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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

TO: Members of the Erie County Legislature

FROM: Karen M. McCarthy, Clerk

DATE: November 24, 2015

SUBJECT Proposed 2016 Erie County Budget – Public Comments

Attached are comments received regarding the Proposed 2016 Erie County Budget.

Thank you.



November 19, 2015

Dear Chairperson Mills,

The Albright-Knox Art Gallery is proud to be one of the leading cultural institutions in Western New York, and has served residents of Erie County for more than 150 years. We are extremely grateful to Erie County for its history of supporting arts and culture funding in the region. We are particularly appreciative of the legislature's continued support of the Albright-Knox's general operations and, more recently, our Public Art Initiative, which has captured the imaginations of residents and visitors alike.

In the past year, we have expanded our education programming extensively. This coming academic year, we aim to see over 17,000 children tour the museum entirely free of charge and with subsidized transportation, and consider these visits to be the first step in fostering lifelong curiosity and imagination. Simultaneously, we continue to undertake substantial exhibitions, such as this fall's *Monet and the Impressionist Revolution, 1860-1910*, which we anticipate will serve over 25,000 people. We accomplish these feats all while raising more than 60% of our annual budget.

While our goals are ambitious, our cracked marble floors and leaky roofs – in the beautiful buildings that we own and maintain ourselves— are not commensurate with the museum's world-class collection. Now, more than ever, support from Erie County is essential to the advancement of this institution and our Collection.

As a cornerstone of Western New York's public sphere, the Albright-Knox is a place where art encourages us to embrace our common humanity. The partnership of Erie County is critical to our daily operations and aspirational endeavors, and Erie County's continued investment in arts and culture assures that our region is a vibrant place to work, live and raise families. We hope that you will continue to support arts and culture funding in Erie County and the allocation to the Albright-Knox.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Hyde
President

Buffalo Fine Arts Academy Board of Directors



November 17, 2015

Dear Legislator Lorigo:

The Albright-Knox Art Gallery is one of the leading cultural institutions in Western New York, serving residents of Erie County for more than 150 years. Everyone at the Albright-Knox is extremely grateful to Erie County for its steady support of our general operations and, more recently, the Public Art initiative that has stimulated the imaginations of residents and visitors alike.

I write to ensure transparency in our application for funding from Erie County and to assure our utmost fiscal responsibility as a cultural leader in our community. To that end, please allow me to elucidate two points discussed at recent committee meetings.

As a non-unionized work force, the staff of the AK have benefited from across-the-board wage and salary increases only four times in the past ten years. The last such increase was in 2013. To retain our dedicated and hardworking staff, bonuses were awarded in June of 2014 and 2015 in recognition of outstanding performance and achievement relative to specific goals. The total of those bonuses in 2015 was \$120,000. The cumulative total of wage increases and bonuses since 2006 has not kept pace with either inflation or the social security cost of living index. A final note on this point: the total of bonuses awarded for the year ended June 30, 2015 amounts to 3% of the fiscal year's salaries.

Secondly, as a world-class museum with a global presence and reputation, we organize cultural trips through our Director's Travel Series, as do many museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and numerous others. These trips are open to donors, Board members, and volunteers. Destinations include both national and international locations. These trips are, in essence, part of our fundraising program. Travelers accompany the Director, Deputy Director or Senior Curator to art fairs, museums, and artist studios to enhance their appreciation of art. In every instance, travelers pay their own travel costs, share the costs for any AK staff attending—that is, staff travel expenses are shared equally among all paying travelers—as well as make a required donation to the museum. The Director's Travel Series trip to Venice in September 2015 netted \$60,000 of unrestricted revenue for the AK.

The partnership of Erie County is critical to our daily operations and aspirations, and Erie County's continued investment in arts and culture assures that our region is a vibrant place to work, live and raise families. Thank you in advance for your positive support of Erie County's allocation to the Albright-Knox.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Hyde
Board President

Cc: Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive
Jonathan D. Rivera



Arts Services Initiative Direct Service to Organizations in 2015: Please note that these organizations were involved in our large group, small group, or individualized professional development sessions. This list does not include individual artists, organizations outside Erie County, or those we work with through our many other programs.

African American Cultural Center
Against the Grain Theater Festival
Albright Knox Art Gallery
Alleyway Theatre
Amherst Chamber Ensembles
Amherst Symphony
Amor & Heritage Dance Company
Aurora Historical Society
Ballet Artists of WNY (Neglia)
Blues Society of WNY
Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Buffalo Arts Studio
Buffalo Audubon Society
Buffalo Center for Art & Technology
Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival
Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus
Buffalo History Museum
Buffalo Infringement Festival
Buffalo Museum of Science
Buffalo Music Hall of Fame
Buffalo Niagara Choirs
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy
Buffalo Opera Unlimited
Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
Buffalo Religious Arts Center
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Casa de Arte Gallery
Colored Musicians Club
Community Music School of Buffalo
Danceability
El Museo Gallery
Emerging Leaders in the Arts Buffalo
Enlightenment Literary Arts Center
Explore & More Children's Museum
Explore Buffalo
Fine Arts League of Buffalo
Forest Lawn Heritage Foundation
The Foundry
German American Musicians
Graycliff Conservancy
Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra
Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center
Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY
Hull Family Home
Irish Classical Theatre Company
Iron Island Museum
Jewish Community Ctr/Jewish Repertory Theatre
Just Buffalo Literary Center
Lancaster Regional Players
The Landmark Society of WNY
Latin American Cultural Association
Learning Disabilities Association
Lehrer Dance Company
Locust Street Neighborhood Art
Martin House Restoration Company
Masten Jazz Festival
Michigan St. African American Heritage Corridor
Museum of disABILITY History
MusicalFare Theatre
Music is Art
A Musical Feast
Nash House
New Phoenix Theatre
O'Connell & Company
Orchard Park Chorale
Paul Robeson Theatre
Penn Dixie Paleontological & Outdoor Ed Center
Polish Arts Club Buffalo
Richardson Center Corporation
Road Less Traveled Productions
Roycroft Campus
Shea's Buffalo Performing Arts Center
Springville Center for the Arts
Squeaky Wheel Buffalo Media Resources
Sportsmen's Americana Foundation
Starlight Studios
Sugar City
Theatre of Youth
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site
Torn Space Theatre
United Way
University at Buffalo Art Galleries
University at Buffalo Center for the Arts
Ujima Company
Vocalis Chamber Choir
Western New York Book Arts Center
White Pine Press
WNED/WBFO
Young Audiences of WNY
Zoological Society of Buffalo



November 24, 2015

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Dear Member of the Erie County Legislature,

Enclosed please find a package of signed letters from your constituents who are also patrons of one or more of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries. In total, 1,036 letters have being been hand-delivered to members of the Erie County Legislature from constituents requesting adequate funding for libraries. Here is the list of signed letters, by library per lawmaker:

LIBRARY	TOTAL	LEGISLATOR
ANGOLA	3	Mills
AUDUBON	12	Rath
BOSTON	16	Mills
CENTRAL (downtown)	34	Miller-Williams
CLARENCE	19	Rath
CLEARFIELD	2	Loughran
COLLINS	13	Mills
CONCORD	18	Mills
CRANE	64	Grant
DUDLEY	29	Dixon
EAST AURORA	236	Lorigo
EAST CLINTON	13	Burke
EAST DELAVAN	13	Miller-Williams
EDEN	23	Mills
EGGERTSVILLE-SNYDER	4	Loughran
ELMA	36	Lorigo
GRAND ISLAND	41	Hardwick
HAMBURG	60	Dixon
JULIA BOYER REINSTEIN	17	Morton
KENILWORTH	4	Savage
KENMORE	25	Savage
LACKWANNA	19	Dixon
LAKE SHORE	43	Dixon
LANCASTER	27	Morton
MARILLA	22	Lorigo
MERRIWEATHER	12	Miller-Williams
NIAGARA	6	Miller-Williams
NORTH PARK	108	Savage
NEWSTEAD	30	Rath
ORCHARD PARK	11	Mills
TONAWANDA, City of	43	Hardwick
WILLIAMSVILLE	4	Loughran
WEST SENECA	29	Lorigo
TOTAL	1036	

If you have any questions, please contact me at the downtown Central Library at 858-7182 or testaj@buffalolib.org. Thank you for your support of the libraries.

Sincerely,

Joy Testa Cinquino
 Assistant Deputy Director, Development & Communications www.BuffaloLib.org

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Penn Dixie

Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center

Patrick B. Burke
Erie CO. District 7
Old County Hall, 4th Floor
92 Franklin St.
Buffalo, NY 14202

November 4, 2015

RE: Hamburg Natural History Society/Penn Dixie

Dear Legislator Burke:

The Hamburg Natural History Society/Penn Dixie Board, staff, volunteers, members, and thousands of your constituents throughout Erie County thank you for your past support. We would like to request your support of the Erie proposed 2016 budget that includes support for Penn Dixie, and the other cultural organizations, at the 2015 level with a slight increase. Penn Dixie and the other cultural organizations provide quality of life for the residents and visitors, hundreds of jobs, and a significant economic impact to our county and region. Your support is greatly appreciated by thousands of our members, supporters, volunteers, and visitors from 41 states, 16 countries, and Washington, D. C.

The HNHS/Penn Dixie has been working on increasing revenues and reducing the percentage of county funding in the total budget. In 2014, the percentage of funding was 33.9 % down from 40% the year before. As revenues are start being generated in 2015, a percentage has not been determined yet. Penn Dixie's revenues are greatly affected by inclement weather and weather forecasts. Funding is being sought to raise funds for the building. In-school and offsite programs and increased memberships are being solicited to help increase revenues.

Penn Dixie revenues are generated from memberships, on-site and off-site programs, donations, school and group visits, science nights, grants, tours and events, presentations, donations, special events, astronomy, fundraising, sale of books, government support, and sales of Penn Dixie items. Erie County support helps leverage support from the Town of Hamburg and other major donors.

The HNHS/Penn Dixie attempts to keep their admission levels affordable for families and individuals to visit the site. Membership rates went up \$5 across the board and admission rates were increased by \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 under, and children 2 and under are free on January 1, 2015 to help increase revenues. Penn Dixie also has a school membership, at a greatly reduced rate, to help the schools cope with the rising costs of transportation and admissions. The enclosed membership form provides this information Penn Dixie provides free Spring Bird Walks, Transit of Venus event, the May 9, 2016 Transit of Mercury viewing,

information and a free fossil dig for children at many outreach and exhibit venues attended by many of your constituents. During the 2015 Spring Break, Penn Dixie instituted Spring into Nature programs, which provided reduced admissions for families. During the 2015 Erie County Fair, for the first time, Penn Dixie had an exhibit for 12 days that had children dig for over 5,000 Penn Dixie fossils for free.

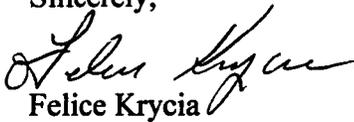
Penn Dixie provides excellent programs for schools, day care centers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, visitors, out-of-state groups, families, mentally and physically challenged groups, amateur and professional geology groups, university geology departments and classes, members, and visitors from across the country and from around the world. Penn Dixie serves as an educational, cultural, recreational, and tourism attraction for Erie County, Hamburg and WNY. Penn Dixie has been ranked the No. 1 Fossil Park in the United States where visitors can come and collect and keep all the fossils they find. If Penn Dixie did not exist, school groups would not have an easily accessible and safe site for a hands-on experience collecting fossil, learning about the geologic history of the region and evidence of glacial geology, viewing the erosion process, learning about birds, deer-turkey-coyote, mammals, wetlands, and gaze into Penn Dixie Skies with our evening and day time astronomy programs. Penn Dixie is a positive experience in the natural sciences "Where Science Comes Alive" for anyone from toddler to centurion and provides an outdoor experience for future scientists. Penn Dixie Site is a 54-acre site totally unique in WNY and the northeastern United States.

The HNHS/Penn Dixie 2014 Summary report, 2016 program and membership information is enclosed in this packet.

The HNHS/Penn Dixie thanks you for your support and requests that you support the County Executive's proposed 2016 budget for Penn Dixie and the other groups.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,



Felice Krycia
President

cc: Erie County Legislators

2014 Summary of Activities for the Hamburg Natural History Society (HNHS) and the Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center

Overview of On-site Visits, Programs, Presentations, and Exhibits

The HNHS/Penn Dixie continues to Grow in 2014

The Hamburg Natural History Society/Penn Dixie has continued to provide significant programming and increased fundraising during 2014. Although adverse economic impacts to schools, inclement weather conditions, and limited staffing continue to affect attendance, an enthusiastic and supportive group of staff and volunteers helped provide programs throughout the year. Funding was secured from The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation and the Erie County Environmental Education Institute to hire a full-time Director of Education, who began on July 7, 2014. A dedicated group of over 300 volunteers, part-time staff, and now two full-time staff provided Penn Dixie/HNHS programs that reached over 123,792 children and adults in 2014. Funding is still being sought to hire one full-time staff to increase programs and development activities to help make Penn Dixie fully self-sustainable. In addition, funding is being sought for the proposed outdoor education center building that will permit year-round programming, new programs, increased facilities, increased revenues, shelter from the weather, and increased visitors to the site year round. Penn Dixie increased the number of Boy Scout, Webelo, and Cub Scout badge days during the year. The Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium provided two students to help with groups, programs, and visitors to Penn Dixie during July and August. Twenty-seven volunteers from Dopkins and Company, of Williamsville, participated in the August 20th United Way Day of Caring at Penn Dixie. On February 15th Penn Dixie held the fourth annual Penn Dixie 'Think Ya Know' Game Show with the Quiz Master Dennis George, which raised funds for the site. The HNHS/Penn Dixie continue to sell Amadeus W. Grabau's 1898-1899 "*Geology and Palaeontology of Eighteen Mile Creek*" to help raise revenues to help support the programs and operations of the Penn Dixie Site. In addition, The HNHS/Penn Dixie is selling Dr. Rick Batt's "*What Do You Mean Dinosaurs Didn't Live in Hawai'i*", to help increase revenues. Four Eagle Scout projects resulted in two benches being installed under the wetland shelters and the culverts being cleaned out, construction of a 25-ft x 6 ft. steel and wooden bridge over the tributary to Rush Creek, the clearing of the north trail for the installation of fabric and crushed stone on over 600 feet, and the construction and installation of 20 Bluebird nesting boxes. With over 4,100 ft. of paved trails for handicap accessibility at Penn Dixie, there have been an increasing number of physically and mentally challenged visitors. The HNHS/Penn Dixie Board also approved increasing admission and membership rates beginning January 1, 2015.

A Breadth of Visitors during 2014

In 2014, the Penn Dixie Site attracted visitors from **41 states, Washington, D.C., and from 14 countries** – Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Netherlands, Seneca Nation of Indians, Switzerland, and United Kingdom. Groups from the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society in Philadelphia, the Cincinnati Dry Dredgers, New York Paleontological Society, North Coast Fossil Society in Cleveland, OH, Kentucky Paleontological Society, Midland, Michigan, STANYS of Long Island, and several university groups from Western New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio visited the Penn Dixie Site. In addition, students from public, parochial, charter, day care, pre-school, and home schools in Erie County and school districts throughout Western New York experienced the classic and unique geological and natural science resources at the Penn Dixie Site during 2014. The Penn Dixie website is generating thousands of visits at www.penn Dixie.org for information and as an educational resource across the U.S. and countries around the world. Penn Dixie's Facebook page and a Youtube program "Penn Dixie- Colly in the Community" are receiving hundreds of visits and the links are on the Penn Dixie website.

Increased Recognition and Community Outreach

The Penn Dixie Site was ranked the **No.1 Fossil Park in the U.S. in June 2011** after a seven-year study by professors from Mississippi State University & Louisiana State University as reported in Geological Society of America Special Paper 474. The HNHS was ranked No.19 in the Top 25 Tourist Attractions in WNY by attendance in 2005, the most recent data published by Business First. Penn Dixie has over 1,000 memberships in 30 states, Canada, England and Germany. The STANYS of Long Island brought a group of teachers to Penn Dixie. The Executive Director also serves on the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, as a member of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce Networking Group, the WNY Science Educators group, and attends meetings with the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau to help promote tourism to our region. Penn Dixie Director and astronomer appeared on a 30- minute program on Lockport Community TV program in March. The Director was interviewed on Tom Donahue's radio show on WECK on July 29 and was interviewed on Channel 7's "Aging is for Everyone" program in October. Penn Dixie was featured in the September-October 2014 *Fossilien* (paleontology magazine) in an article written by Roger Furze in Germany, which is circulated throughout Europe. Several Penn Dixie members, staff and summer day campers participated in the 'Ice Water Dump', a fundraiser for ALS on August 19. Several community newspapers, *The Buffalo News*, the *Lackawanna Front Page*,

The *Hamburg Sun*, Bee Publications, Metro Community News and several editions of local Pennysavers and newspapers featured many of the Penn Dixie programs, events, and facility developments.

HNHS Program Growth for the Past Five Years

The following is a summary of HNHS/Penn Dixie on-site and off-site educational programs and their attendance for 2014 and the four preceding years:

	# 2010	2010	#2011	2011	#2012	2012	#2013	2013	#2014	2014
<u>Events</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Attend.</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Attend.</u>
Visits to Penn Dixie Site										
School	64	3,546	65	3,758	54	3,608	58	3,090	58	3,081
Groups & Public	223	5,401	237	5,140	244	5,308	264	6,454	248	6,252
Programs (On site & Off site)	65	2,850	55	2,684	59	5,751	52	3,328	69	2,862
Presentations										
Prof. & Community	8	120+	13	846+	23	539	28	816	26	467
School Science Programs	4	982	3	1,450	5	2,020	5	2,040	9	2,300
Exhibits at Various Shows	<u>17</u>	<u>58,651+</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>62,350+</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>86,675+</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>97,950+</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>108,830+</u>
Totals	381	71,590+	398	76,228+	408	103,901+	436	113,659+	443	123,792+

A Variety of Educational Activities and Collaborative Programs

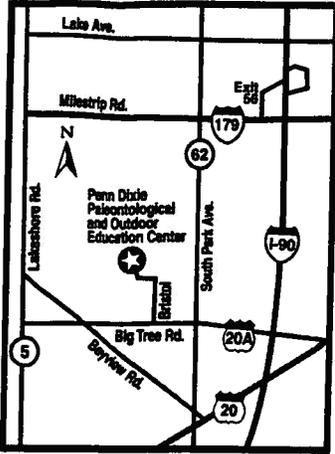
Penn Dixie continued the Williamsville North Space Planetarium-Penn Dixie Astronomy program in April with a planetarium show and viewing of the "Williamsville Skies" through Penn Dixie telescopes. The Annual "Dig with the Experts" was run by Penn Dixie members from Cincinnati, OH and had participants from eight different states and Canada. Penn Dixie participated in the Annual Great Lakes Experience Festival coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife at Buffalo's in Dunkirk, NY on June 13. Penn Dixie continued to provide four weeks of the Science Adventure Summer Day Camps for boys and girls 8-12 years old. In addition Penn Dixie, Evangola State Park and Reinstein Woods provided a Summer Science Safari Summer Day Camp program for children in August. Penn Dixie, Evangola State Park, and Past & Present Rock Shop provided two weeks of a Dinosaur, Fossil & Nature Summer Day Camp for children in July and August. Penn Dixie and the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists co-sponsored the 17th Annual Earth Science Day at the Penn Dixie Site. More than twenty-five local businesses, government agencies, universities, and cultural institutions provided exhibits. The pre-service and in-service teachers from Allegheny College, Buffalo State College, SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Potsdam, Oberlin College in Ohio, Stony Brook, Master Teachers from SUNY at Buffalo, and the Buffalo State Science Education Service Learning students visited Penn Dixie as part of their professional development curriculum. The Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tours, which are in collaboration with the Buffalo Lighthouse Association, continue to be popular and two cruises were held, one in June and one in September. Penn Dixie provided on-site programs for the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America. The HNHS works closely with the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists, The Buffalo Astronomical Association, the Buffalo Geological Society, the Buffalo Lighthouse Association, Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Evangola State Park, the Niagara State Parks Interpretive Office, Beaver Meadow Nature Preserve, the Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau, the United Way Day of Caring, the Lake Erie Seaway Trails Committee, Past and Present Rock Shop, the Williamsville North High School, the Arts Services Initiative, Greater Buffalo Cultural Alliance, the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Hamburg Village Business Association on joint programming opportunities and other ways of attracting "eco-tourists" to Erie County via the Penn Dixie Site.

Building Our Educational Infrastructure for Continued Growth

Penn Dixie in increased public hours in the fall of 2014 one hour Monday-Saturday and two hours on Sunday. The HNHS/Penn Dixie Board raised admission prices and membership rates beginning January 1, 2015. In addition, new and expanded programs are being implemented for on-site and off-site programs, which will help increase revenues. A primary goal is to obtain funding to hire one full-time staff member to help develop and implement fundraising and membership programs. Additional staff and the proposed education center building will help meet the ever-increasing program demands for this unique and classic cultural, educational, recreational, and tourist attraction for the Buffalo-Niagara Region. The Penn Dixie Site is a unique and classic site that continues to provide a hands-on experience "Where Science Comes Alive!" Imagine what could be accomplished with additional full time staff and an outdoor education center building that will provide unlimited growth in natural science programs for visitors from across the country and around the world!



2016 Special Events & Astronomy Programs at Penn Dixie



The site is open to the public for fossil collecting:

Spring Break: March 19th - 26th

Monday - Saturday, 9am - 5pm & Sundays, 10am - 5pm

May - October:

Saturdays, 9am - 5pm & Sundays, 10am - 5pm

June 11th - September 6th:

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Open rain or shine!

Closed: Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day

Open Columbus Day: October 12th: 9am - 5pm

Adults: \$9

Children 3 - 12: \$7

Children 2 and Under: Free

Penn Dixie Members: Free

School groups: Enrich your students with hands-on science activities that explore the 380 million year old tropical marine fossils that once roamed in Hamburg! For more information or to schedule a field trip or school visit with Penn Dixie please email *Sarah Einhouse*: sepenndixie@gmail.com or call: (716)627-4560.

Scouts, Groups, Birthday Parties or Individuals wishing to schedule a group tour should call (716)627-4560 for more information or visit our web site at www.penndixie.org.

2016 Special Events

May 21st (Saturday) 9am - 5pm:

Dig with the Experts

Be the first to collect in our newly excavated area of the site. Sunspot and solar flare viewing will be available through our telescopes. Visit our web site at www.penndixie.org or call (716)627-4560 for additional details, cost and registration forms for this event.

June 5th (Sunday) 1pm - 4pm:

Children's Day

Come celebrate Children's Day at Penn Dixie for a day filled with science and nature! Special events for children and families will include contests, astronomy activities, fossil cleaning/prepping, guided nature hikes and more!

June 12th (Sunday) 8:30am - 12 noon

26th Penn Dixie Nature Cruise

Call (716)627-4560 or visit www.penndixie.org for registration details and additional information. Limited space available.

June 26th (Sunday) 11am - 4pm:

Big Toys, Trucks and Bikes Event

Fossils, Trucks, Bikes and Toys! Come to Penn Dixie and sit in the driver's seat of your favorite "big toy". Vehicles that will interest children 2 to 102 will be on site, along with telescopes for viewing sunspots and solar flares. Fossil collecting of our 380 million year old fossils will also take place with our experts there to assist and identify everything you find.

August 13th (Saturday) 5pm - 11pm:

Mid-Summer Night Adventure

Join us as we venture out to our collecting site to search for fossils at night, but don't forget your lantern or flashlight to help you find your fossils. Sunspot viewing will be available until dusk. After dark, telescopes will focus on the 76% full Waxing Gibbous Moon and all five naked eye visible planets (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn). The Summer Triangle is now high in the east, for good viewing of M57 the Ring Nebula in Lyra and the Star Albireo in Cygnus, meteors from the recently peaked Perseid Meteor Shower, and a variety of other constellations will be visible.

September 11th (Sunday) 1pm - 4pm:

Grandparent's Day

Happy National Grandparent's Day! In recognition of this day, *every grandparent that brings a grandchild is admitted free*. Our experts will also be on site to help identify your fossils, rocks and minerals. Our telescopes for viewing sunspots and solar flares will be available as well as fossil cleaning and prepping demonstration throughout the day.

October 8th (Saturday) 9am - 4pm: 19th Annual WNY Earth Science Day

The WNY National Earth Science Day celebration is happening at Penn Dixie and is being co-sponsored by the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists. Come talk to earth scientists and watch as they exhibit and demonstrate various aspects of their professions. Learn about drill rigs and watch a demonstration on rock coring and drilling operations. Sunspots and solar flares will also be visible through our telescopes along with fossil collecting and a wide variety of other activities. Girl and Boy Scouts can earn badge requirements. Call (716)627-4560 for more information.

November 3rd (Thursday) 6pm - 9pm: 21st Annual HNHS/Penn Dixie Fundraiser

Join us for a night out at our annual fundraiser event. The night will include silent and voice auctions, raffles, hors d'oeuvres and much more! The public is welcome to attend and will be a fun filled evening for all. Donations of themed baskets, gift certificates, artwork, toys and tickets to sport games are all welcome.

2016 Evening Astronomy Programs

Spend an evening at the Penn Dixie Site for an out-of-this-world experience!



Our trained HNHS astronomy volunteers will be present at all of our evening astronomy programs to show you our planets and constellations visible on that particular night. You may bring along your own telescope for the event or are welcome to use one of the telescopes provided for the evening. For additional information please call (716)627-4560.

Admission to these evening events are \$4 per person and Penn Dixie members are free.

Events will be canceled due to heavy cloud cover or rain on site

March 26th (Saturday) 7:30pm: Telescopes will focus on Jupiter in the East, the Pleiades M45 (7 sisters) in the southwest and famous Orion's Nebula M42. Also visible will be, Cancer's Bee Hive cluster M44, the Winter Triangle in the south, the Spring Triangle rising in the east and a variety of other constellations.

April 9th (Saturday) 7:30pm: Telescopes will focus on Jupiter in the east, a thin waxing crescent moon in the west, Orion's Nebula M42 near the moon and the Bee Hive cluster M44. Penn Dixie astronomers will trace out the Big Dipper, use its pointer stars Dubhe & Merak to locate the North Star Polaris and a variety of other constellations.

April 20th (Wednesday) 6pm: Williamsville North Planetarium Show

Viewing of the Williamsville skies with Penn Dixie telescopes at the Williamsville Space Planetarium at 1595 Hopkins Rd. (near Dodge). Telescopes will focus on the nearly full moon, Jupiter and a variety of other constellations.

May 9th (Monday) 7am - 3pm: Transit of Mercury

Telescopes will focus on Venus rising in the east. Around 7:12am Mercury will start its transit across the surface of the sun and will end at 2:42pm. We'll also view sunspots if there any at this time. Then around 10am, try and catch a waxing crescent moon rising in the east. The next transit of Mercury won't occur until 2019 and then not until 2039!

May 14th (Saturday) 7:30pm: Telescopes will focus on Jupiter overhead near the constellation Leo the Lion, a 77% full Waxing Gibbous Moon and the Bee Hive cluster M44. Penn Dixie astronomers will locate and trace out the famous Sickle (forms the head of Leo the Lion), the famous globular star cluster M13 in Hercules (will be in the east around 9pm), Mars will rise in the east around 9:14pm and a variety of other constellations.

June 11th (Saturday) 7:30pm: Telescopes will focus on the planets Jupiter, Mars, and Saturn (rising in the east around 8pm). The Great Globular Cluster in Hercules, M13 and M57 (Ring Nebula) will rise in the east and a variety of other constellations will be visible.

July 30th (Saturday) 7:30pm: Telescopes will focus on all five naked eye visible planets (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn). Penn Dixie astronomers will trace out The Summer Triangle (Vega, Deneb, & Altair) in the east. M57 the Ring Nebula in Lyra and the Star Albireo in Cygnus and a variety of other constellations will also be visible. A few leftover meteors from the Delta Aquarid Meteor shower may be visible in the moonless sky.

August 13th (Saturday) 5pm: See August 13th Mid-Summer's Night Adventure Event under Special Events

September 10th (Saturday) 6pm: Telescopes will focus on Saturn in the constellation Scorpius, with Mars and a 61% Waxing Gibbous Moon to its left, still high overhead are M13, M57 and M27. Penn Dixie astronomers will trace out the Delphinus constellation by the bright star Altair in the Aquila constellation and a variety of other constellations.

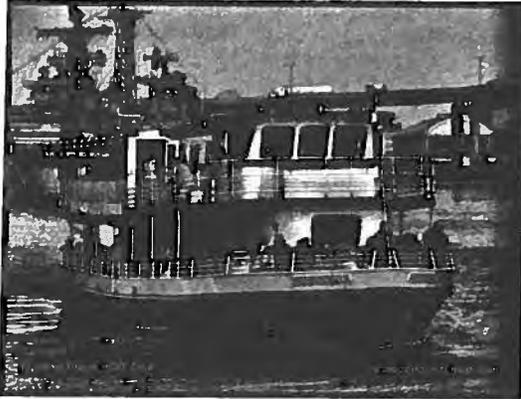
October 8th (Saturday) 7pm: Telescopes will focus on Venus low on the western horizon at sunset, Saturn low in the west, Mars, the waxing crescent moon, the famous Double open star cluster NGC 869-84 in Perseus, (ET) open star cluster NGC 457 in Cassiopeia constellation, the bright star Capella with its flashing colors rising in the east around 9 PM, Draconid Meteors and a variety of other constellations.



Penn Dixie Nature Cruise

All Aboard!

The 26th Cruise



The Penn Dixie Paleontological & Outdoor Education Center invites you to a spring cruise aboard the *Miss Buffalo*. You'll gain a first-hand view of Lake Erie and the Upper Niagara River while our expert guides in geology, fisheries, aquatic biology and birding provide interesting and informative commentary. During the three-hour cruise, you'll learn about the environmental concerns surrounding Lake Erie and the Niagara River while gaining a better understanding and appreciation for our unique local aquatic environment and resources.

When:

Saturday, June 12th, 2016
Boarding Time: 8:30am
Weigh Anchor: 9am



Where:

Erie Basin Marina Gatehouse
Buffalo, NY

Your Penn Dixie Tour Guides:

Jerold C. Bastedo: Former Executive Director of Penn Dixie & Professional Geologist

Sean Meegan: Senior Biologist, Ecology and Environment, Inc..

Michael Morgante: Member of the Buffalo Ornithological Society &
Engineer with Ecology and Environment, Inc.

Thomas Johnston: Penn Dixie Member & Former HNHS/Penn Dixie Board President

Fees:

Adults: \$30

Children: \$27

Penn Dixie Members: Adults \$27, Children \$24



*Note: We recommend casual dress for the weather conditions of the day.
Bring a jacket or windbreaker, rubber-soled shoes, camera and binoculars.*

Space is limited, so reserve your spot now!

See reverse side for your registration form and payment instructions.

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Please complete the following information to reserve your spot:

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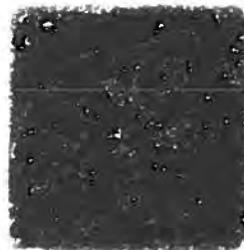
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Birds



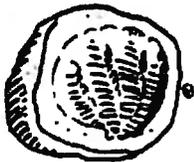
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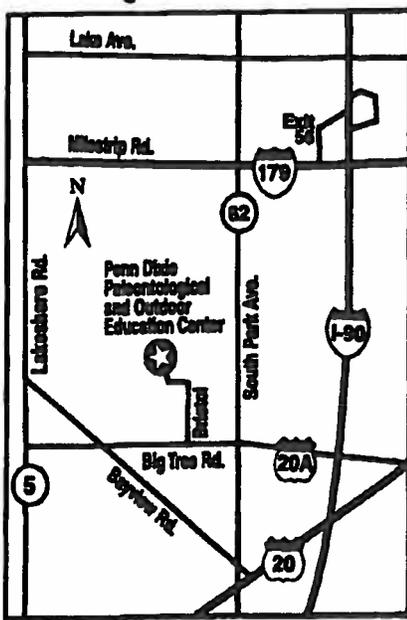
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Are you interested in serving on a committee? Yes No

Are you interested in assisting us with site maintenance and cleanup? Yes No

Are you interested in helping to run trips to Penn Dixie for groups such as school children? Yes No

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Student **\$25** **\$35**
(Full time K-12 or College)

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**Covers 2 adults and their children (up to 18 yrs. old) residing in the same household per visit.*

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• Includes a sample fossil set from Penn Dixie

Corporate **\$100 per year**
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LIFE **\$500**
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• Includes a sample fossil set from Penn Dixie, a copy of Amadeus W. Grabeau's "The Geology & Paleontology of 18 Mile Creek" and 1 guided tour for up to 20 people. (Must be pre-scheduled)

Sponsor **\$500 per year**
• Includes a sample fossil set from Penn Dixie and 1 guided tour for up to 20 people. (Must be pre-scheduled)

Corporate Benefactor **\$1000 per year**
• Includes a sample fossil set from Penn Dixie and 1 guided tour for up to 100 people. (Must be pre-scheduled)

Corporate Silver **\$2500 per year**
• Includes a sample fossil set from Penn Dixie and a corporate event day at Penn Dixie for employees and families. (Must be pre-scheduled)

Corporate Gold **\$5000 per year**
• Includes a sample fossil set from Penn Dixie and a corporate event day at Penn Dixie for employees and families, (Must be pre-scheduled) and Corporate logo will be displayed at major site events.

Additional Donation \$ _____

Endowment Donation \$ _____

*Please choose a membership category above. Check the box before the membership category you are applying for.

All HNHS memberships, except LIFE, are good for one calendar year unless otherwise noted. All members have free access to the Penn Dixie Site during special tours and presentations and will receive our newsletter, **The Penn Dixie Chronicle**.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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that was home to some very

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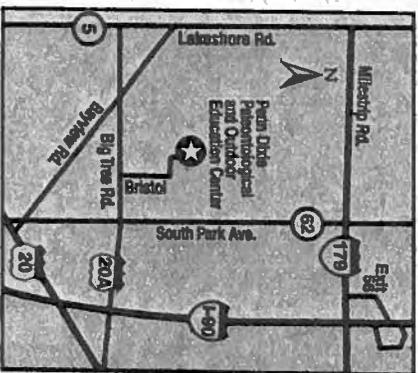
HORN CORALS



Visiting the Site

The Penn Dixie site is open during Spring Break, Saturdays & Sundays, May-October, and 7-days a week mid-June-Labor Day. A check of the website www.penn dixie.org will provide the hours the site is open to the public, any changes in hours, and admission fees. Penn Dixie holds special public events. Schools, scouts, groups, individuals, and families may contact Penn Dixie to schedule a visit to the site. Penn Dixie is located about 10 miles south of Buffalo and easily accessible by car.

When visiting Penn Dixie, remember that it is an outdoor education center. Visitors should dress for the weather and field conditions. Collectors may bring hammers, chisels, safety glasses, gloves, and plastic buckets. Children may want a small garden trowels and a container to hold their discoveries. Visitors interested in birding should wear boots and bring binoculars. Amateur astronomers are encouraged to bring their telescopes to the evening astronomy programs.



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Welcome!

Welcome to the Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center (the Penn Dixie Site). The Site is owned and operated by the Hamburg Natural History Society, Inc. (HNHS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational corporation in Hamburg, New York.

Site visitors learn about the natural sciences, especially field activities associated with paleontology, geology, astronomy, and biology. The HNHS offers a wide variety of hands-on educational programming to students of all ages, both at the Penn Dixie Site and off site at local schools, libraries, and civic group meetings. For information on programs and events, visit our website at www.pendixie.org.

Fossil Collecting at the Penn Dixie Site

The Penn Dixie Site is a hands-on outdoor educational facility, and visitors of all ages are encouraged to actually collect and keep the 380-million-year-old Devonian fossils they will find. The Site is one of the richest deposits in the Eastern United States for the collection of Devonian Period fossils.



The Windom Shale outcrops that dominate the site are the most extensive and vertically complete exposure of this fossil-rich rock stratum to be found anywhere in the northeast. Visitors never leave empty handed, and HNHS volunteers introduce visitors to the fossil treasures to be found during public events and scheduled visits. A nominal fee is charged for collecting.

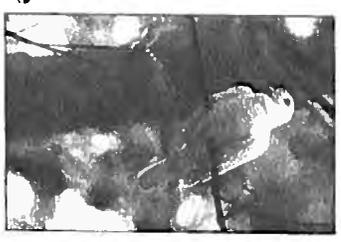
Astronomy



Not all the treasures at the Penn Dixie Site are under one's feet: the HNHS sponsors evening astronomy programs throughout the year. HNHS astronomy programming is scheduled to coincide with optimal viewing opportunities for specific astronomical displays, such as the Perseid meteor shower, sunspot and solar flare activity, solar or lunar eclipses, and other planetary and astronomical events. HNHS volunteers have telescopes on site at all astronomy programs to introduce visitors to viewing and learning about the Penn Dixie skies.

Ornithology and Nature

The HNHS calls the Penn Dixie Site an outdoor educational center. But it's called home for more than 143 species of nesting and migratory birds, turkey, deer, coyote, and a variety of small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The diversity of habitats found on site, ranging from exposed bedrock to dense brush to vegetated wetlands and riparian zones to northern hardwood forest, attract a correspondingly broad and diverse variety of birds and other wildlife.



In addition, the Sites proximity to a major raptor flyway makes sightings of birds of prey a common occurrence.

Our Future

Founded in 1993, the HNHS was created to promote the study of the natural sciences through the Penn Dixie Site. The Society has a planned staged development for the site. In December 1995, the Town of Hamburg collaborated with the HNHS and purchased the site deeding 32.5 acres to the Society in January 1996. In 2004, the HNHS purchased 16.75 contiguous acres from the Town and in 2008 the HNHS purchased 5 acres, adjoining the western boundary of the property, with frontage on Jeffrey Blvd. The Jeffrey Blvd. property will be the site of the future outdoor education center building and new entrance to the site.

Membership

The HNHS has transformed the Penn Dixie Site, a former shale quarry, into a world-class outdoor educational resource, cultural, tourism and recreation center. In June 2011, Penn Dixie was ranked as the No. 1 Fossil Park in the U.S., after a seven-year study. The HNHS/Penn Dixie has plans to add additional full-time staff and construct an outdoor education center building for year-round programming at the site. The programs and events, on-site and off-site, continue to increase with unlimited future opportunities available with additional staff and a building. In 2008, a wetland mitigation was funded by the FAA, due to wetland impacts at the Buffalo-Lancaster Airport, enhancing the wetlands and improving an educational and environmental resource for Penn Dixie program and visitors. Penn Dixie has over 4,100 feet of paved trails for wheel chair, walker, stroller and wagon access. Five shelters are also available for use.



Yes! I want to be a member of the Hamburg Natural History Society, Inc.

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Senior (65+)	\$25.00	School	\$180.00
Individual	\$30.00	Life Member	\$500.00
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Grandparents	\$50.00	Benefactor	\$1000.00
Associate	\$80.00	Corporate Silver	\$2500.00
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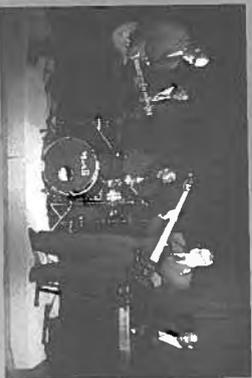
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The Colored Musicians

Club and Museum

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Chartered on July 25, 1935

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CMC's HISTORY

The Colored Musicians Club was established in 1917 as Local 533. The Union Hall was located at 145 Broadway in Buffalo, NY.



On February 11, 1918, a special meeting was called to observe the union's first anniversary and to formally install its new officers.

The atmosphere of festivity and fraternity was the beginning of more social functions at the Union Hall. The Club was born. The meetings took place at the local Union Hall on Sundays and weekdays and weekend nights.

The Club was officially chartered on July 25, 1935.



CMC President:
George Scott

The Colored Musicians Club Museum



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The club was designated as a historic landmark in 1979, and as a historical preservation site in 1999.

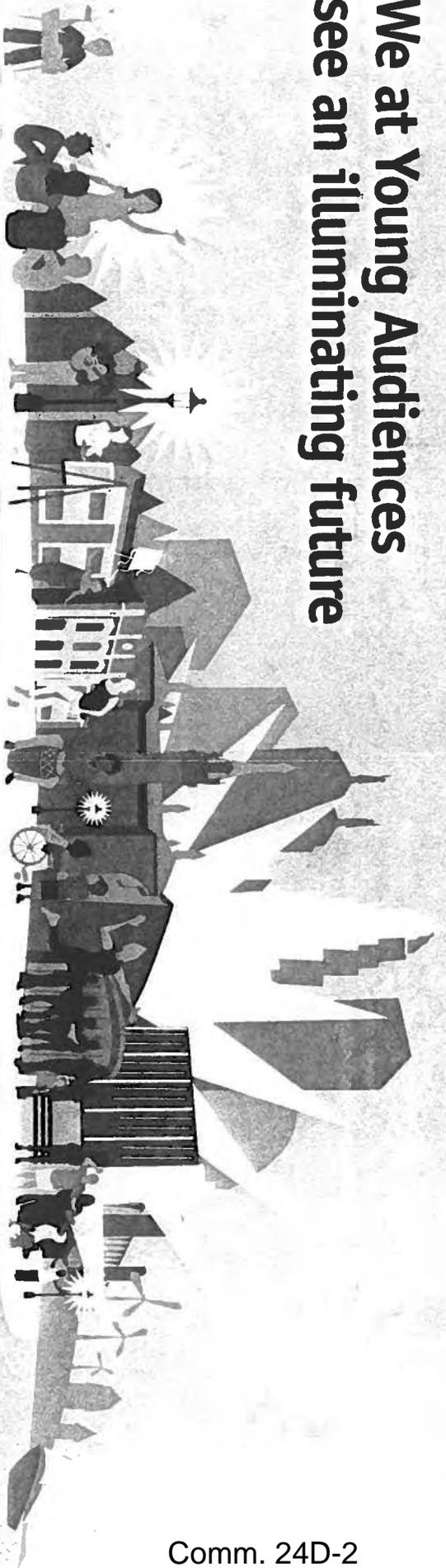


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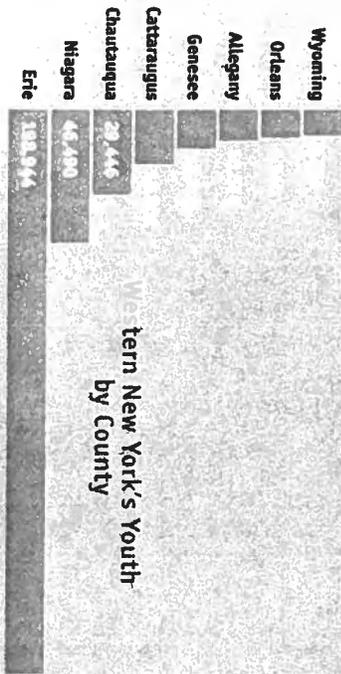
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NPT's artistic director, Kelli Boccock-Natale, continues her exploration of making Shakespeare's works accessible to contemporary audiences. Performed by an all-male cast this original piece will touch your heart

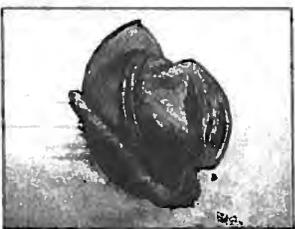


Friday, November 6th, 2015, 7pm
PHOENIX FESTIVUS



A holiday party for the REST of us.
Song, Dance, Celebration!
Our yearly, family-friendly event celebrating 20 years at The Phoenix.
Tickets are \$25.
All proceeds to benefit The New Phoenix Theatre

November 20 - December 20, 2015
HARVEY



by Mary Chase
Directed by **Tom Makar**
And starring **Richard Lambert, David Lundy, Betsy Bihar and Todd Fuller**

Harvey is the story of Elwood P. Dowd a polite and friendly man with a very strange best friend, a six foot three, 1/2 inch invisible rabbit named Harvey.

March 25 - April 16, 2016
OF MICE AND MEN



by John Steinbeck
Directed by
Kelli Boccock-Natale
And starring **John Fredo Greg Natale and Candice Kogut**

Of Mice and Men is set in California during the Great Depression, and follows two migrant workers George, a sharp but uneducated, short-tempered man, and Lennie, a large but simple-minded man

May 6 - June 4, 2016
JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG



Directed by
Kurt Schelderman
And starring **Mike Randall, Richard Lambert, Ray Boucher, Adam Yellan, Richard Hummel and Lisa Ludwig.**

A Co-production with Subversive Theatre
A play dealing with war crimes against a civilian population, atrocities and nightmares which are still haunting our consciousness today

EIGHT TICKETS FOR \$150

Become a Member and receive EIGHT passes to use ANY WAY YOU WISH for a total of \$150.00! This means you can see all eight shows yourself or bring friends to shows of your choice!

All performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00PM. M&T Bank Pay-What-You-Can nights are on Thursdays, also at 8:00PM.

RESERVATIONS can be made by leaving your name, details and contact information with us at the box office at 853-1334, or by e-mailing us at newphoenixbox@yahoo.com. Seating at the New Phoenix Theatre is open, so we will simply hold your reservation until 15 minutes before the performance.

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I would like to purchase 8 tickets.

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- Angel** (Any amount up to \$499)
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Detach and mail this panel to: New Phoenix Theatre, 95 Johnson Park, Buffalo, NY 14201

Please contact me about volunteering at The New Phoenix Theatre.



LOCATION

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village is conveniently located on the corner of Tonawanda Creek Road and New Road in Amherst, NY, just minutes from the I-190, and 30 minutes from both downtown Buffalo, NY and Niagara Falls, NY.

PARKING

There is free parking in our lots along New Road and along Tonawanda Creek Road.

SPECIAL NEEDS VISITORS

Handicapped parking is available toward the front of the Shaw Exhibit Building as well as along the fence near the main gate of the museum on Tonawanda Creek Road. Our 20,000 square foot Shaw Exhibit Building is fully accessible, as are our grounds and gardens. However, most of our historic homes are not accessible due to their historic interpretation. There is a separate accessibility guide available at the museum. Wheelchairs are available for visitor use on a first-come, first-served basis.

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GENERAL ADMISSION

Prices differ for some special events.

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Adults- \$8.00

Seniors/Military- \$6.00

Children 12 and under- \$4.00

Members and Children 3 and under are free

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Adults- \$6.00

Seniors/Military- \$4.00

Children 12 and under- \$2.00

Members and Children 3 and under are free

Dollar Admission Days

September 11th and November 11th

Free Preview Days

HERITAGE VILLAGE OPEN YEAR 'ROUND

Summer Hours (Memorial Day - Labor Day)

Wednesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday, 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Sunday, 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

Closed Monday-Tuesday

Please note, some of our historic buildings are closed to the public unless toured with the guidance of an historic interpreter.

If you would like a guided tour by one of our interpreters, please call ahead.

Winter Hours (Labor Day - Memorial Day)

Wednesday & Friday, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday, 9:30am - 8:00pm

Closed Holidays

Closed Saturday-Tuesday

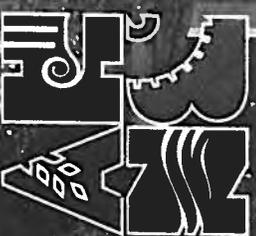
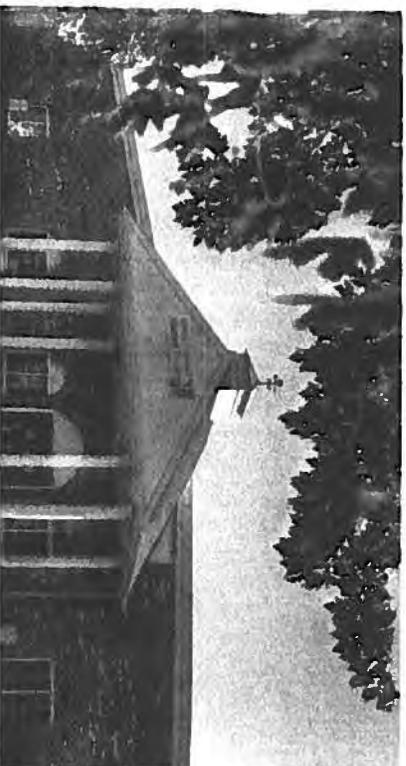
Please note, individual historic buildings are not open to the public during the winter months, with the exception of special events. Discounted admission prices are offered to tour the exhibits in the main museum building.

Niederlander Research Library and Archives

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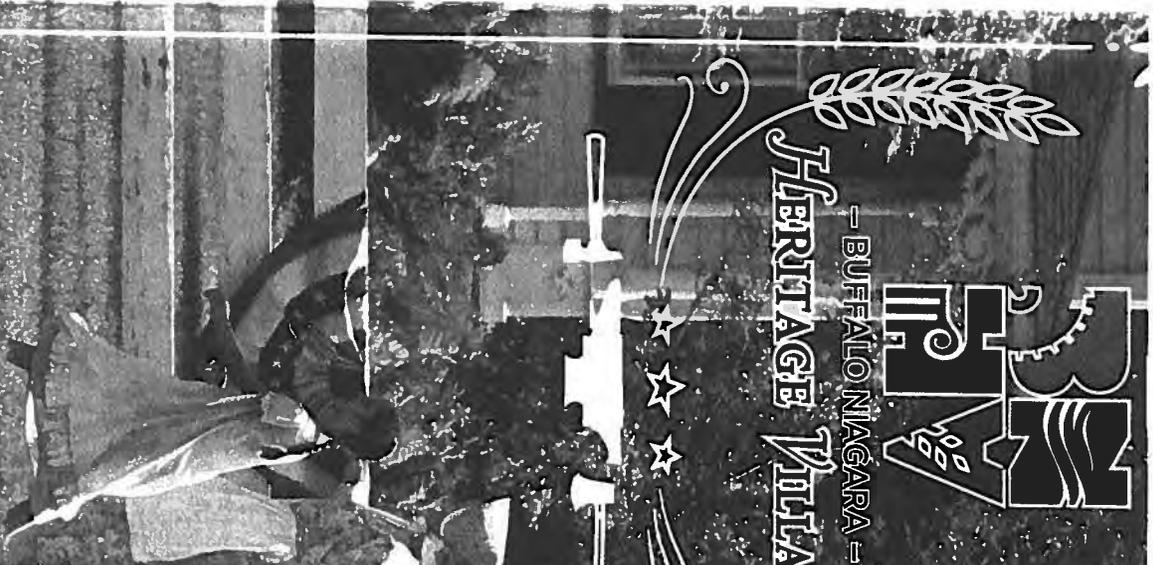
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1 SHAW EXHIBIT BUILDING

2 BANDSTAND

3 ROTARY PAVILION

The Rotary Pavilion is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Amherst and the Rotary Club of Williamsville.

4 LAVOGAT HOUSE c.1840

The original section of this farmhouse, formerly located on New Road between Millersport Highway and Tonawanda Creek Road, was built with a technique known as nogging construction. With exterior walls comprised of layers of brick between wood framing, this technique provided strength and insulation.

5 WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL #9 c.1880

This schoolhouse, originally located at New and Smith Roads, was used as a school until the early 1950s. It is an example of late 19th century vernacular schoolhouse architecture with bonneted windows in the Italianate style. Over the entrance door is a rondel with remnants of the original lettering identifying the school. Except for the double desks in the front, the furnishings are not original to the school, although they are from the same period.

6 BLACKSMITH SHOP 1899 REPLICA

The blacksmith provided one of the most important services in the community. He was able to make or repair nearly everything that was made of iron. While many blacksmith shops were larger, this replica shop is typical of the smaller, one-man smiths found on farms.

7 ELLIOTT HOUSE c.1851

Built in 1851 at the corner of Garrison Road and Park Drive in Williamsville, this house was occupied by George W. Elliott, a "ploughmaker," his wife, two daughters and son until 1855, when it was sold to satisfy Elliott's creditors. The re-created kitchen wing contains a replica 1850 cooking stove. Note the Greek Revival doorway with leaded glass sidelights.

8 BARBERSHOP c.1898

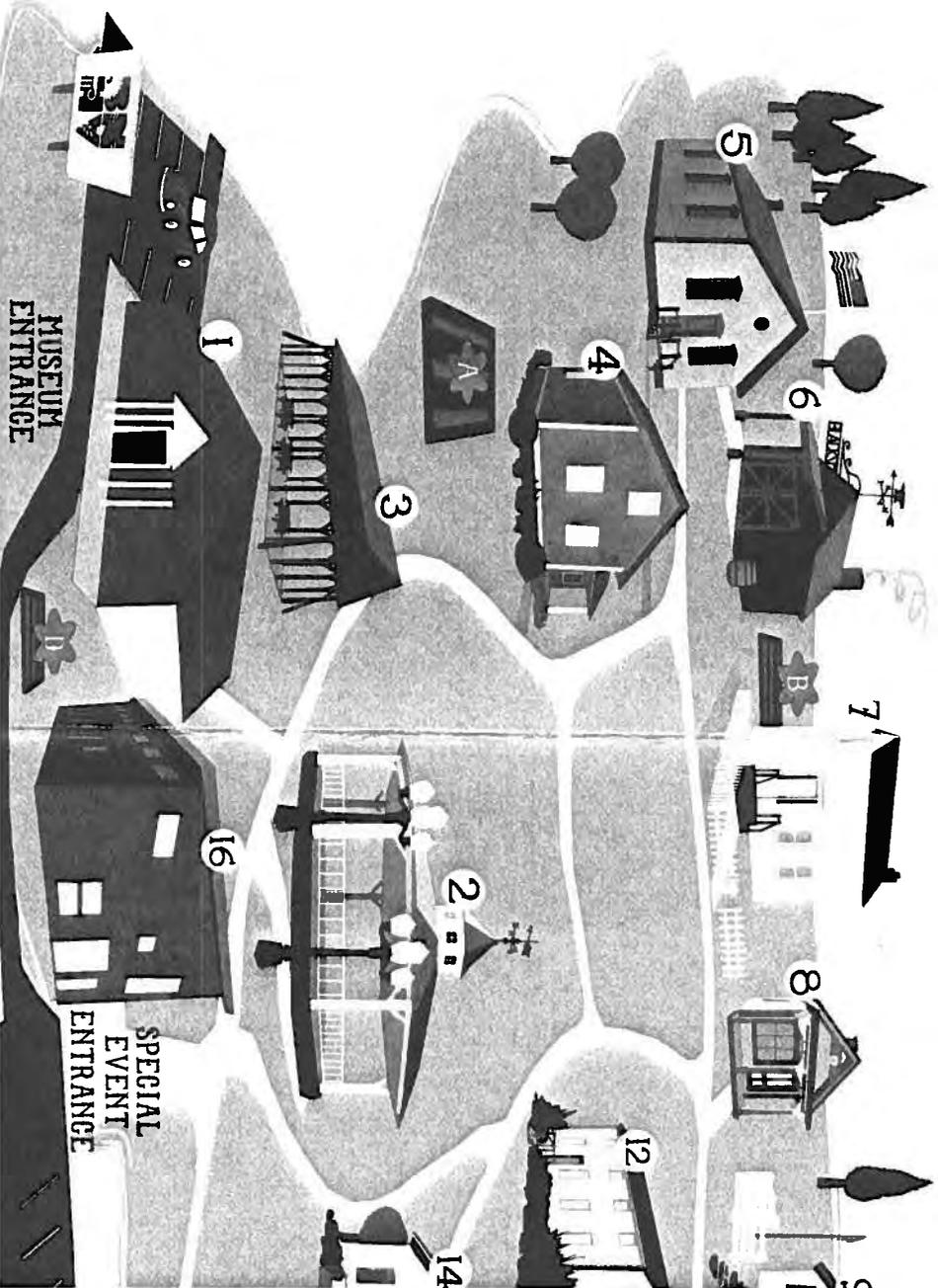
Originally located on Transit Road in Swormville, this building was constructed c.1890. It was used as a barbershop and photography studio by Frank Reikart from c.1900-1942. The exterior and interior paint colors match the original colors of the building. Note the fancy gingerbread facade and porch

9 SWEET HOME COMMON SCHOOL #15 c.1847

This small one-room schoolhouse was originally located on Sweet Home Road, near Tonawanda Creek Road. Built in 1847 for \$125, it was used as a school until 1948. The furnishings are all reproductions, except for the "sand table" used to practice letters, and reflect the typical pre-Civil War rural school. The Sweet Home Schoolhouse is sponsored by the Amherst Women's Interclub Council.

10 HOOVER HOUSE c.1875-1880

The Hoover House, originally constructed in 182 at the northwest intersection of Dodge and Glen a 125-acre farm. The home was owned by George c.1854-1883. As was typical of many houses in the original small structure was enlarged several times and prospered. In addition to farming, Mr. successfully sold farm machinery from the office founded the Erie and Niagara Insurance Association sponsors the house. This house is a fine example vernacular Italianate architecture, with its bonnet bracketing and porch details.





11 SMITH LOG HOUSE c.1838

This log house, originally located in what was known as the "French Settlement" area near Elllicott Creek Road and Niagara Falls Boulevard, was constructed of hand-hewn logs by the Smith (Schmitt) family upon arriving in Amherst from Alsace-Lorraine. This house, intended as a permanent structure with clapboard exterior, two first rooms and an attic loft, is typical of the many log houses built in Amherst by German settlers. It is interpreted c.1843, when occupied by Henry Smith, his wife, six young children, Henry's mother-in-law, and possibly a farmhand.

12 BIGELOW HOUSE c.1860-1865

This house, originally located near New and Smith Roads in East Amherst, was built between 1840-1857 by Henry Bigelow, an early resident of the area. By the 1860s, the Bigelows' Ransom Creek Farm and this house had been inherited by a son, Harry Foster Bigelow, a noted horticulturist. The interior has been refurbished to reflect the possible occupation of the house by Bigelow's farm manager and his family between 1860-65. The home's architectural style is known as 'saltbox', which is more common in New England.

13 DANN ROAD HOUSE c.1840

Built c.1840, this small plank house is typical of the first small structures often built by the earliest residents of Western New York. It was located near Dann and Smith Roads on property owned by the Lapp family and appears to have been rented by a relatively poor tenant farmer or farmhand.

14 TRANSIT ROAD CHURCH c.1854

Constructed in 1854, this country church served the German-speaking Lutheran residents of East Amherst until the 1960s. It was originally located on Transit Road near Muegel Road. All the stained glass windows, except for the altar window, are original, as are the first six pews. The altar window is a modern adaptation created by Frohe Art Glass, the same firm that made the other windows in the 19th century. The inscription over the door translates: "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church." Note the gold crown at the top of the steeple.

15 PAVILION #2

16 STEFFEN EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

17 HERITAGE FARMSTEAD

This new farmstead will include crops typical of a 19th century Western New York farm. These fields enable Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village to teach visitors and students of all ages about the typical lifestyles of our agricultural ancestors.

18 DYERS GARDEN

19 KITCHEN GARDEN

20 HERB GARDEN

21 WAR OF 1812 PEACE GARDEN

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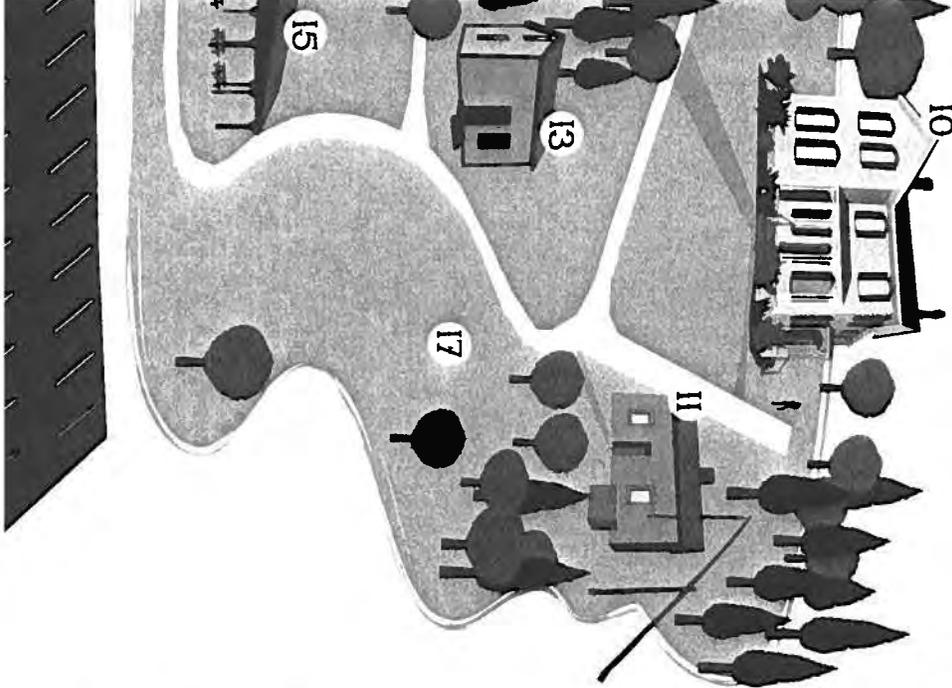
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2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

- Special Lecture:**
150th Anniversary of the Surrender at Appomattox
 April 9th 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Weavers Guild Lecture**
 April 16th 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Weavers Guild Seminar***
 April 17th 10:00am-5:00pm
- Exhibit Opening**
Vice and Virtue:
The Rise and Fall of Prohibition
 April 24th 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Kentucky Derby Luncheon and Hat Show***
 May 2nd 11:00am-2:00pm
- Organ Grinding with Dan Wilke**
 May 7th 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Behind-the-Scenes Tour: A Window in Time***
 May 16th 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Historic Woodworking***
 May 30th 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Free Preview Day: Planting in the Village**
 June 6th 12:00pm-4:30pm
- Volunteer Open House**
 June 6th 12:00pm-4:30pm
- Lace Seminar***
 June 6th-June 7th
- Behind-the-Scenes Tour: 19th Century Photographs***
 June 13th 1:00pm-4:00pm
- German Sommerfest**
 June 20th 11:00am-6:00pm
- WNY Civil War Regimental Symposium**
 June 27th 10:00am-4:30pm
- School of the Soldier***
 July 11th 10:30am-4:30pm
- Farmstead Benefit Pig Roast**
- Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Historic Preservation***
 July 18th 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Summer Camp***
 July 28th-31st 9:00am-5:00pm
- Antique Radio Swap Meet**
 August 1st 8:00am-12:00pm
- Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Historic Paper Marbling***
 August 1st 10:30am-4:30pm
- Scottish Festival Kick-Off Ceilidh**
 August 14th 5:00pm-10:00pm
- Stockman's Tavern, Swornville, NY**
 31st Annual Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival, Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans
 August 15th 11:00am-6:00pm
- Special Lecture: Woodworking with Scott Schotz**
 September 10th 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Historic Homes vs. Modern Counterparts***
 September 12th 10:30am-1:00pm & 2:00pm-4:30pm
- Run in the Country 5K***
 September 26th 8:30am-12:00pm
- Free Preview Day: Smithsonian Museum Day Level!**
 September 27th 12:00pm-4:30pm
- Victorian Seance Series***
 October 6th 7:00pm-8:30pm
 October 17th 3:00pm-4:30pm
 October 23rd 10:00pm-1:30pm
 October 24th 10:00pm-12:00pm
- Halloween Trick-or-Treat***
 October 23rd 5:00pm-9:00pm
 October 24th 4:00pm-9:00pm
- Breakfast with Santa***
 December 6th 9:30am-12:30pm
- Taste of Christmas Past***
 December 5th 5:30pm-9:30pm
- Countryside Christmas Tours***
 December 5th 12:00pm-7pm
- Holiday Tea***

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT...

- ☆ Costumed interpreters and demonstrations every weekend during the summer.
- ☆ Our 20,000 square foot Shaw Exhibit Building is open year round.
- ☆ Historic buildings and grounds are closed from Labor Day to Memorial Day with the exception of special events.
- ☆ Some of our buildings are closed to the public for restoration. If you would like to tour these buildings, please call ahead.
- ☆ Please walk carefully. The walkways and floors are like those of the 19th century.
- ☆ Please refrain from touching the furnishings and wall coverings as you admire them.
- ☆ No strollers, please, in the historic buildings.
- ☆ Pets, except for guide dogs are not allowed on the premises.
- ☆ Smoking is not allowed on Museum grounds.
- ☆ Eating, drinking and smoking are not allowed in historic buildings or exhibit areas.

Prices for all events and programs vary; no refunds are issued. Visit bnhv.org/events, or call (716) 689-1440 for more information.

BNHV BOOK CLUB

Join us for our quarterly book club as we chat about the chosen book! Topics will span 19th century historical fiction. Attendance to all four book club dates is free for members. If you would like more information about becoming a member, please visit bnhv.org/membership, or give us a call at (716) 689-1440.

2015 Dates include: January 22nd, April 23rd, July 23rd, October 29th
 7:00pm-9:00pm

2015 SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES

Join us for a lecture series focused on history, architecture, preservation and much more!

2015 Dates include: January 22nd, March 12th, April 9th, May 7th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th
 7:00pm-8:30pm

OUR GUILDS

Anyone interested in the arts is welcome to join our guilds. Buffalo Niagara Heritage Villages's guilds meet each month and host a number of lectures and workshops each year.

Our guilds include Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village's Lace Guild, Quilt Guild and Victorian Dance Society. Other guilds meeting at the museum are the Weavers Guild of Buffalo and the New York State Designer Blacksmiths.

For more information about our guilds, please call (716) 689-1440, or visit www.bnhv.org/explore/guilds.



THE SHAW EXHIBIT BUILDING

From Forest to Front Lawn:

The Story of Amherst, an American Suburb

The search for opportunity brought people to Amherst for land, power, and a better life.

Suiting Up: American Uniforms

Every uniform has a story. This exhibit showcases iconic American uniforms from 1898 to present day. On display until February 2

How They Moved Here

Find out how we moved our historic buildings from their original sites throughout the area to our 35-acre campus.

Vice and Virtue: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition

Explore how the 18th Amendment sought to bring on an age of temperance and virtue, which instead resulted in an increase in excess, indulgence, and vice. Americans began to test the limits one of the most unpopular pieces of legislature in American history. Opening April 24th, 2015.

Pioneer Kitchen

Visit a replica of a pioneer kitchen offering hands-on learning experiences for children.

Eric Canal Exhibit

This new and improved interactive exhibit is a hit with kids!

Street of Shops

This re-creation of a Main Street includes a General Store, Watchmaker, Barbershop and Pharmacist.

Martha C. Schmidt Decorative Arts Gallery

The Schmidt family's collection of 19th and 20th century glass and pottery is displayed.

Tuning In and Reaching Out: A Story of Radio & Television

Travel back in time through a newly updated exhibit of television radio, and communication equipment from 1920-1950.

9/11 Remembered

Depicting a portion of glass and rock from each of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, this installation serves as a way to remember the events of that tragic day.

Niederlander Research Library

Research local and family history, explore primary and secondary source documents relevant to the Buffalo Niagara region, and receive one-on-one research support from our dedicated staff.

Museum Store

Visit our store for special gifts and souvenirs as well as products made by our guilds and local artisans.

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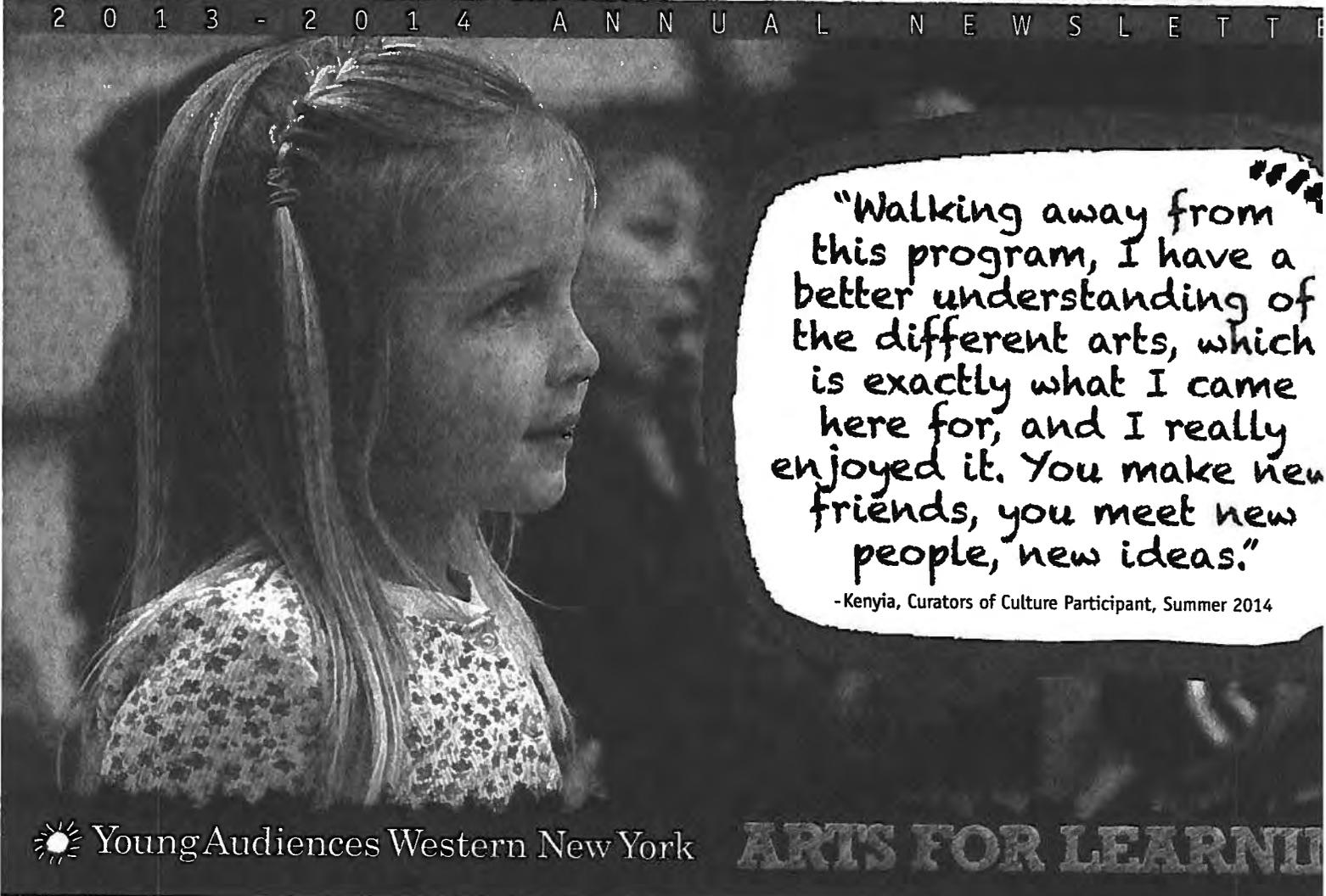
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"Walking away from this program, I have a better understanding of the different arts, which is exactly what I came here for, and I really enjoyed it. You make new friends, you meet new people, new ideas."

-Kenya, Curators of Culture Participant, Summer 2014

Young Audiences Western New York

ARTS FOR LEARNING

Young Audiences' mission is to make the visual, performing, and literary arts a part of young people's lives in order to enhance their development as creative and productive human beings. We strive to strengthen and enrich young people's creative, emotional, and intellectual lives through the arts. We work to advance teaching and learning in the arts by:

Bringing meaningful arts experiences into the life of every child to improve their educational attainment;

Connecting young people with professional artists in schools, community centers, and out-of-school-time programs; and

Expanding the capacity of teachers, artists, and cultural organizations to harness the power of the arts in education and learning in and through the arts

Young Audiences of Western New York is a member of the Young Audiences National Network with 31 affiliates nationwide.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fall Annual Patricia Cotse Abilities Conf

Winter Arts Partners for Learning Forum

Summer Buffalo Emerging Leaders Institute & Arts Partners for Learning Orientation program for partners

Year Round One-on-one capacity building & professional development with artists and teachers



- We prioritized and offered direct services year round to youth most at risk of education and societal failure
- We proudly hosted and led an emerging leaders institute for New York State art professionals for the first time
- We hired, for the first time, an intern who graduated from our own after school teen program
- We were the first in Buffalo to receive and complete a National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" grant, and then – two years later – to assist the city of Buffalo in receiving another
- We received our first grant from the New York Council for the Humanities to provide Creative Family programs in libraries in eight counties
- We started providing Creative Family programming at the Downtown Library, Canalside, and Old Falls Street



- It was also our first time receiving a grant from the Peter & Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation to assist youth with developmental disabilities
- Young Audiences was the first arts organization to move into the Downtown Library
- For the first time we are employing six full time staff
- Also for the first time, most of our staff are artists
- Our budget surpassed ½ million dollars for the first time
- And then our budget surpassed \$600,000 for the first time
- For the first time our Executive Director led the National Executive Directors Council for the Young Audiences Network
- And finally, we celebrated 50 years of service in WNY



OUR NEW TEACHING ARTISTS

2013-14
Alex Fernandez
 Multi-media technology

Wooden Cities
 Classical music

Jose Rodriguez
 Multi-media/technology

Mohammed Diaby
 Guinean drum and dance

2014-15
Aitina Fared Coo
 Graphic design, visual art, and cooperative

Jeremy Sto
 Caricatures and visual art

Gaitrie Sub
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Griffin Bra
 Drumming

Phyllis Tho
 Printmaking, collage, and American qu

ABOUT OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We're pleased to have the support of an active and diverse board of directors. With half of our board under 35 years of age, we are pleased – in line with the mission of our organization – to build future volunteer leaders in our young board members. In June 2014 we elected board president Mark Shepard, a young father of two who is an Assistant Vice President at M&T Bank and has served on our board for three years. He has a passion for education and the city of Buffalo and Buffalo's rebirth.

Those joining our board in the past year include: Loraine Ingrassi who retired from the Grand Island School District, Mark Kaiser who retired from the Arts in Education Institute, Janice Mocerri of Freed Max CPAs, P.C., E.J. Snyder of Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP, and Michele Tucker of Tapco. We are thankful to our past leaders: Anthony Billoni, who completed his service as board president in June and continues to serve on the board, and Ryan Stewart who completed his service as Treasurer in June. Susan Levy served on our board of directors for 18 years and continues in a new role as an Emeritus position.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

128 ARTISTS reaching

70,000 CHILDREN in

122 SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES AFTER SCHOOL, SUMMER, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTERS through

460 PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS

and

210 RESIDENCIES

and

2 YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

"These children are our future, and this program is free. It gave our children the opportunity to learn how to communicate, to learn skills they will have to utilize at school... They have received tools, data, and statistics that no one can take away from them."

- Parent of Curators of Culture Participant
 Summer 2014



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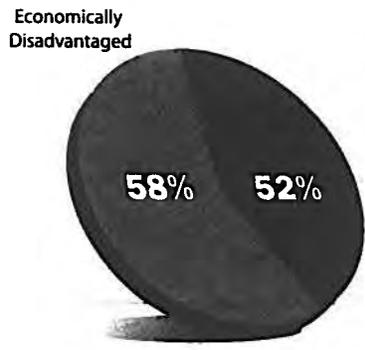
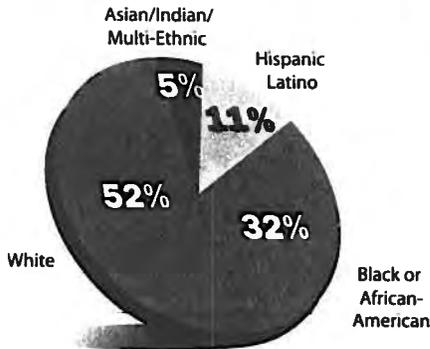
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