



2025 *Let's Do Lunch* events are presented by the *Amherst Arts & Culture in Public Places Board (ACPPB)*. The mission of the volunteer Board is to promote public art and culture within the town and to collaborate and cooperate with various individuals, groups, associations, organizations and institutions concerned with art and culture in an effort to promote, ensure and enhance the function, object and mission of the visual and performing arts in the Town of Amherst, NY.

***Let's Do Lunch* is monthly gatherings that feature an interesting speaker presentation and delicious lunch. The cost is \$18 per person.**

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Website: https://www.amherst.ny.us/content/bandc.php?board_id=brds_03

Payment by the 13th of the month to the: **Town of Amherst Comptroller's Office, 5583 Main St. Williamsville, NY 14221.**

Upcoming Let's Do Lunch Programs

- Thursday, April 17 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. featuring Carol Ann Harlos, Master Gardener, naturalist, and beekeeper. The event is at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, 14228
- Thursday, May 15 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. featuring Fran Davis, Gold Star Mom and Annie Gross, Blue Star Mom. The event is at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, 14228
- Thursday, June 19 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. featuring Alan Nowicki, from the National Historic Landmark Roycroft Campus. The event is at Randall Memorial Baptist Church, 6301 Main St., Williamsville, 14221
- Thursday, July 17 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. featuring Daniel F. Korn, historian and writer on the Civil War. The event is at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, 14228

More details below on the 2025 *Let's Do Lunch* speakers

April 17, 2025

Carol Ann Harlos is an award-winning retired math and science teacher, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, beekeeper, writer, and speaker. She tends extensive gardens and loves learning from others as well as sharing her knowledge. "The Wonderful World of Herbs" will cover the history, some botany, uses, and anecdotes of some of the world's most interesting herbs.

Menu: Chicken or Beef Souvlaki Wrap, Greek Pasta Salad, Cake, Coffee, Tea, Water (\$18/person).

May 15, 2025

Blue Star Mothers have children currently serving or who have honorably served in the United States Armed Forces. The local chapter, New York 7, represents the Buffalo-Niagara region of New York State. Anne Gross is the President of this chapter and will be speaking about the history of the Blue Star Mothers of America as well as the history and current events of NY7. (BSMNY7)

Gold Star Mothers' Mission is to work together to honor and preserve the memory of our fallen children by continuing their service to the military. They volunteer countless hours every year to support veterans, active-duty military, and their families. They provide economic and social support to the brave men and women and their families with many projects and outreach programs. Fran Davis, President WNY Gold Star Mothers, Chapter 26, will share information about the organization and her son, SPC Benjamin C. Schuster, who was killed in action on February 25, 2006.

Menu: Lemon Garlic Grilled Chicken Breast, Penne Alfredo with Grilled Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Water (\$18/person).

June 19, 2025

Alan Nowicki is the Director of Programming at the National Historic Landmark, Roycroft Campus. He has 20 years of experience working in professional development and community outreach and has been a teacher for more than 25 years, having taught in every grade level from Pre-K through college, specializing in art and history. He is a regular speaker at local schools, libraries, churches, and historical sites around Western New York. Recent presentations have included talks at the Buffalo History Museum, Iowa State University, the Folger Shakespeare Conference, and the Smithsonian. Come hear the stories of the rise, fall and rebirth of this National Historic Landmark, right here in Western New York.

Menu: Roast Beef on Plain or Kummelweck Buns, Horseradish, Potato Salad, Green Bean Casserole, Brownies, Coffee, Tea, Water (\$18/person).

July 17, 2025

Daniel F. Korn is an accomplished historian and author with a deep knowledge of the American Civil War. His ability to weave together historical events with captivating storytelling makes his novels both educational and enthralling. Korn's fascination with military strategy, human resilience, and the intricacy of war drives his writing, and his historical novels, including *Dawn's Gray Steel*, reflect his commitment to bringing history to life. When not writing, Korn is actively involved in historical research and education, contributing to the preservation and understanding of one of the most pivotal eras in American history (ABNewswire).

Rations: Turkey Sandwich, Coleslaw, Kettle Chips, Pickle, Fruit, Chocolate Chunk Cookie, and Water (\$18/person).

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In addition to the *Let's Do Lunch* events, the **Amherst Arts & Culture in Public Places board** also:

- Manages the *Painted Traffic Box* initiative of selecting artists who apply to design and paint traffic boxes located throughout the Town of Amherst. Since 2019, there have been 33 traffic boxes creatively hand painted. Eight more will be painted this summer;
- Coordinates an arts and cultural grant funding application process and makes recommendations for approval to the Town Board; and
- Designs and manages *ArtStart* crafting projects for children in partnership with local public events such as the Market on Main, and other community related activities.

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