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Spring Into Bristol With Garden Tour at the Burning Springs

The Bristol Hills Historical Society's yearlong break from live events because of the pandemic comes to an end on two consecutive Saturdays, May 29 and June 5, with a tour of a classic garden featuring more than 150 tree peonies in bloom, plus a presentation at the historic Burning Springs.

Both weekend events will run from noon to 5 p.m. at 4348 Case Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424, in the town of Bristol. Visitors can observe plein air painters at work in the gardens, which contain numerous varieties of spring blooming plants in addition to the peonies.

The Burning Springs presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on both dates, May 29 and June 5, with a walk along a creek, a talk about the spring's history, and a lighting of the flame. The phenomenon is caused by natural gas in the earth but was long considered a sacred mystery in Native American culture. The first known non-native encounter with the Burning Springs was in 1669, when Seneca guides showed the springs to the French explorer La Salle. Visitors are welcome to continue up the creek to view the scenic waterfall.

The Historical Society asks visitors to consider making a \$5 donation to support the work of the society. Children are welcome.

For more information on the Bristol Hills Historical Society, and to watch the calendar for upcoming events, visit bristolhillshistory.org or the society's Facebook page, at facebook.com/bhhistorical.

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Photos included: peonies from the Case Road garden and Burning Springs sign