

# Sonnenberg news from sunny hill

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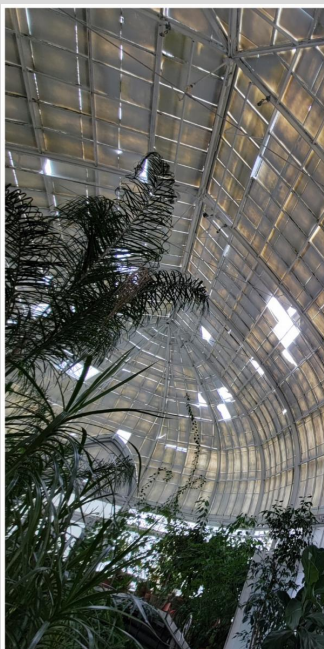
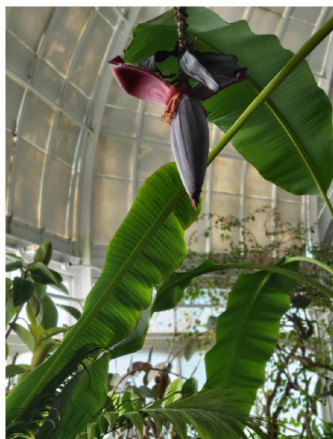
## Spring Has Sprung!

As the March winds blew on "Sunny Hill" we had some nice days but also temperatures in the single digits. We were able to begin our spring cleanup by grading the tram path, repairing lawns from snow removal, and bringing new compost to many of our gardens. Also, much-needed new flooring was installed in the bridal suite of the mansion.

In the office, we were able to continue with our new website development and volunteer management system. We also looked to the future by working on our marketing plan and fundraising documents with two outside consultants.

This month we were awarded a five-year Zoo Botanical Garden Aquarium (ZBGA) grant which will help us continue the care of our arboretum and garden collections.

We are all looking forward to an exciting season at Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion!



## You Can Help...

This past month we had substantial snowfall and cold weather. Between mid-January to mid-March heating costs for our two major historic buildings, the mansion, and the greenhouse complex cost over \$21k. We would appreciate a donation of any size to help with these extra costs this winter.

[Donations for Heating](#)

**Opening Weekend**



Sonnenberg's opening day will be April 29th starting with our annual Spring Wildflower and Orchid Show.

Special admission for the weekend is \$10.

Want to re-pot your orchid? Join us on Friday in the greenhouse with an experienced orchid expert, Fran Murphy.

Come Saturday or Sunday at 2 pm and learn about the care of orchids which will be held in the wine cellar.



## Calling Volunteers for 2022 Garden Season

Our non-profit organization needs your help more than ever after living with the pandemic for over 2 years, and you, our volunteers, will again be one of Sonnenberg's greatest assets to our continued success.

This year's annual sign-up date will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> during "I Love My Park Day" at noon. Please bring a friend or a family member who may enjoy volunteering this year, everyone is welcome!

[Volunteer Sign-up!](#)

**ARTS AT  
THE GARDENS  
2022  
July 23-24**

## Calling All Artists

Presenting the 21st year of Arts at the Gardens. Hosting artists from around the Northeast to join this outstanding award-winning art show.



## Sonnenberg In The News

You've never seen New York like this: Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion (Video)  
We were lucky enough to connect with Scott Trimble, a video journalist at [syracuse.com](http://syracuse.com) | [NYup.com](http://NYup.com) |  
Post-Standard and he came in with another drone operator and took some amazing footage last  
season.

[Drone Video](#)

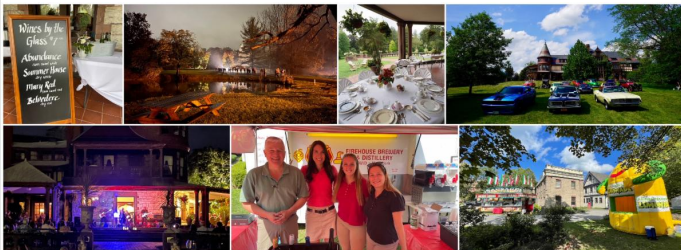
Of all the donations that we receive, perhaps no funds are more vital than those given in the Annual Fund. Your gift today will support our beautiful gardens, historic mansion, and daily operations which are \$2,500 a day all year long. Our mission is to remain one of our nation's most extensively preserved estates and a premier tourism destination in Upstate New York.

For membership and donations please click below:

[Click here to Donate](#)

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## 2022 Coming Events





**February**

**12th** For the Love of Orchids  
10am - 2pm Adm \$20  
Come learn about the taxonomy and care of orchids in this winter event. Lunch will be provided.

**April**

**29th - May 1st** Spring Wildflower & Orchid Show  
10am - 4pm Adm \$10  
Celebrate the arrival of Spring at Sonnenberg. Stroll through the arboretum and gardens laden with early spring flowers. Additionally, enjoy the collections in our historic greenhouse with Orchid displays. Select orchids will be available for purchase.

**May**

**7th** "I Love My Park Day"  
10am - 3pm Free to volunteers  
We salute our relationship with Parks & Trails NY by supporting "I Love My Park Day". Help us on this day by volunteering to help clean up our beautiful treasure in the Finger Lakes.

**8th** Mother's Day Special  
9:30am - 4:30pm \$1 Adm for moms  
Tell your mom how much you love her as you stroll the nine formal gardens and walk through the historic mansion and greenhouses.

**22nd** No Struggle No Progress  
2pm - 4pm Adm \$10  
A multi-media production including visual images, dance, music, and words in tribute to Frederick Douglass by the North Star Players.

**June**

**12th** The Garden Party \*  
10am - 1pm Adm \$40  
A mid-day cocktail hour on the Veranda with music, food, wine tasting & local craft beverages.

**19th** Father's Day Car Show  
11am - 4:30pm Regular Park Adm  
Celebrate dad with cars! Food, flowers & fun for the whole family. Sign up on our website to show off your wheels!

**23rd** NGC Standard Flower Show  
12:30pm - 4:30pm Adm \$10  
"Welcome to the Farm, Celebrating New York State Agriculture" presented by the 7th District Federated Garden Clubs of NYS. Come enjoy an afternoon at the flower show walking through design and horticulture exhibits.

**July**

**23rd - 24th** Arts at the Gardens  
10am - 5pm Adm \$10  
Shop for fine art and craft items hand made by skilled artisans. Includes food, music & access to the gardens and mansion.

**29th** Moonlight Strolls \*  
8pm - 10pm Adm \$12  
Music in the moonlit gardens of Sonnenberg. Great for the whole family! See our website for a list of musical guests.

**2022 Event Calendar**

**August**

**5th, 12th, 19th, 26th** Moonlight Strolls \*  
8pm - 10pm Adm \$12  
Music in the moonlit gardens of Sonnenberg. Great for the whole family! See our website for a list of musical guests.

**18th** August Tea \*  
1pm - 3pm Adm \$40  
Elegant tea event on the mansion veranda. Pre-paid reservations required.

**September**

**18th** Carshow & Music Festival  
11am - 4pm Adm \$20  
Enjoy walking the grounds and listening to music while marveling at cars on display.

**25th** Harriet Tubman and Beyond  
2pm - 4pm Adm \$10  
Talk on the influence of the underground railroad to the development of the "Gateway to the West" from Ontario County and Western NY.

**October**

**1st** 12th Annual Fall Garden Symposium \*  
10am - 3pm Adm \$30  
Day-long event featuring a horticultural expert from New York State Historic Parks. Lunch will be provided.

**9th** Women's Voices that impacted Frederick Douglass  
2pm - 4pm Adm \$10  
An ensemble dramatic presentation by Rochester based Akwaba (Sweetcorn) Heritage Associates.

**14th - 16th (1st - 22nd)** Mansion Mysteries  
See Website for Times Adm \$30  
Live whodunnit drama in Sonnenberg Mansion. Pre-paid reservations required.

**30th** Haunted Stroll  
5:30pm - 8:30pm Adm \$10  
Stroll through the gardens and encounter witches, goblins and ghouls!

**Go to our website for full pricing and ticket availability. Some ticket sales are online only.**  
All events are subject to change. Please see our website for more information on these events, other events, and to make advance reservations and ticket purchases.  
\* Select events have member discounts / child discounts

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**MAY 16 & 17 2022**

**Allyn's Creek Garden Club Presents:**  
Lectures & Workshop with Award-Winning Photographer  
**MATTHEW BENSON**

*Acclaimed Professional Photographer, Author, National GCA Speaker, and Owner of Stonegate Farm and Studio, an Organic Farm & Arts Center in Balmville, NY*

**Lectures Monday, May 16 Memorial Art Gallery**  
10:30 - 12:00 Growing Beautiful Food  
12:00 - 1:30 Luncheon  
1:30 - 3:00 The Photographic Garden

**Pricing**  
Morning Lecture & Lunch \$85  
Lunch & Afternoon Lecture \$85  
Morning Lecture, Lunch & Afternoon Lecture \$160

**Workshop Tuesday, May 17 Highland Park**  
9:00 - 12 Noon \$75  
Hands-on Garden Photography Workshop  
An Intensive workshop on the art and technique of garden photography (iPhone Friendly)

REGISTRATION ONLINE at: <https://ACGCROCHESTER.blogspot.com>  
OR via PHONE at: 585-203-7102 Deadline to register is May 9th

**Full payment required in advance** via check made payable to ACGC and mailed to **Gretchen Zenner at 59 Second Street, Geneseo, NY 14454** within 5 days of registration.  
For any questions or changes to your registration please call 585-203-7102 or email us at [allynscreek@gmail.com](mailto:allynscreek@gmail.com)

**ONLINE AUCTION** (online viewing opens May 2nd) (Bidding opens May 9th)  
at: <https://ACGCROCHESTER.blogspot.com>

**CLOSED for the Season**

**See you on April 29th, 2022!**

**Visit our website**

