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LEWISTON GARDENFEST

June 20 & 21, 2026 • 10 am-5 pm

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Cheers to 20 years at Lewiston GardenFest June 20-21

Submitted
Presented by the Lewiston Garden Club, Lewiston GardenFest is celebrating 20 years on Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days along Center Street. The 20th annual festival features approximately 100 vendors selling flowers, plants, and garden essentials, along with open gardens, speakers, a container garden contest, and more throughout the weekend.

"Whether you're a regular attendee or have never been, we're inviting everyone to join us as we toast to our love of gardening and celebrate 20 years of Lewiston GardenFest," said Mary Ann Yates, chair of Lewiston GardenFest. "From picking out flowers and plants to looking for new ideas you can adapt for your own green space, there's everything garden all in one place!"

Festival attendees can visit several private gardens featured on a free garden walk throughout the weekend. The gardens vary in size and style, and are located both within walking distance, and a short drive from the festival. Maps of the open gardens can be picked up during the event at one of the hospitality booths.

Lewiston GardenFest also features a variety of speakers and master gardeners on hand throughout the weekend. Saturday's speakers include David O'Donnell with Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm at 11 a.m. presenting on "Protecting the Eastern Monarch Butterfly and its Habitat"; and Steve Styn, master rosarian from the Buffalo Rose Society at 1 p.m.

On Sunday at 1 p.m., Lyn Chimera will speak on "The What, Why and How of Native Plants." Master gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be available in Hennepin Park to answer gardening questions and provide free soil sample analysis. In addition, the youngest gardeners can create decorations for their own gardens with make and take crafts while supplies last.

Gardeners of all ages and experience levels can also participate in the annual container garden contest. Prepare your arrangement in a traditional container or think outside the planter. Bring your container entry and a stand for display to Hennepin Park by 9 a.m. Saturday, June 20. Throughout the weekend, festival guests can vote for their favorite container garden. Prizes will be awarded to those



containers that receive the most votes.

Lewiston GardenFest is free to attend and is sponsored by the Village of Lewiston, Town of Lewiston, DiMino's Lewiston Tops, Lakeside Sod Supply Co., Inc., Modern Corporation, Niagara County Legislature, Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, Northwest Bank, Wegmans, and various local businesses.

Proceeds from Lewiston GardenFest go toward Lewiston Garden Club beautification efforts and local youth scholarships. For more event details, visit lewistongardenfest.com.



Lewiston Garden Club members gathered last Thursday with GardenFest supporters and sponsors, including the Town of Lewiston, Niagara County 2nd District Legislator Michael Casale, Modern Disposal Services, Northwest Bank, DiMino's Lewiston Tops, the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission and Wegmans.



Artpark's 53rd season:

Something for everyone - right here at home

There's a reason I never get tired of driving down South Fourth Street and pulling into the grounds. Every time I catch a glimpse of the Niagara River gorge, I'm reminded of what a remarkable place this community has in its own backyard. Artpark isn't just a concert venue. It's a place where this region comes together, and our 53rd season is already proving that.

We opened on May 28 with "Elmo's Got The Moves: Sesame Street Live" on the Mainstage, and the energy in that theater, packed with kids and families, was exactly the kind of moment that reminds me why we do this work. The very next night, Ryan Bingham, whose music many will recognize from the hit show "Yellowstone," and The Texas Gentlemen turned the Mainstage into a swinging Texas dance hall. Two consecutive nights, two completely different audiences, both leaving with something they'll remember. That's Artpark.

Later this month, we're proud to host graduation ceremonies for four area high schools: Lewiston-Porter, North Tonawanda, Lockport and Wilson. We're honored these schools choose Artpark. Families celebrate against one of the most beautiful backdrops in Western New York, and the graduates never forget walking across that stage.

It starts with the youngest among us

On Saturday, June 20, the Fairy House Festival returns for its 16th year. Themed "Under the Sea," this event draws visitors of all ages. The art of fairy house-making is genuinely remarkable, and the creativity on display in the woods never fails to impress. Tour extraordinary fairy homes, discover artisans in the marketplace, and spend time doing what Artpark does best. The festival spans morning and afternoon, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nothing defines this season more than our commitment to young families. "Wonder Wednesdays" returns with eight sessions from July 1 through Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, and includes guided art-making, nature exploration, and imaginative play for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers. Free, but space is limited and sessions fill fast. Registration is required.

For older kids, Artcamps run two weeks in July for children ages 8 to 13, exploring ceramics, cyanotypes, sculpting, drawing, painting, and felting under professional instruction. The first session is sold out, and only four spots remain in the July 20-24 session. Act now.

Free events and deeper programming

Not every great thing at Artpark requires a ticket. On June 16, we host "Painting Sound," a free experience in the Emerald Grove where participants translate live violin music and nature sounds into color and paint on canvas. Also on June 16 and 17, free Guided Sunset Listening Walks invite partici-



Dave Wedekind
Artpark & Company President

pants to engage with the park's natural soundscape in slow, communal walks through the upper park. Facilitated by Anthony Hyatt and Cynthia Pegado; registration is requested.

On June 20, the U.S. Navy Band Commodores performs a free big band jazz concert on the Mainstage.

Running throughout July and August, free Mindfulness Mondays offer morning and evening sessions in the Emerald Grove, pairing mindfulness practice with art-making, movement, and participatory music. Nature itself becomes a partner.

And on Sept. 5, the fifth annual Better Off Read Summer Book Festival returns to the lower park with thousands of books for a dollar or less, over 100 local vendors, food trucks, and free admission for all ages.

Coming up in July

We open the Amphitheater season on July 10 with Femmes of Rock, and this one is personal. Founder and bandleader Nina DeGregorio is a Lewiston native, and watching her bring this high-energy celebration of women in rock to her hometown stage is something special. Femmes of Rock has built a devoted following playing the region, but this is their first time at Artpark. Whether you've seen them before or not, this is a night you won't want to miss.

July 11 brings Ziggy Marley's "Brightside Tour" to the Amphitheater. On July 14, Sarah McLachlan brings her "Better Broken Tour" to the Mainstage. Blackberry Smoke rolls in July 15 for a night of Southern rock, followed on July 17 by "Legacy in Motion: Celebrating Miles Davis at 100," a collaboration between the Jon Lehrer Dance Company and the region's finest jazz artists, performed on the very stage where Davis played during Artpark's inaugural 1974 season.

On July 19, our Candlelight Concert pairs Artpark with musicians from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for an intimate, up-close evening on the Mainstage surrounded by candlelight. The month rounds out with Shakey Graves on July 22, the already sold-out DJO on July 23, and Cole Swindell on July 30.

Every ticket sold, every membership purchased, every dollar donated supports the free programs I've described here. Remember: Artpark is always free to visit for recreation. Come walk the trails, take in the gorge, enjoy a picnic. And when you attend a show or festival, you're doing more than having a great night out. You're helping sustain the programming that makes this park truly special for our community.

This is your park. Come enjoy it. Visit www.artpark.net to see the full schedule.

Artpark is located at 450 S. Fourth St., Lewiston, NY 14092. The box office is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, with extended hours on event days.

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More info: artpark.net

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In a heartfelt tribute to his Scottish-born father's unspoken passions, longtime Lewiston resident Tim Henderson has published "Isle of View Anthology," a captivating collection of poems and prose unearthed from a forgotten family closet.



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