of BIB."

Peter Theilman [12 years] "As a Buffalo born and bred guy, the best thing about my involvement is meeting the great people in the neighborhoods of Buffalo."

Marlene Liberti [15 years] "It has been a joy to be a judge and team leader initially and now scout and zone captain and a member of the steering committee for the past 6 years. Since I live in the city, it makes me feel great to make Buffalo a better, prettier place."

Linda Garwol [10 years] "I love co-ordinating the volunteers at Niagara Square -the front yard of City Hall... I believe in the city and the ability of people to make a difference in their neighborhood. BIB has allowed me to meet really terrific, like-minded people who care."

Karen Brandel [4 years] " I got involved in BIB by gardening in Niagara Square ...from there I became a scout and fell in love with city and the mission that is BIB. Gardening is a wonderful positive adventure, and I've met wonderful people."

Buffalo in Bloom Steering Committee

Kate Bukowski Maureen O'Connell
Co-Chairs

Scot Anderson	Deborah Olear
Karen Brandel	Suzanne Pacholski
Brian Budzynski	Barbara Riedel
Sally Cunningham	Carole Sedita
Linda Garwol	Peter Theilman
Marlene Liberti	Nancy Thomas
Sheila Murphy	Martha Yagle

2010 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM SPRING CLASSES FOR GARDENERS

Presented by: **Cooperative Extension of Erie County Master Gardeners**
In cooperation with **Buffalo in Bloom**

Attend a one day class (your choice of three locations and three dates) to learn about: perennials, annuals, bulbs, soils and compost, fertilizers, organic gardening, garden design, disease and pest prevention (IPM), growing vegetables, and pruning. Classes are designed 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!

**All classes taught by Cornell Master Gardeners or Cornell Educators.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: (pick one of three Saturdays)

April 17: SUNY at Buffalo Allen Hall (Registration Deadline: April 9, 2010)

First Floor, Main Street at Niagara Falls Boulevard, Buffalo

April 24: Cornell University Cooperative Extension (Registration Deadline: April 16, 2010)

21 Grove St. East Aurora Demonstration Room

May 1: Erie Community College North (Registration Deadline: April 23, 2010)

Youngs Road at Main Street Williamsville Kittinger, Room K100

All classes will begin at 9:00am and end by 3:00 PM

Bring a bag lunch Beverages will be provided

Pre-registration required (NO WALK-INS!)

Registration Fee \$20.00 (Non-Refundable)

TO REGISTER:

Send registration information to :

CCE Erie County 21 Grove Street, East Aurora, New York 14052

(Be sure to include your selected date/location as well as your name, address, phone #, and e-mail if appropriate)

Include a check or money order payable to: CCE Erie County

Downloadable registration forms available at two sites:

<http://cce.cornell.edu/erie/> or www.buffaloinbloom.com

For more information, please call 716-652-5400 ext. 176



👉 However, if you can't make a Gardening class - 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 5pm 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 - send in the enclosed application or go to BuffaloinBloom.com and click on Niagara Square.

BUFFALOINBLOOM.COM CHECK IT OUT

For Information about

- ◇ Spring Gardening Classes
- ◇ Our May 15th Kick-Off
- ◇ Garden Scout Orientation Sessions
- ◇ Niagara Square planting & maintenance schedule
- ◇ Our Garden Scouting schedule
July 3rd - 25th
- ◇ Our 2009 "Bloomed" Gardens



For Contact Information - if you would like to:

- ◇ be a Bloom volunteer
- ◇ be a Bloom garden scout
- ◇ be a 2010 sponsor
- ◇ suggest a garden to be visited

View our 2010 "Bloomed" Gardens and check for weekly updates beginning in late July

BUFFALO IN BLOOM

SIXTH ANNUAL SPRING KICK-OFF

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The Lobby of City Hall on Historic Niagara Square on Saturday, May 15th

COME CELEBRATE THE 2010 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 2009
- ✦ Participate in a plant exchange - see instructions below
- ✦ Sign-up to be a garden scout for 2010
- ✦ 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
2009 Kick-Off Prize
Donors

Adams Nurseries
Buffalo & Erie County
Botanical Gardens
Sally Cunningham
Desi's Produce
Elbers Landscape Services
Rudolph Galley & Sons
Lockwood's Greenhouses
Petals & Pines Garden
Center
Positively Main Street
Snyder Ridge
Landscaping & Garden
Center
Upstate Gardeners
Journal
Urban Roots
Community Garden
Center

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS!

The following area garden centers offered our 2009 "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 3-25th 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 during May 27th & June 5th... where you will have an opportunity to look over sector maps and select your scouting sector.

Come help us break the record of "Bloomed" Gardens in 2009.

Our 2010 goal is 3500 gardens.

Sign-Up: On our website www.buffaloinbloom.com

...OR BETTER YET...

Join us & sign on at our Annual Kick-Off at City Hall on May 15th





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 2009. 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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