

# Sonnenberg news from sunny hill

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## Opening Day is Here!

The gardens have sprung to life during the early Spring season and now they are ready to show off to the community! We are so excited to have guests and volunteers back in the park.

Dates to look forward to in the coming months of May & June are:

MAY 1st - Opening Day

MAY 1st - I Love My Park Day 2021

MAY 9th - Dollar day for Moms

May 20th - ATLYS In The Sonnenberg Gardens

June 20th - Father's Day Car Show

Sonnenberg celebrates Arbor Day on April 30, 2021 in its 48th year by planting an American Elm to complete the Elm Grove of Mary Clark Thompson. Special thanks to the Sonnenberg Garden Club for purchasing this year's tree.

Parks & Trails New York's  
**I LOVE MY PARK** days

Sonnenberg Gardens in collaboration with New York State Parks hosts "I Love My Park Day". In our 15th year of being a New York State Park, we will welcome over 45 volunteers on opening day to plant gardens throughout the estate.



## 2021 Season Details

Thursday to Monday: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Café Open

Historic Buildings Open

Gift Shop Open Friday-Saturday-Sunday

NO Tram Service

Admission:

\$15.00 Adult

\$13.00 Senior (60+) & AAA Members

\$8.00 College Student & Military w/ ID

\$8.00 Youth (13-17)

\$3.00 Child (4-12)

FREE - ages 3 and under

Social Distancing Required

Face Masks Required Inside All Buildings

Tickets available online:  
www.GENEVAMUSICFESTIVAL.com  
\$25.00

## ATLYS IN THE SONNENBERG GARDENS



PART OF THE GENEVA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday, May 20, 2021  
Gate opens at 6:00pm  
Concert at 7:00pm

Please see website for operational changes  
throughout the season

## WHEN THE FLOWERS BLOOM: ATLYS IN THE SONNENBERG GARDENS

THURSDAY , MAY 20, 2021 – 7PM at the Sonnenberg Gardens (doors open at 6PM)

The ATLYS string quartet is thrilled to present the world premiere of the Sonnenberg Suite by Ari Fisher.

Commissioned by Thomas Mees of Canandaigua and born from ATLYS's first visit to the Finger Lakes in 2019, this work is dedicated to the spectacular, diverse, and eclectic gardens of the Sonnenberg Mansion State Historic Park where the performance will take place. ATLYS is a classically trained, crossover ensemble comprised of Jinty McTavish, Sabrina Tabby, Genevieve Tabby, and Rita Andrade. Lauded for their passionate and dynamic performances and signature sound, they create concert experiences that are both mesmerizing and interactive.

*Sabrina Tabby and Jinty McTavish, violin; Rita Andrade, viola; Genevieve Tabby, cello*

Performing ATLYS arrangements of music by Billie Eilish and Ed Sheeran, Jorge Salmay, Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, and the World Premiere of the Sonnenberg Suite by Ari Fisher, commissioned by Thomas Mees of Canandaigua

This is just one concert on the Geneva Music Festival Event Schedule see all their events where you purchase tickets.

Tickets available at [www.genevamusicalfestival.com](http://www.genevamusicalfestival.com)

\*The program is subject to change

\*NO tickets will be sold at the door

### 2021 Orchid Show

*Only good vibes were found at the Orchid Show this year. We had over 500 guests that were able to enjoy the greenhouses and walk amongst the 50 acres. Shout out to Genesee Region Orchid Society for their beautiful display and Fran Murphy as our lead*



## Historic Entrance Restoration

A big thank you to Candi Smith and the Sonnenberg Garden Club for their help with the beautification of the entire entrance. We love some curb appeal here at Sonnenberg and it was truly needed after the long winter.

## Sonnenberg In The News

Thanks to the community for supporting Sonnenberg  
[Finger Lakes Times - Community Letter](#)

# Volunteers Wanted

Looking to volunteer for the 2021 season? Below is a link to our survey, which will serve as the volunteer application for this year.

[Volunteer Survey  
\(Application\)](#)

With the new season starting we are hoping to get some donations to offset the winter heating costs related to our historic mansion and especially our greenhouses which store our historic plant collections. Also grown in the greenhouses are over 14,000 plants for our 2021 garden season.

Please donate for this months garden supplies:

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Membership](#)

Open May 1 – October 31, 2021  
CLOSED Tuesdays & Wednesdays



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