

# Friends of the Burchfield Nature & Art Center Year End Highlights October 2016 - September 2017

#### Events & Exhibits:

- West Seneca Art Society Fall 2016 Show
- o Photography Contest & Exhibit Nov. 2016
- o Holiday Open House December 2016
- o Earth Day Park Clean Up April 2017
- o Treaty Commemoration Ceremony May 2017
- Tree Poster Contest and Exhibit held at W.S. Senior Center May-June 2017
- Enchanted Forest July 2017 with Mama Earth's Kitchen Band
- o 6 Summer Concerts

#### Children's Activities:

- Wonderful Wednesdays Summer Crafts/Games
- Group tours for schools and camps

#### Organized use of Park for:

- Classes
- Weddings (12)
- Frank O'Connor Art
- Field Trips/Tours
- Music Recital
- Family\Group gatherings

## Community Service:

- Collection of Box Tops for Education
- Sent greeting cards to Veterans
- Collection for West Seneca Food Pantry
- West Seneca Garden Walk
- Hosted 2 Eagle Scout Projects
- West Seneca Art Society class presentations
- Community service for Students
- Buffalo Underground Comfort Doll Project
- Quilters Sew Days

#### **Involved Organizations:**

- Amana Garden Club\*
- o Buffalo Niagara Water Keepers
- Burchfield Penney
- Burchfield Wood Carvers\*
- o Common Threads (yarn spinning)\*
- o Crosstown Quilters
- West Seneca Key Club
- Neighborhood Watch Group\*
- o Native Roots Artist Guild
- o Reinstein Woods NYSDEC
- South Towns Gardeners\*
- o Transit Road Day Habilitation Program
- West Seneca Art Society\*
- West Seneca Chamber of Commerce
- West Seneca Environmental Commission\*
- West Seneca Historical Society
- West Seneca Rotary Club
- o West Seneca Central Schools
- West Seneca Youth Engaged In Service
- West Seneca Woman's Club

# \*Organizations that were displaced and had to find other meeting locations

### Gardens and Grounds:

- o Renovation of two gardens completed
- Litter containers leveled
- o Planted 15 new trees
- Rest Room sign installed
- o Annual planters installed and maintained
- Ebenezer Cemetery signs replaced
- Dog bag recycling containers repaired
- o Little Free Library installed
- o Treaty Commemorative Garden updated
- Woodlands maintenance to promote growth of young trees
- Landscaping at Metz house
- Rented a Field Office unit to use for summer activities

#### Promotions:

- BNAC Newsletter (quarterly)
- The Buffalo News /Gusto
- Bee Publications
- Penny Savers
- Lackawanna Front Page
- South Cheektowaga Source
- Villa Maria College
- West Seneca & Elma Sun
- West Seneca Night Out
- West Seneca Farmer's Market
- o TV coverage on Channels 2, 4 and 7
- o WBFO Charles Burchfield feature story
- BurchfieldNAC.org web site gained viewers
- Burchfield Nature and Art Center has over 1.770 followers on Facebook

# Opportunities Lost: Due to lack of Building/Gallery availability

- Quilters Fiber Arts March 2017
- W.S. Art Society Spring Show April 2017 +
- Native American Art May 2017
- Viewfinders Photography June 2017
- Sunday in the Park June 2017
- o Irradient Painters Exhibit July 2017
- Paper Art Exhibit Hosted By Fox Run+
- o Kenmore Art Society Exhibit Sept. 2017
- W.S. Art Society Fall Show Oct.2017+
- BNAC Tea Party
- Seneca Nation luncheon
- Donations from scheduling wedding/gatherings
- +Relocated to other venues

All made possible by over 3,100 hours donated by dedicated volunteers.