



Summer 2021 Newsletter

The Burchfield Nature and Art Center Park has been a place of relaxation and activity while indoor spaces were limited this past year. Although many of the usual events sponsored by the volunteer Friends of Burchfield Nature and Art Center were not scheduled due to COVID concerns, there is much to see, do, and enjoy in the park.

Boy Scout troops have completed several projects. They made improvements to the Buffalo Creek Treaty Commemoration area including new stump seating, a Three Sisters Garden and informational signage. Scouts also helped draw attention to the White Pine Tree given to the BNAC several years ago by the Seneca Nation as a symbol of friendship and unity. An Eagle Scout project in conjunction with the United Way of Buffalo installed a Born Learning Trail which includes trail signs that encourage youngsters to take note of the nature that surrounds them. Young visitors can search for nature shapes on concrete discs placed around the park as an Eagle Scout project installed in 2020. The search encourages children to make the park into a woodland adventure. Visitors are also enjoying four new picnic tables made by the scouts.

Volunteer gardeners from the community have spent many hours in the park maintaining garden areas that they adopted. Shelly and Bill Bauer and Hunt Real Estate employees have kept several areas free of weeds and added to the beauty of the BNAC grounds. SASI Day Program participants helped to pick up litter left in the park while also raking grounds and gardens. Volunteers from the West Seneca Woman's Club tended the Rose Garden.

The colorful art installation, Sinisteria, composed of painted branches found on the grounds, continues to grow and welcome viewers to the popular meeting area of the park. Artist Frank O'Connor continues to attract visitors who often want to participate in his creative endeavors.

At different times throughout the week, new "Take It and Make It" craft projects appear on the line near the Gallery Building. Over 6,000 of these craft packets have been made by the volunteers over the past year. The Little Library offers books to share. Chalk artists take advantage of sidewalk spaces. Plein-air artists enjoy painting in the pleasant ambiance of nature. The creek accommodates those seeking to try and catch a fish or a pollywog. Groups of dog walkers and hikers meet up in the park to share time together. It is not uncommon to see people getting together for yoga or Zumba classes. Book clubs, Pokemon enthusiasts, photographers, and an occasional musical group find the park an excellent place to enjoy their leisure time. Families gather for picnics, celebrations or just a walk.



With the recent heat wave, the woodlands and creek provide a cooler place to get outside and enjoy some solitary time or time with friends and family. The Burchfield Nature and Art Center Park continues to grow in popularity because of its unique amenities and convenient location.

The park is open every day from dawn to dusk. It has a great play area for young children, picnic tables scattered throughout the area, access to viewing wildlife, a free parking area and trails. It is a nature preserve with much to see and do. Bring the children. Bring the dog on a leash. Bring a picnic. Enjoy!



Remembering Rich Reimers



The BNAC volunteers share fond memories of Richard Reimers who passed away on August 10th. Rich and his wife Lorain were involved in the BNAC since groundbreaking over 20 years ago. The Reimers family was dedicated to the BNAC. Rich served as president of Friends of Burchfield Nature and Art Center for several years.

Rich was a Master Carver, designed woodcarving tools, encouraged new carvers to learn the art and long-time carvers to learn and share new techniques. He opened the classroom at the BNAC most Thursdays for the Burchfield Woodcarvers to come in and work together. They occasionally held special classes and would exhibit their work in the gallery and participate in Erie County Fair competitions. Rich and the Burchfield Woodcarvers were a fixture in the building.

Rich made our community a much better place.

COMING SOON...

Join the BNAC Volunteers for

**Sunday
FUNDAY**
Sunday
September 12, 2021
Noon to 3:00

Pups in the Park Dog Parade and costume contest at noon.

Pre-Registration required.

Sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus



Take It and Make It Craft Packets

Games

Bubbles

Sidewalk Art

Displays

Bird ReHAB group

Pet adoption information

Refreshments



Pups in the Park

Sunday
September 12, 2021
12:00 - 1:00



Dog Costume Parade/Contest

Dress up your pup and join the parade.

Pre-registration required - there is no charge.

Forms available in BNAC office or at Burchfieldnac.org.

Limited to the first 40 entries.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes for
Best Costume



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DID YOU KNOW?

The BNAC is all about volunteers making our community a better place. Since October 2020 over 2,100 volunteer hours have been recorded. Looking back...from 2012 there have been 19,025 volunteer hours dedicated to making the BNAC a place for all to enjoy.



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