

Sonnenberg news from sunny hill

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The Promise of Spring's Arrival is Almost Here

As we step into another exciting year, we're filled with gratitude for the 52 years of growth, learning, and community that Sonnenberg Gardens has experienced. Thanks to your continued support, we've been able to operate with a small surplus, even as we tackle major repairs and upgrades that will help ensure the gardens thrive for many years to come. As we reflect on the past, we're equally excited for what the future holds, and we can't wait to share some of the improvements and events we have in store!



With LOVE in the Air...

We are running a special in February and March for \$10 off any level membership. For love that can spread all year long...press the button below to purchase a membership. Thank you for all the support from our community and members!



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Membership Sale

Orchid Show 2025 & Plein Air Showcase

The Orchid Show is scheduled for April 26-27, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm.

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. Plein Air Artists, from "The Off-Color Painters" will be showcased in the Carriage House and will have paintings for purchase.



Calling All Artists

We are excited to announce that Artist Applications are now being accepted for Sonnenberg's 24th 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 24th 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, June 28th, and Sunday, June 29th, 2025.

Artist booth setup will be open on Friday, June 27th from 12 - 8 p.m. This will ensure ample time for the ground's preparations.

This year there will be a different layout and format to include more artisans.

As usual, there is a Juried Fine Art Show as you have seen in the past. This will include a tent with up-and-coming Emerging Artists.

For the first time in 2025, Sonnenberg is showcasing a dedicated area for Non-Juried Artists who may not fit or wish to be in the juried show.

The application fee is waived in 2025, so check out our website to see which category you fit in!

Information & the online application are available below:



2025 AATG

Sonnenberg Named Winner in 2025 WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards



17th Annual Couples' Choice Awards Honors the Top Wedding Vendors Nationwide and Abroad, an accolade representing the top wedding professionals across the board in quality, service, responsiveness, and professionalism reviewed by couples on WeddingWire, a leading wedding vendor marketplace.

To determine these distinguished wedding professionals, WeddingWire analyzed reviews within its Vendor Directory across more than 20 service categories—from venues and caterers to florists and photographers—to find the most- and highest-rated vendors of the year. The winners exhibit superior professionalism, responsiveness, service, and quality.

This is Sonnenberg's 10th Couples' Choice Award. We would like to thank our amazing wedding team of volunteer tram drivers, docents, and check-in concierges who give our guests the VIP treatment for our private events.

"Mary's Closet ~ Sonnenberg Stories"

This page has been updated with a new story "Clark Reservation".

Click [here](#) to see this story.

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.

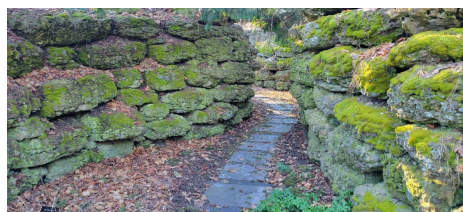
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