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Amherst To Join Buffalo Garden Festival

The new National Buffalo Garden Festival will be taking place in Western New York from June 18- July 25, 2010. Event Coordinator, Sally Cunningham, has asked Amherst Supervisor Dr. Barry Weinstein and his wife Lois, who holds former Master Gardener certification, to identify homes in the Town of Amherst for inclusion in this new festival.

Lois Weinstein states, "For years Buffalo has had a garden walk, as does the Village of Williamsville, but the newly developed National Buffalo Garden Festival allows other communities to participate as well as offering additional activities such as an opening reception at the Buffalo Science Center, a free BPO concert, and bus tours." Mrs. Weinstein continues, "Amherst has many wonderful gardeners and groups and this is a great opportunity to show case all their talents. This is Amherst's first Garden Walk –we need to make 8-10 homes to make it a success."



Amherst will be participating on Saturday July 17th with a rain date of Sunday, July 18th. The hours will be 9AM-5PM. Amherst will issue a map so that people may do a driving tour of local Amherst gardens.

Hosts will determine which of their gardens are available for viewing by the public; front, side, back or all. Garden styles could include but are not limited to: Formal, Cottage, Asian, English or Colorful. They can have features such as a rock garden, pond, or shade garden. Amherst gardeners who would like to be considered for inclusion should contact Lisa Kistner in the Supervisor's office no later than April 30, 2010. Both homeowners groups and gardening clubs are able to be included as well.

If you are interested in participating, please email gardenwalk@amherst.ny.us or call the Supervisor's office at 631- 7032 by May 7, 2010 for an application.