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# "Seeds of Change: Land, trust, and community" panel discussion



M&T Fourth Friday at Buffalo Arts Studio June 28, 2019 5-8pm

BUFFALO, NY - Buffalo Arts Studio is thrilled to announce our next panel discussion with "Seeds of Change: Land, trust, and community" as part of M&T Fourth Friday programming at Buffalo Arts Studio. The event will take place on Friday, June 28, 2019 from 5-8pm and will include a panel discussion followed by a period of open networking, including tabling from local, ecologically-focused groups.

This community forum will feature a variety of grassroots community activists whose work intersects within economic and ecological justice efforts. Panel participants also include representatives from the F. B. Community Land Trust who will address these concerns as well as inform the audience about the ongoing efforts to prevent developers from displacing long-time neighborhood residents.

This forum will serve as a primer to the various, multifaceted issues which not only effect communities within the City of Buffalo, but also impact wider discussions around ecological sensitivity, gentrification, and ecological justice in the twenty-first century.



## Panelists:

India Walton, Founding Executive Director of the F. B. Community Land Trust Reinhard Reitzenstein, Artist and Sculpture Program Head at the University at Buffalo Department of Art

Lynda H. Schneekloth, Professor Emeritus, University at Buffalo Department of Architecture Joshua Smith, Director of Ecology at Rigidized Metals Corporation.

## Moderators:

Shirley Verrico, Curator, Buffalo Arts Studio Max Anderson, Deputy Director, Open Buffalo

## Tabling Organizations:

Plastic Free Buffalo, Alexis Oltmer & more TBA

#### High-resolution images are available upon request

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Buffalo Arts Studio is a not-for-profit arts organization whose mission is to provide affordable studio space and regular public exposure for regional, national, and international artists through exhibitions, and to enrich the community with art classes, mural programs, and public art. Buffalo Arts Studio is located at 2495 Main Street, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14214. The gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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