Share your water story for posterity at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

You can share your personal water story for posterity as part of the Water/Ways exhibition from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst.

It’s part of Water/Ways, a traveling exhibition from Museum on Main Street of the Smithsonian Institute, which explores water as an essential component of life on our planet.

When you share your water story, it will be video recorded and archived at Buffalo Niagara Heritage, then shared with the Museum Association of New York and the Smithsonian institute.

Your water story can be anything from your personal life that involves water. It could be about work, recreation, special events or mishaps. Your story can be serious, frightening, uplifting, sad or funny. It can be about water in any form: lakes, creeks, drinking water, ice, snow, rain or even drought.

The stories will be about two minutes long.

To share your story, come to Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. We can’t guarantee that we will be able to record everyone who attends.

To help us schedule, you can make an appointment and we will do our best to get you in near the time you want. Call 716-689-1440 to make an appointment.

Admission to Heritage Village is $8 for adults, $6 for children, military and seniors, and free for children three and younger. There is no charge to share your water story.

The event is sponsored by Anthony Baldi & Associates.

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