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Buffalo Museum of Science & Tifft Nature Preserve

MAY & JUNE 2026

TWILIGHT *at the Museum*

SHINE ON: MAY 1 | 8-11 P.M. | ALL AGES

These Friday night evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the roof deck (weather permitting), and access to all four floors of the Museum. Limited tickets available! Register online at sciencebuff.org.
Next Twilight Dates: August 21; September 18.



COSMIC ADVENTURE at the Museum

MAY 23 | 10 A.M.-2 P.M. | ALL AGES

Explore the wonders of space through exciting, hands-on demonstrations and live shows—from the birth of stars to the power behind rocket launches. Chat with experts from Moog and the Challenger Center to get your biggest space questions answered.

Complete a cosmic scavenger hunt throughout the museum for a stellar prize!



**JUNE 17 | 7 P.M.
ALL AGES**

The Traveler: One Man's Quest for Humanity from the South Seas to Revolutionary Paris

Andrea Wulf, New York Times Best Selling Author

Step into the extraordinary life of George Forster, a remarkable young naturalist, writer and revolutionary whose ideas about humanity, equality and freedom challenged the dominant worldviews of eighteenth-century Europe.



CELEBRATION SERIES: Buffalo String Works and Nusantara Arts Gamelan Concert

MAY 3 | 12 P.M. | ALL AGES

At the Buffalo Museum of Science, we are committed to bringing people together by uplifting and celebrating the cultures that are all around us. We are excited to learn and share with you through our new Celebration Series, where we invite local cultural ambassadors, scientists, and community partners to celebrate the diversity of WNY!

Join us in welcoming the Buffalo String Works and Nusantara Arts during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month for a concert featuring both orchestra students from across Western New York, and practitioners of Javanese gamelan music from Indonesia!

Free for members and included with general admission.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

FOR ADULTS

MEMORY CAFES | ADULTS 18+

Join us at the museum each 3rd Thursday of the month when we provide adults with memory challenges and their loved ones an opportunity to explore science and nature through the museum's collection in a supportive, social and welcoming environment. Each session will present unique collections items and an interactive science activity. Catered hot breakfast and beverages provided.

Made possible by Exhale and its funders: the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York.

MEMORY CAFE: GROWING GREEN

June 18, 9:30–11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

Join us at the museum each third Thursday of the month for Memory Cafe. **This month we are learning about houseplants and each creating a small, living succulent arrangement.** This program provides an opportunity for adults with memory challenges and their loved ones to explore science and nature through the Museum's collection in a supportive, social and welcoming environment. Each session will have a presentation on unique collections items aligned with the Museum theme months and an interactive science and nature activity. Catered hot breakfast and beverages provided. Made possible by Exhale and its funders: the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York.

FAMILY & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

COLLECTIONS LIVE! | All ages

Included with museum admission and free for members. No pre-registration required; check sciencebuff.org for possible schedule changes.

The Amazing, Awesome Arthropoda

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 4th Floor Collections

Arthropods constitute roughly 75% of all animal life on earth! Catch an exclusive, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the museum's Invertebrate Zoology Collection, and bug out with museum professionals who are preserving the amazingly awesome diversity found in the Arthropoda. *(stair access only)*

Working with the Geology Collection

Mondays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 4th Floor Collections

A lot goes on behind the scenes in our Collections Department. Unearth some of the projects our staff and volunteers are currently working on in Geology Storage.

FAMILY & PUBLIC PROGRAMS *cont'd*

Geology with Joe

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | Firma

Bring your mystery rocks and fossils and learn how to create and catalog your collection.

Collections Live! is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

SOLAR SATURDAYS

Starting May 2, 12–3 p.m. | All Ages

Included with museum admission

Solar Saturdays return starting on May 2 on select Saturdays through October! Weather permitting, use our extra-special telescopes to safely view the Sun and get a rooftop view of the Buffalo Niagara region and beyond.

FAMILY WORKSHOP: OWL PELLET

DISSECTION | May 9, 2–3 p.m.

All Ages | \$12 + museum admission

It's amazing what you can learn from an owl's vomit! Investigate the contents of a unique owl pellet! Piece together bones, learn about owl hunting habits, and discover some special pieces of the museum's collecting in this all ages workshop!

PLANETARIUM SHOW - QUEEN CITY

SKIES | May 30 and June 27

10:30–11:15 a.m. | Ages 5+

\$15 + museum admission

Join us on a tour of the skies over Western New York and beyond! We'll identify this season's stargazing targets and share some real-world tips to get the best skywatching experience our region has to offer. This live, interactive program gives people of all ages the chance to ask questions and guide our topics for a unique experience each time.

FAMILY WORKSHOP: DINOSAUR DEEP

DIVE | June 6, 2–3 p.m. | All Ages

\$6 + museum admission

Are you an aspiring paleontologist? Hang out with us at the Buffalo Museum of Science to take a hands-on look at all kinds of prehistoric fossils and make a unique dinosaur fossil craft to take home!

FAMILY & PUBLIC PROGRAMS *cont'd*

COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY SPONSORED BY INDEPENDENT HEALTH

June 19, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. | All Ages | Free

Families are invited to enjoy free general Museum admission and explore together at Independent Health's Community Health Day! Guests are invited to participate in a variety of fun and interactive happenings with a focus on health and wellness throughout the Museum.

TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

FOR ADULTS

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR

MAY 20, 6–8 P.M. | Ages 18+ | \$40 per person*

Come for an expert-led, wildlife photography hands-on training with guest speaker and professional photographer, Gary Wiepert. We will cover camera settings, composition, and the skillset to help you understand and anticipate local wildlife behavior using ethical strategies and reverence for the natural environment. Seminar will include an indoor workshop and guided outdoor practice. Advance registration required.

MEMORY CAFE: MAY BIRD MIGRATION

May 21, 9:30–11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

Our Memory Cafe series is back at Tift this May just in time for bird migration! Learn beginner birding skills and how to identify birds. This program provides an opportunity for adults with memory challenges and their loved ones to explore science and nature through the Museum's collection in a supportive, social and welcoming environment. Each session will have a presentation on unique collections items aligned with the Museum theme months and an interactive science and nature activity. Catered hot breakfast and beverages provided. Made possible by Exhale and its funders: the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York.

ADULTS-ONLY SUNSET & MOONRISE HIKE

May 28, 6:30–8 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$11 per person*

Witness the beauty of both the Sun setting and the (almost) full Moon rising on a casual guided adults-only hike through the Preserve at twilight. Advance registration required

SUNRISE GUIDED BIRD WALK

May 30, 6–7:30 a.m. | Ages 18+

\$12 per person*

Greet the morning Sun as it rises over the marsh and warms the Earth on an invigorating guided bird walk surrounded by morning bird song. Afterwards, enjoy hot tea or hot chocolate and good conversation together. Advance registration required.

TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

FOR ADULTS *cont'd*

REWILDING OF TIFT NATURE PRESERVE TOUR

June 6, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Ages 18+

\$11 per person*

Tift Nature Preserve provides guests with an immersion in nature. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of how this is made possible through unique and innovative ecological renovation projects. We will explore projects along the trails, such as diverse native plantings, invasive species removal, and the management of our woodland and wetland habitats. Advance registration required

FOR KIDS

KID'S NIGHT OUT

May 22, 5:30–8:30 p.m. | Ages 6-8

\$45 per child*

Drop-off the kids (ages 6-8) at Tift for a spring-themed night of fun with our staff! We'll enjoy a pizza dinner, go for a twilight hike, make crafts, play games, and end with a nature-themed movie and fresh popcorn! Limited space. Advance registration required BY MAY 17.

FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

MOTHER'S DAY GUIDED BIRD WALK & MORNING TEA

MAY 10, 9:30–11:30 A.M. | Ages 5+

\$15 per person*

Warblers, Orioles, Hummingbirds, Oh My! We'll search the Preserve for Spring migrants and then relax and enjoy hot herbal teas and pastries while overlooking beautiful Lake Kirsty. Advance registration required.

VERNAL POOL AND WETLANDS HIKE

May 16, 1–3 p.m. | Ages 12+

\$11 per person*

Venture on an intimate guided tour of the Vernal Pool Trail and beyond to investigate the importance of this essential habitat to salamanders, dragonflies, native plants and much more. Advance registration required.

FOR KIDS AND ADULTS *cont'd*

NYSDEC FREE FAMILY FISHING CLINIC

June 13, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | All Ages Free

Join the N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) biologists, Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and volunteers for a family day of fishing education and fishing at Tiff's Lake Kirsty West and South shorelines. Fishing poles are available to borrow and bait is provided. No fishing license is required by participants of any age during this event. Advance registration required through DEC 716-533-4070.

ADULT & TEEN BYO CRAFT NIGHT

June 19, 6:30–8 p.m. | Ages 12+
\$12 per person*

Do you have an unfinished knitting project shoved into the back of your closet? A collection of "junk" you haven't found time to stick into a junk journal? Join us for a cozy evening of tea, snacks, and crafts! Bring that project you've been meaning to finish and trade tips and tricks with fellow crafters while enjoying light refreshments and looking out over beautiful Lake Kirsty. Basic craft supplies and mini crafts provided; bring your own main project. Advance registration required.

FAMILY WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CHALLENGE

June 21, 2–4 p.m. | Ages 5+
\$25 per child with an adult*

Young wildlings! Pair up with your parent or an adult friend and challenge them to a feral afternoon of wilderness survival skill challenges! Together, you will learn how to make fire, build shelter, tie knots, find wild edibles, and go fishing! Families rotate through stations together and receive a small prize upon completion. Adult supervision required at all times. (event will be indoors if weather is inclement). Advance registration required.

Program and event tickets available at: tiff.org

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GENERAL ADMISSION		
Adults (18-61).....	\$23	\$23.69
Children (2-17), Seniors (62+) or Student/Military (ID REQUIRED)	\$19	\$19.57
Children Under 2	FREE	FREE
Members.....	FREE	FREE

Museum Hours

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Museum will be closed on Monday, May 4 for a staff day and Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

Tiff Nature Preserve

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Education Center Hours

Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Education Center will be closed Monday, May 4 for a staff day and Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

Also available Monday and Tuesday for group reservations and private rentals.

Trail Hours

Open daily from dawn until dusk.

Access to Tiff's grounds, boardwalks and trails is

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Donations are gratefully accepted.

Reservations are required for groups of 10+.

The programs of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences are supported in part by public funds from the County of Erie; City of Buffalo; New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and our members and friends.



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