

The Wilderness Spreads Its Wings!

Tuesday, June 9, 2pm

(Regent Street at William Street)

Please join The Niagara Foundation on June 9 as we open the first pathway through
The Wilderness — from Regent St. right through to King St.

Welcoming the community is another step on our journey to preserve, maintain and share this private property with the public.

On the agenda (see below), speakers include Tim Johnson, president of the Niagara Academy for Indigenous Relations, who will discuss the site's Indigenous Past, Present & Future. There will be a ceremonial release of butterflies involving local students from Royal Oak School. And the official ribbon will be cut by Lauren and Vaughn Goettler, whose \$1-million transformational gift from the Goettler Family Foundation launched our fundraising campaign for the acquisition, stabilization, and protection of The Wilderness.

Silent Art Auction

Our family-friendly event includes a silent art auction called **The Butterfly Effect** to help raise funds for our rehabilitation efforts. Local artists have donated original butterfly-themed artwork with bidding for each piece starting at \$100. As a universal symbol of transformation, butterflies are a bio-indicator reflecting the overall health of an ecosystem — a natural fit for The Wilderness.

Can't attend the auction in person?

There's an option to submit an [advance maximum bid](#) on June 9.

[Preview the artwork in the silent auction](#)



Agenda

2:00 pm

Regent St. (at William St.) entrance opens

Silent Auction / Refreshments

3:00 pm

The Niagara Foundation, Welcome Remarks

Tim Johnson, Indigenous Past, Present and Future on Site

Royal Oak School, Butterfly Presentation

Lauren and Vaughn Goettler/Royal Oak, Ribbon Cutting & Butterfly Release

Silent Auction Closes

And to our supporters!

We thank the more than 100 local families and organizations who continue to donate to The Wilderness. We're grateful. We value you.

And we recognize your generosity [HERE](#).

Note: Street parking only. No washrooms on site.