

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Inspection****A For the 2025 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending****B** Check if applicable:

☐	Address change
☐	Name change
☐	Initial return
☐	Final return/terminated
☐	Amended return
☐	Application pending

C Name of organization **BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL
GARDENS SOCIETY INC**

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

2655 SOUTH PARK AVENUE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

BUFFALO, NY 14218**F** Name and address of principal officer: **TISHA LUCIANI****2655 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, BUFFALO, NY 14218****D** Employer identification number**22-2514024****E** Telephone number**(716) 827-1584****G** Gross receipts \$**13,679,440.****H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: **WWW.BUFFALOGARDENS.COM****H(c)** Group exemption number**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L** Year of formation: **1981** **M** State of legal domicile: **NY****Part I Summary****1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **SEE SCHEDULE 0****2** Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.**3** Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) **3** **29****4** Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4** **29****5** Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2025 (Part V, line 2a) **5** **54****6** Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **6** **115****7a** Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **7a** **445,413.****b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 **7b** **2,497.**

		Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	745,323.	9,470,979.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,290,823.	1,630,270.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	245,428.	261,585.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	191,518.	209,600.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,473,092.	11,572,434.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	NONE	NONE
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	NONE	NONE
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,712,151.	1,736,336.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	NONE	NONE
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 228,481.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	694,317.	882,283.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,406,468.	2,618,619.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	66,624.	8,953,815.
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	9,512,152.	19,990,080.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	486,124.	1,701,399.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	9,026,028.	18,288,681.

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PUBLIC INSPECTION****Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	06/15/2026
	TISHA LUCIANI	Date
	BOARD CHAIR	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	MARY MADONIA	MARY MADONIA	05/15/2026		P00405803
	Firm's name	WITHUM SMITH + BROWN PC	Firm's EIN	22-2027092	
	Firm's address	424 MAIN ST SUITE 800 BUFFALO, NY 14202	Phone no.	716-847-2651	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. ☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form **990** (2025)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III. ☐ Yes ☒ No

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE MISSION OF THE BUFFALO AND ERIE BOTANICAL GARDENS SOCIETY, INC.
IS TO DEEPEN THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PEOPLE AND PLANTS THROUGH
BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 670,245. including grants of \$ NONE) (Revenue \$ NONE)
SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 421,423. including grants of \$ NONE) (Revenue \$ 1,123,540.)
SEE SCHEDULE O

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 317,484. including grants of \$ NONE) (Revenue \$ 83,391.)
SEE SCHEDULE O

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 490,272. including grants of \$ NONE) (Revenue \$ 206,557.)

4e Total program service expenses 1,899,424.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions.	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4 X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6	X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8	X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9	X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	11a X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	11b X	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	11c	X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d	X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	12b	X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> . See instructions	17	X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	10
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	NONE
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)		Yes	No
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 54		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?		X	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O		X	
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			X
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			X
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			X
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b		
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15		X
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16		X
17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒ X**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	29
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent.	1b	29
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	X
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O.	9	X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? . . .	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? .	11a	X
b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	12c	X
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NY

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain on Schedule O)

19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.
THE ORGANIZATION 2655 SOUTH PARK AVENUE BUFFALO, NY 14218

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII. ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ERIN GRAJEK CEO/PRESIDENT	40.00 NONE			X				139,437.	NONE	15,674.
(2) DEBORAH ZIOLKOWSKI DIR. OF FINANCE(TO 10/2/25)	40.00 NONE			X				14,962.	NONE	455.
(3) MICHE NEEDHAM, CPA DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(4) PAULETTE M. CROOKE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT SECRETARY	2.00 NONE	X		X				NONE	NONE	NONE
(5) BRYAN DEBROKA DIRECTOR / TREASURER	2.00 NONE	X		X				NONE	NONE	NONE
(6) KIM LAVARE DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(7) GEORGE CAMERON DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(8) JIM CHARLIER DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(9) ROSE ANN DULSKI DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(10) THOMAS GAFFNEY DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(11) CHARLES BRANDY DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(12) PHIL KADET DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(13) TATIANA MERRICK DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(14) ALEXIS MCCOLGIN DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) KIMBERLY NASON DIRECTOR/VICE CHAIR	2.00 NONE	X		X				NONE	NONE	NONE
(16) BARBARA NEVERGOLD DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(17) JOE SULLIVAN DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(18) ALLISON SAGRAVES DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(19) RACHEL SILVA DIRECTOR/SECRETARY	2.00 NONE	X		X				NONE	NONE	NONE
(20) PHIL SNYDER DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(21) ERIK SOLOMON DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(22) THOMAS WRINN DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(23) JASON HURLEY DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(24) ROBERT LOWERY DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(25) TRACY CICHOCKI DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
1b Sub-total								154,399.	NONE	16,129.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								NONE	NONE	NONE
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								154,399.	NONE	16,129.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **▶** **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **▶**

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(26) TEGAN CAPUTI DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(27) ANDY DRILLING DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(28) BRIAN HERRMANN DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(29) TISHA LUCIANI DIRECTOR/CHAIR	5.00 NONE	X		X				NONE	NONE	NONE
(30) COLLEEN QUINN SHANAHAN DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(31) MICHAEL VRANJES DIRECTOR	2.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
1b Sub-total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ►

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ►	NONE	

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b	220,867.				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	89,885.				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) . .	1e	8,334,340.				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .	1f	825,887.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 5,000.				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		9,470,979.				
	Program Service Revenue				Business Code			
2a		GUEST SERVICES		713990	1,123,540.	1,123,540.		
b		EDUCATION PROGRAMS		611710	83,391.	83,391.		
c		RENTAL OF FACILITY		531190	423,339.	423,339.		
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,630,270.				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			247,217.		247,217.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .			NONE			
	5	Royalties			NONE			
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	NONE	NONE			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		NONE				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . .	7b	1,917,419.				
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	14,368.				
	d	Net gain or (loss)		14,368.		14,368.		
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 89,885. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18						
			8a	6,450.				
8b			25,481.					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-19,031.		-19,031.			
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		NONE					
		9a	NONE					
		9b	NONE					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		NONE					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
		10a	386,431.					
		10b	164,106.					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		222,325.	200,251.	22,074.			
Miscellaneous Revenue				Business Code				
	11a	MISCELLANEOUS		900099	6,306.	6,306.		
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		6,306.					
12	Total revenue. See instructions				11,572,434.	1,413,488.	445,413.	242,554.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	NONE			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	NONE			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	NONE			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	NONE			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	154,399.	114,255.	24,704.	15,440.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	NONE			
7 Other salaries and wages	1,320,190.	972,892.	215,697.	131,601.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	27,069.	19,957.	4,413.	2,699.
9 Other employee benefits	115,310.	85,013.	18,798.	11,499.
10 Payroll taxes	119,368.	88,005.	19,460.	11,903.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	NONE			
b Legal	NONE			
c Accounting	127,026.	21,107.	89,673.	16,246.
d Lobbying	NONE			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	NONE			
f Investment management fees	NONE			
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	66,281.	11,013.	46,791.	8,477.
12 Advertising and promotion	73,760.	73,760.		
13 Office expenses	100,287.	75,510.	21,425.	3,352.
14 Information technology	33,410.	15,035.	3,340.	15,035.
15 Royalties	NONE			
16 Occupancy	NONE			
17 Travel	4,468.	3,708.	730.	30.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	NONE			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,431.	1,173.	3,578.	680.
20 Interest	NONE			
21 Payments to affiliates	NONE			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	120,049.	92,438.	27,611.	
23 Insurance	65,316.	58,784.	6,532.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES EX	53,195.	53,195.		
b OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES	66,761.	66,761.		
c PLANTS FOR SHOWS	55,226.	55,226.		
d PRINTING	35,560.	19,350.	4,830.	11,380.
e All other expenses	75,513.	72,242.	3,132.	139.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,618,619.	1,899,424.	490,714.	228,481.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	167,821.	1	639,404.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments.	NONE	2	NONE
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	386,848.	3	510,503.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	88,877.	4	193,062.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	NONE	5	NONE
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	NONE	6	NONE
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	NONE	7	NONE
	8 Inventories for sale or use	55,401.	8	54,022.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	51,744.	9	202,296.
	10 a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 14,147,250.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation.	10b 1,814,956.		
		4,115,530.	10c	12,332,294.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities.	NONE	11	NONE
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11.	4,636,937.	12	6,049,505.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11.	NONE	13	NONE
	14 Intangible assets	NONE	14	NONE
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	8,994.	15	8,994.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	9,512,152.	16	19,990,080.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses.	126,508.	17	1,329,767.
	18 Grants payable	NONE	18	NONE
	19 Deferred revenue	350,622.	19	365,449.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	NONE	20	NONE
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	NONE	21	NONE
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	NONE	22	NONE
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	NONE	23	NONE
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties.	NONE	24	NONE
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	8,994.	25	6,183.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25.	486,124.	26	1,701,399.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. ☒			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	4,798,979.	27	5,534,662.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions.	4,227,049.	28	12,754,019.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 29 through 33. ☐			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	9,026,028.	32	18,288,681.
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	9,512,152.	33	19,990,080.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI. ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	11,572,434.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,618,619.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	8,953,815.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	9,026,028.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	308,838.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O).	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	18,288,681.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII. ☐

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . .

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form **990** (2025)

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2025

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization **BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL
GARDENS SOCIETY INC**

Employer identification number
22-2514024

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☒ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization must generally satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f).						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2025 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2025. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		☐
b 33 1/3% support test - 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2025. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		☐
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.		☐
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	526,543.	2,096,102.	677,283.	745,323.	9,470,979.	13,516,230.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	1,104,943.	1,954,567.	1,342,352.	973,124.	1,213,237.	6,588,223.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	138,003.	219,567.	228,673.	323,365.	362,295.	1,271,903.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						NONE
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						NONE
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5.	1,769,489.	4,270,236.	2,248,308.	2,041,812.	11,046,511.	21,376,356.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	SEE SUPP PAGE 20,133.	20,000.	30,000.	90,000.	28,100.	188,233.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	SEE SUPP PAGE					NONE
c Add lines 7a and 7b.	20,133.	20,000.	30,000.	90,000.	28,100.	188,233.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						21,188,123.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.	1,769,489.	4,270,236.	2,248,308.	2,041,812.	11,046,511.	21,376,356.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	26,258.	77,945.	199,098.	241,387.	247,217.	791,905.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						NONE
c Add lines 10a and 10b	26,258.	77,945.	199,098.	241,387.	247,217.	791,905.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						NONE
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						NONE
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	1,795,747.	4,348,181.	2,447,406.	2,283,199.	11,293,728.	22,168,261.
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2025 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	95.58%
16 Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	94.71%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2025 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	3.57%
18 Investment income percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	4.13%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2025.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . ☒
- b 33 1/3% support tests - 2024.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . ☐
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described on line 11a above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c ☐ The organization supported a governmental supported organization. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental supported organization (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of its supported organization(s)? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to each of its supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a, 3b, and 3c below.			
a Are the organization and its supported organization(s) part of an integrated system (for example, a hospital system)? If "Yes," provide details in Part VI .			
b Did the organization direct the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			
c Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect (and remove) a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI .			

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1** ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3.	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8		

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1		
2 Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6		
7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 5.	6
7	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	7
8	Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6	8
9	Line 7 amount divided by line 8 amount	9

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2025	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2025
1	Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2025 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2025		
a	From 2020		
b	From 2021		
c	From 2022		
d	From 2023		
e	From 2024		
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2025 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2020 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2025 from Section D, line 6: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2025 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2025, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2025. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.		
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2026. Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2021		
b	Excess from 2022		
c	Excess from 2023		
d	Excess from 2024		
e	Excess from 2025		

Schedule A (Form 990) 2025

**Schedule B
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Name of the organization

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL
GARDENS SOCIETY INC

Employer identification number

22-2514024

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	N/A	\$ 36,212.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	N/A	\$ 250,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	N/A	\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	N/A	\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	N/A	\$ 30,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	N/A	\$ 13,100.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	N/A	\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	N/A	\$ 6,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12	N/A	\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13	N/A	\$ 46,439.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
14	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
15	N/A	\$ 129,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
16	N/A	\$ 28,300.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
17	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
18	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
20	N/A	\$ 86,462.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
21	N/A	\$ 15,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
22	N/A	\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
23	N/A	\$ 20,165.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
24	N/A	\$ 587,917.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
25	N/A	\$ 2,722,500.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
26	N/A	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
27	N/A	\$ 55,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part III **Exclusively** religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
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(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
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	_____	_____	_____
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
_____		_____	
_____		_____	
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SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2025

Open to Public
Inspection

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then:

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and I-B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and I-C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then:

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then:

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization	BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS SOCIETY INC	Employer identification number (EIN)	22-2514024
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions \$
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955. \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities. \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities. \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses, and EINs of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)		NONE													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		NONE													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		NONE													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		NONE													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		NONE													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		NONE													
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over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		NONE													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		NONE													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		NONE													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			☐ Yes ☐ No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2022	(b) 2023	(c) 2024	(d) 2025	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	259,255.	268,041.	NONE	NONE	527,296.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					790,944.
c Total lobbying expenditures	24,100.	9,000.	NONE	NONE	33,100.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	64,814.	67,010.	NONE	NONE	131,824.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					197,736.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Schedule C (Form 990) 2025

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization
BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL
GARDENS SOCIETY INC

Employer identification number
22-2514024

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) . .		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		☐ Yes ☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)	☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items.

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1. \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X. \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items.

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1. \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X. \$

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).

- a ☐ Public exhibition d ☐ Loan or exchange program
b ☐ Scholarly research e ☐ Other _____
c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII. ☐

Part V Endowment Funds

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	1, 371, 230.	1, 254, 914.	1, 126, 590.	1, 314, 180.	1, 238, 246.
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	231, 996.	116, 316.	128, 324.	-182, 320.	75, 934.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	8, 362.			5, 270.	
f Administrative expenses	1, 743.				
g End of year balance	1, 593, 121.	1, 371, 230.	1, 254, 914.	1, 126, 590.	1, 314, 180.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 100.0000 %
b Permanent endowment NONE %
c Term endowment NONE %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) Unrelated organizations?
(ii) Related organizations?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		1, 969, 136.	1, 386, 123.	583, 013.
d Equipment		537, 041.	428, 833.	108, 208.
e Other		11, 641, 073.		11, 641, 073.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				12, 332, 294.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) EQUITY MUTUAL FUNDS	1,924,404.	FMV
(B) FIXED INCOME MUTUAL FUND	579,274.	FMV
(C) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,545,827.	FMV
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B)) . . .	6,049,505.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B)) . . .		

Part IX Other Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)).	

Part X Other Liabilities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1.	(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1)	Federal income taxes	
(2)	LEASE LIABILITY	6,183.
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B)).		6,183.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII . ☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	11,906,753.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	308,838.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	25,481.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	334,319.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	11,572,434.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	11,572,434.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	2,644,100.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	25,481.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	25,481.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,618,619.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,618,619.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

SEE SUPPLEMENTAL PAGE

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

PART V, LINE 4:

THE GARDENS INTENDS TO USE THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTAINING THE BUILDING AND THE HORTICULTURAL COLLECTION.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE SOCIETY IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (CODE) AND IS APPROPRIATELY EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(A) OF THE CODE. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (FASB) ASC 740, ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES, REQUIRES THE RECOGNITION OF INCOME TAX POSITIONS WHEN IT IS MORE-LIKELY THAN-NOT THAT THE POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED BASED ON THE MERITS OF THE POSITION. MANAGEMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE ARE NO MATERIAL TAX LIABILITIES THAT REQUIRE RECOGNITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024. THE SOCIETY FILES ITS RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX IN THE U.S. FEDERAL JURISDICTION AND ITS ANNUAL FILING OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK STATE.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

Name of the organization

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS SOCIETY INC

Employer identification number

22-2514024

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☐ Mail solicitations

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

c ☐ Phone solicitations

d ☐ In-person solicitations

e ☐ Solicitation of nongovernment grants

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

g ☐ Special fundraising events
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.
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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		BASH (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	96,335.			96,335.
	2 Less: Contributions	89,885.			89,885.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	6,450.			6,450.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	16,795.			16,795.
	8 Entertainment	600.			600.
	9 Other direct expenses	8,086.			8,086.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				25,481.
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-19,031.	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d).				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15 a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanation required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization
BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL
GARDENS SOCIETY INC

Employer identification number
22-2514024

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ First-class or charter travel | ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| ☐ Travel for companions | ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence |
| ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| ☐ Discretionary spending account | ☐ Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Compensation committee | ☐ Written employment contract |
| ☐ Independent compensation consultant | ☐ Compensation survey or study |
| ☒ Form 990 of other organizations | ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Yes No

1b

2

4a

4b

4c

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

8

9

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Schedule J (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Part II

Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
ERIN GRAJEK	(i)	134,437.	5,000.		4,477.	11,197.	155,111.	
	(ii)							
1 CEO/PRESIDENT	(i)							
	(ii)							
2	(i)							
	(ii)							
3	(i)							
	(ii)							
4	(i)							
	(ii)							
5	(i)							
	(ii)							
6	(i)							
	(ii)							
7	(i)							
	(ii)							
8	(i)							
	(ii)							
9	(i)							
	(ii)							
10	(i)							
	(ii)							
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS WELCOMES THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY ITS LIVING PLANT COLLECTIONS AND BREATHTAKING CONSERVATORY. ITS EXHIBITS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, ROOTS, AND RELATIONSHIPS SERVE THE GREATER COMMUNITY. AS A REGIONAL ASSET, IT IS COMMITTED TO OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO BE AN INCLUSIVE ORGANIZATION WHERE ALL FEEL WELCOME. DESIGNED BY LORD & BURNHAM, ITS HISTORIC CONSERVATORY, MODELED AFTER RARE GLASSHOUSES IN LONDON, ENGLAND, OPENED IN 1900. LOCATED WITHIN A PARK SYSTEM DESIGNED BY FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED IN THE 1800S, THE BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS IS SITUATED ON 12 ACRES THAT ALSO FEATURE AN ACCREDITED ARBORETUM AND LUSH OUTDOOR GARDENS. THE CAMPUS IS OWNED BY ERIE COUNTY AND OPERATED BY THE BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS, A 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SUPPORTED IN PART BY PUBLIC FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY OF ERIE, THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, MEMBERS, DONORS, AND FRIENDS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

EXPENSES INCLUDE PRIVATE EVENTS AND MEMBERSHIP SINCE THOSE EXPENSES ARE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM EXPENSES EVEN THOUGH PRIVATE EVENTS IS UNRELATED INCOME SO EXCLUDED FROM INCOME AND MEMBERSHIP IS INCLUDED IN LINE 1B SO NOT PROGRAM RELATED INCOME. REVENUE IS THE RELATED INCOME FROM GIFT SHOP AND ANY OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE 990 IS PREPARED BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM. A DRAFT 990 IS REVIEWED BY BOTANICAL GARDEN MANAGEMENT ALONG WITH THE BOARD TREASURER AND MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. IT IS THEN PRESENTED TO THE FULL

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHERE IT IS DISCUSSED, REVIEWED, AND ANY
QUESTIONS/CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED AND THEN APPROVED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

THE BOTANICAL GARDENS HAS BOTH ITS STAFF AND BOARD MEMEBERS ANNUALLY SIGN
CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS PROVIDING SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT
THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS/RELATIONSHIPS SO THE ORGANIZATION CAN DETERMINE
IF ANY POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS EXIST AND MONITOR ASSIGNMENTS TO
AVOID PLACING THE BOARD MEMBER IN A POSITION WHERE THERE IS ANY
APPEARANCE, POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL, OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OR
OBJECTIVITY. THE COMPLETED STATEMENTS ARE MAINTAINED BY THE ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE BOARD IS PRESENTED WITH DOCUMENTATION WITH
RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.
SUCH INFORMATION INCLUDES COMPARABLE DATA FROM SIMILAR SIZED TAX EXEMPT
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION
ARRANGEMENT BY THE BOARD IS DOCUMENTED IN THE BOTANICAL GARDENS PAYROLL
RECORDS AND FILES. THE COMPENSATION OF THE OTHER OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT
IS REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT/CEO, BOARD CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 18:

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

NO CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025.

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22-2514024**FORM 990, PART III - PROGRAM SERVICE****LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE**

HORTICULTURE & PLANT COLLECTION - THE BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS METICULOUSLY CARES FOR A PERMANENT COLLECTION OF APPROXIMATELY 5,400 PLANTS, REPRESENTING PLANT SPECIES FROM EVERY CONTINENT. OUR HORTICULTURAL TEAM ALSO CURATES AN ADDITIONAL 43,000 PLANTS AS PART OF THEIR ROTATING AND ENGAGING PLANT EXHIBITIONS. THROUGH CAREFUL STEWARDSHIP, WE ENSURE THE PRESERVATION AND PROPAGATION OF PLANT SPECIES, ENHANCING THE GARDEN'S BEAUTY AND EDUCATIONAL VALUE. IN ADDITION TO OUR REGULAR MAINTENANCE, WE ALSO INTRODUCE NEW PLANT VARIETIES AND SEASONAL DISPLAYS, KEEPING THE BOTANICAL GARDENS DYNAMIC AND EVER-CHANGING.

LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE

GUEST SERVICES - IN 2025, THE BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS WELCOMED OVER 100,000 VISITORS, PROVIDING AN ENRICHING FULL-SENSORY EXPERIENCE AMIDST STUNNING ARCHITECTURE AND SERENE GARDEN SANCTUARIES. AS A LIVING MUSEUM AND TOURIST DESTINATION, WE GENERATE 50% OF OUR OPERATING BUDGET THROUGH ADMISSIONS AND INTERNAL EVENTS. OUR GUEST SERVICES TEAM ENSURES EVERY VISITOR ENJOYS A MEMORABLE AND INSPIRING JOURNEY THROUGH OUR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GARDENS AND EXHIBITS. WE ALSO OFFER TAILORED EXPERIENCES FOR DIFFERENT VISITOR GROUPS, INCLUDING GUIDED TOURS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES. OUR COMMITMENT TO EXCEPTIONAL GUEST SERVICE CREATES A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE THAT ENCOURAGES REPEAT VISITS AND STRONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS - THE BOTANICAL GARDENS HOSTED OVER 14,000 STUDENTS AND ADULTS IN 2025, OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO FOSTER A LOVE FOR NATURE AND HORTICULTURE. OUR PROGRAMS, TAILORED FOR ALL AGES, EMPHASIZE INTERACTIVE LEARNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. BY CONNECTING LEARNERS WITH THE NATURAL WORLD, WE CULTIVATE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES AND INFORMED CITIZENS. IN ADDITION TO OUR ON-SITE PROGRAMS, WE PROVIDE OUTREACH INITIATIVES THAT EXTEND OUR EDUCATIONAL IMPACT INTO THE COMMUNITY. OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FURTHER ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO

Name of the organization

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22-2514024**FORM 990, PART III - PROGRAM SERVICE**

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DELIVER IMPACTFUL AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES.

Form	2220	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations	OMB No. 1545-0123
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Attach to the corporation's tax return. Go to www.irs.gov/Form2220 for instructions and the latest information.	2025
Name BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS SOCIETY INC		Employer identification number 22-2514024	

Note: Generally, the corporation is not required to file Form 2220 (see Part II below for exceptions) because the IRS will figure any penalty owed and bill the corporation. However, the corporation may still use Form 2220 to figure the penalty. If so, enter the amount from page 2, line 38, on the estimated tax penalty line of the corporation's income tax return, but **do not** attach Form 2220.

Part I Required Annual Payment			
1	Total tax (see instructions)	1	524.
2a	Personal holding company tax (Schedule PH (Form 1120), line 26) included on line 1	2a	
b	Look-back interest included on line 1 under section 460(b)(2) for completed long-term contracts or section 167(g) for depreciation under the income forecast method	2b	
c	Credit for federal tax paid on fuels (see instructions)	2c	
d	Total. Add lines 2a through 2c	2d	
3	Subtract line 2d from line 1. If the result is less than \$500, do not complete or file this form. The corporation does not owe the penalty.	3	524.
4	Enter the tax shown on the corporation's 2024 income tax return. See instructions. Caution: If the tax is zero or the tax year was for less than 12 months, skip this line and enter the amount from line 3 on line 5	4	NONE
5	Required annual payment. Enter the smaller of line 3 or line 4. If the corporation is required to skip line 4, enter the amount from line 3	5	524.

Part II Reasons for Filing - Check the boxes below that apply. If any boxes are checked, the corporation must file Form 2220 even if it does not owe a penalty. See instructions.	
6	☐ The corporation is using the adjusted seasonal installment method.
7	☐ The corporation is using the annualized income installment method.
8	☐ The corporation is a "large corporation" figuring its first required installment based on the prior year's tax.

Part III Figuring the Underpayment						
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
9	Installment due dates. Enter in columns (a) through (d) the 15th day of the 4th (Form 990-PF filers: Use 5th month), 6th, 9th, and 12th months of the corporation's tax year	9	05/15/2025	06/15/2025	09/15/2025	12/15/2025
10	Required installments. If the box on line 6 and/or line 7 above is checked, enter the amounts from Schedule A, line 38. If the box on line 8 (but not 6 or 7) is checked, see instructions for the amounts to enter. If none of these boxes are checked, enter 25% (0.25) of line 5 above in each column.	10	131.	131.	131.	131.
11	Estimated tax paid or credited for each period. For column (a) only, enter the amount from line 11 on line 15. See instructions	11				
Complete lines 12 through 18 of one column before going to the next column.						
12	Enter amount, if any, from line 18 of the preceding column	12				
13	Add lines 11 and 12	13				
14	Add amounts on lines 16 and 17 of the preceding column	14		131.	262.	393.
15	Subtract line 14 from line 13. If zero or less, enter -0-	15				
16	If the amount on line 15 is zero, subtract line 13 from line 14. Otherwise, enter -0-	16		131.	262.	
17	Underpayment. If line 15 is less than or equal to line 10, subtract line 15 from line 10. Then go to line 12 of the next column. Otherwise, go to line 18	17	131.	131.	131.	131.
18	Overpayment. If line 10 is less than line 15, subtract line 10 from line 15. Then go to line 12 of the next column.	18				

Go to Part IV on page 2 to figure the penalty. Do not go to Part IV if there are no entries on line 17 - no penalty is owed.

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Part IV Figuring the Penalty

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
19 Enter the date of payment or the 15th day of the 4th month after the close of the tax year, whichever is earlier. (C corporations with tax years ending June 30 and S corporations: Use 3rd month instead of 4th month. Form 990-PF and Form 990-T filers: Use 5th month instead of 4th month.) See instructions	19			
20 Number of days from due date of installment on line 9 to the date shown on line 19.	20			
21 Number of days on line 20 after 4/15/2025 and before 7/1/2025	21			
22 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 21}}{365} \times 7\% (0.07)$	22	\$	\$	\$
23 Number of days on line 20 after 6/30/2025 and before 10/1/2025	23			
24 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 23}}{365} \times 7\% (0.07)$	24	\$	\$	\$
25 Number of days on line 20 after 9/30/2025 and before 1/1/2026	25	SEE PENALTY COMPUTATION WHITEPAPER DETAIL STATEMENT 1		
26 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 25}}{365} \times 7\% (0.07)$	26	\$	\$	\$
27 Number of days on line 20 after 12/31/2025 and before 4/1/2026	27			
28 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 27}}{365} \times 7\% (0.07)$	28	\$	\$	\$
29 Number of days on line 20 after 3/31/2026 and before 7/1/2026	29			
30 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 29}}{365} \times \%$	30	\$	\$	\$
31 Number of days on line 20 after 6/30/2026 and before 10/1/2026	31			
32 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 31}}{365} \times \%$	32	\$	\$	\$
33 Number of days on line 20 after 9/30/2026 and before 1/1/2027	33			
34 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 33}}{365} \times \%$	34	\$	\$	\$
35 Number of days on line 20 after 12/31/2026 and before 3/16/2027	35			
36 Underpayment on line 17 x $\frac{\text{Number of days on line 35}}{365} \times \%$	36	\$	\$	\$
37 Add lines 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36	37	\$	\$	\$

38 Penalty. Add columns (a) through (d) of line 37. Enter the total here and on Form 1120, line 34; or the comparable line for other income tax returns **38** \$ **27.**

*Use the penalty interest rate for each calendar quarter, which the IRS will determine during the first month in the preceding quarter. These rates are published quarterly in an IRS News Release and in a Revenue Ruling in the Internal Revenue Bulletin. To obtain this information on the Internet, access the IRS website at www.irs.gov. You can also call 800-829-4933 to get interest rate information.

PENALTY COMPUTATION DETAIL - FORM 2220

DATE PD -----	UNDERPAYMENT -----	BEG. DATE -----	END DATE -----	DAYS -----	% --	PENALTY -----
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QUARTER 1, RATE PERIOD 1 (05/15/2025- 03/31/2026)						
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	131.	05/15/2025	03/31/2026	320	7	8.

TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 22, COLUMN A						8.
						=====
QUARTER 1, RATE PERIOD 2 (03/31/2026- 05/15/2026)						
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	131.	03/31/2026	05/15/2026	45	6	1.

TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 24, COLUMN A						1.
						=====
QUARTER 2, RATE PERIOD 1 (06/15/2025- 03/31/2026)						
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	131.	06/15/2025	03/31/2026	289	7	7.

TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 22, COLUMN B						7.
						=====
QUARTER 2, RATE PERIOD 2 (03/31/2026- 05/15/2026)						
=====						
	131.	03/31/2026	05/15/2026	45	6	1.

TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 24, COLUMN B						1.
						=====
QUARTER 3, RATE PERIOD 1 (09/15/2025- 03/31/2026)						
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	131.	09/15/2025	03/31/2026	197	7	5.

TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 22, COLUMN C						5.
						=====
QUARTER 3, RATE PERIOD 2 (03/31/2026- 05/15/2026)						
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	131.	03/31/2026	05/15/2026	45	6	1.

TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 24, COLUMN C						1.
						=====
QUARTER 4, RATE PERIOD 1 (12/15/2025- 03/31/2026)						
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	131.	12/15/2025	03/31/2026	106	7	3.

TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 22, COLUMN D						3.
						=====
QUARTER 4, RATE PERIOD 2 (03/31/2026- 05/15/2026)						
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PENALTY COMPUTATION DETAIL - FORM 2220

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DATE PD -----	UNDERPAYMENT -----	BEG. DATE -----	END DATE -----	DAYS -----	% --	PENALTY -----
	131.	03/31/2026	05/15/2026	45	6	1.

	TOTAL TO FORM 2220, LINE 24, COLUMN D					1.
						=====

TOTAL UNDERPAYMENT PENALTY	27.
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Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

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for 501(c)(3)
Organizations OnlyDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2025 or other tax year beginning _____, 2025, and ending _____, 20 _____

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990T for instructions and the latest information.

Do not enter SSNs on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

A ☐ Check box if address changed.	Name of organization (☐ Check box if name changed and see instructions.) BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS SOCIETY		D Employer identification number 22-2514024
B Exempt under section ☒ 501(C)(3) ☐ 408(e) ☐ 220(e) ☐ 408A ☐ 530(a) ☐ 529(a) ☐ 529A	Number and street. If a P.O. box, see instructions. C/O THE ORGANIZATION 2655 SOUTH PARK AVENUE City or town State or province Country ZIP or foreign postal code BUFFALO NY 14218		E Group exemption number (see instructions)
C Book value of all assets at end of year 19990080.		F ☐ Check box if an amended return.	
G Check organization type	☒ 501(c) corporation ☐ 501(c) trust ☐ 401(a) trust ☐ Other trust ☐ State college/university		
H Check if filing only to claim ☐ Credit from Form 8941 ☐ Refund shown on Form 2439 ☐ Elective payment amount from Form 3800			
I Check if a 501(c)(3) organization filing a consolidated return with a 501(c)(2) titleholding corporation ☐			
J Enter the number of attached Schedules A (Form 990-T) 2			
K During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation			
L The books are in care of THE ORGANIZATION Telephone number 7168271584			

Part I Total Unrelated Business Taxable Income 2655 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, BUFFALO, NY 14218

1 Total of unrelated business taxable income computed from all unrelated trades or businesses (see instructions)	1	3,497.
2 Reserved for future use	2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2	3	3,497.
4 Charitable contributions (see instructions for limitation rules)	4	
5 Total unrelated business taxable income before net operating losses. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	3,497.
6 Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions.	6	
7 Total of unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction and section 199A deduction. Subtract line 6 from line 5	7	3,497.
8 Specific deduction (generally \$1,000, but see instructions for exceptions)	8	1,000.
9 Trusts. Section 199A deduction. See instructions.	9	
10 Total deductions. Add lines 8 and 9	10	1,000.
11 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 10 from line 7. If line 10 is greater than line 7, enter zero.	11	2,497.

Part II Tax Computation

1 Organizations taxable as corporations. Multiply Part I, line 11, by 21% (0.21)	1	524.
2 Trusts taxable at trust rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on Part I, line 11, from: ☐ Tax rate schedule or ☐ Schedule D (Form 1041).	2	
3 Proxy tax. See instructions	3	
4a Amount from Form 4255, Part I, line 3, column (q)	4a	
b Other tax amounts. See instructions	4b	
5 Alternative minimum tax.	5	
6 Tax on noncompliant facility income. See instructions	6	
7 Total. Add lines 3 through 6 to line 1 or 2, whichever applies	7	524.

Part III Tax and Payments

1a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)	1a	
b Other credits (see instructions)	1b	
c General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions)	1c	
d Credit for prior-year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827).	1d	
e Total credits. Add lines 1a through 1d	1e	
2 Subtract line 1e from Part II, line 7	2	524.
3a Amount from Form 4255, Part I, line 3, column (r) (see instructions)	3a	
b Amount due from Form 8611	3b	
c Amount due from Form 8697	3c	
d Amount due from Form 8866	3d	
e Other amounts due (see instructions)	3e	
f Total amounts due. Add lines 3a through 3e	3f	
4 Total tax. Add lines 2 and 3f (see instructions). ☐ Check if includes tax previously deferred under section 1294. Enter tax amount here.	4	524.

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Part III Tax and Payments (continued)

5a Current net 965 tax liability paid from Form 965-A, Part II, column (k)	5a	
b First installment of section 1062 applicable net tax liability. Enter amount from Form 1062, line 15	5b	
6a Payments: Preceding year's overpayment credited to the current year	6a	
b Current year's estimated tax payments. Check if section 643(g) election applies ☐	6b	
c Tax deposited with Form 8868	6c	1,000.
d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)	6d	
e Backup withholding (see instructions)	6e	
f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (attach Form 8941)	6f	
g Elective payment election amount from Form 3800	6g	
h Payment from Form 2439	6h	
i Credit from Form 4136	6i	
j Other (see instructions)	6j	
k Section 1062 applicable net tax liability. Enter amount From 1062, line 14.	6k	
7 Total payments and section 1062 applicable net tax liability. Add lines 6a through 6k	7	1,000.
8 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached. ☐	8	27.
9 Tax due. If line 7 is smaller than the total of lines 4, 5a, 5b, and 8, enter amount owed	9	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is larger than the total of lines 4, 5a, 5b, and 8, enter amount overpaid	10	449.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 you want: Credited to 2026 estimated tax <u>449.</u> Refunded	11	

For Refunded amount, also complete and attach Form 8050. See instructions.

Part IV Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

	Yes	No
1 At any time during the 2025 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If "Yes," the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country here _____		X
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from or was it the grantor of or transferor to a foreign trust? If "Yes," see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.		X
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$ _____		
4 Enter available pre-2018 NOL carryovers here \$ <u>NONE</u> . Do not include any post-2017 NOL carryover shown on Schedule A (Form 990-T). Don't reduce the NOL carryover shown here by any deduction reported on Part I, line 6.		
5 Post-2017 NOL carryovers. Enter the Business Activity Code and available post-2017 NOL carryovers. Don't reduce the amounts shown below by any NOL claimed on any Schedule A, Part II, line 17, for the tax year. See instructions.		
Business Activity Code	Available post-2017 NOL carryover	
531190	\$ 156,733.	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
6a Reserved for future use		
b Reserved for future use		

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide any additional information. See instructions.

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
	Signature of officer	Date	Title		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Enter preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
	Firm's address	Phone no.			

Form 990-T (2025)

Part III Tax and Payments (continued)

5a Current net 965 tax liability paid from Form 965-A, Part II, column (k)	5a	
b First installment of section 1062 applicable net tax liability. Enter amount from Form 1062, line 15	5b	
6a Payments: Preceding year's overpayment credited to the current year	6a	
b Current year's estimated tax payments. Check if section 643(g) election applies ☐	6b	
c Tax deposited with Form 8868	6c	
d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)	6d	
e Backup withholding (see instructions)	6e	
f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (attach Form 8941)	6f	
g Elective payment election amount from Form 3800	6g	
h Payment from Form 2439	6h	
i Credit from Form 4136	6i	
j Other (see instructions)	6j	
k Section 1062 applicable net tax liability. Enter amount From 1062, line 14.	6k	
7 Total payments and section 1062 applicable net tax liability. Add lines 6a through 6k	7	
8 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached. ☐	8	
9 Tax due. If line 7 is smaller than the total of lines 4, 5a, 5b, and 8, enter amount owed	9	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is larger than the total of lines 4, 5a, 5b, and 8, enter amount overpaid	10	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 you want: Credited to 2026 estimated tax _____ Refunded _____	11	

For Refunded amount, also complete and attach Form 8050. See instructions.

Part IV Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

	Yes	No
1 At any time during the 2025 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If "Yes," the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country here _____		
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from or was it the grantor of or transferor to a foreign trust? If "Yes," see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.		
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$ _____		
4 Enter available pre-2018 NOL carryovers here \$ _____. Do not include any post-2017 NOL carryover shown on Schedule A (Form 990-T). Don't reduce the NOL carryover shown here by any deduction reported on Part I, line 6.		
5 Post-2017 NOL carryovers. Enter the Business Activity Code and available post-2017 NOL carryovers. Don't reduce the amounts shown below by any NOL claimed on any Schedule A, Part II, line 17, for the tax year. See instructions.		
Business Activity Code	Available post-2017 NOL carryover	
455000	\$ 9,463.	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
6a Reserved for future use		
b Reserved for future use		

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide any additional information. See instructions.

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	TISHA LUCIANI	06/15/2026	BOARD CHAIR	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Paid Preparer Use Only	Enter preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed
	MARY MADONIA	MARY MADONIA	05/15/2026	PTIN P00405803
	Firm's name	WITHUM SMITH + BROWN PC		Firm's EIN 22-2027092
	Firm's address	424 MAIN ST SUITE 800, BUFFALO, NY 14202		Phone no. 716-847-2651

Form **990-T** (2025)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990-T)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Unrelated Business Taxable Income
From an Unrelated Trade or Business

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990T for instructions and the latest information.
Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

OMB No. 1545-0047

2025

Open to Public Inspection for
501(c)(3) Organizations Only

A Name of the organization BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS SOCIETY	B Employer identification number 22-2514024
C Unrelated business activity code (see instructions) 531190	D Sequence: 1 of 2

E Describe the unrelated trade or business PRIVATE EVENT RENTALS

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income		(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a	Gross receipts or sales			
b	Less returns and allowances			
c	Balance	1c		
2	Cost of goods sold (Part III, line 8).	2		
3	Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3		
4a	Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D (Form 1041 or Form 1120)). See instructions	4a		
b	Net gain (loss) (Form 4797) (attach Form 4797). See instructions	4b		
c	Capital loss deduction for trusts.	4c		
5	Income (loss) from a partnership or an S corporation (attach statement)	5		
6	Rent income (Part IV)	6		
7	Unrelated debt-financed income (Part V)	7		
8	Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from a controlled organization (Part VI).	8		
9	Investment income of section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organizations (Part VII).	9		
10	Exploited exempt activity income (Part VIII).	10		
11	Advertising income (Part IX).	11		
12	Other income (see instructions; attach statement) . . STMT. 1	12	423,339.	423,339.
13	Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	13	423,339.	423,339.

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere. See instructions for limitations on deductions. Deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.

1	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Part X)	1	
2	Salaries and wages	2	320,113.
3	Repairs and maintenance	3	
4	Bad debts	4	
5	Interest (attach statement). See instructions	5	
6	Taxes and licenses	6	250.
7	Depreciation (attach Form 4562). See instructions	7	
8	Less depreciation claimed in Part III and elsewhere on return	8a	
9	Depletion	9	
10	Contributions to deferred compensation plans	10	
11	Employee benefit programs	11	
12	Excess exempt expenses (Part VIII)	12	
13	Excess readership costs (Part IX)	13	
14	Other deductions (attach statement) . . STMT. 2.	14	90,364.
15	Total deductions. Add lines 1 through 14	15	410,727.
16	Unrelated business income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 15 from Part I, line 13, column (C).	16	12,612.
17	Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions	17	10,090.
18	Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 17 from line 16.	18	2,522.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Schedule A (Form 990-T) 2025 Created 5/13/25

Part III Cost of Goods Sold

Enter method of inventory valuation

1	Inventory at beginning of year	1	
2	Purchases	2	
3	Cost of labor	3	
4	Additional section 263A costs (attach statement)	4	
5	Other costs (attach statement)	5	
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	6	
7	Inventory at end of year	7	
8	Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 7 from line 6. Enter here and in Part I, line 2	8	
9	Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No		

Part IV Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

1 Description of property (property street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use. See instructions.

A	
B	
C	
D	

	A	B	C	D
2 Rent received or accrued				
a From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)				
b From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income).				
c Total rents received or accrued by property. Add lines 2a and 2b, columns A through D				
3 Total rents received or accrued. Add line 2c, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (A)				
4 Deductions directly connected with the income in lines 2a and 2b (attach statement)				
5 Total deductions. Add line 4, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (B)				

Part V Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property (street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use. See instructions.

A	
B	
C	
D	

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property				
3 Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property				
a Straight line depreciation (attach statement)				
b Other deductions (attach statement)				
c Total deductions (add lines 3a and 3b, columns A through D)				
4 Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
5 Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
6 Divide line 4 by line 5	%	%	%	%
7 Gross income reportable. Multiply line 2 by line 6				
8 Total gross income (add line 7, columns A through D). Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (A)				
9 Allocable deductions. Multiply line 3c by line 6				
10 Total allocable deductions. Add line 9, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (B)				
11 Total dividends - received deductions included in line 10				

Part VI Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

		Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4. Total of specified payments made	5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
1. Name of controlled organization	2. Employer identification number				
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
Nonexempt Controlled Organizations					
7. Taxable income	8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9. Total of specified payments made	10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10	
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
				Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (A).	Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (B).
Totals					

Part VII Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach statement)	4. Set-asides (attach statement)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (add columns 3 and 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
		Add amounts in column 2. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (A).		Add amounts in column 5. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (B).
Totals				

Part VIII Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1	Description of exploited activity:	
2	Gross unrelated business income from trade or business. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (A)	2
3	Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (B)	3
4	Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If a gain, complete lines 5 through 7.	4
5	Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income.	5
6	Expenses attributable to income entered on line 5	6
7	Excess exempt expenses. Subtract line 5 from line 6, but do not enter more than the amount on line 4. Enter here and on Part II, line 12	7

Schedule A (Form 990-T) 2025

Part IX Advertising Income

1 Name(s) of periodical(s). Check box if reporting two or more periodicals on a consolidated basis.

A		
B		
C		
D		

Enter amounts for each periodical listed above in the corresponding column.

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross advertising income				
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (A).				

3 Direct advertising costs by periodical					
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (B).					

4	Advertising gain (loss). Subtract line 3 from line 2. For any column in line 4 showing a gain, complete lines 5 through 8. For any column in line 4 showing a loss or zero, do not complete lines 5 through 7, and enter -0- on line 8				
5	Readership costs				
6	Circulation income				
7	Excess readership costs. If line 6 is less than line 5, subtract line 6 from line 5. If line 5 is less than line 6, enter -0-				
8	Excess readership costs allowed as a deduction. For each column showing a gain on line 4, enter the lesser of line 4 or line 7				
a	Add line 8, columns A through D. Enter the greater of the line 8a columns total or -0- here and on Part II, line 13				

Part X Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percentage of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on Part II, line 1.			

Part XI Supplemental Information (see instructions)

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SCHEDULE A:PRIVATE EVENT RENTALS
PART I - LINE 12 - OTHER INCOME
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PRIVATE EVENT RENTALS	423,339.
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME	----- 423,339. =====
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SCHEDULE A:PRIVATE EVENT RENTALS
 PART II - LINE 14 - OTHER DEDUCTIONS
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MERCHANT FEES	14,132.
SUPPLIES	1,853.
PRINTING	6,556.
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,396.
INSURANCE	12,323.
POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	1,387.
UTILITIES	1,106.
PROFESSIONAL FEES	5,922.
ADVERTISING	13,916.
DEPRECIATION	6,567.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	6,160.
OPERATIONS	5,798.
PROGRAM SPECIFIC SUPPLIES	12,248.

TOTAL OTHER DEDUCTIONS	90,364.
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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990-T)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Unrelated Business Taxable Income
From an Unrelated Trade or Business

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2025

Open to Public Inspection for
501(c)(3) Organizations Only

A Name of the organization BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS SOCIETY		B Employer identification number 22-2514024	
C Unrelated business activity code (see instructions) 455000		D Sequence: 2 of 2	

E Describe the unrelated trade or business GIFT SHOP SALES

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income		(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a	Gross receipts or sales 30,586.			
b	Less returns and allowances	1c 30,586.		
2	Cost of goods sold (Part III, line 8).	2 8,512.		
3	Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3 22,074.		22,074.
4a	Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D (Form 1041 or Form 1120)). See instructions	4a		
b	Net gain (loss) (Form 4797) (attach Form 4797). See instructions	4b		
c	Capital loss deduction for trusts.	4c		
5	Income (loss) from a partnership or an S corporation (attach statement)	5		
6	Rent income (Part IV)	6		
7	Unrelated debt-financed income (Part V)	7		
8	Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from a controlled organization (Part VI).	8		
9	Investment income of section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organizations (Part VII).	9		
10	Exploited exempt activity income (Part VIII).	10		
11	Advertising income (Part IX).	11		
12	Other income (see instructions; attach statement)	12		
13	Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	13 22,074.		22,074.

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere. See instructions for limitations on deductions. Deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.

1	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Part X)	1	
2	Salaries and wages	2	13,870.
3	Repairs and maintenance	3	
4	Bad debts	4	
5	Interest (attach statement). See instructions	5	
6	Taxes and licenses	6	
7	Depreciation (attach Form 4562). See instructions	7	
8	Less depreciation claimed in Part III and elsewhere on return	8a	
9	Depletion	9	
10	Contributions to deferred compensation plans	10	
11	Employee benefit programs	11	
12	Excess exempt expenses (Part VIII)	12	
13	Excess readership costs (Part IX)	13	
14	Other deductions (attach statement) STMT. 1.	14	3,330.
15	Total deductions. Add lines 1 through 14	15	17,200.
16	Unrelated business income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 15 from Part I, line 13, column (C).	16	4,874.
17	Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions	17	3,899.
18	Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 17 from line 16.	18	975.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Schedule A (Form 990-T) 2025 Created 5/13/25

Part III Cost of Goods Sold

Enter method of inventory valuation

1	Inventory at beginning of year	1	
2	Purchases	2	8,016.
3	Cost of labor	3	
4	Additional section 263A costs (attach statement)	4	
5	Other costs (attach statement)	5	SEE STATEMENT 2. 496.
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	6	8,512.
7	Inventory at end of year	7	
8	Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 7 from line 6. Enter here and in Part I, line 2	8	8,512.
9	Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?		☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

1 Description of property (property street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use. See instructions.

A ☐ _____

B ☐ _____

C ☐ _____

D ☐ _____

	A	B	C	D
2 Rent received or accrued				
a From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)				
b From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income).				
c Total rents received or accrued by property. Add lines 2a and 2b, columns A through D				
3 Total rents received or accrued. Add line 2c, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (A)				
4 Deductions directly connected with the income in lines 2a and 2b (attach statement)				
5 Total deductions. Add line 4, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (B)				

Part V Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property (street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use. See instructions.

A ☐ _____

B ☐ _____

C ☐ _____

D ☐ _____

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property				
3 Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property				
a Straight line depreciation (attach statement)				
b Other deductions (attach statement)				
c Total deductions (add lines 3a and 3b, columns A through D)				
4 Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
5 Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
6 Divide line 4 by line 5	%	%	%	%
7 Gross income reportable. Multiply line 2 by line 6				
8 Total gross income (add line 7, columns A through D). Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (A)				
9 Allocable deductions. Multiply line 3c by line 6				
10 Total allocable deductions. Add line 9, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (B)				
11 Total dividends - received deductions included in line 10				

Part VI Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

		Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4. Total of specified payments made	5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
1. Name of controlled organization	2. Employer identification number				
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
Nonexempt Controlled Organizations					
7. Taxable income	8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9. Total of specified payments made	10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10	
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
				Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (A).	Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (B).
Totals					

Part VII Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach statement)	4. Set-asides (attach statement)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (add columns 3 and 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
		Add amounts in column 2. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (A).		Add amounts in column 5. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (B).
Totals				

Part VIII Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1	Description of exploited activity:	
2	Gross unrelated business income from trade or business. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (A)	2
3	Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (B)	3
4	Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If a gain, complete lines 5 through 7.	4
5	Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income.	5
6	Expenses attributable to income entered on line 5	6
7	Excess exempt expenses. Subtract line 5 from line 6, but do not enter more than the amount on line 4. Enter here and on Part II, line 12	7

Schedule A (Form 990-T) 2025

Part IX Advertising Income

1 Name(s) of periodical(s). Check box if reporting two or more periodicals on a consolidated basis.

A		
B		
C		
D		

Enter amounts for each periodical listed above in the corresponding column.

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross advertising income				
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (A).				

3 Direct advertising costs by periodical					
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (B).					

4	Advertising gain (loss). Subtract line 3 from line 2. For any column in line 4 showing a gain, complete lines 5 through 8. For any column in line 4 showing a loss or zero, do not complete lines 5 through 7, and enter -0- on line 8				
5	Readership costs				
6	Circulation income				
7	Excess readership costs. If line 6 is less than line 5, subtract line 6 from line 5. If line 5 is less than line 6, enter -0-				
8	Excess readership costs allowed as a deduction. For each column showing a gain on line 4, enter the lesser of line 4 or line 7				
a	Add line 8, columns A through D. Enter the greater of the line 8a columns total or -0- here and on Part II, line 13				

Part X Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percentage of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on Part II, line 1.			

Part XI Supplemental Information (see instructions)

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SCHEDULE A:GIFT SHOP SALES
 PART II - LINE 14 - OTHER DEDUCTIONS
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MERCHANT	495.
OFFICE SUPPLIES	80.
PRINTING	284.
DUES	177.
UTILITIES	48.
INSURANCE	890.
PROFESSIONAL FEES	257.
ADVERTISING	589.
OPERATIONS	86.
DEPRECIATION	97.
POSTAGE	60.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	267.

TOTAL OTHER DEDUCTIONS	-----
	3,330.
	=====

SCHEDULE A:GIFT SHOP SALES
 PART III - LINE 4B - OTHER COSTS
 =====

FREIGHT IN	324.
SUPPLIES	172.

TOTAL OTHER COSTS	496.
	=====



CT-13

Department of Taxation and Finance

Unrelated Business Income
Tax Return

All filers enter tax period:

Amended
return ☐

Tax Law - Article 13

beginning

ending

Employer identification number (EIN) 22-2514024	File number MM1	Business telephone number 716 827-1584	If you claim an overpayment, mark an X in the box ☐
Legal name of corporation BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL		Trade name/DBA	
Mailing address Care of (c/o) Number and street or PO Box 2655 SOUTH PARK AVENUE		State or country of incorporation	
City BUFFALO NY 14218		Date of incorporation	Foreign corporations: date began business in NYS
U.S. state/Canadian province NY		ZIP/Postal code 14218	Country (if not United States)
NAICS business code number (from federal return)		For office use only	
Principal unrelated business activity (see instructions)		If you need to update your address or phone information for corporation tax, or other tax types, you can do so online. See <i>Business information</i> in Form CT-1.	

Form CT-247, Application for Exemption from Corporation Franchise Taxes by a Not-For-Profit

Organization - Have you filed this New York State application for exemption? (see instructions) Yes ☐ No ☒

Mark an X in this box if you are an employee trust as defined in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 401(a) ☐

Mark an X in this box if you ceased operating the unrelated business during the tax year covered by this return (see section Who must file Form CT-13 in the instructions) ☐

A. Pay amount shown on line 22. Make payable to: New York State Corporation Tax	Payment enclosed
← Attach your payment here. Detach all check stubs. (See instructions for details.)	A

Computation of income and tax

1	Federal unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction and after \$1,000 specific deduction	1	2,497.
2	New York State Article 13 and Article 23 tax deducted on federal return	2	250.
3	Additions required for shareholders of federal S corporations (see instructions)	3	
4	Grossed-up taxes for shareholders of New York S corporations (see instructions)	4	
5	Other additions (see instructions)	5	
6	Add lines 1 through 5.	6	2,747.
7	Other income (see instructions)	7	
8	Federal S corporation shareholder subtractions (see instructions)	8	
9	Other subtractions (see instructions)	9	
10	Total subtractions (add lines 7, 8, and 9)	10	
11	Taxable income before net operating loss deduction (subtract line 10 from line 6)	11	2,747.
12	New York net operating loss deduction (attach federal and NYS computations; see instructions)	12	
13	Taxable income (subtract line 12 from line 11)	13	2,747.
14	Allocated taxable income (multiply line 13 by _____ % from line 42; or enter amount from line 13 if allocation is not claimed)	14	2,747.
15	Tax based on income (multiply line 14 by 9% (.09))	15	247.
16	Minimum tax	16	250.00
17	Tax (line 15 or line 16, whichever is larger)	17	250.
18	Total prepayments from line 46	18	500.
19	Balance (if line 18 is less than line 17, subtract line 18 from line 17)	19	
20	Interest on late payment (see instructions)	20	
21	Late filing and late payment penalties (see instructions)	21	
22	Balance due (add lines 19, 20, and 21 and enter here; enter the payment amount on line A above)	22	
23	Overpayment (if line 17 is less than line 18, subtract line 17 from line 18)	23	250.
24	Amount of overpayment on line 23 to be credited to next year	24	250.
25	Amount of overpayment on line 23 to be refunded (subtract line 24 from line 23)	25	

See page 3 for third-party designee, certification, and signature entry areas.

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Have you been audited by the Internal Revenue Service in the past 5 years? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, list years: _____

Federal return was filed on: 990-T ☒ Other: ☐ Attach a complete copy of your federal return.

Schedule A - Unrelated business allocation

If you did not maintain a regular place of business outside New York State, leave this schedule blank. A regular place of business is any office, factory, warehouse, or other space regularly used by the taxpayer in its unrelated business. If you claim this allocation, attach a list of each place of business, the location, nature of activities, and number and duties of employees.

Average value of:		A New York State	B Everywhere
26	Real estate owned (see instructions)	26	
27	Gross rents (attach list; see instructions).	27	
28	Inventories owned	28	
29	Other tangible personal property owned (see instructions)	29	
30	Total (add lines 26 through 29)	30	
31	Percentage in New York State (divide line 30, column A, by line 30, column B)	31	%

Receipts in the regular course of business from:

32	Sales of tangible personal property shipped to points within New York State	32	
33	All sales of tangible personal property	33	
34	Services performed	34	
35	Rentals of property	35	
36	Other business receipts.	36	
37	Total (add lines 32 through 36)	37	
38	Percentage in New York State (divide line 37, column A, by line 37, column B)	38	%
39	Wages, salaries, and other compensation of employees (except general executive officers; see instructions)	39	
40	Percentage in New York State (divide line 39, column A, by line 39, column B)	40	%
41	Total of New York State percentages (add lines 31, 38, and 40).	41	%
42	Business allocation percentage (divide line 41 by three or by the number of percentages)	42	%

Composition of prepayments claimed on line 18*

	Date paid	Amount
43	Payment with extension request, Form CT-5, line 5	43 500.
44a	Second installment from Form CT-400.	44a
44b	Third installment from Form CT-400	44b
44c	Fourth installment from Form CT-400	44c
45	Amount of overpayment credited from prior years	45
46	Total prepayments (add lines 43 through 45; enter here and on line 18)	46 500.

*Taxpayers subject to the unrelated business income tax are not required to make estimated tax payments.
If you did make these unrequired payments, report them on lines 44a, 44b, and 44c.

Amended return information

If filing an amended return, mark an X in the box for any items that apply and attach documentation.

Final federal determination ☐ If marked, enter date of determination: ● _____

Capital loss carryback. ☐ Federal return filed. Form 1139 ● ☐

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Third - party designee (see instructions)	Yes ☐ No ☒	Designee's name (print)	Designee's phone number
	Designee's email address		PIN

Certification: I certify that this return and any attachments are to the best of my knowledge and belief true, correct, and complete.

Authorized person	Printed name of authorized person	Signature of authorized person	Official title	
	TISHA LUCIANI		BOARD CHAIR	
	Email address of authorized person	Telephone number	Date	
	TLUCIANA@CHSBUFFALO.ORG	716-827-1584	06-15-26	
Paid preparer use only (see instr.)	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed)		Firm's EIN	Preparer's PTIN or SSN
	WITHUM SMITH + BROWN PC		22-2027092	P00405803
	Signature of individual preparing this return	Address		
		424 MAIN ST SUITE 800 BUFFALO, NY 14202		
	Email address of individual preparing this return	Preparer's NYTPRIN	or	Excl. code
				Date
				05-15-26

See instructions for where to file.

