

# Sonnenberg news from sunny hill

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## Happy Holidays

We want to thank all of our board, staff, volunteers, and community members for another successful season and also for the 50th Anniversary of Frederick Ferris and Mary Clark Thompson's beloved estate here in Canandaigua.

We want to recognize those who we lost in 2023 from our Sonnenberg family.

Carol Anderson  
Carol DeMars  
Sandy Elliot  
Steve Hamlin \*  
Kathy Hendrix \*  
Sharon Hutton  
Betty Liestman  
Lynn Paulsen  
Vincent Scalise \*  
\* Past Sonnenberg Gardens Board of Trustees

These individual contributors will always be remembered as a part of the rich Sonnenberg history.

Below are some photos from the 2023 season.





## There is now a new page on our website called "Mary's Closet ~ Sonnenberg Stories"

This volunteer history project is the work of Bob Johnson and Kim Mersdorf. They worked tirelessly this season to gather images from the archives using Sonnenberg's new digitizing equipment. Click below to read the first stories.

### Mary's Closet

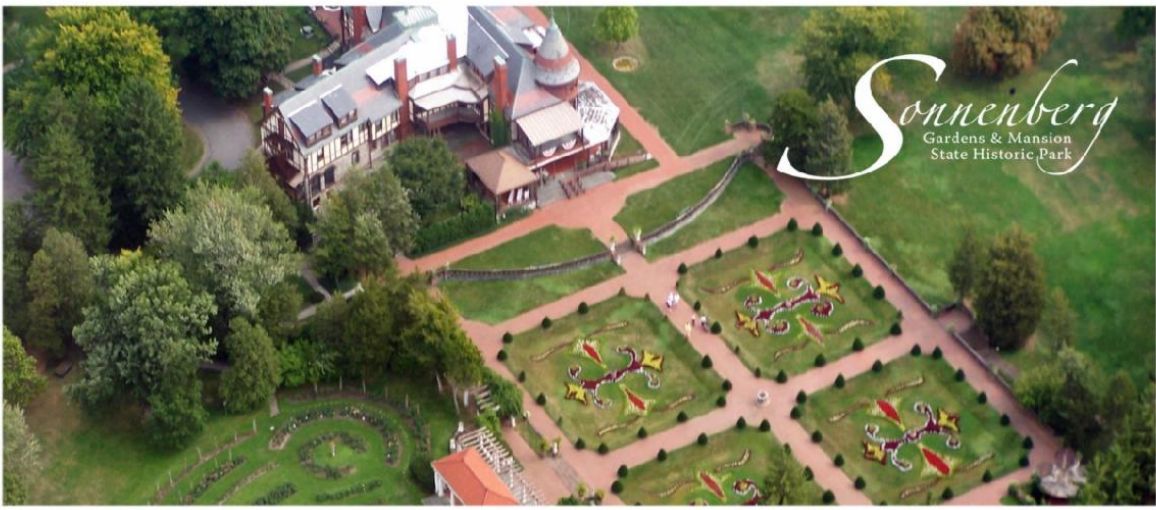




## 2023 Annual Appeal

Of all the donations that we receive perhaps no money is more important than those given in the annual appeal. Please consider a gift today to help Sonnenberg Gardens.

[Donate Here](#)



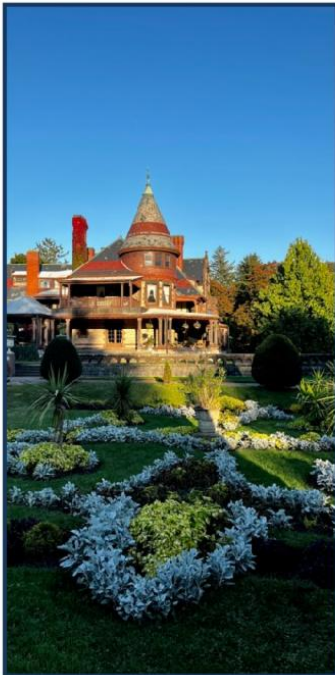
*"Legacy is not what is left tomorrow when you're gone. It is what you give, create, impact, and contribute today while you're here that then happens to live on." - Unknown*

When I am asked to donate to an organization, I look into the specifics of how exactly my contribution is spent. I can assure you that your gift to Sonnenberg will be used judiciously. Of all the donations that we receive perhaps no money is more important than those given in the annual appeal. These unrestricted funds provide us with the essentials, the basic materials of service, from flowers for the gardens to the stationery for the office to the heating of the historic buildings. We know that the cost to open Sonnenberg's gates is \$2,500 a day for the entire year.



Please, consider giving to our fall annual appeal.

This season we have raised a substantial amount of money toward the new restrooms without discrimination and are looking to raise the last \$21,000



This year Sonnenberg Gardens was the beneficiary of a Charitable Remainder Trust. That's where YOU as a community member can follow in the footsteps of this anonymous donor. We invite you to ***donate, get involved, and become part*** of the great legacy that is Sonnenberg Gardens and keeping us financially healthy for generations to come.

All our best,

David Hutchings  
Executive Director

Michael Rusinko  
Co-Chair, Board of Trustees



Love for our Beautiful Public Park

Essential support for the \$2,500 daily operating costs to open our gates to the public.

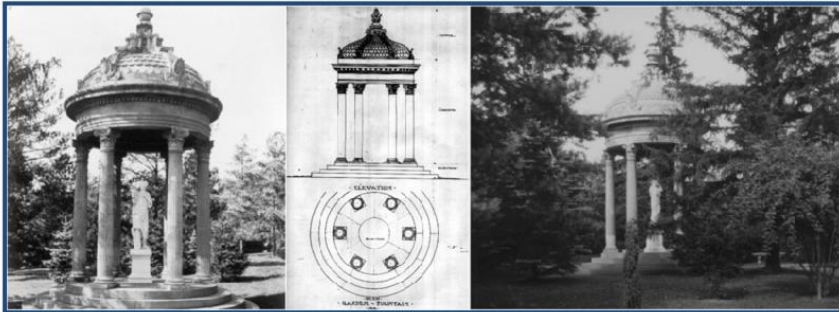
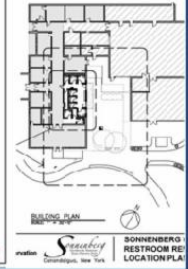


Planning for Our Future

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New Public Restroom Facility

Funds needed for a matching grant in 2023 to break ground on new restrooms.



Restore Diana's Temple

In 2024 restoration of the Temple of Diana will begin. Estimates are \$165k for this work plus design.



YES!

I want to "Share My Love" with Sonnenberg

My tax-deductible gift is enclosed

- ◇ \$2,500
- ◇ \$1000
- ◇ \$500
- ◇ \$100
- ◇ \$50
- ◇ \$30
- ◇ Other

Check the fund you want to support:

- ◇ Love for our Beautiful Park
- ◇ Planning for our Future
- ◇ New Public Restroom Facility
- ◇ Restore Diana's Temple

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ANNUAL FUND

Enclose a check made payable to:

Sonnenberg Gardens  
250 Gibson Street  
Canandaigua, NY 14424

~~ OR ~~

Give online at:

[www.sonnenberg.com/share-your-love](http://www.sonnenberg.com/share-your-love)



## 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 | 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.

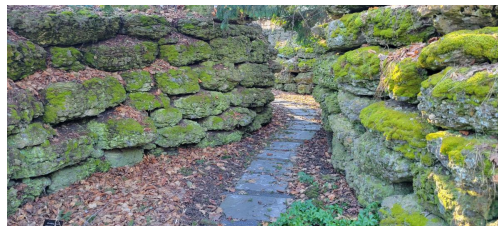
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