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The only New York State Governor to come from Schoharie was its 13th, William C. Bouck, 1842-1844. He cut the executive household budget by having his wife do the cooking. Often described as New York's first farmer-governor, he was born, educated and married in Schoharie County.

The first drive-in theater in the United States was in the Village of Schoharie. In the 1930s, the movie theater was Main Street, with road traffic diverted during the shows.

Mrs. Perry Taylor, Mayor of Schoharie, was New York State's first woman mayor and the state's first licensed woman driver.

The first automobile accident in Schoharie County occurred in 1901.

The last Revolutionary War veteran in Schoharie County, Nicholas Weeder, died in 1863.

The flood plain of Vroman's land in Middleburgh is one of the richest, most fertile cornfields in the world.

Fossil trees, dating back more than 370 million years, were first found in Schoharie County.

**Life for the Early Settlers**

The first Schoharie German settler in 1712 ate corn meal mush at almost every meal.

Early Schoharie settlers made change by cutting their coins and bills in pieces.

The Schoharie County settlers were indebted to a pregnant mare, purchased by the Palatine women of Old Schoharie. Before the mare arrived, they often had to pull the plow themselves and walked to Schenectady to grind their grain.

Hard sulfur water was prized in early Schoharie as a cure for skin disease.

In early Schoharie, water pipes were often made by drilling holes in the length of small logs. Some of these "pump logs" are believed to still be in use.

Cobleskill was purchased from the Indians on November 9, 1752, for 50 Spanish-milled silver dollars.

The village of old Gilboa (now at the bottom of the lake) was once the largest settlement in the county.

Children in Old Schoharie often did not have shoes or, to save them, they would walk barefoot to school before putting them on.

**During the Revolutionary War**

Nicholas Somers, the Schoharie Lutheran minister, was blind for 20 years before suddenly regaining his sight at an old age.

The population of Old Schoharie in 1776 was probably less than 200 people.

The 1778 Battle of Cobleskill was actually fought in Warnerville.

The first U.S. Continental Army commander in the Schoharie Valley in 1778 complained that the residents were all Tories.

**The 20th Century**

Until the early years of the century, a dollar a day was the common wage for a laboring man.

From the 1860s to 1930s, Schoharie County had its own railroad, the Middleburgh and Schoharie. There was one car.

The favorite breakfast in old Schoharie in 1900 was buckwheat pancakes.

Schoharie students once rode the D&H Railroad to college classes in Albany.

Until less than 80 years ago, Schoharie farmers often paid their bill at the grocery store with butter and eggs.

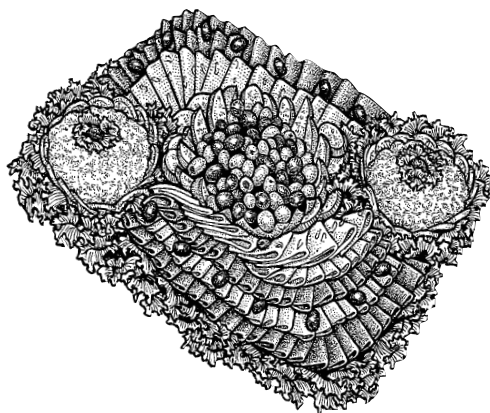
As late as 1920, car owners in Schoharie stored their cars during the winter months, leaving the battery at the local hardware store to be kept charged.

Johan Conrad Weiser established the first Palatine settlement in the Schoharie Valley in what is now the Village of Middleburgh. The generally accepted time that this happened is the fall of 1712. Weiser's Dorf, as the settlement became known began with about forty log and mud huts running along Schoolhouse Creek from today's high school to a point opposite Memorial Park. The Palatines knew the creek as "ketch" meaning chalice or cup. Up until the Revolution the houses and outbuildings were improved from their humble beginnings. In 1732, the first Dutch Reformed church was constructed. By 1760 there were several local tradesmen although a trip to Albany or Schenectady was required for certain items. School was held either in a crude log schoolhouse or a barn with lessons taught in German, Dutch and later, English. In 1777 during the American Revolution, The Middle Fort was constructed about three quarters of a mile north of the village. The Johnson-Brant raid on October 17, 1780 destroyed the village, including the church, as its residents took refuge in the fort. Johnson's report described the village as houses on one side of the creek and orchards and fields on the other.

One of the few structures in the valley that survived the raid in the valley was the Zelle or stone house. The primary structure was heavy stone walls. The wooden parts were replaced after the war. It would serve as residence, Town Hall, and Jail until 1883 when it was torn down to make way for the Union Free School. It was located approximately where the High School Auditorium is today.

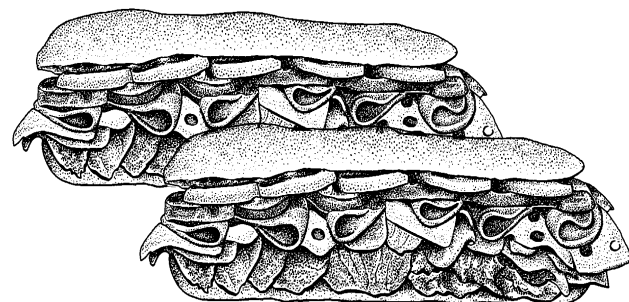
After the revolution a new Dutch Reformed Church, which still stands today, was constructed nearer to the Middle Fort. The reconstructed village grew up around it as it was also near a ford to cross the Schoharie Creek. This area was the business district during the early 1800's. Michael Borst would construct a hotel and his residence, built in 1790, would later be used as the Reformed Church house. There was a nail factory, bakery, and general Merchandise business in this area. A school was located across the present Middle Fort Road from the Reformed Church. Several buildings from this period are still there today. H. D. Wells in his recollections recalled that the people living in this area referred to it as "Hudson" for a reason that nobody seemed to know.

Between 1790 and 1810, a group of New England Yankees moved into the area of Upper Main Street today. This area was referred to as "Hardscrabble" as opposed to "Hudson". One of the most prominent of these men was Jonathan Danforth who was one of the partners that built the Loonenburgh Turnpike, today Route 145 from Athens to Canajoharie. It was along this road that cattle were driven from western New York to New York City. One of the stops on the way was the Bull's Head Inn, which had facilities for both man and beast. A blacksmith's shop, a wool carding and cloth mill,



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lawyer's offices, a blacksmith and general stores were also in the hardscrabble area. A school which is still there was located at the present corner of Main Street and Huntersland Road.

In 1813 a covered toll bridge was built to replace an older bridge in the general area where today's bridge is. Twelve years later, the Freemyer House was constructed which was the largest hotel in Middleburgh.

It is better known later as the Hotel Baker after later owners in the 1890's. This was where the current Middleburgh Public Library is today. The area from the Freemyer House to the Tollhouse of the bridge became full of stores and businesses. Some of the buildings are still there today making it the oldest part of the current village business district. On the other side of the bridge entrance where there is a park today were 3 or 4 other business buildings. This area was known as "the Dock" because it looked like one. Across the street from the Dock was the Atchinson House or White House Hotel, which was slightly smaller than the Freemyer House. Today the Red Barrel occupies that site. On the same side of the street, a Lutheran Church was built in 1825. A large fire destroyed the Church along with several buildings on the area between Sheldon Avenue and Main Street on April 1, 1855.

During the latter half of the business district of the Village of Middleburgh took on the appearance that is recognizable today. With the beginning of the M&S Railroad in 1866, Businesses sprung up around the railroad yard and down Railroad Avenue. By 1870 The Lutheran Church had been rebuilt. In 1881 the Village of Middleburgh was incorporated. The First National Bank, today the Village Hall, and Union Free High School were built during the 1880's indicating development on that side of the street during this period. In 1886 the most devastating fire in Middleburgh's history occurred. Several business and residences are burned on Main Street and Railroad Avenue. The village recovered quickly and with the completion of the Watson Block(1897) and Bauer Block(1901) most of the modern Business District was complete. By the Bicentennial of the first settlement in 1912, the Village was a bustling place. Two passenger trains and one freight train left each day. Business included were four hotels, four millinery stores, three livery stables, five blacksmith's shops, three general stores, two ice cream parlors, two bakeries, two hardware stores, three drug stores, two furniture stores, two jewelry stores, a funeral parlor, a bank, and several saloons. Professional people were five lawyers, five doctors, four barbers, and a dentist. Two locally owned utilities, M&S Power and Light and The Middleburgh Telephone Company served the vicinity. Shortly after the dirt streets of the village were paved.

The natural beauty of Schoharie County and the sparkling of the sunlight on the water are reasons enough to come here and paddle. The starting location is a reasonable drive from Amsterdam, there's a road map further down the page with more info on that. If you're a camper you can camp at one of the great campgrounds nearby. This stretch has enough mileage for an overnight trip, so go ahead and pack your camping stuff. Getting a good workout and just being out on the river for a while have a lot of people coming here. Some people prefer whitewater rafting and some kayaking, either way this is an area with plenty of places for that. The sections for whitewater rafting and kayaking here in New York are often more challenging than in other states, so don't forget that quite a few of the sections here are not easy. This stretch of Cobleskill Creek in New York is 13 miles long and is a class I-III section of whitewater according to American Whitewater. There are no other stretches to paddle along Cobleskill Creek than the Warnerville to Sidney Corners stretch.



## SCHOHARIE COUNTY



Briefly about the general area:

Lots of rain falls at Cobleskill Creek; June is the wettest month with most rain; the driest month of the year is February. Throughout the summer at Cobleskill Creek temperatures are typically in the 70's while night lows are usually in the 50's. High temperatures throughout the winter are normally in the 20's, and overnight lows in the 10's.

### SCHOHARIE EVENTS

#### MAY

**May 23 – June 4**

**Cobleskill-Richmondville Student Art Exhibit.** Selected works by 2nd graders created under the instruction of art teacher Lori Masterson will be on exhibit in the Children's Museum. Works were inspired by the student's study of Native cultures. Opening reception for families and fans on Sunday June 4 at 2 pm  
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**May 30**

#### Decoration Day

Traditional Decoration Day will be observed at the Old Stone Fort in Schoharie on Tuesday, May 30 at 6pm. The Corporal James Tanner Camp #134, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will host the ceremonies. The Schoharie County American Legion Honor Guard will also participate. The ceremony at the monuments in front of the fort will honor all those members of our armed forces who died in America's wars. This will be followed by the traditional ceremony of the Grand Army of the Republic, as presented by the Tanner Camp. The finale will be the decoration of the graves. The public is encouraged to help lay flowers on the graves of the 36 Civil War soldiers buried in the Old Stone Fort Cemetery. The event is rain or shine, and all are welcome.  
Old Stone Fort  
145 Fort Road, Schoharie, NY 12157  
<https://theoldstonefort.org/2023/05/decoration-day/>

#### JUNE

**June 10**

#### Arts in Bloom Fest

10 am-3 pm.

Join us at the Schoharie Library for a fun day with an art and craft fair and activities, live music, a quilt and flower show, the Cookie House food truck, and more! Try out printmaking, spray painting art, or another creative activity. You can even hang your artwork on the clothesline to display!

We invite Schoharie County-based artists and artisans to display and sell their work. To reserve a place on the lawn for your table or tent (at no charge), click here:  
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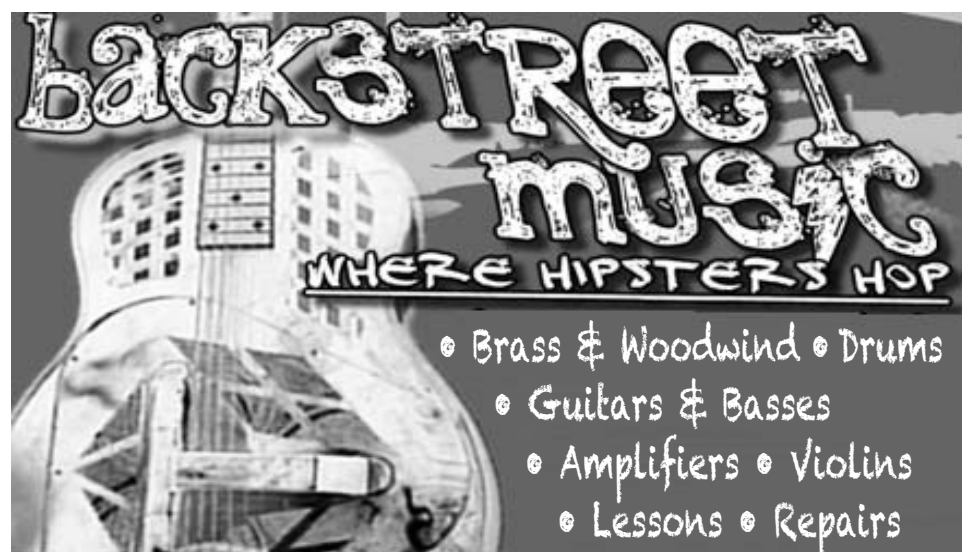
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<https://www.facebook.com/SchoharieLibraryNY>

## June 24

### Hike to the Waterfalls

2:00 pm– 3:00 pm  
 Cost: \$5 for members, \$15 family non-members \$15 person \$25 family  
 Join us from 2:00 to 3:00 PM to explore the Arboretum's revamped Waterfalls Trail and surrounding woodlands via the waterfall trailhead parking area.  
 Instructor: George Steele, nature educator  
 Location: Waterfall Trailhead Parking Area  
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## JULY

### July 8

#### Lily Festival

10 am to 3 pm  
 The Annual Lily Festival is held on the second Saturday of July. Although lilies bloom at different times throughout the summer, we chose this date to highlight the Tiger Lily in bloom. Like Albany's Tulip Festival and Rochester's Lilac Festival, our goal is to grow Schoharie's Lily Festival each year as we celebrate the beauty of the Lily Park and the Schoharie Valley. With crafters, vendors, food, music, games, and all other things associated with festivals, visitors are invited to enjoy a day in the park.  
<https://schohariepromo.org/lily-fest>

### July 22

#### Sharon Springs Community-wide Garage Sale

The Sharon Springs Methodist Church is organizing the 32nd Annual Sharon Springs Community-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, July 22nd with sales beginning at 9:00 am. We expect to see 50 or more sales throughout the town. This event will be held rain or shine, with many sales continuing into Sunday. FREE maps of sales are available at the Methodist Church on Route 20, across from the school, beginning at 8:00 am. The church is sponsoring a sale for browsers inside the Fellowship Hall, along with several independent sales on the lawn. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage with peppers/onions, chili, baked goods and beverages will also be available at the church. Watch for brightly colored flags and number signs that mark each participating sale. For more information, call Donna Barlow at 518-284-2675 or email to [donnab73@nycap.rr.com](mailto:donnab73@nycap.rr.com).

### July 29

#### Social Dancers- Niagra River Iroquois Dancers

Dance times; approximately 11 am & 2 pm  
 Hailing from Tuscarora Nation Territory, the Niagara River Iroquois Dancers troupe was established by Orville and Nina Greene in 1982. The Greene's were taught by elders Huron Miller and Ron LaFrance and found that performing provided the opportunity to demonstrate a continued Haudenosaunee presence and to travel. Today the dancers are led by Nina and

Orville's son, Randy, and daughter Keeya. Their obligation to Orville and Nina's teachings and influence is acknowledged in the pride the group brings to each performance, in the time consuming detail invested in their outfits, and in their commitment to dance as a method of cultural exchange.  
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## AUGUST

### August 4

#### Roots, Rhythm & Ale

Join us for a Cajun, Zydeco, Bluegrass bash at the Iroquois Museum in Howes Cave, NY on Friday, August 4. The evening kicks off at 4 pm with an opening act and followed by the Catskill Cajun band dubbed The Rubber Band and wraps up at 9 pm. The event features local artisans, tasty food, and a silent auction. Enjoy some high energy romping and stomping. Grab a partner and waltz away your cares, two-step it out in style, or just kick back and enjoy the tunes. Hot food available for purchase. Admission is \$10 for adults, kids under 18 free and includes admission to the Museum. For a \$20 dollar ticket you receive a commemorative cup for a free beer. All proceeds benefit the Museum's education programs. Rain or shine, we've got you covered! Iroquois Museum  
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### August 8-13

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### August 12

#### Social Dancers – Allegany River Indian Dancers.

Dance times; approximately 11 am & 2 pm  
 Founded in 1979, the Allegany River Indian Dancers have become one of the best-known Native dance groups in the United State and Canada today. The group has traveled throughout North America sharing traditional Iroquois social dances. The group is also well known for their repertoire of Intertribal "Pow wow" style dances. Their performances often feature the hoop dance done by Bill Crouse. This dance involves 30 hoops used to make various formations or designs representing things from nature. Through group performances (which often include audience participation) and lecture presentations this group has taught large audiences about Seneca history and culture.  
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**September 16****Jubilee Farms Sunflower and Harvest Festival**

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**MONTGOMERY-FULTON**

**MONTGOMERY****ABOUT THE COUNTY**

No matter where you go in Montgomery County, the river is always there, the backdrop of all activities in the Mohawk Valley, the touchstone to which we always return. When you visit, put the future in perspective by thinking about the past, about the history of this region so rich in people, ideas, and dreams. The past, after all, has made our present what it is, with its rich heritage of cultures, its broad commercial and industrial base, our extraordinary architectural legacy, and our deep attachment to the land. In the early 19th century, even when leisure travel was a luxury, the Mohawk Valley was a favorite destination. And so it is today.

Mohawk. British. Dutch. German. Hispanic. Irish. Italian. Polish. The people of Montgomery County are as distinct as its landscape; its cultures have merged into an intricate quilt where there is unity but also individualism and authenticity everywhere we look. We see it in the beautiful limestone architecture of the Palatine German homes. We hear it in the red hot rhythms of the annual Centro Civico Cultural Arts Festival. We taste it in the wonderful Polish pierogies handmade by the thousands in church basements. We feel it when we stop by the gift shop of the Kanatsiohareke, traditional Mohawk Tribal Community re-established next to the river. And we experience it, with a slight tilting of the heart, when we happen on an Amish barn raising.

**THE RIVER**

The Erie Canal operates for navigation from early May to late November. There are a number of marinas and boat launches in Montgomery County, including the St. Johnsville Municipal Marina, Canajoharie Pavilion Landing, Schoharie Crossing, Amsterdam's South Side boat launch, and Riverlink Park, Amsterdam. There are seven locks on the Montgomery County portion of the Erie Canal, each with a park and picnic area. For more information about traveling by water, contact the New York State Canal Corporation toll-free at 1-800-4CANAL4.

- Lock 10 Cranesville
- Lock 11 Amsterdam
- Lock 12 Tribes Hill
- Lock 13 Randall
- Lock 14 Canajoharie
- Lock 15 Fort Plain
- Lock 16 St. Johnsville

The Canalway Water Trail is geared toward small boaters along the 524-mile New York State Canal System. The Water Trail contains access points (launches and landings), campsites and day use sites (attractions) along the Canal System. The Canalway Water Trail is designed for both the 'day user' looking to spend a few hours on the Canal and the long distance traveler who wants to traverse the entire length of the Canal.

The Greater Amsterdam Riverlink Park is the home of an elevated walkway with breathtaking views linking downtown Amsterdam to a riverside plaza area with open-air stage, children's playground, visitor's center, gardens and 600 feet of transient boat docking. Free concerts are held during July and August. On site laundry, shower facilities, and power hookups are a few of the amenities offered. Also dine at the Riverlink Café serving a light menu.

Schoharie Crossing State Historic site marks the confluence of the Mohawk River and the Schoharie Creek; there are remnants of the original Erie Canal (1825) and the Enlarged Erie Canal (1841), with its impressive stone aqueduct remains. Dedicated to preservation and interpretation of the Erie Canal, the site gives a real touch of life on the canal with a restored canal store and a historic lock from the 1850s.

The Village of St. Johnsville maintains a beautiful municipal park and marina, one of several in

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## FUN FACTS

The namesake of Montgomery County was Richard Montgomery, a career British Army officer who switched sides just before the Revolution to become a general for the Colonists. Montgomery was killed in the Battle of Quebec in 1775.

Irish-born Sir William Johnson, England's superintendent of all Indian affairs in the northern colonies was the most influential figure in Mohawk Valley Colonial history.

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 at Osserneon (Auriesville). She was the daughter of a Christian Algonquin woman and non-Christian Mohawk chief. Becoming orphaned during a smallpox epidemic left her with a scarred face and impaired eyesight. After the smallpox outbreak subsided, Kateri and her people built a new settlement, called Caughnawaga (Fonda), some five miles away on the north bank of the Mohawk River. Converted and baptized in 1676 by Father Jacques de Lamberville, a Jesuit missionary. She was shunned and abused by relatives for her faith. In 1679 Kateri took a vow of chastity. She is the first Native American proposed for canonization; her cause was started in 1884 under Pope Leo XIII. The Tekakwitha Conference, an international association of Native American Catholics and those in ministry with them, was named for her. Today Auriesville is the home of Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs and Fonda is the home of the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Arkell and Smith Sack Company, 1870s manufacturer in Canajoharie produced the first paper bag. The modern type of this bag would be a flour or sugar sack.

Susan B. Anthony taught school in Canajoharie at the Canajoharie Academy prior to joining the Women's Suffrage Movement. She was principal of the girls' education. Her mother's brother, Joshua Read, lived and operated an inn in Palatine Bridge. He, along with his wife and descendants, are buried in the Palatine Bridge Cemetery.

Actor Kirk Douglas was born Issur Danielovitch, December 9, 1916 in Amsterdam.

## MONTGOMERY ATTRACTIONS

### Erie Canal Lock 33

www.lock33.com  
Dump Road, St. Johnsville

"One of the town's best kept secrets..." The original double locks of the Old Erie Canal. The site is accessible next to the bike path on Bridge Street along Dump Road which is a dirt road. Marked with a historical marker. Picnic tables on site.

This enlarged double lock is located on the Erie Canal on the south side of the barge canal across from the village of St Johnsville NY, in the town of Minden. You must travel 3/4 of a mile down Dump Road to get to it. A sign on Bridge Street marks the entrance to the road. Terry Potoczny and his team of volunteers have spent countless hours cleaning out the old lock. It is under restoration and was once filled with water and the floating cargoes that made the Erie Canal commercially successful, in November 1999 these double locks instead held tons of garbage including 125 tires, one snowmobile, a motorcycle, assorted bicycle parts, refrigerators, kitchen stoves, and a television. Like other segments of the Erie Canal across

the state, these locks are being rescued and restored by local preservation groups, businesses, and governments. Connected by paths and trails, they serve as links to the past and recreational respite for the present.

The locks history, as researched by Tom Grasso. It was lengthened during the Winter-Spring of 1887-1888. The contract was awarded to Soule and Raynor of Syracuse who also lengthened Lock 32 at Fort Plain. Their bid was \$24,620.50 for Lock 33 and \$24,111.50 for Lock 32. It was lengthened at the head of the berm side instead of the foot probably because Lock 33 is located at the end of a curve and lengthening it at the foot would make the lower end of the lock stick out into the curve taking away from the arc of the bend rendering it sharper and for double headers this could be a big problem.

### Fort Klock Historic Restoration

www.fortklockrestoration.org 518-568-7779  
Route 5, St. Johnsville

The 1750 fortified home of fur-trader Johannes Klock, located east of St. Johnsville, is a Colonial settlement of the French and Indian period. The Fort Klock Historic Restoration is a National Historic Landmark which includes a 1790s Dutch barn, blacksmith shop, and an 1825 schoolhouse. Memorial Day thru Mid-October, Tues-Sunday, 9am-5pm. Small Admission  
Fort Klock has a membership program for those who wish to share their time and gifts. Members receive the Fort Klock newsletter, calendar of events, and pride knowing they are helping to preserve a Mohawk Valley Landmark. By perserving the past we share it with the future.  
The Fort Klock Historic Restoration is a non-profit (501-C3) organization that is very grateful for the help of private and corporate donations.

### National Kateri Tekakawitha Shrine and Mohawk Caughnawaga Indian Museum

www.katerishrine.com  
518-853-3646  
Route 5, Fonda

The Lily of the Mohawks. Kateri Tekakwitha, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980. Kateri lived her teenage years at the site of her shrine, which includes a rustic chapel in an 18th-century Dutch barn and displays of artifacts form an on-site archeological excavation of an entire Mohawk village.

Pope Benedict XVI authorized a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Kateri. Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs website, www.martyrshrine.org, for more information.

### Old Fort Johnson

www.oldfortjohnson.org  
518-843-0300

Route 5 at the intersection of Route 67 in Fort Johnson, NY, about 1 mile west of Amsterdam, NY

Old Fort Johnson, the 1749 fortified limestone home of Sir William Johnson, is representative of the best of colonial architecture. No other home of a prominent New York citizen of the colonial period has survived so untouched by the changes of style and time. This National Historic Landmark is owned and operated by the Montgomery County Historical Society, a private, non-profit organization established to collect and preserve Mohawk Valley history. It is the Society's intent to present the Fort as close to the way it was during Sir William's lifetime as can now be determined. Most furnishings are contemporary to Johnson's time, and a number of items are from the Johnson family. The Fort also houses exhibits which include a collection of Native American artifacts focusing on the Mohawk Valley; the Betsey Reynolds Voorhees room which articulates the life and times of a prominent 19th century lady; the attic

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www.landisarboretum.org  
518-875-6935  
174 Lape Road, Esperance, NY 12066

The Landis Arboretum is a public garden spanning 548-acres into both Schoharie and Montgomery Counties. Forty acres are developed with plantings of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials from around the world. The remainder of the property consists of natural areas, woodlands, wetlands, more than 8 miles of trails, and open fields reminiscent of the former Oak Nose Farm, homestead of founder Fred Lape. The grounds are open daily from dawn until dusk. Suggested donation of \$5.00. The office is open Monday through Friday, 10 am-2 pm.

### FULTON Gateway to the Adirondacks

The splendor of the seasons comes naturally to Fulton County, where the Adirondack Park meets the Mohawk Valley. In an area so varied, beauty is abundant in spring, summer, winter and fall, and the slate of activities is equally complete.

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In this land of nature's bounty, the number of activities is only as limited as your imagination. Let's say a brisk walk in the cool dew in the morning, a round of golf on any of several courses in the afternoon, then a moonlit cruise on one of 44 lakes. Folks who appreciate the indoors as much as the scenic outdoors can take in the historic sights, like Johnson Hall Historic Site, the former home of French and Indian War hero Sir William Johnson. Events are planned year-round at the Rice Homestead as well, a 1790 Colonial homestead.

### FULTON ATTRACTIONS

#### Caroga Historical Association and Museum

Open: July-August, Thursday-Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. An outdoor museum which includes a 1905 farmhouse, an 1870 cobbler shop, general store and 130-year-old pegged barn, with displays on the county's early leather tanning and lumber industries. Large collection of Sherman's Amusement Park memorabilia.  
145 London Bridge Road (County Highway 111)  
Caroga Lake, NY 12032  
(518) 835-4400  
Contact: Shirley Holliday

#### Great Sacandaga Lake

Towns of Northampton, Broadalbin, & Mayfield and the Villages of Northville & Broadalbin, Fulton County  
www.44lakes.com  
info@fultoncountyny.org  
518-725-0641 or  
800-676-3858  
Of Fulton County's 44 lakes, the Great Sacandaga is the largest. Six miles wide and 29 miles long, a world-record Northern Pike was caught here, weighing in at 46 pounds, 2 ounces!

## MONTGOMERY-FULTON

#### Johnson Hall State Historic Site

Open: Memorial Day weekend Labor Day Wed - Mon 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Step back in history and discover our historic sites and markers as well as our museums and fascinating architecture. Visit State Historic Site, Johnson Hall, the former home of Sir William Johnson, the-18th century diplomat and trader who was so trusted by the Mohawk Indians that he became Superintendent of Indian Affairs during the French and Indian War. Visit homes, churches, graveyards, and shops that have been preserved or restored to protect the heritage of Fulton County and our country!

Hall Avenue  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 762-8712  
Contact: Wanda Burch

#### Johnstown's Historic Quadrangle

Start your tour at the Tourism Information Center on the corner of W. Main and N. Market Streets. The Fulton County Historical Society Museum,  
17 N. William St.

The Drumm House, Corner of North William & Green Streets (Oldest home in the City)

The Historic Marker of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthplace, N. Market St.

The Fulton County Court-house, corner of North William & Main Streets

(This courthouse is the oldest working courthouse in the United States. Colonial Cemetery, Green St.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 1860 (3rd Church of Sir William Johnson) Final resting place of Sir William Johnson.

Corner of W. Main and

N. Market Streets

Johnstown, NY 12095

(518) 736-4011

Contact: City Historian

#### Kane Mountain Trail

A popular and easy hike of the Canada & Caroga Lake area. This 2180 foot summit has three trails and holds one of the Adirondack Park's historic fire towers. One of the trails is a half-mile long, another is 9/10 of a mile and the back trail is about 3/4 of a mile. From the mountain's peak, you can see nine bodies of water and a beautiful spread of mountains and valleys.

Green Lake Road off State Route 10/29A

Town of Caroga, NY 12032

(518) 835-6069

Contact: Canada Lake Store & Marine

#### Willie Marsh Trail

Explore an easy figure 8 loop on this nature trail system which explores a wetland habitat. The trail features ten interpretive stops, and three boardwalks that traverse the marsh and open water. This "habitat learning" hike takes approximately an hour and a half to two hours.

Willie Road Off State Route 29A West

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# MONTGOMERY-FULTON

## MONTGOMERY/ FULTON EVENTS

### MAY

#### May 26

##### City of Johnstown: Memorial Day Parade

6:30 PM  
Where: Main Street, Johnstown 12095  
For more information- 518-736-4010  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=johnstown%20memorial%20day%20parade>  
Join us as we honor those who have served and are currently serving our country! Parade will be on Main Street.

#### May 27

##### Pints for Paws

4:00 pm- 7:00 pm  
Where: Eisenadler Brauhaus 88 E Main Street, , Nelliston  
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Live music with Karen and Abby 5-7  
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For more information please contact:  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/937743950741376/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/937743950741376/?active_tab=discussion)

#### May 29

##### Gloversville Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

9:30 AM  
Where: Gloversville 12078  
Join us as we honor and remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Country. Parade launches at 9:30AM with a ceremony to follow at Prospect Hill Cemetery. The parade will start at 8th Ave and Main st, turn east on 6th ave and proceed south on Kingsboro ending at Prospect Hill Cemetery.  
If interested in participating please contact Jordan Twardy on Facebook or at 518-859-0341.  
For more information please contact:  
Jordan Twardy | 518-859-0341  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/864700271461749>

### JUNE

#### June 3

##### Gloversville Recreation Commission Presents: Southern Adirondack Wine & Food Festival

3:00 pm- 8:00 pm  
Join us for the 8th Annual Southern Adirondack Wine & Food Festival on June 3, 2023 in Historic Downtown Gloversville. Entrance @ Church Street  
This event includes wineries, breweries, distilleries, food and a variety of specialty vendors. Live Music at Glove Theatre Marquee. For more information please contact:  
Gloversville Recreation Commission | [cityclerk@cityofgloversville.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofgloversville.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1289468794945515>

#### June 3-4

##### Annual Richmondville Days Celebration

This annual event continues with a parade starting at 10:00 am. The parade features

participation by local fire companies and emergency services, floats, little league teams and the Radez TREPS program. The very popular TREPS program begins at 11:00 am at the Radez Elementary School. Vendors and activities will continue at the Radez grounds. Fireworks will be held at the Radez grounds at 9:00 pm.  
The Richmondville Historical Society will hold a lasagna dinner at the Bunn Mill located on High Street and tours will be available throughout the day.

#### June 8

##### 26th Vintage Cafe Classic Car Show

6:00 pm- 9:00 pm  
Where: Vintage Cafe', 21 West Main Street, Johnstown 12095  
Cost: \$5.00 Registration fee All will go to Johnstown Historical Society | information booth  
Historic Downtown Johnstown  
For more information please contact: Linda S Joseph 518-762-0030  
[lindajoseph01956@gmail.com](mailto:lindajoseph01956@gmail.com)  
26th Vintage Cafe' Classic Car Show featuring hundreds of Classic Cars with a Classic Car Parade. Registration fee of \$5.00 will be given to Johnstown Historical Society. Trophies awarded in five categories outside Cafe' at 8:00 P.M. the night of the show. Music by the Vintage Brothers.  
Vintage Cafe opens at 4:30, serving dinner with a barbecue outside.  
Rain date Thursday June 15th.  
All those interested in parade, lineup starts at 5:00 Mulligan & Higgins. Parade starts at 6:00 P.M. Parade route from Lexington Parking lot heading south on Perry Street, right on Montgomery Street, right on Market Street.  
only first 55 cars will be allowed in parade they only will park on the first block of Main Street.  
For more information Artie — — — 518-774-0781  
Vintage Cafe' 518-762-0030

#### June 9-11

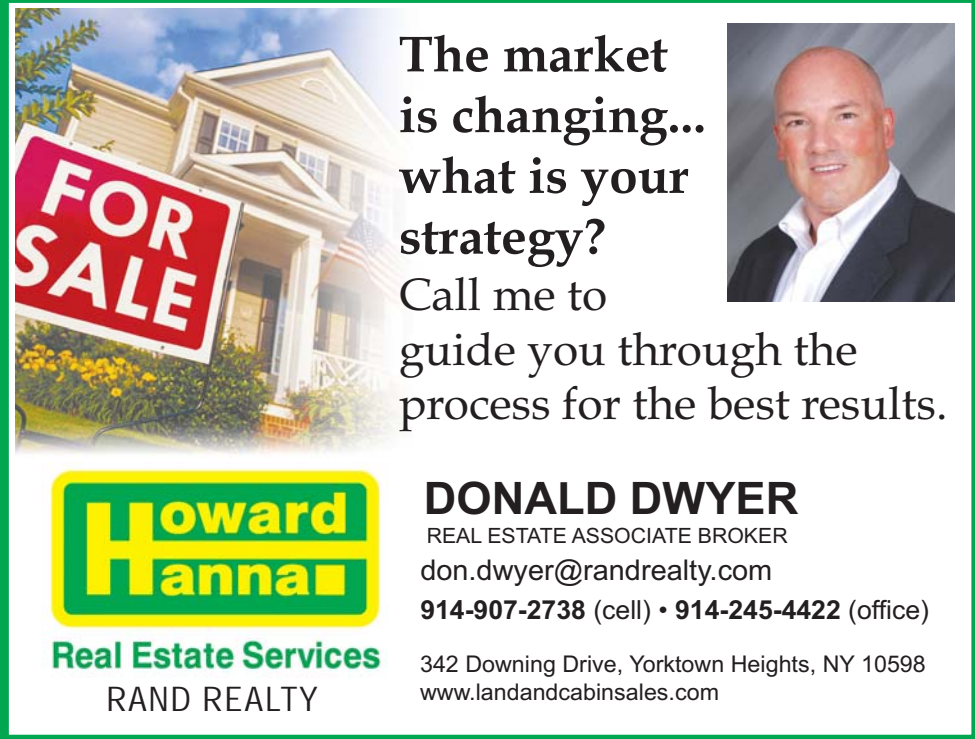
##### The Revolutionary War Conference 250 in the Mohawk Valley

Fort Plain Museum, 389 Canal Street, PO Box 324, Fort Plain 13339  
Cost: \$120 | <https://fortplainmuseum.org/viewevent.aspx?ID=1062>  
For more information please contact:  
Brian P Mack | 518-774-5669 | Email  
<https://fortplainmuseum.org/viewevent.aspx?ID=1062>  
The Fort Plain Museum's Annual Conference is back and rebranded as "The Revolutionary War Conference 250 in the Mohawk Valley", the only conference in the country featuring the America's 250th. The Conference will feature over 12 speakers covering a wide variety of topics on the Revolutionary War. What makes this conference unique, is that starting in 2023, talks will include events that took place 250 years ago as we honor the American Revolution's 250th. Also, there is a Bus Tour on the Forts and Fortified Homes of the Mohawk Valley, a cocktail reception and much more. Don't miss out on this Leading Conference on the American Revolutionary War!

#### June 10

##### Annual Strawberry Festival at Rice Homestead

12:00 pm- 4:00 pm  
Where: Rice Homestead (Mayfield Historical Society Museum), 328 Riceville Road, Mayfield 12117  
Cost: Free  
For more information please contact:  
[mayfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mayfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/ricehomestead](https://www.facebook.com/ricehomestead)  
Mayfield Historic Society's annual early summer event, Strawberry Festival, held at the historic Rice Homestead. Enjoy summer fresh strawberries and tour the extraordinary Rice Home.  
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## July 9

**St. Stanislaus Parish Festival**

12:00 pm- 07:00 pm

46 Cornell St., Amsterdam 12010

Join us for the second day of our annual Polish American Festival! Live broadcast from Polka Magic from Noon to 2pm. Performance by Polka Family Band from 3 to 7pm. Polish and American foods, Polish vendor, raffles, beer and wine, games and much, much more! Free parking and free admission. Proceeds benefit St. Stanislaus Church. Hope to see you there!

## July 14-16

**Northville Rotary's Woodworking and Fine Arts Show**

Town Hall and Park- South Main St., Northville 12134

Northville Rotary's Fourteenth Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend will feature more than 50 accomplished artists from this area and beyond. Woodworkers, jewelers, weavers, potters, photographers, painters, and many other artists will display and sell their artwork at the Bradt Building and Town Park on Main Street in the Village of Northville on the beautiful Great Sacandaga Lake.

The festivities will begin on Friday from 5:00-8:00. Hours Saturday will be 9-4 and Sunday 10-3 and include demonstrations, raffles, and a silent auction. Food can be purchased from a number of vendors.

For more information please contact:

Susan Owens: 518-332-7943 sowens26@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/223659131530990>

## July 16

**Summer Nature and Nature Games**

2:00 to 3:30 PM

Enjoy a leisurely walk through the summer woods and learn about nature through a variety of family oriented nature games like predator-prey sneak up, oh deer, nature knot and find your tree. Partial funding for this class provided through a grant from Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Program.

Instructor: George Steele, nature educator

Registration: Members: \$5/person, \$15/family; non-members: \$15/person, \$25/family

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## July 22

**The St. J Honey Bee Festival Honoring Moses Quinby**

12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Where: 44 Bridge St., St. Johnsville 13452

St. Johnsville, NY was home to the father of practical beekeeping, Moses Quinby!

Let's celebrate his legacy as we gather on the historic Erie Canal in St. Johnsville. On showcase will be honey bee and pollinator centered vendors, workshops & activities plus food, music and more. Join us!



## AUGUST

## August 12

**Landis Perennial Forest 5K**

8:00 AM

Location: Meet in the Meeting House parking area.

Registration: Members and non-members: Priced by age

The Landis Perennial Forest 5K is a unique race through the fields and forests of Landis Arboretum. It has become a not-to-be-missed event for many runners in our region. There are awards for the winning runners, of course, but many people come to walk or run - just because! Race begins at 8:00 AM, registration check in begins at 7:00 AM. Please, no dogs on race day! This is a sanctioned Route 20 Road Challenge race.

Online registration only. To register:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Esperance/LandisArboretum5KForestRun>Questions? Contact David Roy at [David.Roy@ScaryLegRunners.com](mailto:David.Roy@ScaryLegRunners.com).

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## SEPTEMBER

## September 22-23

**Voices of the Past at Old Fort Johnson & Johnson Hall**

7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Old Fort Johnson's archives-based candlelight evening tour returns this fall in a special double-header partnership with Johnson Hall State Historic Site. Each evening tour will feature readings from various historical accounts staged in different rooms of the two historic homes built by Sir William Johnson, Baronet of New York.

Friday night's tours will be held at Old Fort Johnson and include readings from the French & Indian War years when that house was fortified with British soldiers and the valley was under attack by the French.

Saturday night's tours will be held at Johnson Hall and will feature readings from the years 1763-1774 when Sir William Johnson held Indian councils at his new home in Johnstown.

The tour groups are limited in size and leave every half-hour from 7:00-8:30 pm from each site's Visitor Center. Admission proceeds will go to preservation projects at the individual Johnson sites. Where: Old Fort Johnson, 2 Mergner Road, Fort Johnson 12070

Cost: \$5.00 on site

For more information please contact:

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### ABOUT THE COUNTY

From humble beginnings in August, 1982 when four Oneonta residents got together to talk about starting a railroad museum, the Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society (LRHS) has grown to become one of the largest and most active railway preservation groups in New York State. We were proud to celebrate our 20th Year of Rail Preservation in 2002.

The organization was incorporated as not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax exempt, educational corporation by the New York State Department of Education on December 16, 1983 and became an affiliate of the National Railway Historical Society on May 7, 1983, being designated the Leatherstocking Chapter.

The Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society was created with two objectives in mind. The first was the protection and preservation of the "Little Red Caboose" in Oneonta's Neahwa Park. It was in this Caboose that the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was organized in 1883, which became the largest rail union in the world. After raising \$10,000 a plexiglass enclosure was built around the Caboose protecting and preserving it for future generations. LRHS is still to this day the official caretaker of this historic piece of rail equipment.

The second objective of the organization was the construction of a railroad museum in the Oneonta area to document, preserve, and educate the public on the area's rich railroad heritage. After looking at several locations in the immediate Oneonta area, a location on NYS Route 7 in Cooperstown Junction was chosen in 1984 as a museum site. The property consisted of 1.5 acres of land and an 1890's Victorian style house. The site was also ideally located at the southern end of the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad (CACV), a 16-mile shortline running from the Delaware & Hudson Railway (D&H) mainline in Cooperstown Junction to Cooperstown. The CACV had not been used for several years.

In April, 1995 the organization purchased the Milford Depot, located at the midpoint on the CACV and immediately began restoration work. On June 8, 1996 the depot, restorations complete, was dedicated and opened up to the public as a railroad museum. Also on the property is an 80' x 35' steel building constructed in the 1970's which is used as an engine house.

Many years of planning and fund raising began to pay off in June, 1995 when the organization received a \$225,000 New York State Budget Appropriation, thanks to the efforts of NYS Senator James Seward, a resident of Milford, NY. These funds were used to purchase the CACV and renovate the northern end for passenger service between Milford and Cooperstown, NY.

Culminating over ten years of efforts, the Leatherstocking Railway Historical Society took ownership of the Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad, built in 1869, when it closed in escrow on July 1, 1997. The actual transfer of funds took place during a press conference on September 15, 1997 at the Milford Depot. Work on clearing brush along the line began in August, 1997 and was completed in October, allowing engineers to perform inspections during the first quarter of 1998 which were necessary to prepare bid packages for contractors who worked on the CACV renovations. These renovations were completed during the spring of 1999 with rail operations beginning on Sunday, June 6, 1999 between Milford and Cooperstown, NY. An official Grand Opening was held July 10, 1999, commemorating the 130th Anniversary of the building of the Railroad.

In September, 1996 property next to the Milford Auction Barn known as the Milford Depot Property was purchased. This unique property, with 12 acres of land and a large barn, will drastically increase the parking and display capacities in Milford. In addition, a large

auditorium in the barn once used for auctions will become an audio/visual center where visitors will be able to enjoy railroad oriented presentations.

Also in September, 1996 the organization acquired through donation a foot and a half gauge, locally built railroad. With a diesel and two coaches capable of carrying a total of 30 passengers the Milford Park Railway is periodically operated for visitors on weekends during the summer months.

The Milford Depot Complex, the Cooperstown Junction property, and the CACV are all parts of the Leatherstocking Railway Museum Project. When completed the Leatherstocking Railway Museum will consist of a museum facility in Cooperstown Junction, the Milford Depot Complex and a facility in the Village of Cooperstown, all connected by train rides on the CACV.

The organization has collected several pieces of rail equipment since its inception. Most notable are two D&H Railway Post Office Cars, a D&H Big Hook Wreck Crane (which used to be stationed in Oneonta), a D&H Jordan Spreader, a fleet of passenger and freight cars, cabooses and a Pennsylvania Railroad GG1 Electric locomotive.

Thousands of railroad artifacts have been added to the organization's archives over the years and are used for displays at the museum facilities and/or stored in the LRHS archives for research purposes.

In addition to rail equipment and paper artifacts several railroad structures have been preserved. Delaware & Hudson signal bridges have been acquired, and FA Tower, last standing wooden interlocking tower on the D&H, was dismantled in Oneonta and moved to the Cooperstown Junction Museum Site for future assembly on that property.

From that group of four local railroad enthusiasts in 1982 LRHS has grown to 300 members

### OTSEGO ATTRACTIONS

#### Historic Main Street Cherry Valley

Main St / St Hwy 166  
Cherry Valley, NY 13320  
Telephone: 607/264-3098  
[www.cherryvalleyny.com](http://www.cherryvalleyny.com)  
Season: YR

Shop the quaint shops of this historic village, explore revolutionary war sites, visit the local historical society and dine at exquisite restaurants all within Cherry Valley.

#### Historic Main Street Oneonta

Main St / St Rt 7  
Oneonta, NY 13820  
Telephone: 607/432-6450  
[www.oneonta.ny.us](http://www.oneonta.ny.us)  
Season: YR

Oneonta's Main Street compliments the small town ambiance - red brick sidewalks and turn of the century style street lamps suggest the disarming feel of a simpler, more genteel era. Main Street is the heart of the retail shopping industry in the City and offers a wide range of shopping options mostly centered on locally owned and operated specialty shops.

#### Historic Main Street Richfield Springs

Main St / US Rt 20  
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Telephone: 315/858-1710

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Milford, NY 13807  
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**Farmers' Museum**

State Hwy 80, Lake Rd  
Cooperstown, NY 13326  
Telephone: 607/547-1450  
Toll Free: 888/547-1450  
Email: info@nysha.org  
[www.farmersmuseum.com](http://www.farmersmuseum.com)

Season: Seasonal: Apr-Mid May, Late Oct, Tue-Sat 10am-4pm; Late May-Mid Oct, daily 10am-5pm.

America's history comes alive-daily chores are carried out at the working farm while commerce flourishes at the Village Crossroad. Visitors experience the interplay among trades, village life and agriculture in New York State circa 1845. The museum, one of the oldest living history museums, features exhibits, craft demonstrations and hand-on activities that bring history to life.

**Fenimore Art Museum**

State Hwy 80, Lake Rd  
Cooperstown, NY 13326  
Telephone: 607/547-1400  
Toll Free: 888/547-1450  
Email: info@nysha.org  
[www.fenimoreartmuseum.org](http://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org)

One of the nation's premier art institutions; home to an exceptionally rich collection of American folk art and American Indian art, as well as important holdings in American decorative arts, photography, and 20th century art. Formal gardens overlook Otsego Lake. Visitors can get a glimpse of American Indian lives at the circa 1750 Bark House on the shores of the lake

**Gilbert Lake State Park**

18 CCC Rd  
Laurens, NY 13796  
Telephone: 607/432-2114  
Toll Free: 800/456-CAMP  
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Season: YR, Camping: Seasonal, Daily

Lake and 3 ponds in wooded terrain. 12+ miles of trails for hiking, skiing, snowmobiling & snowshoeing. Camping, playgrounds, frisbee-disc golf course, swimming, boating & fishing. The NYS Civilian Conservation Corps Museum is located within the Park.

**OTSEGO COUNTY****Glimmerglass State Park**

1527 County Hwy 31  
Cooperstown, NY 13326  
Telephone: 607/547-8662  
Toll Free: 800/456-CAMP  
[www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)

Season: Mid May-Columbus Day, YR., Daily

Camping and swimming on Otsego Lake. Hiking trails. Winter sports include tubing, XC skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, winter hiking. Rental facilities available includes picnic pavillion, two conference rooms. Call park for details.

**Hyde Hall State Historic Site**

1527 County Hwy 31  
Cooperstown, NY 13326  
Telephone: 607/547-5098  
Toll Free: 888/472-9002  
Email: info@hydehall.org  
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Season: May-Oct, daily

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**Joseph L. Popp Jr. Butterfly Conservatory**

5802 State Highway 7  
Oneonta, NY 13820  
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Email: info@poppbutterflyconservatory.com  
[www.poppbutterflyconservatory.com](http://www.poppbutterflyconservatory.com)

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[www.baseballhalloffame.org](http://www.baseballhalloffame.org)

Season: YR: Mem Day-Labor Day 9am-9pm; Sep-May, 9am-5pm.

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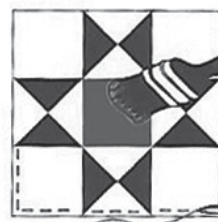
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**Telephone: 607/547-4488**  
Email: [occa@wpe.com](mailto:occa@wpe.com)  
Season: YR

The Susquehanna River Park Trail, located in the City of Oneonta, is the first section of the Oneonta Susquehanna Greenway to be completed. A full circuit of the loop trail offers two miles of easy, flat walking or cross-country skiing. Interpretive markers, keyed to a leaflet obtainable at the trailhead enhance the experience educational. The trail was largely built by volunteer labor recruited by the Oneonta Susquehanna Greenway Committee.

## Yager Museum of Art and Culture

Hartwick College  
One Hartwick Dr  
Oneonta, NY 13820  
Telephone: 607/431-4480  
Email: [museums@hartwick.edu](mailto:museums@hartwick.edu)  
[www.hartwick.edu/museum.xml](http://www.hartwick.edu/museum.xml)

Season: YR, Tue-Sun noon-4:30; Closed in June. July-Aug., Wed-Sun noon-4:30pm. The Yager Museum is Oneonta's only museum of arts and culture. The museum provides lifelong learning for all ages. The museum features the permanent exhibition of Willard Yager's collection of Upper Susquehanna artifacts along with exhibits of fine art, archaeology, ethnography and history in seven changing galleries.

## OTSEGO EVENTS

**April 1 – June 11**

### Psychedelic: Rock & Roll Poster Art

The late 1960's saw the arrival of a new counterculture in San Francisco. The hippies brought with them their own sense of style and musical taste. Two musical venues, the Avalon Ballroom and the Fillmore Auditorium, hosted "dances" that brought new psychedelic rock music onto the scene. The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, and The Doors were some of the notable bands to play at these shows. To promote their concerts, the venues employed young artists and printing shops to produce advertising posters. The artists used their assignments as a chance to experiment with color and visual techniques that were intentionally designed to fool the eye and mind. Poster artists Victor Moscoso and Wes Wilson were notable among others who cleverly concealed typography within their 1960's designs. The catchiness and complexity of the flyers worked as a promotional tool for the concerts, but these posters also became desired artwork in their own right.

Many posters from the original concerts were eventually re-printed in later editions for sale, however, the posters in this show were collected directly from first run prints. Teenagers in Berkeley, California would wait for the weekly deliveries of the newest additions; posters would be stolen out of shop windows or from the nearby UC Berkeley campus as soon as they could be put up. These young collectors of the 1960s Bay Area immediately recognized the value of these prints for their immediate and long-term appeal. They are still traded and collected today as significant documents of musical history, as well as for being visual pioneers in the field of design.

### ADMISSIONS:

Adults (20-64) \$15.00

Seniors (65+) \$12.50

Young People (19 and under) FREE

Admission is always FREE for members, active military, and retired career military personnel.

Free museum admission is also available for those receiving SNAP benefits—up to 4 people.

Fenimore Art Museum

5798 State Hwy 80, Cooperstown, NY 13326

<https://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org>

## JUNE

**June 10**

### Block Party at Hyde Hall & Glimmerglass State Park

10:00 am-3:00 pm

Location: Hyde Hall 267 Glimmerglass State Park, Cooperstown, NY

The Hyde Hall and Glimmerglass State Park Block Party. The event marks the start of our area's summer season and offers opportunities for the whole family from 10 AM – 3 PM. Over twenty local organizations and growing will participate with activities, animals, crafts, free programs, nature walks, and music around Hyde Hall's campus and around Glimmerglass State Park.

Glimmerglass State Park, in partnership with Friends of Recreation, Conservation and Environmental Stewardship (FORCES), will offer programs, leave no trace, fishing, camp safety, and provide guided hikes throughout the day.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hyde-hall-glimmerglass-state-park-block-party-tickets-525744715597>

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267 Glimmerglass State Park Road, Cooperstown, NY

Phone: (607) 547-5098

Email: [info@hydehall.org](mailto:info@hydehall.org)

<https://hydehall.org>

**June 17**

### Path Through History Weekend

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**June 17**

### Historic Gardens of Otsego Lake Tour

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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## JULY

July 3

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3:00 pm

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<https://otsegolakeassociation.org>

July 4

**Springfield 4th of July Parade and Celebration**

11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Join us for the annual Springfield 4th of July Parade starting at 11:00 am in Springfield Center, NY! This year's parade theme is "Salute to Lady Liberty".

Follow the parade to the Springfield Community Center for a patriotic celebration with Brooks' chicken barbecue, live music, historical displays, 4-H farm animals, raffles, and much more.

Free Parade Parking is available at the Springfield Community Center.

After the parade and celebration in Springfield Center, head to the beach at Glimmerglass State Park for a free evening concert featuring the Council Rock Band starting at 7:30pm, followed by a display of fireworks at dusk.

For more information, Email [springfield.july4@gmail.com](mailto:springfield.july4@gmail.com)

Springfield Community Center

129 County Rd 29A

Springfield Center, NY

July 4

**Independence Day Celebration**

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Starting at noon, watch as the Declaration of Independence is read aloud on the Bump Tavern Green. Take part in the 13 celebratory toasts as our Founding Fathers did with lemonade made from an 1840's recipe. Sit for an old-fashioned tintype portrait (weather permitting, \$30 per 4 x 5 tintype). 19th-century children's games will be provided for family play on the Bump Tavern Green.

During the event, museum artisans will demonstrate traditional blacksmithing, letterpress printing, and other trades throughout the day. At the print shop, you can pick up a copy of our 1840's lemonade recipe, printed on the museum's Liberty Job Press. Everyone can snack on cotton candy, ice cream, and slushies.

At the Lippitt Farmstead, learn about life on the farm and delight in the baby animals at the Children's Barnyard.

In the Main Barn, check out the new exhibition Growing Tomorrow's Farmers and our historic tool collection. You can also enjoy a ride on the Empire State Carousel, explore the Country Village, shop at Todd's General Store, and visit the famous Cardiff Giant. Sit on our tavern green while you enjoy grilled favorites from The Crossroads Café.



## OTSEGO COUNTY



The museum is open every day this summer from 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults and Juniors (ages 13-64): \$15.00; seniors (65+): \$12.50; youth (7-12): \$6.00; children (6 and under): free. The Farmers' Museum

5775 State Highway 80 (Lake Road)

PO Box 30

Cooperstown, NY 13326

Phone: 607-547-1450

Toll Free: 888-547-1450

[www.farmersmuseum.org](http://www.farmersmuseum.org)

July 10-11

**Junior Livestock Show**

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Junior Livestock Show brings together the best livestock and youth exhibitors from a nine-county region. In 2022, more than 160 youth handlers and 450 animals took part in the show. The event truly is a celebration of youth in agriculture as it tests the skills of youth handlers ages eight to eighteen who present animals (dairy cows, beef, swine, dairy goats, meat goats and sheep of various breeds) that they own, care for, and have prepared for competition.

Since 1947, The Farmers' Museum has collaborated with the Cooperative Extension's 4-H program to produce the show. It is conducted in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension County 4-H educators and clubs throughout central New York. On-site services are provided by the Leatherstocking Corporation. The show is sponsored in part by Chobani.

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## AUGUST

August 1-6

**Otsego County Fair**

The first day being an ag (agriculture) day with no midway, limited vendors, and free admission. By Wednesday the 2nd, the fair will be in full swing, with midway, fair food, and more attractions and entertainment than ever before.

We are hard at work putting together a full schedule of events and attractions. Be sure to follow us on Facebook to be notified of the latest updates on the fair and our off-season events.

Our fairgrounds will be filled with the sights and sounds of carnival rides, live music, and delicious food. The exhibits will showcase the best of our local agriculture and arts communities, including competitions for livestock, baking, and crafts.

Whether you're a long-time attendee or a first-time visitor, we know you'll have a great time at the Otsego County Fair. We can't wait to see you there!

<https://www.otsegocountyfair.org/>

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### General Herkimer State Historic Site

The General Herkimer State Historic Site near Little Falls on Route 5S pays homage to Herkimer County's namesake and Revolutionary War hero, General Nicholas Herkimer. His home is open to visitors in the spring through the autumn and the site stages a number of Revolutionary War era-based special events throughout the season.

### The Erie Canal

The Erie Canal, the State's oldest man-made trade route, winds through the Valley and offers numerous locks worth visiting. Lock 17 in Little Falls is considered to be one of the highest lift locks in the world. Its scenic surroundings add to the beauty of any stops along the canal.

### Historical Sites

Herkimer County and the Mohawk Valley are steeped in history echoing back to the early French, English and Palatine German settlers. Take a trip through our historic past by visiting the following:

- General Herkimer State Historic Site
- Indian Castle Church
- Fort Herkimer Church
- Historic Four Corners in Herkimer
- Fairfield Academy site
- Salisbury Covered Bridge
- Remington Gun Museum in Ilion
- Balloon Farm in Frankfort
- Fort Stanwix in Rome
- Oriskany Battlefield
- Fort Klock
- Johnston Hall in Johnstown
- Town of Webb Historical Building in Old Forge
- Erie Canal

Many towns and valleys have historical societies and buildings including the Herkimer County Historical Society in Herkimer that preserve the past so it will not be forgotten.

### Hiking

Part of the lure of Herkimer County is the ability to get out in the woods and back to nature. Miles and miles of trails crisscross the county and offer the hiker a wide variety of terrain and scenery to satisfy even the most discerning enthusiast. Just to name a few of our beautiful trails:

Nature Trail Along the Otsquago Creek, Van Hornesville, located on Route 80. There are waterfalls, above-ground caves to explore, a wooded trail to follow, picnic tables, grills, historical remnants, wildlife and spring flowers.

Moss Island, Little Falls is located adjacent to Lock 17 on the Erie Canal System. Stop and see the lock on your way; this is the highest lift lock on the Erie Canal System. Moss Island has glacier-formed potholes that are 10+ feet deep on the edge of the island. There is a great wooded walking trail to get there from the lock.

Herkimer County Community College Nature Center Interpretive Trail is located behind the College. Discover that a forest is more than an area covered by trees. It is a community populated with an enormous variety of plants and animals – all interacting, interrelated, and interdependent.

## HERKIMER EVENTS

### MAY

#### May 26 -28

#### Annual Great Adirondack Garage Sale

Over 200+ miles of garage sales with treasures to behold from Old Forge to Malone, Cranberry Lake to Speculator and everywhere in between! With offerings of vintage antiques, rustic furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, toys, clothing and more — there is always something for everyone. Towns located along NYS Routes 28, 30 & 3, including: Old Forge, Inlet, Raquette Lake, Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, Long Lake, Tupper Lake, Lake Clear, Paul Smiths, Malone, Cranberry Lake, Piercefield, Newcomb & Speculator. For additional information or to sign-up, please visit [www.GreatAdirondackGarageSale.com](http://www.GreatAdirondackGarageSale.com)

### JUNE

#### June 3 & 4

#### Paddlefest

[www.mountainmanoutdoors.com/paddlesports/adirondack-paddlefest](http://www.mountainmanoutdoors.com/paddlesports/adirondack-paddlefest)

#### June 17

#### Annual Father's Day Weekend Parade & Car Show

The judged show starts at 9am with cars required on the field at the Hildebrandt Recreation Center on North Street by Noon. Trophies and prizes will be awarded at 3pm. Cash prizes for Best of Show - Antique and Best of Show - Modified. Sponsored by the Central Adirondack Association.

#### June 18

#### Annual Father's Day Frog Jumping Contest

On the lakefront at Noon. Children can bring their champion frog to win prizes and fathers should wear their most outrageous tie! Largest, smallest, and longest jumper. Great family fun! Don't worry, all frogs are released unharmed. Sponsored by the Central Adirondack Association. Phone 315-369-6983 for additional information.

#### July 4

#### Old Forge Fourth of July Celebration

Music at the Lakefront and fireworks over Old Forge Pond. Please call 315-369-6983 for additional information.

### SEPTEMBER

#### September 3

#### Labor Day Weekend Celebration

Music, Automobile Raffle & Fireworks over the Old Forge Pond. Please call 315-369-6983 for additional information.

#### September 3

#### CAP-PY Duck Derby

Watch as 3,000 rubber ducks sail down the Moose River. Many great prizes from local sponsors. Sponsored by LivingADK. Please call 315-369-3353 for additional information.

#### September 8-10

#### 90 Miler Canoe Race

The Adirondack Canoe Classic, also known as the 90-miler, is a three-day, 90-mile canoe race from Old Forge to Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks of New York, United States. The race has drawn as many as 500 competitors from California to Florida, New Zealand and Canada paddling 250 canoes, kayaks and guideboats. <http://www.northernforestcanoetrail.org/adirondack90miler/>

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