

# Sonnenberg news from sunny hill

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## GROUNDBREAKING!

The groundbreaking on May 21, 2021, highlighted the first milestone in the adaptive reuse of the Army Reserve Center at the southwest corner of the original Thompson Estate at Sonnenberg. The celebration was for the new entrance and driveway to be installed from Route 21 at Gibson Street. This was accomplished after successfully fundraising our first \$500k grant match which was fulfilled in 2020. This beautiful new entrance to the park will upgrade our parking with 140 spaces and provide a new admissions booth to our facility. We are currently in the quiet stages to develop the second part of this expansion which will include a maintenance facility for our tram fleet and update the existing offices while also building out a historic archives and collection area. We were awarded another EPF grant of \$500k in December 2019 for this phase and have raised all but the last \$40k to its match to date.

This early summer we are asking our faithful supporters to help us with this last portion before the end of the year to secure these funds for our nonprofit. This will help us to keep our collections and archives materials from deterioration in the 1887 Historic House and best utilize the new acquisition of 145 Charlotte Street.

On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers, members, and those who have supported Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Historic Park, we thank you in advance for helping with these



## In the Gardens...

**In May with volunteer support, we have planted 14000 annual and perennial plants for the 2021 Garden Season at Sonnenberg!**

**We were fortunate to have "I Love My Park Day", Monroe County Day of Caring, and an LDS Youth Group supporting this year's plantings.**



long-needed upgrades to our facility for the stewardship of this local treasure and regional tourism site which hold such a special meaning to all of us.

Spring Appeal Donation



**Father's Day Car Show  
June 20th, 2021  
11:30-4:00**

We will be hosting our 14th annual car show on the beautiful south lawn of the Sonnenberg Estate. Celebrate Dad with classic cars, food, flowers, and fun for the whole family. You can purchase admission tickets online and also sign up to show off your wheels.

Show Off Your Wheels and Admission Tickets



**Arts At The Gardens  
July 31st & August 1st  
10:00am -5:00pm**

We are excited to hold the 20th anniversary of our most popular event and largest fundraiser. With the new COVID regulations we will be able to have a show with full participation. Guests will be able to shop for fine art and craft items hand-made by skilled artisans. The event includes food, music, and access to the gardens and mansion.

## ATLYS in the Gardens

Our first event of the season was on June 20th and was an incredibly special Sonnenberg concert featuring a suite commissioned by longtime supporter, Thomas Mees. The suite was composed by Ari Fisher and performed by ATLYS.

This was a part of the Geneva Music Festival programming and brought together the quartet ATLYS, who had been practicing remotely and the result in the tent when they performed their world premiere, was just magical.



## Sonnenberg In The News

Thanks to the community for supporting Sonnenberg  
[Governor Cuomo Announces Expansion to Begin at Historic Finger Lakes Destination](#)

## 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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Open May 1 – October 31, 2021

CLOSED Tuesdays & Wednesdays







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