

## 2017 FGC GATHERING FIELD TRIPS

Car Pool Trips will meet in the Castellani Lot.

**Monday July 3, 12:15pm-5:00 pm** **Underground Railroad Tour (UGRR)** of four UGRR Heritage sites located from the Falls north to the shores of Lake Ontario including to an historical farm that was a 'station' on the UGRR. We will travel by bus with box lunches provided, leaving from the NU campus. Our vendor is Motherland Connexions (Kevin Cottrell) [www.motherlandconnexions.com](http://www.motherlandconnexions.com) , a highly rated and experienced tour leader. Cost \$20.00. Field Trip Captain: Angela Hopkins

**Tuesday July 4, 2:15-5:30 pm** **Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruise**  
[www.lockportlocks.com](http://www.lockportlocks.com) We carpool to Lockport, NY (about 1/2 hour drive), to take a two hour curated boat tour (3-5pm) through one of the locks in Lockport, including viewing the famous "Flight of Five" locks from the original canal. The tour includes historic canal songs and music! This is a public tour (i.e. other people will be on the large boat with us)  
Carpool; 31 min./22.5 miles; \$16, Children 4-10 free Field Trip Captain: Angela Hopkins.

**Thursday July 6, 1:15-4:30 pm** **Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House Complex:** private Restoration Tour [www.darwinmartinhouse.org](http://www.darwinmartinhouse.org) (2 hour tour) We carpool to Buffalo (30 min.) for a private tour including some of the behind-the-scenes areas not on the public tour, including the newly restored entire first floor, veranda, new education center, and all buildings on site (including the Gardener's Cottage, an example of Wright's concept for affordable housing). Emphasis on ongoing restoration; challenges encountered in locating long-lost artifacts, and decisions made in bringing Wright's "opus" back to its original grandeur. \$32 per person. Capacity 12-40 (if number is higher, we'd have additional docents). Field Trip Captain: Betty Perkins

### Design Your Own Field Trip (Friday -- or any day!)

- **Discover Niagara Shuttle** let's you design your own field trip using the free shuttle ([www.discoverniagara.org](http://www.discoverniagara.org)) that stops right on the Niagara U campus. Assistance from The Local Arrangements table to help individuals, families and small groups to plan their own excursion. LA table will have information on sites, a flyer, and shuttle bus passes available, as well as some persons acquainted with the 14 destinations on the route to answer questions. **This shuttle goes to an area where you can see Niagara Falls.** This is an option throughout the week at the Gathering available to all.
- **Beaver Island State Park** Carpool 25 minutes to Beaver Island (<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/56/details.aspx>) for swimming on a 1/2 mile sandy beach (playgrounds, hiking trails, change facilities, pavilions for rent, food concession, etc.) This option would be low-cost (\$6 per car load) and family-friendly.

**Carpool to Artpark** (<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/113/details.aspx>) (this site is not on the Discover Niagara Shuttle route) Only about 15-20 minutes' drive from NU. Extensive grounds including a large amphitheater for ticketed summer concerts, fishing access to the Niagara River, many art installations (some interactive like the percussion garden) throughout the grounds, artists' demonstrations, large covered demonstration/participation area boardwalk (shade and shelter). Vehicle use fee \$10 per car. Family friendly, low cost.