



Buffalo in Bloom

2014 Newsletter

Buffalo in Bloom is celebrating its 20th year in 2014! It is hard to believe that so many years have passed since we first began as a competition. The original goal of "Bloom" was to improve the look of the City, and we have achieved that goal! In 2013 we recognized over 4,000 gardens in the City of Buffalo. Thanks to all of you for planting those gardens. Without your "green thumbs" Buffalo in Bloom would not exist.

Thank you to the over 200 volunteer "scouts" who canvas every street in the City to recognize all of your hard work. You rock!!



Volunteers Always Welcome!!

Consider becoming one of our "scouts" and encourage City-wide beautification. The time commitment is about 4 - 6 hours and scouting takes place June 28 - July 20. It is a great way to spend a few hours with a friend, or go out with someone you don't know, and make a new friend. Many friendships have been made when people are out "scouting" together. It is also a great way to see a section of the City you are not familiar with and also to get ideas for your own garden. See details on the reverse side.

Buffalo in Bloom also plant and maintains the gardens at Niagara Square A group of volunteers, under the direction of Master Gardener Linda Garwol, meet one day a week between 5 and 6:30 PM from April to October. Bring your own hand tools, Buffalo in Bloom provides the rest. Parking is available in the Square, so you can drive right up and join in.

Buffalo in Bloom is a project of the Buffalo Green Fund

We can't do it without your help!

Buffalo in Bloom is an all-volunteer organization. We rely on donations to fund the project. It cost us close to \$2.00 to Bloom each garden. Please consider a donation in any amount to help us continue this great project! You can send your donation to Buffalo in Bloom, PO Box 282, Buffalo, NY 14202-0282. Thank you in advance for your support.

Scout Orientations:

There will be two Scout Orientations this year: one on **Wednesday, June 4** at 7 PM at the **Unitarian Universalist Church** located at **Elmwood & West Ferry** and the other on **Saturday, June 7** at 9 AM at **Harvest House** at **1782 Seneca Street**. Please join us at one of these sessions to learn more about "Bloom Scouting" and to choose which area of the City you would like to scout. There is a sign-up form below.

Buffalo in Bloom has divided the City into 99 scouting areas. Each team is assigned an area to scout using the map which is provided. Drive down each street in your area and when you see a garden that is "Bloom worthy" - STOP -- STAKE -- SNAP A PHOTO.

Park your car, put a stake in the front garden and take a picture of the garden to post to our website. That's it! We look for all types of gardens from the modest to the elaborate, from residences to churches, restaurants, businesses and community gardens, as long as they are well maintained. Take a few hours during the month of July, at your team's convenience, to scout. Come join us at orientation to find out more.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

I would like to volunteer with Buffalo in Bloom. (Check all that apply)

_____ Niagara Square Gardening _____ Garden Scouting

MAIL TO: Buffalo in Bloom - PO Box 282 - Buffalo, NY 14202-0282. Or go to www.buffaloinbloom.com and email us. Please be sure to include your name, phone number and email address.