Hops 'N Rocks
Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve

Annual Fundraiser

Thursday, November 8, 2018
6:00 – 9:00 pm

Buffalo Riverworks
359 Ganson Street • Buffalo, NY
Best Wishes
Your Neighbors at the Blasdell Rod & Gun Club
This Evening’s Agenda

6:00 pm ................. Doors open/cash bar open
6:00-6:45 pm ...................... Architect present
6:15 pm ......................... Buffalo Buffet served
7:30 pm ............................ Ticket raffle closes
7:45 pm ............................ Silent auction closes
8:00 pm ......................... Remarks and voice auction
8:30-9:00 pm ........................ Cash out

Thank you for joining us!
Mission Statement

The Hamburg Natural History Society promotes the hands on study of natural sciences, including geology, astronomy, and ecology through the operation of the Penn Dixie Fossil Park and Nature Reserve, a tourist attraction for individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

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Thank you for attending Penn Dixie’s Hops ’n Rocks Fundraiser and Annual Membership Meeting. We are very excited to share our vision for a permanent building with you, so we encourage you to take a moment to look at the architectural renderings presented tonight. Thank you to all of our board members and community supporters who have volunteered their time and efforts to this cause. Be on the look out as we share more information and we amp up our capital campaign in 2019.

I would also like to congratulate and thank all of our staff and volunteers for making 2018 a successful year, capped off by the World Record Attempt in August. Your hard work allows us to share our mission of exposing individuals, of all ages, to the hands on study of the natural sciences. Can’t wait to see what Dr. Phil, Dr. Holly, and the entire Penn Dixie staff have in store for next year.

Thank you again for your support and please enjoy the food, music, auctions, and camaraderie tonight.

Jim Eiseman, Board Chair, 2018
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Saturday, August 25, 2018

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**Special Guest Auctioneer**

Robin Evenhouse

Tonight’s auctioneer is Robin Evenhouse, co-owner of Evenhouse Printing in Hamburg, NY. Since 2016, Penn Dixie has been using the design and printing services at Evenhouse Printing to create many of our printing projects and have come to know us very well. Their work includes the layout and printing of our newsletter, cards and passes and outdoor signs that we have developed over the last several seasons.

Robin loves to lead the auction at benefit events like ours tonight. Her goal is to have as much fun as possible with the crowd while reaping the generous donations from our attendees tonight.

She learned to auctioneer at the Ohio School of Auctioning, outside of Columbus, Ohio in 2011 and has participated in many successful not-for-profit events in the Southtowns since then.

We hope you enjoy tonight’s auction and will help Robin and Penn Dixie by bidding high and bidding often!

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**Michael Anderson,**

**Abstract Architecture**

Abstract Architecture PC is thrilled to partner with Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve in the development of their Visitor Center! My firm was formed in the strong belief that any design project is a partnership between the client and the Architect and should foster a passion for the built environment and good design. It is exciting to have a client that allows us to uphold our belief in sustainability and environmental conscientiousness. Now lets work together to get this building built!
Dr. Phil's 2018 Highlights

• **April:** Annual Earth Day Cleanup commences in freezing temperatures; Penn Dixie begins series of repairs and upgrades to facilities.

• **May:** Penn Dixie collaborates with the Cass Project to hire first Artist-In-Residence. Dig with the Experts, expanded to two days, sells out for first time.

• **June:** Penn Dixie awarded Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds for architectural renderings and environmental studies of proposed building site.

• **July:** Kayes Roofing donates $5,600 worth of roofing services when they re-roof three Penn Dixie shelters; Hamburg, NY declared the home of trilobites by Hamburg town board.

• **August:** Our attempt to set the Guinness World Record for World’s Largest Fossil Dig welcomes 1,000 visitors to Penn Dixie and receives extensive media coverage. Results pending.

• **October:** Penn Dixie offers resolution and consultation in support of our international partnership with the Kashmir Triassic Fossil Park.

Field Trip Trailblazers

The mission of Penn Dixie is to promote science education to all. This year over 5,250 students of all ages visited Penn Dixie. We would not be able to welcome these visitors without our hard-working staff and dedicated group of volunteers. This year we thank our Field Trip Trailblazers -- volunteers who helped Penn Dixie welcome thousands of students this year. Our 2018 Field Trip Trailblazers are: Jack Gorsky, Curt Lindy, Dan Krisher, Mark Yetter, and Bob Smith.

Thank you for all that you do.
Kayes Roofing renovates our education pavilion.

Renovations complete on the check in shelter.

Filming our TV commercial.

Chris Polisoto shows off his fossil collection.

Our new gift shop thanks to John Schultz -- Dr. Holly's dad -- and volunteers.

Dr Phil prior to Dig with the Experts in May.

Kevin ONeill from WGRZ gets ready to feature Penn Dixie in the morning show.

Intern Michael Skora stands in front of 2,000 garden trowels.

Artist Emma Percy leads an eco-printing workshop on Earth Science Day.

Visitors experience the trilobite labyrinth on Earth Science Day.
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