

Friends of the Burchfield Nature & Art Center Year End Summary

October 2013 - September 2014

Major Events:

- Fall Festival & Pie Contest
 October2013
- Photo Contest November 2013
- Ebenezer Presentation by Jim Pace January 2014
- o Earth Day April 2014
- o Spring Festival May 2014
- Enchanted Forest at BNAC July 2014
- 4 Summer Concerts

Events. Tours and Activities:

- Free Thursday Movie Nights (7)
- Native Roots Artist Guild Vendor Day
- o Buffalo Creek Treaty Commemoration
- 8 Weddings
- 6 Eagle Scout Projects
- Holiday Open House
- o Kenmore Garden Club Tour
- County Legislator Tour
- History of the Erie County Fair Presentation
- Historic Gardenville Gathering

Gallery Exhibits:

- West Seneca Art Society Fall Exhibit
- o Photography Exhibit
- West Seneca Historical Society
- Woodcarvers Exhibit
- West Seneca Art Society Spring Exhibit
- JJ Lankes Exhibit
- Native Roots Artists Guild Exhibit
- Susie Kelly Exhibit
- ArtsWork Exhibit
- Works In Fiber Exhibit
- o Melissa Mance Exhibit
- o Trinity Lutheran School Exhibit
- o Jerome Greenberg

Children's Activities:

- Wonderful Wednesdays (7)
 Summer Crafts and Games
- Winter Wonders Camp
- Spring Wonders Camp
- 3 group tours for schools and camps
- Presentation to WS Schools art teachers

Classes held at BNAC:

- Wood carving
- Wood burning
- Beading
- Beach Glass
- Reinstein/ A day in the life of the Buffalo River
- o Drum Making
- Floral Design
- Quilting
- Photography
- DEC Water assessment training
- Ash Seed Collection Workshop

Charitable Service:

- o Peanut butter and Jelly Food collection
- o Letters/cards to Veterans Hospital

Volunteer participation:

- o BNAC Volunteers
- o Amana Garden Club
- Community Service for Courts / Probation
- Community Service for local students
- Daisy Scout Troop
- Eagle Scout projects
- o Transit Road Day Habilitation Program
- West Seneca Environmental Commission
- West Seneca Y.E.S.
- West Seneca Woman's Club
- South Towns Garden Club
- People Inc. Day Habilitation Program

Over 6,000 volunteer hours documented

Cooperative relationships:

- Beaver Meadows
- Messinger Woods
- Native Roots Artist Guild
- West Seneca Rotary Club
- West Seneca Historical Society
- West Seneca Senior Citizens
- West Seneca Public Library
- 14 Holy Helpers School and Church
- o Buffalo Niagara Riverkeepers
- West Seneca Central School
- West Seneca Lions Club

Garden/Grounds care:

- Maintained/improved gardens
- Tree trimming organized
- o Woodlands cleared of dead wood
- Grapevine control to preserve trees
- Paths graveled
- Playgrounds re-mulched
- o Garden beds mulched
- Weed prevention barriers placed
- Can and bottle recycling center installed
- o BNAC information sign installed
- Park Rules sign clarified
- o Replaced BNAC sign on Union Road
- New bike rack installed
- New wooden planters built
- Memorial garden/tree markers placed
- o Trail markers (15) installed along paths
- Ebenezer cemetery restored with new information signs
- Planted Butterfly Meadow
- Improved treaty Commemoration area/ planted tree from Seneca Nation.

Organizations Utilizing Facility:

- Amana Garden Club
- Burchfield Wood Carvers
- Common Threads (yarn spinning)
- Crosstown Quilters
- o Community of Churches
- Neighborhood Watch Group
- South Towns Gardeners
- West Seneca Art Society
- West Seneca Environmental Commission
- Oxbow Club
- Local Homeowners Associations (3)
- West Seneca Rotary Club
- o 14 Holy Helper teachers/students
- West Seneca Board of Education

Guestbook entries include visitors from:

- o 39 Communities within New York State
- 15 other states

Public relations:

Educational Materials:

- Quarterly BNAC Newsletter
- BNAC Brochures updated
- Gardenville Booklet
- Park Maps updated
- Developed Bird Guide
- Grant development art brochure

Promotional Activities:

- o West Seneca Night Out
- o Reinstein Woods Fall Festival
- West Seneca Farmers Market
- Trest series a Tallier III and
- West Seneca Public Library display
- Evans Angola Environmental Expo

Local media coverage:

- The Buffalo News /Gusto
- Bee Publications
- o Penny Savers
- ArtVoiceLackawanna Front Page
- South Cheektowaga Source
- Elma/West Seneca Sun

Use of Internet:

- Over 15,000 visits to web site -BurchfieldNAC.org
- Over 1,000 likes
 Facebook page The New Burchfield
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