



**Friends of the
Burchfield Nature and Art Center
2023 Annual Report**





WE – the volunteers and visitors at the Burchfield Nature and Art Center came together in **2023** to create, learn and share. The re-opening of the Gallery increased opportunities to bring the public together. This listing captures the highlights of a wonderful year.

WE ENJOYED SPECIAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Wonderful Wednesdays in the Park (5)
Sunday Fundays (3)
Take It & Make It craft kits (4,300)
Pups in the Park – Dog Parade
Drum Circles in the park (6)
BurchFest
Holiday Open House
Photography Contest
Art Exhibits (6) with 1450 visitors
Seneca Nation Treaty Commemoration Ceremony

WE EXPLORED and LEARNED

Created QR codes to teach about history and nature
in parklands
Using the EXPLORE section of the web page
Playing “FIND IT” in gallery exhibits
Using the Adventure Lab App to tour the park
Hosted Joan Albarella’s presentation on the Burchfield Family
School Field Trips

WE MADE IT BETTER

Earth Day park cleanup
Planted new trees
Litter pickup and pathways clearing
Preserving and improving gardens
Maintained the Little Library
Grew the “Sinisteria” limb sculpture
Added painted rock feature to garden

WE WORKED TOGETHER with

Amana Garden Club
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
West Seneca Kiwanis
West Seneca Woman’s Club
Hunt Realty West Seneca
Pathways to Employment (OPWDD)
SASI West Seneca
People Inc.
Fourteen Holy Helpers Church
Life Church of Buffalo
West Seneca Historical Society
Charles Burchfield Gardenville Historic District
West Seneca Chamber of Commerce
South Towns Garden Club
Cross Town Quilters
Burchfield Penney Art Center
West Seneca Art Society
West Seneca Public Schools
Substance Free Coalition Red Ribbon Walk
Earth Spirit
NYS Department of Environment and Conservation
Intern program at Mercyhurst College
West Seneca Building and Grounds Department
and Highway Department

WE VOLUNTEERED OVER 4200 HOURS

WE SHARED with OTHERS

Assisting Santa Claus with letters to Santa (110)
Sending cards and craft packets to nursing homes (150)
Sending tray favors to Meals on Wheels (760)
Sending cards to area veterans (150)
Craft activities for Town Halloween Event
Decorating tree for Chamber of Commerce Tree Auction
Providing crafts for Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
Hosted a table at West Seneca Halloween Event
Tables at West Seneca Night Out and Farmers Market
L.E.A.F. Environmental Awareness Fair

WE MADE PEOPLE AWARE

Improved our website
Facebook page updated (4900 followers)
New Instagram Account
BNAC Annual Newsletter
Media Press Releases

WE ENGAGED in HOBBIES and INTERESTS

Photography, Gardening, Yoga, Hiking,
Finding Pokémon, Bird Watching, Dog Walking, Sidewalk Art,
Tying Flyfishing Lures
Community Participation Art Projects created a new BNAC sign
and exhibits focusing on DREAMS and GRATITUDE
Ms. Ali’s Friday Wonder Wagon Adventures in the Park

WE are planning now for 2024.

We will use the expanded and improved building and patio to offer events and opportunities to the community.