

Sonnenberg news from sunny hill

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April is filled with activity in the greenhouses and preparing the grounds for the upcoming season. The mansion is being cleaned from top to bottom for our guests.

The lower Rock Garden is closed this Spring as construction on waterproofing the pools has begun.

The office is buzzing with activity getting ready for all of the events for 2024. Memberships are rolling in from the special that we had in February & March. Thank you for all of the support!

We are NOT OPEN for the Eclipse on Monday, April 8th. All gates, both for vehicles and walk paths, will be locked. We have construction going on here and cannot have anyone on the property.

Please see this link for local options:

<https://www.visitfingerlakes.com/eclipse-2024/>



THIS WEEKEND - Orchid Show 2024

We are excited for the 2024 garden season to begin with our 21st annual Orchid Show on April 6th & 7th. This will be the first show since 2022 because of the violent storms that hit our 1903 antique Lord & Burnham greenhouses. This year, we will feature Fran Murphy of Murphy Orchids, Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, and Genesee Region Orchid Society.

The program this year at 2 pm on both days will include:

- Saturday: Kim Porter, an Orchid Expert from GROS, will discuss what it takes to grow an orchid in your home.
- Sunday - Carol Butcher, Orchid Expert, talking about the care and culture of Orchids.
- Throughout the weekend, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, David Hutchings, Executive Director and Horticulturist, will re-pot your orchid for a donation to our public gardens.

The grounds will be open during the Orchid Show, but all buildings (including the Mansion) will be closed.



VOLUNTEERS

Beth & Becky have been diligently working to add volunteer shifts on Better Impact. Once we process your NYS Volunteer Service Agreement, you will be able to see volunteer shifts.

[Better Impact Login](#)

[Better Impact Mobile Login](#)

Haven't volunteered at Sonnenberg Gardens yet, click the link below to complete the application to become a volunteer.

[Volunteer At Sonnenberg](#)

This year's volunteer recruitment days are:

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

This recruitment event is intended for those interested in volunteering at Sonnenberg for the first time. If you have a friend that you think would be interested, you may accompany them, however, this is not mandatory for returning volunteers in 2024.

Calling All Artists

We are excited to announce that Artist Applications are now being accepted for Sonnenberg's 23rd annual Arts At The Gardens. This show takes place on the grounds of Sonnenberg Historic Mansion and Gardens, a 54-acre estate with flower-filled gardens, majestic trees, and a magnificent mansion that is well-established as one of the area's top tourist attractions.



Our 23rd Arts At The Gardens is founded on the belief that the arts, both natural and manmade, enrich human life and create an environment where people and ideas thrive. Sonnenberg Gardens creates an annual exhibition dedicated to raising awareness of the Arts in this naturalistic environment at the

Thompson estate.

The dates for this year's show are Saturday, July 20th, and Sunday, July 21st, 2024.

Artist booth setup will be open on Friday, July 19th from 12 - 8 p.m. This will ensure ample time for the ground's preparations.

The application fee is waived until April 1st. Following that date, there will be a \$35 application fee. Single-artist booths are available for \$275, and a limited number of double booths are also available.

This year will also see the return of the Emerging Artist Tent. This is intended as an opportunity for artists who have not professionally shown their work at an art fair prior to this year. Emerging artists will have a dedicated space, with a table and chairs provided at a reduced fee of \$100.

Information & the online application are available below:

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Thank you to our friends at World Atlas for this mention
[World Atlas Article](#)

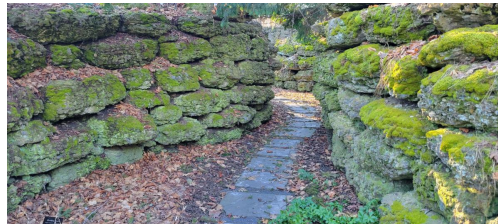
You've never seen New York like this: Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion (Video)
We were lucky enough to connect with Scott Trimble, a video journalist at syracuse.com | NYup.com | Post-Standard and he came in with another drone operator and took some amazing footage last season.
[Drone Video](#)

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.

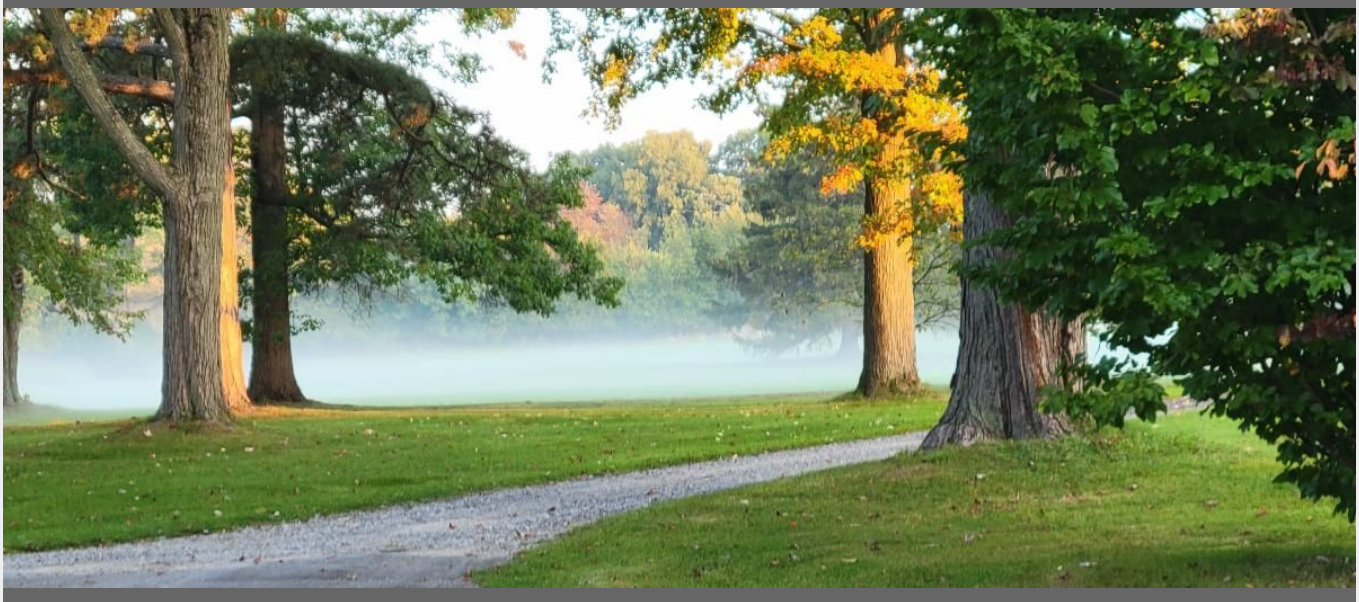
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