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The official newsletter of Goodell Gardens & Homestead

Every time a flower blooms...

Every time a flower blooms, I think of you!

Have you watched that old movie entitled, *It's a Wonderful Life*? At the end of the movie a little child exclaims, "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings."

As Goodell Gardens & Homestead spreads its wings, the beauty of nature unfolds. As our season opened last year, we told you about our hopes and dreams, our Strategic Plan. Most of last year's plan has been accomplished. Much of it had to do with our infrastructure and preparations for more noticeable improvements. Your support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated!

As we move into the second phase of our Strategic Plan, we invite you to take advantage of our many educational offerings, our music series, our festivals, and other programming.

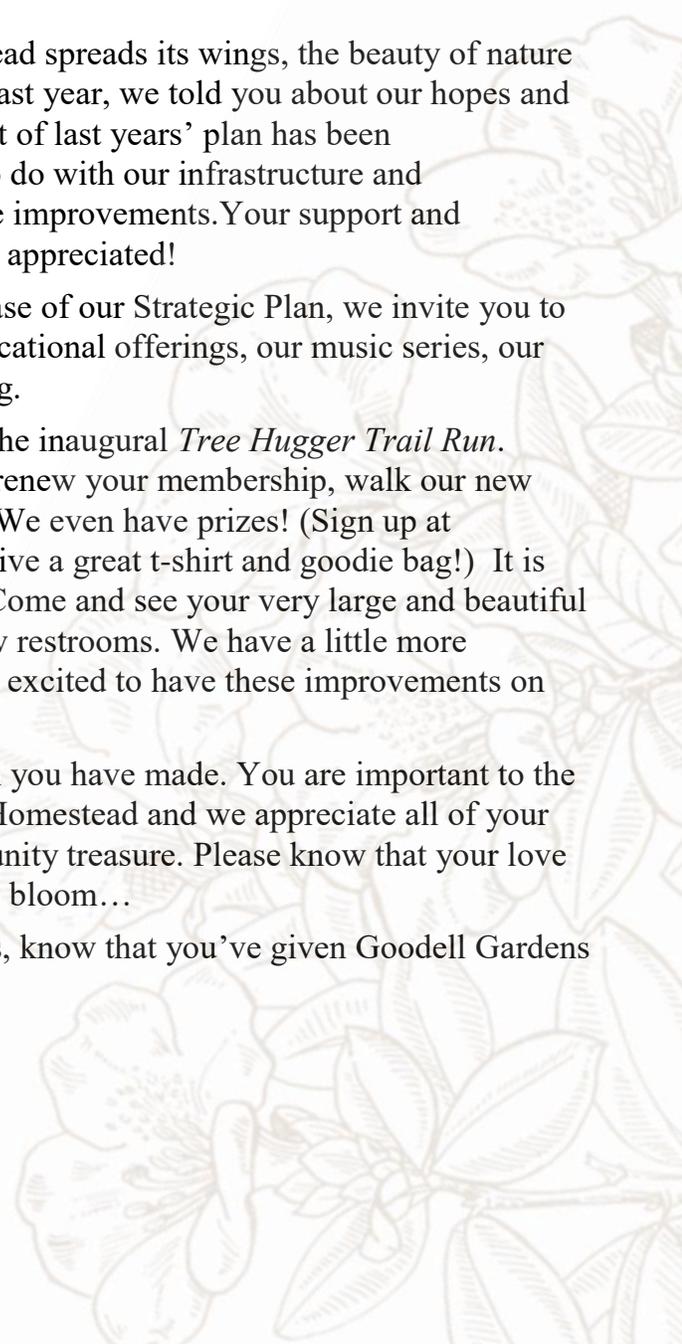
Please join us on April 30th for the inaugural *Tree Hugger Trail Run*. Come and enjoy the festivities, renew your membership, walk our new trails or run the entire distance. We even have prizes! (Sign up at goodellgardens.org/trailrun receive a great t-shirt and goodie bag!) It is going to be a very special day. Come and see your very large and beautiful new gathering tent and your new restrooms. We have a little more landscaping to do, but we are so excited to have these improvements on the grounds.

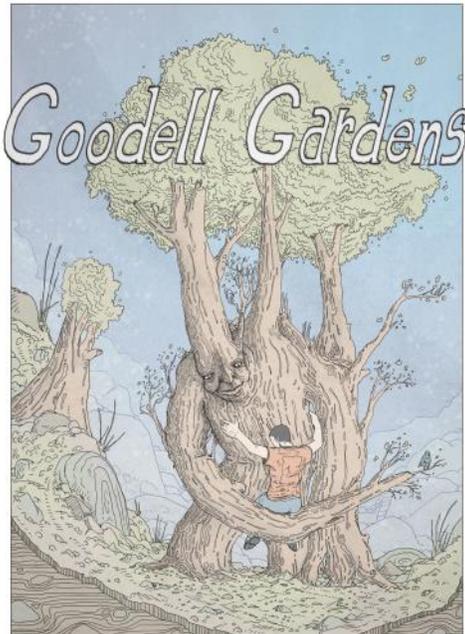
Thank you for each contribution you have made. You are important to the success of Goodell Gardens & Homestead and we appreciate all of your love and support for this community treasure. Please know that your love and support allow the flowers to bloom...

And every time a flower blooms, know that you've given Goodell Gardens its wings...

Thank you...

Dr. Marian Beckman
President, Board of Directors
Goodell Gardens & Homestead





Tree Hugger Trail Run
Spring 2022

Celebrate opening day by joining the Trail Run

Registration now open for Tree Hugger Trail Run April 30

Participants in the Tree Hugger Trail Run will be the first to experience new woodland trails at Goodell Gardens & Homestead. Slated for Saturday, April 30, the inaugural trail run/walk will support YOUR Gardens!

“We are so excited to add the Tree Hugger Trail Run to our 2022 Program of Events,” Executive Director Amber Wellington said. “Our Strategic Plan calls for building a new trail system on our 80-acre property. Our trails are being built in a phased approach, and the first phase is now ready for the public to preview. The trail system is still under development, but we are excited to open our trails to the public.”

“We are blessed to be the caretakers of this peaceful place, where individuals and groups can come and share in beautiful scenery and serene encounters with nature. As we move north on the property our plan is to establish additional gardens and spaces for the community to enjoy,” said Board President, Dr. Marian S. Beckman, who also chaired the Strategic Planning Committee. “The new trails allow us to share the rich beauty of the Goodell property and they give the community more opportunities to enjoy, to gather, to learn and to refresh in mind, body, and spirit.”

Creating the plan included evaluating existing and potential new programs, including adding a run/walk. “Combining the new event with the new trails felt like a perfect match,” Beckman said. And so, the Tree Hugger Trail Run was born.

As members are aware, Goodell Gardens Trails Committee and several volunteers began cutting trails in late 2020, with the first trails opened to the public mid-summer 2021.

“Trail runs/walks are such an awesome way to get outside and take advantage of nature,” added newly-elected Board Member, athletic trainer, fitness educator and avid runner Dr. Mary McDade. “And since this trail run/walk is being held at Goodell Gardens and Homestead it makes it even more special.”

Registration for the Tree Hugger Trail Run is now open. While day-of registrations will be accepted, pre-registration is strongly encouraged, and the deadline to register and receive a limited-edition Tree Hugger Trail Run t-shirt featuring the artwork of local illustrator Eric Johnson is April 15. The event will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 – opening day for Goodell Gardens & Homestead. The run will be professionally timed by the Big White Trailer. The day will start with check-in at 9 am. The first runners will begin at 10 am, with walkers and casual runners starting at 10:03 am. A shorter run for kids 12 & under will begin at 10:50 am Awards will be presented at 11:15 am. The top two runners (men/women) will win a sapling tree of their very own. Handmade wooden medals will be presented to the top two men and women in each of the following categories: 12 & under, 13-17, 18-40, 41-65, 65+.

Following the awards ceremony, a balance bike event for toddlers and preschoolers - organized by 814 Outdoor Sports - will be held. Other activities during the event include face painting with Taradoodles, Balloons with the Real Magic Steve, live music from the Goodell Gardens String Band, the Dunkin Donuts Food Truck, tree-themed activities and crafts for kids, on-site massage therapists and more!

Sponsors for the Tree Hugger Trail Run include Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), the Beckman Family, Walker Brothers Buick Chevrolet, MJ’s Runners Club, Marquette Savings Bank, Edinboro Subway, Lakeside Bagel, Eberle Physical Therapy, Afton Trucking, Charles E. Wellman Trucking & Landscaping Supplies, Hobbs Lumber & Hardware Environmental Remediation & Recovery, Steadman Law Office, and Mindful Paths.

For more information, or to register to run, visit www.goodellgardens.org/trailrun.

2022 Program of Events (pages 2-7)

Gardens open April 30!

Beginning Saturday, April 30, the Gardens will be open Wednesday - Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm.

The Welcome Center, Garden Gift Shop, restrooms, and select trails will be open during these hours. We will once again open the Gardens on a donation basis for admission. Donation boxes will be placed throughout the Gardens and at trail heads to allow visitors to make a donation in lieu of admission.

We will continue to monitor safety measures recommended by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and Erie County Department of Health.

Recommendations from these governing bodies will be followed and enforced. Your cooperation as we navigate the ever-changing landscape around the pandemic is greatly appreciated!



Along the Garden Path... weekly guided tours

Visit Goodell Gardens to see what is blooming!

The Gardens are constantly changing throughout the seasons!

We offer an informal guided garden tour starting at 1 pm on Sundays for members and other visitors of varying ages. Bring your curiosity and questions with you to learn more about many facets of horticulture. We will walk along the garden path at a relaxing pace.

May 1, 8, 15 & 29 ; June 5, 12, 19 & 26
July 3, 10, 17 & 24; Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28
Sept. 4, 11, & 18; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

These tours are sponsored in part by a Special Events Grant from ECGRA. ECGRA works at Goodell Gardens!

Live Theatre - July 15th!

Goodell Gardens and Homestead with Meadville Community Theatre present "The Last Comedienne" July 15 at 7 pm. In this play, three comics vie for the \$100,000 prize in the National Comedienne Joke-Off. See the action on-air and off, and at the end choose the winner!

Dreaming of your own Mrs. Maisel moment? Sign up to perform your stand-up set prior to the show! Simply call MCT at 814-333-1773 or email publicity@mctbackstage.com.

If you would like to audition to be in "The Last Comedienne," keep an eye on MCT's website (mctbackstage.com) and Facebook page (@mct1967). Everyone is welcome, no experience required. Tickets are \$10 per person (\$5 for members of Goodell Gardens & Homestead or Meadville Community Theatre). Support two wonderful community organizations with a single ticket! Proceeds will be split equally between Goodell Gardens & Homestead and Meadville Community Theatre.

Purchase tickets online: goodellgardens.org/theatre



A note about program fees

As you know, 2021 was a year of rebuilding and transformation at Goodell Gardens & Homestead.

With a new staff, new mission, vision, and strategic plan, we worked hard to bring back the organization you fell in love with. It was certainly a pilot year, and one that came with many successes and a few lessons.

You'll notice that admission to many of our programs and events have changed. This is the result of carefully planning quality programs, market research, and budgeting for sustainability. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make adjustments to ensure that the programs and events you love and your Gardens will be here in perpetuity.

We look forward to seeing you at our classes, concerts, special events, in the Gardens and on the trails this season.



Garden Sprouts

Ages 3-5 | Led by Christine Detar

Mother Nature returns to Goodell Gardens to share her mighty wisdom! We will explore three themes that celebrate the seasons.

Parent/guardian must be present.

Thursdays at 11 am

Spring: May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9

Summer: July 14, 21, 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18

Fall: Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

Series pass (6 sessions) \$50 (\$20 for members)

Season pass (all 3 series) \$100 (\$50 for members)

Garden Saplings

Grades 3-5 | Led by Andrew Sipple

These sessions explore the wonders of the Gardens using our senses to help us get in touch with nature. In the last session, everyone will have a chance to use their creativity to make something special!

Sundays at 4 pm

Sept. 18: Look

Oct. 2: Listen

Oct. 9: Touch

Oct. 16: Smell

Oct. 23: Taste

Oct. 30: Create

Class Pass (1 session) \$10 (\$5 for members)

Season Pass (6 sessions) \$50 (\$20 for members)



Scan for registration and more information on our education programs and public events!

Garden Seedlings

Grades K-2 | Led by Andrew Sipple

The Wizard of the Woods has awakened from his long winter slumber! This season, we will focus on the spark of life - energy.

Parent/guardian must be present.

Sundays at 4 pm

May 1: Essential Energy

May 15: Precious Plants

May 29: Interesting Insects

June 5: Beautiful Birds

June 19: Tremendous Trees

June 26: Funky Fungi

July 10: Graceful Grasses

July 17: Magnificent Mammals

July 24: Amazing Amphibian

July 31: Fascinating Fish

Aug. 7: Special Spiders

Aug. 14: Beneficial Bacteria

Aug. 28: Sacred Sunshine

Class Pass (1 session) \$10 (\$5 for members)

Season Pass (13 sessions) \$100 (\$50 for members)

For more information, visit goodellgardens.org/learn or contact our

Education Coordinator Andrew Sipple: learn@goodellgardens.org or (814) 734-6699.

Young Trees

Grades 6-8 | Led by Andrew Sipple

This program has hands-on experiences like flower dissection, soil testing, seed planting, nature journaling, and garden maintenance.

Thursdays at 5:30 pm

May 5: Garden Design
 May 12: Soil Testing & pH
 May 19: Starting Seeds
 May 26: Perennials & Planting
 June 2: Weeds & Watering
 June 9: Trimming, Pruning, & Edging
 June 23: Plant Journals
 June 30: Collecting & Pressing Plants
 July 14: Flower Dissection
 July 21: Fruit Dissection
 Aug. 4: Wildflower & Tree ID
 Aug. 11: Non-Flowering Plant ID
 Aug. 25: Collecting Seeds

Class Pass (1 session) \$10 (\$5 for members)
 Season Pass (13 sessions) \$100 (\$50 for members)

Flowering Trees

Grades 9-12 | Led by Andrew Sipple

Our programs for high school students offer opportunities for local youth to explore environmental issues and engage in backyard projects that benefit the environment and the community. Students can take their smaller creations home or give them to others in their neighborhood. Larger projects add permanent enhancements to the grounds at Goodell Gardens.

Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Sept. 22 & 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Class Pass (1 session) \$15 (\$7 for members)
 Season Pass (6 sessions) \$80 (\$35 for members)

Children's programs are funded, in part, by a grant from the Hovis Fund of the Erie Community Foundation.



2022 Program of Events: Guest Speaker Series

New this year | Weekday evenings at 7 pm | Led by local experts
registration required: goodellgardens.org/learn or (814) 734-6699

May 4: Growing Hardwood & Evergreen Trees
Nursery Pros Bonnie Rafferty & Randy Walker
 \$10 per person (\$5 with membership)

May 11: Creating Backyard Habitats for Herptiles
Mark Lethaby (Tom Ridge Environmental Center)
 \$10 per person (\$5 with membership)

June 1: Cultivating Community Gardens
Heather Zimmerman (Garden of Edin)
 FREE ADMISSION

June 22: Raising Monarch Butterflies
Master Gardeners Christine Detar & Maria Blakeslee
 \$15 per person (\$7 with membership)

July 13: Cultivating School Gardens
Doreen Petri & Stephanie Ciner (Erie Farm to School)
 FREE ADMISSION

July 27: Native Seeds for Insect Pollinators
Mark Fiely (Ernst Conservation)
 \$10 per person (\$5 with membership)

Aug. 10: Organic Vegetable Gardening
Garrett Gleeson (Fat Hawk Farm)
 \$10 per person (\$5 with membership)

Aug. 24: Caring for Raptors
Carol Holmgren (Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation)
 \$15 per person (\$7 with membership)

Sept. 7: Growing Mushrooms at Home
Connie Walker (Black and Green)
 \$15 per person (\$7 with membership)

Sept. 14: Backyard Bees and Sustainability
Stephanie Thauer (Raintree Farms)
 \$15 per person (\$7 with membership)

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2022 Program of Events: Special Public Programs

Sundays at 2:30 pm | Led by Education Coordinator Andrew Sipple | \$10/class (\$5 with membership)
Series passes available at a discount listed under each class. Want to attend all of everything? Buy a season pass & save: \$150 (\$55 with membership) Class size is limited, so registration required:

goodellgardens.org/learn or (814) 734-6699

Turn a New Leaf! *The Diversity of Plants and Their Uses*

Are you tired of spending so much time indoors? Are you ready to get outside away from the screen? Join us as we celebrate the colorful, delicious, and healing world of plants! We will investigate **edible and medicinal plants** and learn some **identification tricks** for both garden plants and the native flora. Let's turn a new leaf together as we reconnect to the floral kingdom that sustains us.

Each session will be offered at three different times during the season, and different plants will be featured each time.

Identifying Flowering Plants with Ease: 5/1, 7/24, 9/18

Exploring Edible Wild Plants: 5/15, 7/17, 10/2

The Value of Medicinal Plants: 5/29, 7/31, 9/11

3-Session Pass \$25 (\$10 with membership)

Digging into the Landscape *Unique Features of Our Region*

Learn about what makes Northwestern Pennsylvania so unique! Although many of us have become accustomed to our geographic region, we often overlook many of its distinctive features. What forces have shaped our region's landforms, and how do our gardens fit within the local landscape and climate? We will explore the answers to these questions and more. Three engaging sessions will enhance participants' awareness of the local **watersheds, soils, and microclimates.**

Landforms & Watersheds: 6/5

All About Soils: 6/19

Hardiness & Microclimates: 6/26

3-Session Pass \$25 (\$10 with membership)

Green Practices in Gardening *Sustainable Horticulture*

Our natural world faces a barrage of threats. Pollution, waste, habitat degradation, and energy consumption continue to plague our planet at local, national, and global scales. We often think of gardening as a way to connect with nature, but many traditional horticultural practices can exacerbate environmental problems. In these sessions, we will examine how to minimize our impact on the earth through **natural composting** and **organic pest control.**

The Art & Science of Composting: 7/3

Organic Pest Control: 7/10

2-Session Pass \$15 (\$7 with membership)

Classical Music in the Gardens *Culture, Imagination, & the Arts*

Various art forms communicate values and ideas, portray beauty and elegance, and express powerful feelings. They can also inspire us to reflect on our relationship with the natural world. Spread over three sessions, visitors will learn how **classical music** can enhance your appreciation of the wonderful world of gardening and nature. Visit Goodell Gardens to be inspired!

Baroque and Classical Music: 8/7

Music of the Romantic Era: 9/4

Music in the Twentieth Century: 10/9

3-Session Pass \$25 (\$10 with membership)

Take your Plant Palette to the Next Level!

Explore categories of flowering plants and a rich array of species that can enrich your gardening palette. After delving into the **incredible nature of underwater flowers,** we will examine the **textural diversity of grass-like plants.** These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to broaden your horticultural horizons beyond the common herbaceous perennials found in so many backyard gardens.

Aquatic Wonders: 8/14

Graceful Grasses: 8/28

2-Session Pass \$15 (\$7 with membership)

Beauty Beyond Blooms *Ferns, Mosses, and Conifers*

In our quest for dazzling blooms, we often overlook the enchanting beauty of non-flowering plants. In these exciting sessions, we will explore the remarkable diversity of **ferns, mosses, and conifers.** With their high tolerance for shade and low maintenance requirements, these ancient plants have so much to offer!

Fantastic Ferns: 10/16

Mosses: A World in Miniature: 10/23

Caring for Conifers: 10/30

A Special Events Grant from Erie County Gaming Revenue

Authority helps makes these programs possible.

ECGRA works at Goodell Gardens!



2022 Program of Events (pages 2-7)

Summer Music Series

Fridays, 7-9 pm | Free admission, but donations encouraged | Bring a Chair | Food Trucks each week
Tickets are limited, so registration required: goodellgardens.org/music or (814) 734-6699

June 10 - Slim & Red

LIL Wagon & Kona Ice

June 24 - Salmon Frank

Triple D's Tasty Grill

July 8 - Tiger Maple String Band

Camaraderie BBQ & Smiley's Ice Cream

July 22 - House of Rhythm

Sticks & Bricks

August 5 - Patchouli & Terra Guitarra

Atacolypse

August 12 - Jess Royer & Nick Warren

Happy Camper Snack Shack



Goodell Gardens receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



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Aug. 27
register by 7/15 at GOODELLGARDENS.ORG/MONARCH

Wellness classes, including Yogilates, are listed online at goodellgardens.org/refresh

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the animated painting concert experience
Join us for this world-renowned immersive event on
Wednesday, Aug 3rd
Tickets are limited:
goodellgardens.org/patchouli

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The Mission of Goodell Gardens & Homestead is to create beautiful gardens and natural spaces where people visit to enjoy, gather, learn, and refresh.

- **Enjoy** the beauty of both manicured gardens and natural spaces.
- **Gather** for events and celebrations both large and small.
- **Learn** about plants, land stewardship, and their importance to humanity and the ecosystem.
- **Refresh** your mind, body, and spirit.

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