



ARTS & CULTURE

IN PUBLIC PLACES, AMHERST, NY • EST. 1998

2025 Annual Report
2026 Plan

Let's Do Lunch – Distinguished Speaker Series

2025	Topic
April 17	Master Gardener – Herbs
May 15	Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers
June 19	Roycroft Stories and History
July 17	Civil War Stories
August 21	Fabric Artist
September 18	Buffalo Maritime Center
October	Opera - Canceled due to speaker/performer illness

- Includes catered lunch
- Locations vary across the Town
- Attendees pay a modest fee to cover costs
- 2025 attendance = 126
- 2026 attendance to date = 125 with 2 more luncheons to go!
- Attendance trending up

2026	Topic
April 16	Honor Flight
May 21	WWII Veteran and former POW (flags)
June 18	Mark Lozo from Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site (constitution booklets)
July 16	Buffalo History Museum will present on the Pan-American Exposition
August 5	Sotto Voce
September 17	Bren T. Price, Sr. from The Buffalo Presidential Center



2019 - 2023



Painted Boxes

Beautifying Amherst One Corner at a Time

Painted Boxes 2026

- Patriotic Theme for our Nation's 250th
- 12 boxes planned
- 7 completed

2024 - 2025



A & C Grant Recommendations to Town Board 2025 for 2026 Distribution

Organization's Name	ACPPB Recommended	TOA Board Approved	Service to be Provided to Town
Jewish Community Center	\$2,000	\$5,000	Free attendance to one of their Cover-to-Cover Book Fair Event
Amherst Symphony Orchestra	\$11,000	\$11,000	Small-group performances at local schools and senior residences, for the Amherst Rotary Club, and other organizations.
Friends of Harmony	\$3,000	\$3,000	Several free concerts within the town
Amherst Chamber Ensembles	\$2,000	\$2,000	10 public concerts at Trinity Church, additional concerts at various senior facilities.



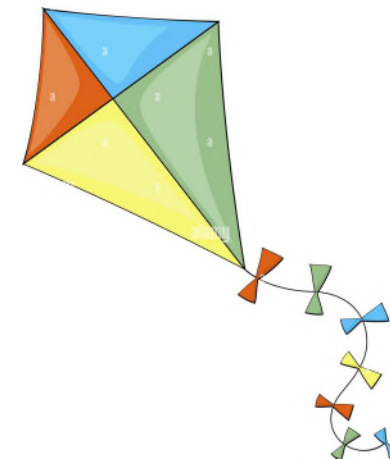
Kite Flying in Bassett Park

2025

- Worked with the Great Lakes Kitefliers Society
- 200 + in attendance
- artstart table and tent available
 - 165+ crafts completed
 - Coloring
 - Wooden crafts
 - Kite making kits

2026:

- Will be held during the Town's Harvest Festival on September 26th



Community Outreach

ACPPB Table & Tent Display @ Farmers Market

- Display of our Projects
- Hand out an Informational Bag containing:
 - Painted Boxes Post Cards
 - Information Concerning our Projects
 - Arts & Culture literature from other Amherst Organizations

artstart - Free drop-in art workshop for children

- Clothespin buddies are very popular with the children
- July 11, 2026 - handed out Special Flag Stars and Pocket US Constitution booklets to 45 families
- YTD 2026 - engaged with over 250 adults, providing flyers and promotional bags

2025

Date	Children Participating	Project
June 8 (Bassett)	140	Clothespin buddies
July 5 (Williamsville)	25	Clothespin buddies
July 11 (Williamsville)	50	Rock painting
July 18 (Williamsville)	60	Trinket boxes, clothespin buddies, painted rocks
July 25 (Williamsville)	25	Wands & trinket boxes

2026

Date	Children Participating	Project
June 20 (Williamsville)	51	Patriotic wands
June 27 (Williamsville)	59	Firework yarn
July 11 (Williamsville)	59	Firework yarn
July 18 (Williamsville)	60	Americana paper quilt
July 25 (Williamsville)		Tin punch
TBD in August (Bassett)		Clothespin soldier buddies
		TBD



Thank you for your
ongoing support

