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2023 Adirondack Sports Summer Expo

SARATOGA SPRINGS - The Adirondack Sports Summer Expo is happening March 18-19 at the Saratoga Springs City Center. A high-energy gathering of sports, health, fitness, and travel exhibitors and attendees!

Running, biking, hiking, paddling, triathlon, skiing, health, fitness, recreation, and travel will all be represented. Talk with exhibitors to get info about upcoming

events; purchase clothing, gear, and footwear; buy that kayak, canoe, or SUP you've had your eye on. Find a new destination for that getaway you've been thinking about. Whatever your reason for coming, you won't go away empty-handed.

2023 Show Hours

- March 18: 10am to 5pm
- March 19: 10am to 4pm

For more information visit adksports.com/summer-expo.

2023 Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo

TROY - The 2023 Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo will be held on March 24-26 at the Hudson Valley Community College.

Highlights will include artistic floral creations, stunning garden exhibits, garden seminars and demonstrations, and over 160 flower, garden, and outdoor living themed retail exhibits, plus NY wine, cider, and spirit tastings.

Partial proceeds from each ticket sold will benefit Wildwood Programs.

Show times are Friday 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm.

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2023 Albany Tulip Festival



ALBANY - The Tulip Festival is Albany's signature spring event. Featuring annual traditions rooted in the city's rich Dutch heritage, nearly one hundred artisans selling their handmade crafts, a fine arts show, delicious food, the KidZone family fun destination, two stages of world-class live entertainment and more than 140,000 tulips in 150 different varieties, the Tulip Festival is a sparkling showcase of local culture and business. It all takes place in historic Washington Park, the 81-acre "crown jewel" of the City.

2023 Dates & Times

- Saturday, May 13: 11:00AM - 6:00PM
- Sunday, May 14: 11:00AM - 6:00PM

Directions & Parking Info: For GPS directions to the main park entrance, use 1 New Scotland Ave, Albany NY 12208.

CDTA will provide complimentary shuttle service to Washington Park at these designated free parking locations:

Elk Street parking lot, located behind the State Education Building. The pick-up location will be Elk and Hawk at the stop sign.

Eagle Street parking lot, located at the corner of Eagle Street and Madison Avenue.

Shuttles will run every 20-25 minutes depending on traffic. These parking lots

are free to use the weekend of Tulip Festival.

Paid Tulip Festival Parking Locations:

Off-street parking for Tulip Fest is available just a short walk from Washington Park at the following ParkAlbany parking lots:

- Parking Lot 2: Located at 72 Central Ave. (Between

Central Ave. & Western Ave.)

- Parking Lot 3: Located at 327 Washington Avenue. (At Washington and Lexington Ave.)

- Parking Lot 4: Located at 124 Central Ave. (Between Central Ave. & Bradford St.)

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2023 Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo

TROY – Need inspiration for your garden this spring? The 2023 Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo (formerly known as the Capital District Garden & Flower Show), will be held Friday, March 24 to Sunday, March 26 at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY. Whether you're a professional in the industry, an amateur gardener, or you've literally never planted anything in your life, this is the showcase for you.

The Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo is an annual spring event that's loved by over 15,000 visitors who travel from across the Northeast to see beautifully designed floral displays, explore over 160 garden and flower themed retail exhibits, sample products from NYS wineries, cideries, and distilleries, and enjoy hours of workshops, demonstrations, and lectures.

Local landscape professionals spend months plan-

ning and executing the perfect timing with this show in order to ensure thousands of flowers will be in bloom at the same time. Constructing the displays takes many days to complete, but the results are absolutely breathtaking.

The show will take place Friday, March 24, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday, March 25, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; and Sunday, March 26, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at 80 Vandenburg Avenue in Troy.

General admission for the show is \$15, but you can save by purchasing in advance. Learn more on the ticket website: <https://ticketing.events/app/portal/ticket/1/7438/2023-capital-region-flower-garden-expo>

Part of the proceeds from the show will go toward Wildwood Programs, which supports individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities, complex learning disabilities, and autism.

2023 Spring Auto Show



SARATOGA SPRINGS - Help support the Saratoga Automobile Museum and join in for a fun day with friends, cars and so much more at the 2023 Spring Auto Show.

The show will be held May 13 from 9 am to 2pm and you may pre-register your car online at saratogaautomuseum.org. Pre-registration for this event will end on Friday, May 12 at 4 pm. Parking fee for spectators is \$10.

There will be trucks, motorcycles, great food, amazing automobiles, music and exciting day out for

the whole family!

For more information contact Megan Hennessey at 518.401.5185 or megan.@saratogaautomuseum.org

Event Schedule

- 9:00 AM Lawn Opens & Registration Begins
- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Spring Auto Show Judging Begins
- 1:00 PM Awards Ceremony With Event MC Ron Hedger
- 2:00PM Event Ends

The Saratoga Automobile Museum is located at 110 Avenue of the Pines in Saratoga Springs.

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30th Annual Washington County Fiber Tour

Save the date for the 30th annual Washington County Fiber Tour!

Since the early 1800s, Washington County has been a welcoming home for wool and other fiber production. During each day of the tour, you can visit alpacas, bunnies, goats, sheep and lambs, llamas, and more - on the farm; and meet the farmers and their families. This self-guided tour of ten farms fiber mills is free and open to the public. Farms are open both days from 10:00AM - 4:00PM unless otherwise noted on the event's official website.

Many of the Tour's fiber farmers exhibit their animals and products nationally, where they have won major awards at events like the Eastern States Exposition, the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival, the New England area North American Cashmere Goat Show, the Empire Alpaca Extrav-



aganza, and the Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival.

Enjoy the unique opportunity to learn from farmers throughout the county as they introduce you to their livestock and answer questions about their animals and the myriad uses of the fibers that they produce.

The Fiber Tour also offers the chance for visitors to learn about the fiber arts and to try their hand at a new craft technique. Most farms offer educational demonstrations and fun workshops throughout the weekend, showcasing a variety of fiber arts suitable for children and adults.

The Fiber Tour takes place rain or shine and visitors should dress for the weather.

For more information and a map of the participating farms, visit www.washingtoncountyfibertour.org.

2023 Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival

SARATOGA SPRINGS - If you love great jazz music and having fun, you don't want to miss the Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival at SPAC. It's the most popular jazz festival in the area and one of the most anticipated events in Saratoga each summer!

The Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival is held at Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Spa State Park on the last weekend of June each year. The 2023 Festival is set for June 24 & 25.

More than 20 world-class jazz artists will take the stage at SPAC this year. These A-list artists will perform all weekend long on the main stage (SPAC Amphitheater) and the Charles R. Wood "Jazz Discovery" Stage.

Performances on the Charles R. Wood "Jazz Discovery" Stage will begin at 11:00am on Saturday, June 24, and at 11:30am on Sunday, June 25. Amphitheater Stage performances will begin at 12pm on Saturday, June 24, and at 12:45pm on Sunday, June 25.

**Performer Lineup
Saturday, June 24
Amphitheater**
Snarky Puppy
Angelique Kidjo

Cory Wong
Tower of Power
Chucho Valdes Quartet
Cindy Blackman Santana Band

**Saturday, June 24 -
Charles R. Wood "Jazz
Discovery" Stage**
Kurt Rosenwinkel
Emmet Cohen Trio

Claudia Acuna
Carolyn Wonderland
Glen David Andrews
Nduduzo Makhathini

**Sunday, June 25
Amphitheater**
Bonnie Raitt

Pat Metheny Side-Eye
St. Paul & The Broken
Bones

Hiroimi: The Piano Quintet
feat. PUBLIQuartet

**Sunday, June 25 - Charles
R. Wood "Jazz Discovery"
Stage**

Samara Joy
Jupiter & Okwess
Melissa Aldana
Mark Guiliana

Skidmore Jazz Institute
Faculty All-Stars Centennial
Celebration of Wes Mont-
gomery, Tito Puente & Dex-
ter Gordon featuring Clay
Jenkins, Jimmy Greene, Mi-
chael Dease, Dave Stryker,
Bill Cunliffe, Todd Coolman
and Dennis Mackrel

For tickets or more infor-
mation, visit spac.org.

2023 Glens Falls Brewfest

GLENS FALLS - The Glens Falls Brewfest is a beer, wine, and cider tasting event that draws the best of the best local, regional, and national breweries, wineries, and cideries. This year the event will be held on April 1 (4-7pm) and is conveniently located at the COOL Insuring Arena (1 Civic Center Plaza, Glens Falls)! Doors open at 3:30 pm.


Don't miss your chance to taste samples from a long

list of craft beverage producers. Enjoy some of your favorite beverages or better yet, find new favorites!

Admission includes: Beer, cider & wine tastings, A souvenir tasting glass, Live music by Dirt Cheap and free food samples (while they last).

Tickets: \$50 in advance or \$65 at the door - \$50 designated driver ticket.

Make a weekend of it and join us for Taps & Apps Friday night before BREWFEST! Join us for an evening of sampling great food by chef Matthew Bolton and the SUNY Culinary Arts School paired with amazing brews from this year's guest brewer Battle Hill Brewing Co. A special combo package price is available for \$99 that also includes a ticket to Taps & Apps on Friday, March 31 and the full Brewfest on Saturday, April 1, 2023.



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43rd Annual Saratoga Antique Bottle Show & Sale

BALLSTON SPA - Antique Bottle Show and Sale to benefit the National Bottle Museum is coming to Ballston Spa June 4 from 9am to 2:30pm at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds, 162 Prospect Street Ballston Spa.

The Bottle Show is the Museums chief fundraiser and features all types of antique bottles and related items including early New England glass, flasks, Bitters, medicinal bottles, canning jars, milk bottles, ephemera and stoneware. Also to be found are bottles made to hold the mineral waters of Saratoga and the surrounding springs. Educational displays will be available and attendees are encouraged to bring in their old bottles for identification. Bottles with contents should be photographed. The show gives the Museum an opportunity to promote the fun and interesting hobby of bottle collecting, and people can learn from other collectors how and where to locate old bottles on their property that may have been a part of their families history.

The Bottle Museum will be open for those wishing



to learn a little more about the history of bottles and the glassblowing industry. For those interested in local history a new display entitled "Glass Factory Mountain: Making Bottles and Making History" provides an interactive interpretation of the Mt. Pleasant Glass works that was located in the town of Greenfield. The JRM artists space on the second floor will also be open with a showing of The Art Of The Bottle VI, with all art having a bottle thyme.

Food and refreshments will be available on site provided by the Brickyard

Tavern and Grill. Parking is free.

The National Bottle Museum is a not for profit educational institution chartered by the NYS Education Dept dedicated to the preservation and history of bottles and the glassblowing industry.

Flurry Festival 2023: Spring Bloom

SCHAGHTICOKE - The 2023 Flurry Festival Spring Bloom Event will take place June 2-4 at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds! Enjoy dances, workshops, and more during the event, which is a larger-scale take on the Flurry Festival Winter Roots event.

Dances and Workshops — such as contra, swing, Latin, English country, squares, vintage, clogging, Hip-Hop, Cajun, zydeco, Irish, Scandinavian, Middle Eastern, Asian, European, American and international folk, yoga and body movement, and more, as well as sessions on music creation and singing! Beginner to experienced sessions.

Make Music and Sing — in sessions such as Irish, Quebecois, Southern Old-Time, African, Scandinavian, Adirondack, Gospel & Community Singalongs,

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A Historical View of Vermont Democracy

BENNINGTON - A Loose Confederation of Villages: A Historical View of Vermont Democracy is a presentation by the Bennington Historical Society Presentation on April 16 from 2 to 3 pm at the Bennington Museum.

Originally developed for UVM Extension's town officer training program, this talk will explore the formation and implementation of Vermont's democracy from independent republic to the 21st century. What was the "mountain rule?" What was the role of the "overseer of the poor?" When did paper ballots start to sup-

plant the voice vote? How did Vermont navigate as a single-party state for 100 years? From comical to serious, Vermont's political history informs our work today.

A lifelong Vermonter, Steve Perkins' professional career has led him on a path of preserving and celebrating Vermont's unique history and iconic landscape.

The Bennington Museum is located at 75 Main Street in Bennington, VT. For more information about the museum or events visit benningtonmuseum.org or call 802-447-1571.

Buffalo Sunrise Spring Artisan Market

CAMBRIDGE - Spend the day at Lakota's Farm for our Annual Buffalo Sunrise Spring Artisan Market!

This event will take place from 10 AM-5 PM on June 3 & 4.

Bring the entire family for a fun-filled day on the farm. We will be kicking off the summer season with a celebration of local artists and makers, with live music, craft beverages, 50+ vendors, and food trucks. Relax by the bonfire, play a game of cornhole, and shop, all while taking in the mountainous view.

Sign the kids up for the Kids Zone, where they can pick a pot and plant a seed! \$5.00 per child sign up while supplies last.

For tickets and info, visit lakotaevents.com

CCS Drama Club

Presents: Into the Woods

CAMBRIDGE - CCS Drama Club presents: Into the Woods on the Hubbard Hall Mainstage.

The play, directed by Katherine Danforth with musical direction by Richard Cherry will include the Cambridge Central School Drama Club and friends. This dark musical comedy follows a childless Baker and his Wife on their quest to break a Witch's curse, and reimagines classic fairy tales such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and

Rapunzel, asking what happens after the "happily ever after."

This show contains mature themes and mild violence -- parental guidance recommended.

There will be six performances: March 24, 25, 26, 31, April 1, 2; Fridays & Saturdays at 7 pm; Sundays at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 students 21 and under.

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The Story of an Early Black Vermonter

BENNINGTON - Lucy Prince of Sunderland, and her Family: The story of an early Black Vermonter a Bennington Historical Society Presentation at the Bennington Museum on June 18 at 2 pm.

Lucy Terry Prince was born in Africa and brought to the colonies as a slave when she was five years old. When she was 70 years old, she moved to Sunderland, Vermont with some of her children. At that time only 0.2% of the people of Bennington County were Black. She struggled to obtain land that she felt was rightfully hers. Eventually many of the townspeople came to accept this loquacious woman, who



is best known as America's first African-American poet. This presentation will cover Lucy's years in Sunderland, her fight to keep her land, and stories about her children and grandchildren.

Avis Hayden has been a hobby genealogist since 1990. After retiring from her career in health care, she delved deeper into that field, completing a program in Genealogical Research from Boston University in

2016. She has published five research articles and has presented at the New England Historical and Genealogical Conference. She volunteers at the Bennington Museum Research Library and with the Russell Collection of Vermontiana.

The Bennington Museum is located at 75 Main Street in Bennington, VT. For more information about the museum or events visit benningtonmuseum.org or call 802-447-1571.

Saratoga Rally

SARATOGA SPRINGS - The Saratoga Rally is a noncompetitive tour open to all cars sponsored by the Saratoga Automobile Museum. The rally will travel rural country roads in Saratoga and Bennington. The Rally combines history and experience for a day of pure driving enjoyment. If you love your car, come and drive it.

Come out for the rally on Sunday, May 21 from 9 am to 3 pm. The museum is located at 110 Avenue of the Pines, in Saratoga Springs.

K9 Easter Egg Hunt

SCHUYLERVILLE - Grab your leash, grab your pup, and head to Hudson Crossing Park for the best K9 Easter egg Hunt around! HCP invites family members of the four legged variety to have a special K9 Easter Egg Hunt all of their own. Plastic eggs

are "hidden" throughout the park and packed with treats courtesy of Lazy Dog Cookie Company of Ballston Spa!

Your donation online is appreciated, \$10 per dog suggested donation or feel free to give extra for those who can't.

HCP volunteers/Egg Bunnies visit the park throughout the day to refill/re-hide to try to ensure visiting pups have the chance to "hunt." The hunt will be held April 8 and April 9 from 9am to 5pm.

Hudson Crossing Park is located at Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island just outside of the village of Schuylerville. For more information call 518-350 7275.

Molly Hatchet at the Live at The Strand

HUDSON FALLS - Molly Hatchet is celebrating their 40th Anniversary with a World Tour. They are getting ready to make a big announcement regarding a new record deal and more. After 40 years, Molly Hatchet is still workin' hard, playin' tough, livin' fast, and flirtin' with disaster!

Opening Act on March 17 will be Beaten' The

Odds at 7:30 pm followed at 9 pm by Molly Hatchet.

Balcony tickets can only be purchased from the Strand Theatre Box Office, or by calling 518.792.0996. Both balcony and lower level tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/molly-hatchet-with-opening-act-beatin-the-odds-tickets-472891159187>

Bonsai Bar at Argyle Brewing

CAMBRIDGE - Bonsai Bar is a night of fun you don't want to miss. Learn the fundamental skills and techniques behind the art of bonsai while enjoying a night out with friends! Bonsai Bar's teachers will introduce core concepts and guide your experience as you pot, prune, and design your very own bonsai tree!

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Get your squad together and come bonsai with us!

Register on Argyle Brewing Company Cambridge FB page and click on [eventbritelink](http://eventbritelink.com).

Poetry Night

CAMBRIDGE - Join Battenkill Books for an evening of Poetry. Bring several poems to read, either your own or someone else's. Open to the public, all are welcome. This

event will be held March 23 beginning at 6:30 pm at Battenkill Books, 15 East Main Street in Cambridge.

For more info call 518-677-2515 or email info@battenkillbooks.com.

3rd Annual Slate Valley Spring Craft Show

GRANVILLE - The Granville Area Chamber of Commerce Presents The 3rd Annual Slate Valley Spring Craft Show Locat-

ed on the Granville High School Front Lawn.

Don't miss this event! It will have dozens of vendors with hand crafted items

The craft sale will take place Saturday, June 3 with a rain date for June 4, 9 am to 2 pm.

If you would like to be a vendor please or have questions about the event ask for an application by emailing TeresaLoomis@Slatevalleyevent@yahoo.com or call (518) 955-0513 10x10 space is \$25

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Live Music with Dan Costello

SALEM - Jacko's Corner is thrilled to welcome back the talented Dan Costello on Saturday, March 18 from 6 to 8 pm. Costello has been described as "Smart, funny, quirky" by Jezebel Music. If you were lucky enough to catch him playing with us last fall, you experienced that firsthand!

With original folk guitar, ragtime piano, hip hop, show-tunes, kids songs, comedy and rock 'n roll, Dan Costello's eleven albums demonstrate a virtuosic range and a defiant unwillingness to be categorized. In live performances, Costello's just as likely to tell a story as he is to play the favorites from his albums, or to lead the crowd in a sing-along.

Come hang out and enjoy Dan's energetic and unique set while you eat some yummy food and sip on craft beer, wine and cider. No tickets necessary. Like what you hear, tip the artist

as inspired. Table reservations always appreciated by emailing info@jackoscorn-er.com. Walk-ins welcome!

Jacko's is located at 190 Main Street in Salem. The show begins at 6pm.

Two-Day Intro to Bladesmithing Workshop

SALEM - A Two-Day Intro to Bladesmithing Workshop hosted by Salem Art Works will take place April 15 and 16.

In this two-day intro to bladesmithing workshop, participants can expect to take home a finished 5" full tang knife with hardwood scales.

Beginners are welcome, along with people who may have already taken a prior class and have some experience in blacksmithing.

Students must wear closed-toed shoes, have hair tied, a hat or bandana (recommended), and long

pants. Wear natural-fibered clothing and avoid synthetic fabrics.

There is a 25% cancellation fee for all workshops and classes if requested with two weeks of prior notice. Deposits and payments are nonrefundable within two weeks of the scheduled date.

Register on Salem Art Works website. For more information call 518-854-7674 or email info@salemartworks.org.

Capital Wine Festival

ALBANY - Empire State Wine Events brings back the newly-titled Capital Wine Festival. Sample wine, spirits, and food from over 40 vendors!

Enjoy unlimited samples

of wines and spirits from across New York State's fantastic wine regions. The Capital Wine Festival will be held at the Albany Capital Center on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 1pm-9pm.

Purchase your favorite bottles for take-home and we will store them in the holding area until you are ready to leave. There will be food to purchase and eat on site as well as to sample. There will also be a few partner vendors selling personal care items or crafts.

In addition to sampling and shopping, you can enjoy:

The self-guided Paint and Sip attraction. We'll have all the painting supplies laid out on tables for you to paint either from the

example pictures or whatever you want. We'll have a space to lay out your paintings to dry, and you can pick them up to take home at the end.

DJ with FREE photo booth so you can dance the night away.

Wine glass with insignia for you to use for sampling and then to take home afterwards.

There are two sessions, so purchase your ticket for either Session 1 (\$25), which is from 1-4 pm, or Session 2 (\$30), which is from 6-9m, or the VIP ticket (\$35), which gets you into the second session an hour early at 5pm. VIP tickets are also limited, so you will be able to enjoy sampling with a smaller crowd and shorter lines during the first hour.

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Highway Deficiencies: How Route 7 Explains 20th Century Vermont

BENNINGTON - Our Highway Deficiencies: How Route 7 Explains 20th Century Vermont will be a Bennington Historical Society Presentation at the Bennington Museum on May 21 at 2 pm.

In 1957, Governor Joseph Johnson promised the citizens of southwestern Vermont that the state would rebuild the region's main north-south highway, Route 7, "to standards comparable with the interstate system." In the two decades that followed the question of what to do with Route 7 became a topic of bitter dispute in the region. Supporters of a new

road hoped that the conversion of Route 7 to a divided, four-lane, limited-access highway would stimulate the region's economy. Detractors of a new road saw it as potentially an existential threat to the way of life enjoyed by the region's residents. The conflict over Route 7 pitted different kinds of southwestern Vermonters, and different kinds of southwestern Vermont towns, against each other. The question of what to do with Route 7 has significance far beyond its region: the conflict over it embodied the tensions that pervaded life in Vermont in the second half of the twentieth century, as Vermonters throughout the state wrestled with the competing allures of progress and development on the one hand, and preservation and tradition on the other. In this presentation, NVU history professor Paul Searls will discuss how the

debate over what to do with southwestern Vermont's major roads between the 1950s and the 1990s is, in many ways, a metaphor for the transition Vermont as a whole underwent in those decades. A discussion will follow in which audience members are encouraged to share their memories and feelings about the history of the area's major roads, and the evolution of southwestern Vermont as a whole.

Paul Searls is professor of history at Northern Vermont University. He received his Ph.D. from New York University. His most recent book, *Repeopling Vermont*, was published in 2019.

The Bennington Museum is located at 75 Main Street in Bennington, VT. For more information about the museum or events visit benningtonmuseum.org or call 802-447-1571.

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This one-day, six-hour workshop is available for beginners with no prior experience but is also useful for people with some prior experience as well.

Students must wear closed-toed shoes, have hair tied, a hat or bandana (recommended), and long pants. Wear natural-fibered clothing and avoid synthetic fabrics.

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HARTFORD - Come out June 6 at 6:30pm to the Hartford Baptist Church, 56 Main Street (Co. Rte. 23) in Hartford for a talk with Charles Vavrina as he discusses Washington County's 123rd regiment during the Civil War.

Dr. Vavrina is the author of "When This Cruel War is Over: The Civil War Letters and Diary of William J. McCollum, Company F, 123rd New York Volunteer Infantry" which contains 94 letters spanning the years 1862 - 1865 as well

as the 1865 diary of Sergeant McCollum.

Enlisted into the 123rd in Argyle, Sergeant McCollum's letters describe not only his camp life and marching orders, but also his concerns for his family back home on the farm with references to the fate of countless friends and acquaintances both at war and back in Washington County. After his service McCollum returned and resided in Salem, NY outside of Shushan.

This Author Talk will be

held at the Hartford Baptist Church, 56 Main Street (Co. Rte. 23), Hartford, NY at 6:30pm and is open to the public.

Directly across from the church is the 123rd Recruitment Center, a part of the Hartford Museum, which will be open before the program at 5pm. The center, where hundreds of Washington County men signed up to fight in the Civil War, now houses a fine collection of the memorabilia of the 123rd Regiment.

Free Concert

SALEM - Tim O'Shea comes to the Historic Salem Courthouse from Killarney in the southwest of Ireland. His musical repertoire draws from the dance music of his native Sliabh Luachra and West Kerry folk traditions, and Irish and Scottish performers like Jimmy McCarthy and Andy M. Stewart. Tim has toured for over 30 years, bringing his music to Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and the USA.

Tim will be joined by Padraig Timoney (guitar, fiddle, vocal) originally from Dublin, and Irish dancer Andrew Colletti.

This is a free concert with no reservations. Seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 6:30 for the 7 pm event.

Thank you to the sponsors! - Live! Folklife Concerts are produced and recorded by the Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library, and partially funded by the New York State Council on the Arts - Folk Arts Program, with the support of the Governor's office and the NYS Legislature.

The concert will be held March 24 6:30-8 pm at the Historic Salem Courthouse at 58 Broad Street in Salem.

Mother's Day Banquet

GREENWICH - Join us for a special brunch to honor a mother in your life on Sunday, May 14 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Christ the King Center on Burton Road in Greenwich. Register by visiting Christ the King website - Events For information call 518-692-9550 or email info@ctkcenter.org. Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm

Nights at the Museum

SARATOGA SPRINGS - The Saratoga Automobile Museum is staying open late every last Wednesday of the Month! Join us for Nights at the Museum - a new way to experience the Saratoga Automobile Museum! Every month will feature a new special event; from social mixers to live music, trivia and games to special guest speakers - plus every month will feature an "under the lights"

private tour of the featured exhibit by Museum Curator Steve Struss.

For this installment of Nights at the Museum on March 29 from 6 to 8pm, join us for a community social mixer and private tour of the new Bond in Motion exhibit! Light refreshments and drinks to be served, plus a cash bar.

The museum is located at 110 Avenue of the Pines, in Saratoga Springs.



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- Scam Alert Presentation with free lunch, Monday April 3, TBD
- Story Court, Thursday April 6 7pm
- Faux Paws - Folklife Concert Series, Friday April 14 7-8:30pm
- Dan Shulman - Chamber Music, Sunday April 16 3pm
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Faux Paws Concert at the Courthouse

SALEM - The Faux Paws Concert is coming to the Historic Salem Courthouse in Salem on April 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

From raging fiddle tunes, to saxophone solos and unrequited love songs, the music of The Faux Paws would be hard to pin down with standard genre descriptions. The trio's contagious groove, and feel-good melting pot folk music has been honed over ten years of playing together, and is the sound of three close friends (two of which happen to be brothers), who feel a musical kinship that transcends any stylistic limitations.

Doors open at 6:30 for

the 7 pm show.

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Ladies Brunch

FORT ANN - The Trap Presents "The Traphouse Ladies Brunch" on March 19. There will be two seatings at 10:30 am and 1 pm with a cost of \$40 per person and includes brunch and a show.

Call 518-636-5461 for reservations

The Trap is located at 5 Buttermilk Falls Road in Fort Ann.

Salem April Fool's Race

SALEM - Take part in the Salem April Fool's Race, one of the oldest races around. This race offers a 10K, 5K, and a children's 1-mile run.

Race Starting Times

- * 9am: 10K Race
- * 10am: 1-mile children's race (ages 14 and under)
- * 10:30am: 5K Race

Entry Fees

\$15 registration on race day

\$12 if registered before April 4th

\$6 for 1-mile race (pre-race or race day)

You can run in two races for one entry fee.

All entrants will receive an April Fool's tee-shirt. Child medium and large are available.

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The 1-mile course is run on all school grounds. It starts with one lap around the track, continues out the driveway to the high school wing, and returns to the finish line at the bus garage.

Proceeds support the Rotary student exchange program and the Salem Central School Class of 2025.

All entrants get a tee-shirt. Child medium and large available.

Live Music with Caity Gallagher

SALEM - Mark your calendars! Folk singer-songwriter Caity Gallagher hits

the Jacko's stage on Saturday, April 15th for her debut show.

Likened to a modern combination of Jewel and Jackson Browne, Caity elevates melodic, lyrical, and emotional expression in her music, with each song aiming to map the endless meandering paths of the human experience.

Come down and experience Caity's rootsy compositions and lilting vocal lines as she showcases intimate lyrics that tell universally relatable stories. As always, libations will be flowing!

Table reservations - email info@jackoscorner.com. Walk ins always welcome. No tickets necessary but if you like what you hear, tips to the talented artist is always appreciated.

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Music at the Museum: The Maestro Experience

BENNINGTON - Music at the Museum presents The Maestro Experience with Thomas Lawrence Toscano on March 25 from 2 to 4 pm.

The Maestro Experience delivers the audience to new ways of hearing and experiencing music through the works of Beethoven, Mahler and Richard Strauss. It will start you on a path to hear and listen at the "Maestro's" level; an introduction to connecting with symphonic music. Through the guidance of Thomas Lawrence Toscano, conductor/composer, participants will find themselves drawn into higher levels of listening, as barriers to the expressive energies inherent in this art form are revealed and subsequently dissolved. This unique process opens powerful connections transforming all into a new

personal relationship with music.

Please Note: Due to the unique nature of this experience, additional audience members will not be admitted once the program has begun. Please plan to arrive before 2:00.

The Bennington Museum is located at 75 Main Street in Bennington, VT. For more information about the museum or events visit benningtonmuseum.org or call 802-447-1571.

Craft Fair

SALEM - A spring craft fair hosted by the Salem United Methodist Church will be held April 1 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Browse local creations at our first Spring Craft Fair! Everything from knitted cozies and unique pottery to striking photography and delicious baked goods!

If you are a vendor and interested in purchasing a table for \$20, please contact Cindy Miller at cindymiller1@gmail.com. The church is located at 29 West Broadway in Salem.

Music from Salem Concert

CAMBRIDGE - On Saturday, April 22 at 4 pm Hubbard Hall will host a Music from Salem Spring Concert. The program will include Caroline Shaw: Schisma for String Quartet performing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Quintet for Strings in C Major, K 516. Following an intermission will be Felix Mendelssohn: String Quintet in B flat Major, Opus 87 performed by the Julius Quartet: Helen Hyun Jeong Lee and David Do, violins; John Batchelder, viola; Sebastian Kozub, cello and Lila Brown, viola.

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brated in style with a rockin' after-party with a free beer garden for those of age, live music, and food.

There are three routes to choose from: The legendary 75.7-mile Gran Fondo, the 45-mile Medio Fondo, and the 24.2-mile Piccolo Fondo. All are welcome to pick their distance, reserve their spot, and join the exclusive club of riders who can say they've ridden The Tour of the Battenkill.

Get more info and register: <https://tourofthebattenkill.com>.

Comedy Night

FORT EDWARD - The Fort Edward Fire house presents Stand-Up Comedy Night! Saturday March 25th. Doors Open at 6 PM and the show starts at 8 PM. Featuring Gene Trifilo with headliner Eddie Clark and host Vinnie Mark. For more info call 518-747-0513 or contact any Fort Edward fire department member. The fire department is located at 114 Broadway in Fort Edward.

Upper Hudson Maple Weekends Return this March

GREENWICH – After two years of absence the New York Maple Weekends are returning this March! The event is hosted by the New York State Maple Producers Association and proudly funded by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. New York Maple Weekends allows you to visit your local verified maple producer. Producers will open their doors to visitors to enjoy some local maple syrup and experience how NY maple products are made. This year's Maple Weekends are March 18-19 and 25-26.

Upper Hudson producers and producers across the state are excited to

welcome visitors back to their sugarhouses for this year's Maple Open House Weekends. Visitors will have the chance to see how maple products are made, learn how to cook or bake with maple syrup, maple sap and other maple products, experience the unique family traditions of maple syrup making, and witness sustainable agriculture at work. Tours and product samples are offered free-of-charge at most locations. Some producers offer on-site pancake breakfasts which incur a modest fee.

When visiting a producer, it is important to dress accordingly. Many sugarhouse locations are rustic,

and most will be muddy. Wearing layers and closed-toed or insulated shoes are highly recommended.

Maple Weekends began as "Maple Sunday" back in 1995. 2022 marks the 26th year of the event which now spans over four days on two weekends. So, make the trek to your local maple producer this March to celebrate the first agricultural harvest of the year and partake in this yearly agricultural tradition.

For more information on the NYS Maple Weekends visit mapleweekend.nysmaple.com. For information specific to the Upper Hudson region check out their website at www.upperhudsonmaple.com.

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