



## COME TO WESTERN NEW YORK FOR HOSTA TAILGATING JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Tailgate Site** – Hamburg Fairgrounds (details TBA)

### Hamburg Hotels/Motels

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| A. Holiday Inn Express | (716) 648-9200 |
| B. Super 8             | (716) 649-0505 |
| C. Red Roof            | (716) 648-7222 |
| D. Quality Inn         | (716) 649-0500 |
| E. Comfort Inn         | (716) 648-2922 |
| F. Motel 6             | (716) 648-2000 |



### Hosta Gardens

- Smug Creek Gardens – Garden of Mike and Kathy Shadrack
- Eagle Bay Hosta Garden – Garden/Nursery of Ran Lydell
- The Hidden Gardens of Eden - Garden of Marcia Sully
- *and much more*

### PLUS

- Buzz Around Hamburg – plant vendors and open gardens
- Buffalo Open Gardens – part of the largest garden festival in the US
- “The Water Feature” – Niagara Falls, just 45 minutes away
- Wineries
- Craft Beers
- Architecture
- Nurseries and ....
  - did we mention that Buffalo is the home of the chicken wing??

# Great Lakes Region Tailgate 2015

The Western New York Hosta Society will be hosting the fourth edition of the Great Lakes Region Hosta Society event called Tailgate. The avowed purpose of the event is to bring our GLR society members together to enjoy local gardens, area attractions, and, of course, friendship. Previous Tailgates have had well over one hundred visitors, bringing members from other societies within the Great Lakes Region including Black Swamp HS, Daffodil & Hosta Society of W. PA., Greater Cincinnati Daylily HS, Hostas of Kentuckiana, Indianapolis HS, Miami Valley HS, Michigan Hosta Society, Midland HS, North Coast HS of Ohio, and the Northwest Indiana HS.

This event will take place on July 10-12, 2015, beginning with a gathering at the Erie County Fairgrounds, Hickory Picnic Shelter, Hamburg, New York on Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup>. You may bring a lawn chair or sit at our picnic tables at the shelter, which will open at 3:00. Our suggestion is to pick up takeout, or bring your own food to grill on site before 6:45 that afternoon. Grills will be provided. Meet new friends or visit with old acquaintances at the shelter.

At 6:45 we will register for the 7:00 GLR auction. The only requirement to participate in the auction is to bring a plant or garden item to donate to the event. Our auctioneers will be Ran Lydell and Mike Shadrack, so you know this will be entertaining!!

Friday, from 10 AM to 5:30, several nearby gardens will be open for touring. On Saturday and Sunday, even more area gardens will be open to everyone! In fact, on both days, the Village of Hamburg will have open gardens, as well as vendors in the village park. Many of our WNY members will open their gardens, both in the Southtowns, as well as the Northtowns. As plans develop, our website, [www.wnyhosta.com](http://www.wnyhosta.com) will have up-to-date information and maps for the weekend. Check in often for updates or come to our club meetings for specific details. Please indicate if you would like to have your garden open for this Tailgate 2015 event when you are called this winter about participating in our Open Garden Directory listings. You must **BOOK YOUR OWN HOTEL ROOM EARLY!** Rooms are going quickly due to several main events in town.

Save Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> for the kickoff of Tailgate 2015. This event will replace the July Hosta Tea.

Come join us for fun, friendship, and great gardens, showing our Great Lakes Region visitors our Western New York hospitality.