

What's in Bloom?

Answer: Butterflyweed - Ascelpias tuberosa

Mother Nature outdid herself with this beauty. Butterflyweed loves hot, dry, full sun conditions and neglect...what more could a gardener ask for? An incredible eye-catching color you say - well look no further. Butterflyweed's striking bright orange color can only be created by nature -mesmerizing passers-by as well as pollinators.

- text and photo by Betsy Burgeson, Supervisor of Gardens and Landscapes





Above left: Bob Jeffery will present our Tuesday Brown Bag Lecture this week. Details below and more on our website.

Above right: Betsy Burgeson will speak at Smith Wilkes Hall on Thursday at 9:30am. She will also lead a Garden Tour of the Miller Cottage Shipman Garden Friday at 12:30pm. Details below and more on our website.

Day by Day by the BTG



Monday, July 11

6:30 PM Lake Talk with Twan Leenders, Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy

Location: Heinz Beach

Tuesday, July 12

12:15 PM Brown Bag Lecture: "The 2022 BTG House & Garden Tour - Architectural and Preservation Highlights" with Bob Jeffery, Architectural Preservationist

Location: Smith Wilkes Hall

Feel free to bring your lunch and listen as Bob gives an overview of the 2022 BTG Home Tour including descriptions of architectural styles and unique features.

4:15 PM Garden Walk with Horticulturist Joe McMaster

Location: Smith Wilkes Hall - lakeside

Wednesday, July 13

4:15 PM Tree Walk with Forester Jack Gulvin

Location: Smith Wilkes Hall - lakeside

Thursday, July 14

7:30 AM Bird Walk with Birder Ruth Lundin

Location: Smith Wilkes Hall

**Binoculars encouraged, dogs discouraged!

9:30 AM Lecture by Betsy Burgeson: The Ellen Biddle Shipman Gardens at Miller Cottage; Connecting the Past to the Present

Location: Smith Wilkes Hall

Note: This lecture will be filmed and produced by the Chautauqua Assembly as part of the Heritage Series. (Smile! this could be your big chance to be in the movies as an extra.)

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM BTG Special Event: 2022 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

(Please note: online tickets are sold out, but we set aside tickets to sell in person today (Sunday 7/10) from 12-2pm at the Bestor Plaza Activities Fair and on Tuesday (7/12) from 12-1pm at Smith Wilkes Hall before the Brown Bag Lecture)

4:15 PM Purple Martin Chat with expert Jack Gulvin

Location: Purple Martin Houses by the Sports Club.

Friday, July 15

9:00 AM Nature Walk with Naturalist Jack Gulvin

Location: Smith Wilkes Hall - lakeside

12:30 PM Garden Walk with Betsy Burgeson, Supervisor of Gardens and Landscapes, CHQ

Location: Miller Cottage (west end of Miller Park)

The elaborate series of gardens that surround the historical Miller Cottage were designed by landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman at the invitation of her friend Mina Edison. This is where Thomas and Mina Edison would relax and spend time while at the Institution. In 2017 the Chautauqua Foundation engaged Heritage Landscapes, Preservation Landscape Architects and Planners to analyze and prepare planting plans for the restoration of the Miller Cottage Landscape, based on Ellen Shipman's original 1922 Garden. Betsy and her crew installed their plan in 2019. Come walk through the garden with Betsy and hear about that process.

Most BTG walks involve some uneven ground. We suggest sturdy shoes.