The Hamburg Natural History Society thanks its officers and directors, staff, volunteers, members, visitors, and community supporters for another great season of science fun!

Penn Dixie gratefully acknowledges the following 2019 supporters:

- Erie County
- Town of Hamburg
- The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation
- The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

Penn Dixie is ecstatic to collaborate with the following community partners:

- Southtowns Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists
- American Museum of Natural History
- Explore & More – The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children’s Museum
- Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve
- New York State DEC

We thank Legislator Lynne Dixon, County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Hamburg Town Supervisor Jim Shaw, Senator Chris Jacobs, Congressman Chris Collins, and the Erie County Legislature for their support of Penn Dixie and the cultural organizations of Erie County.
Best Wishes

Your Neighbors at the

Blasdell Rod & Gun Club

As a local bank, Evans Bank supports outstanding community groups like Penn Dixie.
This Evening's Agenda

6:00 ....................... Doors open/cash bar open
6:30 ............................... Buffalo Buffet served
8:00 ............................... Ticket raffle closes
8:00 ............................... Silent auction closes
8:05 ........................................ Remarks
8:30-9:00 ............................... 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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Welcome to Penn Dixie’s Annual Membership Meeting – Hops n’ Rocks 2019! Last year, architectural plans illustrated our goal of a permanent educational building on site. In 2019, that goal advanced with a site clean-up, preparation, and environmental assessment. Next, we are looking forward to our next phase of development, which will include moving the entrance of Penn Dixie to Jeffery Boulevard. We’d like to thank you for your continued support of Penn Dixie and hope to see that support grow even more.

I’d also like to thank our staff and volunteers for their dedication to Penn Dixie’s mission of promoting the hands-on science. We learn more while doing, rather than reading. Please enjoy the food, bid high on the baskets, and enjoy the night.

L. Hanna Burkett, Board Chair, 2019

Thank You

We thank these generous individuals and businesses who supported our mission with donations of $250 and above to our operations.

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CONGRATULATIONS
from your friends at
HAMBURG SUNRISE ROTARY

Please join us for 7:30 am breakfast
on Thursday mornings
in the Hilbert College Cafeteria.
SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN FOSSIL
SCAVENGER HUNT
Saturday August 24, 2019

Special thanks to Evans Bank, RP Oak Hill, and Hamburg Sun!
Master of Ceremonies
Kaylee Wendt

Kaylee Wendt is a born and raised Western New Yorker. Aside from her time spent earning her Bachelors of Science degree in Meteorology and Broadcast Meteorology minor at SUNY Brockport, Kaylee has always called Niagara County home.

When it comes to tracking the Western New York weather, it’s safe to say Kaylee is as dedicated as they come.

Prior to joining the Spectrum News team, Kaylee once spent two full week’s storm chasing, where she witnessed hail the size of golf balls and a wedge tornado, to name a few. Today, Kaylee is a proud meteorologist for Spectrum News Buffalo.

Throughout Kaylee’s time tracking the weather, her most memorable story comes from her coverage of multiple tornadoes touching down in Erie County. Kaylee recalls the experience as scary, yet incredibly rewarding. She is proud of the fact that her in-depth coverage helped to prevent injuries and likely saved lives.

When Kaylee isn’t informing her community of the latest weather updates, she’s busy planning her next trip. Or – in the summer months, you can find her somewhere on the water, usually boating, swimming and kayaking!
Dr. Phil’s 2019 Highlights

• **April:** Penn Dixie reopens for 24th season with volunteer-led cleanup of grounds. Among other debris removed, a truck tire is unearthed near the wetlands. One thousand garden trowels donated by the Hanna Family are placed in barrels for easy guest access. Boosting our accessibility, students on field trips take advantage of the trowels as well as 10,000 fossil collecting boxes donated by supporters at our 2018 fundraiser.

• **May:** We celebrate the 15th Annual Dig With The Experts with cake! Both dates sell out once again. Trilobite Expert and Cincinnati Dry Dredger Don Bissett is presented with Thor’s Hammer for many years of service to Penn Dixie.

• **June:** Penn Dixie awarded Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds for environmental remediation work. To thank the Town of Hamburg for decades of support, we mail a postcard to all households inviting local residents to an open house weekend.

• **July:** In preparation for future development, technicians remove 40 tons of illegally dumped construction and household waste from Penn Dixie. In partnership with the American Museum of Natural History, a group of New York City science teachers visits to collect fossils for their classrooms.

• **August:** We host the Search for the Golden Trilobite – a massive scavenger hunt that showcases our fossils and natural features.

• **September:** For the first time, our annual Fall Homeschool Day program sells out – one week early! We will increase future offerings to meet the growing demand for STEM homeschool programs.

• **October:** Finally, we have beautiful weather for our 22nd Annual Erie County Earth Science Day! Only one vehicle gets stuck (The Bookmobile) thanks the vigilant efforts of our parking team. Staff and volunteers finish repainting and refurbishing our pavilions as our 24th season wraps.