

May 2024 | Issue 30

Happy MAY DAY!

It has officially started! The beginning of the 2024 garden season is here at Sonnenberg. We are looking for a record number of guests to come out and enjoy! We celebrated Arbor Day with the Sonnenberg Garden Club planting a memorial tree for a beloved volunteer, Betty Liestman.

Over the winter, we have made noticeable improvements, from upgrading some maintenance equipment to painting the bay house restrooms and fencing in the new entrance. One important restoration project that was completed after the winter thaw was the repairs to the Porte Cochere bedroom and the adjacent hallway, where water had entered the building after the hard rains of 2023.

May is a busy month at Sonnenberg. Lawns are being mowed, gardens are being rototilled, the event tent is being installed, and Mrs. Thompson's favorite garden, the Pansy Garden, is the first garden this year to be planted. We are continuing with restoring the Rose Garden by planting 235 roses, bringing our total to 1300 new roses gifted to us by a wonderful family. The Rose Garden will mature in 3-4 years, and Sonnenberg will once again have a pristine Rose Garden on the Estate.

Our volunteer recruitments last month have been successful here at Sonnenberg. We have registered over 25 new volunteers and are still recruiting from Days of Caring and Ontario County's United Way Day of Caring. We are starting off strong in May with "I Love My Parks Day" on Saturday, May 4th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dress to work in the gardens, and meet us at the Conservatory at 9 a.m. if you want to volunteer.



Long overdue Orchid Show 2024

The first event of the season featured the Sonnenberg Orchids and various Western NY Orchid Society members joining hands for this educational program, which had over 540 guests.



VOLUNTEERS

Beth and Becky have been busy recruiting new volunteers and helping long-time volunteers prepare for the 2024 season. Once we process your NYS Volunteer Service Agreement, you will see the available volunteer shifts.

[Better Impact Login](#)

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

[Volunteer At Sonnenberg](#)

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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Sonnenberg 2024 Events

Gardens & Mansion
State Historic Park

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THE ORCHID SHOW

10AM - 4:00PM

Celebrate the arrival of Spring at Sonnenberg Gardens. Meet orchid experts from the Genesee Valley Orchid Society, stroll through the greenhouse and arboretum as well as the Bay House Gift Shop filled with orchids to purchase.

\$10

JUN
16

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

11AM - 4:00PM

Celebrate Dad with classic cars! Food, flowers, & fun for the whole family. Sign up on our website to show off your wheels!

Reg Park
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JUL
20-21

ARTS AT THE GARDENS

10AM - 5PM

Shop for fine art and craft items hand made by skilled artisans. Includes music & access to the gardens and mansion. Food & drink available for purchase.

\$10

AUG
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23, 30

MOONLIGHT STROLLS

8PM - 10PM

Music in the moonlit gardens of Sonnenberg. Great for the whole family! See our website for a list of musical guests.

\$12

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AUGUST TEAS

SEE WEBSITE

The reimagined tea event is exclusively held on these two closed park days. Pre-paid reservations required.

See
Website

OCT
11, 12, 13,
& 18, 19

MANSION MYSTERIES

SEE WEBSITE

Live whodunnit play in the Mansion.
Pre-paid reservations required

\$35

OCT
27

HAUNTED STROLLS

5:30PM - 8:30PM

Stroll through the gardens and encounter witches, goblins, and ghouls!

\$10

Visit 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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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](#)

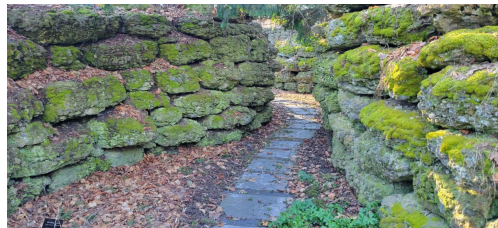
Your gift today will support our beautiful gardens, historic mansion, and daily operations which are \$2,500 a day all year long. Our mission is to remain one of our nation's most extensively preserved estates and a premier tourism destination in Upstate New York.

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Open May 2nd to
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