



Buffalo in Bloom News

Spring 2009

Key Bloom Dates at a Glance

April 4 - Gardening Class
Erie Community College North
(details page 2)

April 25 - Gardening Class
Nichols School (details page 2)

May 9 - Spring Clean-Up
Niagara Square 9:00 am

May 2 - Gardening Class
Cornell Cooperative Extension
(details page 2)

May 16 - Bloom Kick-Off/Celebration
City Hall Niagara Square 10:30 am

May 23 - Planting Day Niagara Square
9:00 am (rain date: May 30)

May - September

Bloom Mondays at Niagara Square
5:00 pm

June - Orientation of Scouting Teams
(check website for details)

July 4 - July 26 Garden Scouting
Teams Tour all sectors of the city

Fall - Certificates mailed to all
"Bloomed" Gardeners

BUFFALO IN BLOOM DEDICATES OUR 2009 NEWSLETTER TO THE MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED CO-CHAIR JANET FOWLER (1946 - 2008)

We are deeply saddened by the recent death of Janet Fowler. Janet was the co-chair of Buffalo in Bloom for the past four years. After retiring from the position of Financial Comptroller at Citibank in Buffalo, Janet shared her time and talents with the people of Buffalo. Besides Buffalo in Bloom, Janet was the past president of the Buffalo Chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW) and very involved in their annual book sale; president of the Master Gardeners of Erie County of Cornell University Co-operative Extension and a regular volunteer on the Master Gardener Hot Line; and Board member of the Buffalo Green Fund. Janet will be sorely missed.

Bloomed Gardeners Love the Surprise - and the Appreciation

Each year we request permission from our "Bloomed Gardeners" before we post their address or photos on our website. We really appreciate it when a Gardener uses the return postcard to tell us how much they enjoy the program. Let us share a sampling of reactions that warm our hearts and keep us going!

... "You made my day! It was such a treat to see your small placard upon returning home yesterday. It was like a little gift. Thanks to the "flower team" for all you do. It is so nice to have a garden noted because they are truly labors of love and wordless messages of love to the world."

... "Thank you so much for the huge compliment in selecting our garden. You absolutely have our permission to publish our address as you see fit."

... "Thank you for the encouragement - it means a lot to a beginner!"

... "Thank you! We are trying to make our street and Buffalo beautiful with plants!"

A Bloom Scout also Shares Her Experience ...

"I was a first-time scout for Buffalo in Bloom in 2008. My neighbor and I decided to scout in a part of the city we were both familiar with but do not live - Kaisertown. We both loved the experience for a variety of reasons. It gave us an opportunity to get acquainted with a part of Buffalo we don't know as well as our own West Side neighborhood, to see a huge number of lovely front-yard gardens, to meet enthusiastic gardeners who take great pride in their homes, and also to build a sense of civic pride. Every garden you bloom as a scout is another opportunity to thank a person for contributing time and energy to making Buffalo a more beautiful place." Rachel Fix-Dominguez

THANK YOU BLOOM GARDENERS AND SCOUTS FOR MAKING BUFFALO A PLACE OF BEAUTIFUL GARDENS...AND BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE.

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2009 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM SPRING CLASSES FOR GARDENERS

Presented by: Master Gardeners of Erie County & 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 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 share with others.

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

DATES AND LOCATIONS: (pick one of three Saturdays)

April 4: Erie Community College North

Youngs Road at Main Street Williamsville Kittinger, Room K100

April 25: Nichols School

Amherst & Colvin Ave. Buffalo

May 2: Cornell University Cooperative Extension

21 Grove St. East Aurora Demonstration Room

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

Bring a bag lunch and beverage

Pre-registration required (seating limited to 50 per site)

Registration Fee \$20.00

TO REGISTER:

By mail: Send registration information to:

Buffalo in Bloom PO Box 282 Buffalo, New York 14201-0282

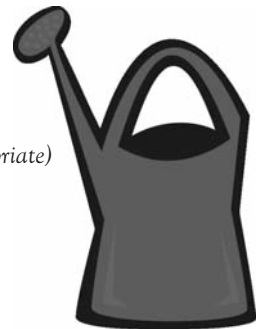
(Be sure to include your selected date/location as well as your name, address, phone #, and e-mail if appropriate)

Please make check or money order payable to:

Cornell Cooperative University Extension or CUCE

Check the following websites for a downloadable registration form:

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



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 hearty 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 16th Kick-Off
- ◇ Garden Scout Orientation Sessions
- ◇ Niagara Square planting & maintenance schedule
- ◇ Our Garden Scouting schedule
July 4th - 26th
- ◇ Our 2008 "Bloomed" Gardens



For Contact Information - if you would like to:

- ◇ be a Bloom volunteer
- ◇ be a Bloom garden scout
- ◇ be a 2009 sponsor
- ◇ suggest a garden to be visited

View our 2009 "Bloomed" Gardens and check for weekly updates beginning in late July

BUFFALO IN BLOOM

FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING KICK-OFF

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The Lobby of City Hall on Historic Niagara Square on Saturday, May 16th

COME CELEBRATE THE 2009 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 2008
- ✧ Participate in a plant exchange - see instructions below
- ✧ Sign-up to be a garden scout for 2009
- ✧ 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

2008 Kick-Off Prize Donors

Bflo & Erie Co. Botanical Gardens Society, Inc.

Rudolph Galley & Sons Greenhouses

Lavocat's Garden & Greenhouses

Lockwood's Greenhouses

Snyder Ridge Landscaping and Garden Center

Upstate Gardeners Journal

Urban Roots Community Garden Center

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS!

The following area garden centers offered our 2008 "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
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 4-26th 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.*

Training sessions for scouts will be offered during June ...where you will have an opportunity to look over sector maps and select your scouting sector.

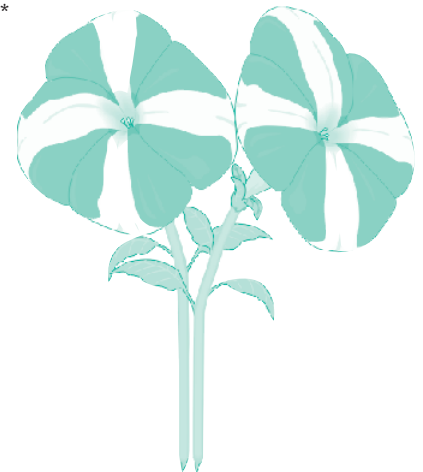
Come help us break the record of 3100 "Bloomed" Gardens in 2008.

Our 2009 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 16th





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 2008. 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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