



# VOLUNTEER UNDER THE DOME

Volume 2, Issue 12

Jan-Feb '16

## HAPPY NEW YEAR: *and what a year it's been...*

*By Karen Hammer*

Hello Volunteers, and Happy New Year! Looking back at the year I hope you have smiles the size of saucers, you have worked so hard on many fun and exciting projects. This past year has been a busy one and without your help we would have never been able to accomplish what we have. As I look at the graph below, I feel proud to help facilitate your community relationship with the Gardens! You are experienced, effective, exceptional and essential to our everyday growth!

And we have the data to prove it!

Thank you for all your hard work!



 <b>The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Society, Inc. 2006-2015 Growth Chart</b> 												
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Increase from 2006	% Increase from 2013
<b>Active Volunteers - 25hrs or more</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	37	83	82	98	140	162		65%
<b>Volunteers - Any amount of time</b>	80	179	212	257	250	223	211	283	403	519	549%	83%
<b>Volunteer Hours</b>	9,465	13,062	18,145	11,901	15,600	15,291	15,560	23,639	26,228	29,168	208%	23%
Volunteer Hour = \$23.07 of paid time Overall Volunteers saved \$672,905.76 of paid time												

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

*By Kristy Schmitt*

What a wonderful 2015 it's been for the Gardens. I've finished the year end number report for 2015 last week and WOW! We've had the best turnout yet for Education Programs. Overall 15,582 adults and children participated in an education program either at the Gardens or offsite this year. How incredible! Of course, we wouldn't be able to have such great successes if it was not for our wonderful volunteers. ☺

These numbers account for all programs led by the Gardens that have some sort of educational component. This includes hands-on school programs, guided tours, adult classes such as horticulture

and art, summer camp, the Fairy Festival, Plantasia, kids Birthday parties, special needs programs, Wegmans Family Day, Santa's Workshop, Kids Day and a wide range of offsite and outreach programs.

This year we also had sixteen grant funded schools visit us for a free program. Due to generous donors and granting organizations, Jolene sends out applications for classrooms to apply for a free, all expenses paid trip to the Gardens for one of our hands-on lessons. We bring as many schools as funding allows.

Jolene is continuing to book for 2016's grant groups after the Gardens has received a number of grants from various organizations including the Buffalo Bills Youth Foundation, National Grid and the JM McDonald Foundation.

We are looking forward to 2016 with a number of groups already on the schedule. Be sure to check out the most recent Under the Dome for our adult program offerings, including the return of many popular programs and some exciting new offerings as well!

Let's make 2016 the best year yet!

# BUFFALO AND E COUNTY



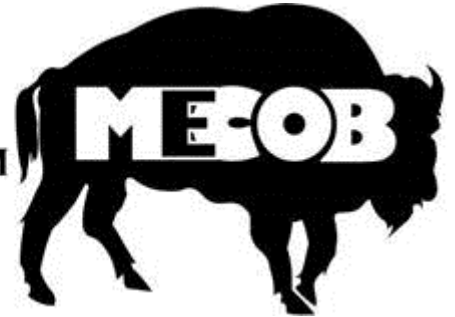
*Photos Courtesy:  
Rich Myers*

## WHAT IS MECOB?

*By: Kristy Schmitt*

MECOB stands for the Museum Education Consortium of Buffalo. Representatives in education departments from each member cultural organization in Buffalo meet regularly at member institutions to discuss relevant topics within the museum education field, work to bring professional development workshops and field trips to docents and spread the word about available program opportunities for teachers, students and families at member institutions throughout Western New York.

**MUSEUM  
EDUCATION  
CONSORTIUM  
OF  
BUFFALO**



*Visit MECOB's website for more information on member organizations:  
[museums4buffalo.org](http://museums4buffalo.org)*

Member institutions include: Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park, Buffalo History Museum, Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences (Buffalo Museum of Science and Tift Nature Preserve), Buffalo Zoo, Burchfield Penney Art Center, Darwin Martin House, Forest Lawn, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site and the Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium. MECOB is currently

expanding to welcome Associate Members for museums and cultural institutions that fall outside of the City of Buffalo to include all of Western New York.

MECOB has been instrumental in assisting with docent training, program updates, professional development and networking. As an education volunteer as part of the Gardens, docents are able to register for workshops held in spring and field trips held in fall. Our last workshop was held at Tift Nature Preserve on the topic of bringing objects to life through interpretation. Our two most recent field trips have been to the Richardson Complex this past fall, and last year on a walking tour of historic buildings in downtown Buffalo including the Guaranty Building and City Hall.

Currently, MECOB is working on building the Associate Membership program, developing tools and a program called "Thinking Beyond the Field Trip" for college students and professors in the education field to learn to use cultural objects effectively and working to develop the next exciting workshop program for this coming spring!

Recently, Sharon Reader, Donna Ludwig and Joanna Langarek attended the National Docent Symposium to glean more information on relevant topics, network, etc. The Gardens learned about this opportunity through its involvement in MECOB. MECOB membership has also been instrumental in helping to build cross-cultural programs and education workshops between a number of institutions including the "Science in Bloom" summer workshop with the Buffalo Zoo and Science Museum and a past Science Café lecture program with the Burchfield Penney Art Center.



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**UPCOMING WEGMANS FAMILY DAYS****January 16 – Let it Snow**

Celebrate winter in Buffalo while warming up at the Gardens. Enjoy snow cones and snowman bananas while creating a blizzard of creative crafts.

**February 20 – Rainforest Exploration**

Take a break from the cold weather and spend a day exploring the rainforests in the Gardens. Taste some tropical fruits while learning about plants of the rainforest. Then create some rainforest crafts to take home.

**March 19 – Spring Celebration**

Celebrate the first day of our Spring Exhibit while making a number of spring inspired crafts. Make some seed bombs to take home as well as a plant stake to decorate your garden.

**April 16 – All About Trees**

Celebrate both Earth Day and Arbor Day this month while learning all about trees! Create your very own tree sculpture and make art with pinecones, leaves, and other parts of trees.

**May 21 – Extraordinary Pollinators**

Learn about why pollinators are so important to the environment and our food supply. Recreate the lifecycle of a butterfly and bring home a bird feeder to attract birds to your garden.

**June 18 – Desert Adventures**

Explore the ways that plants have learned to survive in the desert while visiting the cacti collection at the Gardens! Taste fruit from the desert, craft some fabulous desert creations, and take home your very own desert plant!



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**DOCENT AND EDUCATION MEETINGS**

Docent meetings have been moved to four months a year. We will meet in February, April, June and October. At each meeting, docents receive relevant updates both within the Education Department and Gardens-wide. Meetings are supplemented with special topics relevant to docent-ing.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 3 at 10am in the Administration Building upstairs.

April: Wednesday, April 13 at 10am

June: Wednesday, June 8 at 12:30pm \*End of School Year Potluck\*

October: Wednesday, October 5 at 10am

**MAKE A FUN FLORAL PEN!**

You'll need: a pen, silk flowers, wire cutters, floral tape, scissors, and glue

1. Find a plain, cheap ball-point pen that is in need of a facelift. Take the cap off and recycle it. It might be challenging to cap after wrapping.
2. Next, find a silk flower or two. Make sure there are no leaves along the stem. You'll want to trim the stem down to a couple of inches.
3. Align the stem of the flower or flowers with the pen, with the top of the flower just above the top of the pen.
4. Starting at the base of the pen, wrap floral tape around the stem and the pen. The tape will stick to itself when stretched so pull the tape fairly tight.
5. Wrap the tape all the way up to the top of the pen. Trim the excess and secure the ends with some glue.
6. For cute desk décor or to package as a gift, store your floral pens in a terracotta pot!



**BOTANICAL RECIPES:**

*Hot Potato! What's cooking in the Kitchen of the beautiful Shirlein Schwartzott!*

**Best Ever Potato Soup**

- 6 bacon strips, diced
- 14.5oz chicken broth
- 1/2 chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp celery seed , salt, pepper
- 3 cups milk
- 2 green onions thinly sliced
- 3 cups peeled cubed potatoes
- 1 small grated carrot
- 1 Tablespoons parsley
- 3 Tablespoons flour
- 8oz cubed American cheese

**Directions**

Cook bacon until crisp. Add potatoes, broth, carrot, onion, parsley, celery seed and salt/pepper. Cover and let simmer until potatoes are tender, about 15 mins. Combine flour and milk until smooth, add to other ingredients. Bring to a boil. Add cheese and stir. Garnish with green onions.

**BLUE CHEESE POTATO GRATIN**

- 4-6 potatoes
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 8oz crumbled blue cheese

**Directions**

1. Microwave or boil potatoes until slightly softened
2. Slice potatoes thin & layer in casserole dish
3. Pour about a half cup of heavy cream evenly over potatoes
4. Sprinkle blue cheese on top
5. Place in oven (375°) until slightly browned



Makes 4-6 Servings.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH: *PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS*****By: Corrine Arcangel**

When giving a tour in the Desert House (House 4), I always stop at the Prickly Pear Cactus to point out the textures and color it offers our visitors. This towering specimen (Genus *Opuntia*) is found in all of the deserts of the American Southwest and can grow six to seven feet tall. When you look at the Prickly Pear, you will see big pads and little pads, prominent spines, bright yellow flowers and purplish fruit. The fleshy pads look like large leaves and can vary in width, length, shape and color. The pads are actually modified branches or stems that serve several functions – water storage, photosynthesis and flower production. Like other cactus, most Prickly Pear have large spines which are actually modified leaves. They grow from small wart like projections on their stems called tubercles and can be quite painful and difficult to remove from your skin if you accidentally make contact with them.

If you are looking for another “fish” in the Gardens, look no further than the Prickly Pear! The fruits of most prickly pears are edible and sold in stores under the name “tuna”. They are a popular source in the Southwest for making jams, jelly, candies

and nectar. Prickly Pear pads are also edible. They are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

There has been medical interest in the Prickly Pear cactus. Some studies have shown that the pectin contained in the Prickly Pear pulp lowers levels of “bad” cholesterol while leaving “good” cholesterol levels unchanged. Both fruits and pads of the Prickly Pear cactus are rich in slowly absorbed soluble fibers that may help keep blood sugar stable. One study found that the fibrous pectin in the fruit may help people with diabetes by lowering the need for insulin.

Next time you walk thru the Desert House, make sure you take an extra moment to appreciate all that this wonderful plant has to offer.





Photo by:  
Todd Zintz

*Turn off the lights!*

**It's Lumagination Time**

*The Gardens needs your help!*

Wednesday- January 27th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Thursday- January 28th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Friday- January 29th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Saturday- January 30th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

\* Tuesday- February 2nd - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Wednesday- February 3rd - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Thursday- February 4th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Friday- February 5th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Saturday- February 6th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Wednesday- February 10th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Thursday- February 11th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Friday- February 12th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Saturday- February 13th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Wednesday- February 17th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Thursday- February 18th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Friday- February 19th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Saturday- February 20th - 5:30pm to 9:30pm

\*PHOTO NIGHT

**Let the Program & Volunteer  
Coordinator know if you can help!**



***We need your help!***

**Wegmans Family Days**

**9:30am-2pm**

*January 16 - Let it Snow*

*February 20 - Rainforest Exploration*

*March 19 - Spring Celebration*

*April 16 - All About Trees*

*May 21 - Extraordinary Pollinators*

*June 18 - Desert Adventures*



**Like to take photos or have  
a story to tell?**

This newsletter is run by you, let us know what you want to see! We need articles and pictures for the next newsletter and newsletters to come! Please let contact Karen Hammer if you are interested in contributing to the Volunteer Under the Dome!

## BOTANICAL GARDENS HISTORY

*By: Bob Snyder*

Continued from last issue.....

The "Blizzard of 77" wasn't the only storm to hit the Botanical Gardens while O Burke Glaser was in charge. The city of Buffalo was struggling financially and officials at city hall began complaining about the \$450,000 annual Botanical Gardens budget. In addition to that the building itself was once again in deplorable condition. There was talk of closing the Conservatory and razing the building. Local newspapers repeatedly carried stories about what was going to happen to the Botanical Gardens. The public became aroused. A "Save the Conservatory" campaign came together and began to gather interest. Soon botanists, horticulturalists, gardeners, and concerned citizens from all over Western New York united to save the Conservatory and everything that was in it. The public turned to Erie County for help. The County was barred by law from spending money on city owned property, so the funding problem was finally solved when Erie County agreed to purchase the Botanical Gardens and the Conservatory.

The October 5, 1980 edition of the Buffalo Evening News had a story about the sale of the Buffalo Botanical Gardens to Erie County. In attendance at a ceremony that took place at the Gardens, on a rainy Saturday afternoon, was Buffalo Mayor Jimmy Griffin, his six year old son Tommy and Erie County Executive Ed Rutkowski. Tommy was the first to notice that rain was leaking into the building. "Daddy it's leaking" he shouted. "Shhh," the mayor deadpanned. "We haven't sold it yet." That brought the crowd, including the intended buyer, county executive Rutkowski, to burst out laughing. Mr. Rutkowski's retort: "I think I want my dollar back." The paper work was completed and the title was formally transferred on July 1, 1981. The Buffalo Botanical Gardens was renamed The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens thus ending the City of Buffalo's 80 year ownership.

Sadly, Mr. Glaser retired on March 31, 1989. He passed away on February 14, 2014.



EXCHANGE — Mayor Griffin, left, accepts an oversized \$1 check from County Executive Rutkowski as a token payment for the Soagh Park

Botanical Gardens. The city formally turned over the 11.4-acre park and buildings to Erie County, which will assume responsibility for its operation.

### WHAT AM I?

*By: Susan Maas*



*"What am I?" is a new "Volunteer Under the Dome" series aimed at challenging our knowledge and love of plants at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Each release of this series will feature information on a plant at our conservatory with clues such as the growing origin, foliage or fruiting description, and unique characteristics. The challenge is for you, the reader, to determine what this plant may be. Answers to each challenge will be included in the following "Volunteer Under the Dome" release. Comments and suggestions for improvements are always welcomed. So let's get started with the current challenge!*

#### What am I Challenge

I am an evergreen that grows quickly with height typically 20 to 40 feet and with a spread of 20 to 25 feet. My gray/green double-lobed leaves of 6-8 inches in diameter provide significant shade however, I am mainly sought after for my very showy flowers. I like full sun on well-drained soil and I am very drought-tolerant. Although a member of the Pea family, I am sterile so propagation is by cultivation. I was discovered around 1880 and it is professed that all propagated starts are clones from the original plant.



*Answer in the next issue.*



## GETTING TO KNOW RICH MYERS

**By: Frank Walsh**

Meet Rich Myers. Renaissance Rich started as a horticultural volunteer two years ago but he also lends a hand for the maintenance department. If you see a non-leaking hose reel it has likely been fixed by Rich. The covers for the heaters in the dome are also an example of his handiwork. His favorite area, located by the gazebo, is the cotton candy tree bursting with fresh aroma.

Away from the Gardens Rich likes to draw with pen and ink and makes his own wine. He also volunteers as a tutor at a local high school teaching math and earth sciences. Smile! You could also see Rich taking wonderful pictures that are often used in Gardens publications! His favorite activity though is to spend time with family and grandchildren.



## A INTERVIEW OF A HORTICULTURAL MASTERMIND

**By: Bob Snyder**



David grew up on a farm in Eden, NY. He studied horticulture at S.U.N.Y. Cobeskill, was a wholesale florist account executive and then became a horticulture professor at S.U.N.Y. Niagara County Community College.

David started out filling in for 2 make-and-take classes at The Gardens in 2008 at the invitation of former Education Department director Lynn Wieser. He went on to do a plant propagation classes in the garage, and carnivorous plant classes in the basement. That led him to create the 20 class horticulture certificate series now offered at The Gardens. He does horticulture presentations on the national level for botanical organizations and garden groups including Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, PA., The West Coast Spring Garden Show in Costa Mesa, CA. and last March at the North East Floral Expo in Groton, CT. He is a regular presenter at the Plantasia Landscape and Garden Show, Lockwood's Greenhouses in Hamburg, NY, Urban Roots and Grass Roots Gardens, both right here in Buffalo, along with Master Gardeners, herb societies, The S.O.L.E garden in Hamburg, NY and New York State garden clubs.

David enjoys writing articles for gardening publications. He has a television/video/internet presence including interviews on Connie Stofko's Buffalo-NiagaraGardening.com, "GardenChat" with Bren Haas and Adam Cortell; education podcasts with Dave Ledoux' "Back To My Garden", Bog Gardening and Carnivorous plants with Kim Eierman of "EcoBeneficial", and a horticulture education interview with Michael Warren Thomas' "Savor Life" on WYSL radio.

The things he likes to do at the Gardens include volunteering at events such as Starry Night in the Garden, Gala at The Garden, being on the speaker board for the Pollinator Festival, and especially the educational opportunity where he gets to speak to gardeners from all around western New York. One of his favorite presentations was at our science café: "Innuendo – The Strange Sex Lives of Plants" ...it was quite racy!

In his spare time David enjoys traveling, touring the local gardens on our many Garden Walks, crafting incenses, and learning about aromatherapy.

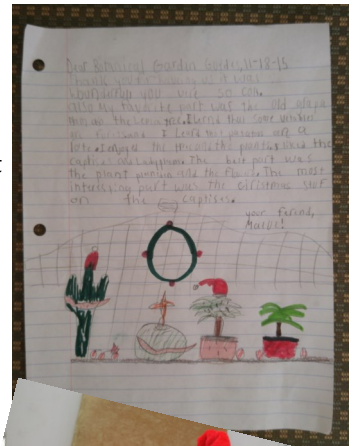
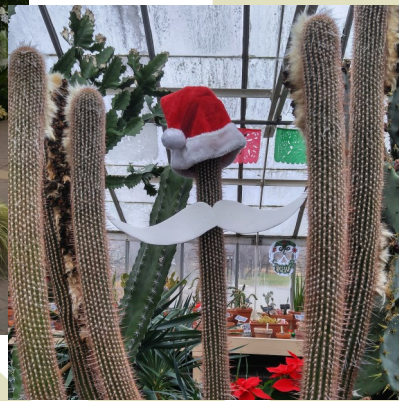
David Clark is a talented person who makes events at The Gardens exciting. I have seen him in action at Lumagination, The Gala, Starry Night, The Victorian Tea and for docent training. Bravo David! Thanks for volunteering with us.

Visit David @ [www..davidclarkwny.com](http://www..davidclarkwny.com)  
OR Look up David on [www.greatgardenspeakers.com](http://www.greatgardenspeakers.com)

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED: SNOW

*By: Karen Hammer*

This year for our Holiday Poinsettia Exhibit staff members, plant societies and volunteers helped to plan and decorate all of our wonderful Houses in the conservatory. It was a blast coming up with ideas and figuring out what might work and dazzle spectators. Each House was different and exciting, but snow was the underlining theme. Each House had a display of snow in some form or another, either hidden or in plain sight! Guests loved the exhibit this year, and wonder what we will think of for 2016. If you have any ideas or input, please share with staff when you can!



2016 WEDDING OPEN HOUSE

*By: Beth Walkowski*

Did you or someone you know recently get engaged? Are you planning a wedding or a bridal shower? Then you should consider having your event here at the Botanical Gardens! The Wedding open house last Thursday, Jan 14th, went great, giving brides the opportunity to view our beautiful facility and see what we can do to make their wedding dreams a reality. Brides were able to see this unique facility and how the rooms can be used for their wedding, but we also had our caterers available for guests to meet and sample some of their delicious cooking. In addition to several of our current caterers, we are pleased to welcome the staff from The Tonawanda Castle and Country Club Caters! Marisa of Be Sweet Designs was amazing, showing what they can do to create a dream desert table for events! Michelle from Gala Parties, Inc. had a fabulous array of rental linens to add that special touch to an occasion at the open house as well!



***Book from January 10 - February 10 and receive a 20% rental discount. An unbelievable savings!!***

Register today by contacting Julie Mogavero, Weddings and Special Events Coordinator  
(716) 827-1584 Ext 220 - [jmogavero@buffalogardens.com](mailto:jmogavero@buffalogardens.com)

## WORKING HARD: NEW VOLUNTEER NAME TAGS

We love our volunteers, and we decided to give our Gold Star volunteers, people who have worked over 250 hours, a new name tag for the New Year! Thank you Ladies and Gents, it's the least we can do!



Jealous? You can earn one too, it takes hard work and dedication but when you do the math it's simple. To achieve Gold Star status you would have to volunteer at around 5 hours a week or 20 hours a month. Not that bad when you think about it! Come on reach for those Gold Stars!

## POINSETTIAS: KEEP OR COMPOST

**By : Linda Mayer**

At this time of year we get questions about this traditional Christmas plant. Can I get it to rebloom next year and will it bloom for a long time, are the major questions. The short answer is yes to both but it takes planning.

**Light:** the best is a E,W window. They are tropical plants and like lots of indirect light.

**Water:** water only when the top 2" is dry and do not let it sit in water, ever. Over watering will bring leaf drop.

**Heat:** 70 to 79 degrees is ideal but they will tolerate 65 degrees at night. Avoid drafts from windows or even hot air.

**Humidity:** If your house is dry in the winter you may have to water more frequently, check the soil.

In April you can gradually decrease the watering but do not let dry out. In May cut back the stems by 4" and repot with fresh soil. Water well and give it lots of light. Once new growth appears fertilize and move outside to a sheltered area with partial shade. Continue watering and fertilizing. In July cut back each stem by at least 1" to encourage a balanced plant. In August pinch back each stem to 3-4 leaves per stem. Continue watering and fertilizing and bring indoors mid- month to you brightest window. In first week of October begin prepping the plant to rebloom. This takes 8-10 weeks. Poinsettias are short day bloomers. Buds develop during short sunlight days. Keep the Poinsettia in

complete darkness from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.. A closet is best or enclose in a box or bag, whichever is easiest. NO light what so ever. Exposure to light will delay blooming. Move the plant back to the sunlight during the day and keep watering. Continue until the end of November, then bring out to the sunlight all day. Stop fertilizing and continue to water as before. Blooms should be starting to appear.





2655 South Park Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14218

Check us out on the  
web!  
[www.buffalogardens.com](http://www.buffalogardens.com)

*Gardens Volunteers contribute their exceptional abilities and expertise to benefit our ever-growing community and recognize and share our mission of advancing appreciation for and knowledge of plant life and its connection to people and cultures through its documented living plant collection, historic conservatory, education, research and exhibits.*

## STAFF DIRECTORY

CALL 716.827.1584 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

### Administration

David J. Swarts  
President/CEO  
ext. 202 - [dswarts@buffalogardens.com](mailto:dswarts@buffalogardens.com)

Erin Grajek  
Associate Vice President of Marketing  
& Visitor Experience  
ext. 204 - [egrajak@buffalogardens.com](mailto:egrajak@buffalogardens.com)

Julie DeCarolis  
Senior Director of Operations  
ext. 200 - [jdecarolis@buffalogardens.com](mailto:jdecarolis@buffalogardens.com)

### Development

Brittany Finnegan-Zandi  
Director of Development  
ext. 203 - [bzandi@buffalogardens.com](mailto:bzandi@buffalogardens.com)

### Education

Kristy Schmitt  
Director of Education  
ext. 291 - [kschmitt@buffalogardens.com](mailto:kschmitt@buffalogardens.com)

Jolene Baj  
Education Coordinator  
ext. 292 - [jbaj@buffalogardens.com](mailto:jbaj@buffalogardens.com)

Amanda Oldham  
Education Assistant  
[aoldham@buffalogardens.com](mailto:aoldham@buffalogardens.com)

### Facilities

Todd Zintz  
Director of Facilities  
ext. 214 - [tzintz@buffalogardens.com](mailto:tzintz@buffalogardens.com)

Jason Kostusiak  
Facilities Assistant

### Guest Services & Gift Shop

Denise Nichols  
Guest Services & Gift Shop Manager  
ext. 209 - [dnichols@buffalogardens.com](mailto:dnichols@buffalogardens.com)

Mary Jane Stefano  
Guest Services & Gift Shop Associate  
Gift Shop - ext. 212

Holly Bloom  
Guest Services & Gift Shop Associate  
Gift Shop - ext. 212

Cheryl Porter  
Guest Services & Gift Shop Associate  
Gift Shop - ext. 212

### Horticulture

Jeff Thompson  
Director of Horticulture  
ext. 205 - [jthompson@buffalogardens.com](mailto:jthompson@buffalogardens.com)

Kristin Pochopin  
Horticulturist  
ext. 228 - [kpochopin@buffalogardens.com](mailto:kpochopin@buffalogardens.com)

John Santomieri  
Horticulturist  
ext. 208 - [jsantomieri@buffalogardens.com](mailto:jsantomieri@buffalogardens.com)

Darla Mohrlock  
Gardener  
[dmohrlock@buffalogardens.com](mailto:dmohrlock@buffalogardens.com)

### Weddings and Private Events

Christina Stannard  
Director of Weddings and Special Events  
ext. 219 - [cstannard@buffalogardens.com](mailto:cstannard@buffalogardens.com)

Julie Mogavero  
Weddings and Special Events Coordinator  
ext. 220 - [jmogavero@buffalogardens.com](mailto:jmogavero@buffalogardens.com)

### Volunteers & Programs

Karen Hammer  
Program & Volunteer Coordinator  
ext. 207 - [khammer@buffalogardens.com](mailto:khammer@buffalogardens.com)