

**Friends of the Burchfield Nature & Art Center
Year End Highlights
October 2018- September 2019**

Major Events:

- BNAC Tea Party (October 2018)
- Photo Contest at the West Seneca Community Center (November 2018)
- Holiday Open House (December 2018)
- Earth Day Park Clean-up
- "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" Poster Contest
- "Enchanted Forest" (July 2019)
- Summer Concert Series

Family and Children's Activities:

- Wonderful Wednesdays Summer Crafts/Games
- Discover the Park Scavenger Hunt
- February Fun Day

Learning Opportunities:

- Kenn Morgan Photography Lessons
- Pam Russel "Painting in the World of Charles Burchfield" classes
- Nancy Williams "Beach Glass Treasures" presentation
- Woodcarvers Seminar
- Frank O'Connor Art project in park
- Nancy Barlow "Gardenville" presentations

Organization and Support of Parkland Activities:

- Seneca Nation Treaty Commemoration Ceremony
- Weddings in park (10)
- Family gatherings in the park
- Eagle Scout Projects (3)
- South Towns Garden Club plant sale
- Frank O'Connor art "Sinisteria" project in the park
- Reinstein Woods "Day in the Life of a Creek" program

Community Support and Outreach:

- Breakfast with Santa Y.E.S
- Enchanted Path Halloween Party Y.E.S*
- West Seneca Rotary presentation
- Health Fair *
- Buffalo Geological Society Nature and Science Event*
- Farmer's Market (4)
- West Seneca Night Out
- Taste of West Seneca
- Villa Maria College Community Participation Program
- Attended Chamber of Commerce GEICO lunch series

*At West Seneca Community Center

Gardens and Grounds:

- Clean-up of park from February flood
- Began restoration of gardens after flood damage
- Bat boxes replaced
- Wood Carving added
- Seating installed in commemoration area
- Planted 15 new trees
- Three Sisters Gardens planted
- Repaired litter can enclosures
- Placed Poison Ivy warning signs
- Shrubs and trees trimmed
- Planters and gardens planted and maintained
- Little Library maintained
- Engaged visitors and groups to help keep park clean and safe

Promotional Activities:

- BurchfieldNAC.org website
 - Facebook page (BurchfieldNAC) has over 2,800 followers
 - Twitter and Instagram accounts
 - Quarterly BNAC Newsletters
 - The Buffalo News/Gusto
 - Bee Publications
 - Penny Savers Publications
 - Sun Publications
 - West Seneca Community Guide (ad and article)
- The BNAC also uses our social media outlets to promote the activities of our extended community.



Websites That Now Include the BNAC:

- Visit Buffalo Niagara
- Buffalo Kids Out and About (BNAC ranked #11 in Top 20 places to take kids in Buffalo/Erie/Niagara Region)
- WNY Hikes
- WS Chamber of Commerce Website
- Art Voice
- Four Square 7.7/10 stars
- I Love New York
- Fun 4 Kids Buffalo
- Meet Up Buffalo
- WNY Family Magazine
- Yelp 4.5/5 star rating
- Trip Advisor 4.5/5 star
- Only in Buffalo
- Google 4.7/5 star rating
- BuffaloVibe
- Meet Up
- Many local professional photographers feature pictures of the park in their on-line portfolios

BNAC Extended Community of Support:

- Amana Garden Club
- Burchfield Wood Carvers
- South Towns Gardeners
- Transit Road Day Habilitation Program
- SASI Harlem Road Day Habilitation Program
- St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 14 Holy Helpers Church
- WNY Federal Credit Union
- Artists Frank O'Connor and Ryan Chapman
- West Seneca Environmental Commission
- West Seneca Rotary Club
- West Seneca Board of Education
- West Seneca Y.E.S.
- West Seneca Woman's Club
- West Seneca Historical Society
- Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
- West Seneca Chamber of Commerce
- Union Fire Company
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops
- Pokemon Players

Thanks to all who helped make the BNAC a wonderful place to visit. This year 4,078 volunteer hours were donated.