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Maud Gordon Holmes

# ARBORETUM

BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14222



Dear Friend:

You must believe that the Buffalo area is a good place in which to live or you would not be participating in its cultural, civic and other activities, and you also must be cognizant of its short-comings.

Many individuals and organizations already have recognized that Buffalo and its environs are in dire need of face-lifting and beautification programs to eliminate blighted areas and revive the Frontier. To date these efforts have been divergent projects without an over-all plan.

Now is the time to combine these individual forces and work toward a common goal--to make the Niagara Frontier more inviting as a place for living and working, and, in that way, encourage establishment of new industries and businesses.

Because there is strength in a united effort, the Holmes Arboretum, formed in 1962, has planned a Bicentennial Forum Series which can pave the way for a coordinated program to accomplish this renaissance of the Olmsted tradition and our architectural heritage. The Arboretum offers to serve as a catalytic agent to bring together all agencies working on individual projects. It is hoped that this Forum will result in forming a Council which will merge the efforts of all groups to achieve community-wide results.

So that government officials--county, town, city and village officials--business and professional men, as well as other groups can participate, the Forum will meet on four successive Wednesdays at 4 p.m. beginning October 1 in the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Speakers and their topics will be:

- Oct. 1 Harold Baxter, of Lawrence Halprin & Associates, who will discuss successful projects in Seattle, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Tulsa, Flint, London, Ont. and Montreal, Que.
- Oct. 8 Fred Payne, Parks Director, Cincinnati, who will describe park developments in that city.
- Oct. 15 Representatives of the Ontario Niagara Parks Commission in a panel discussion about Canadian Parks and Civic Improvement.
- Oct. 22 Dr. Richard M. Lewis, Director, Cornell Plantations, discussing Arboretums as a community resource.

Cooperation in this Forum Series has been promised to date by the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Buffalo, Junior League, Allentown Association, WNY Nurserymen's Association, Federated Garden Clubs, Charles Burchfield Center, Buffalo State College, Capitol Hill Club Associates, Erie County Medical Society and WNY Society of Internal Medicine. The Forum Series is produced with the assistance of the New York State Council on the Arts.

We ask you to help us with this project by participating and urging attendance of members of organizations to which you belong.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin Fava  
President



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