

Thursdays-Fall 2022

Dutch Apple Cruise & USS Slater

Kathy Livingston

Thurs Aug. 25; 12-4 pm

Departs from Broadway & Quay in Albany- 1 pm

Take a Dutch Apple Sightseeing Cruise on the scenic and historic Hudson River!

Round trip cruise departs from Intersection of Broadway & Quay St - 141 Broadway, Albany, NY 12202 and heads South to Castleton, NY, before returning back to Albany. The first 45 mins of the cruise, our Hudson River Narrator will talk about Albany and point out sights along the river. The second 45 mins of the cruise, passengers are able to relax, listen to music and enjoy the sights. Don't forget to bring your binoculars, for possible bald eagle sightings! All cruises are rain or shine events.

Optional: While you are in the area, also stop by for a tour of the USS Slater: USS Slater is a Cannon-class destroyer escort that served in the United States Navy and later in the Hellenic Navy. Following service during World War II, the ship was transferred to Greece and renamed Aetos. Decommissioned in 1991, the destroyer escort was returned to the United States.

Moored on the Hudson River in **Albany, New York**, the **USS SLATER** has undergone an extensive restoration that has returned the ship to her former glory. The museum offers one hour guided tours, youth group overnight camping, and a historic location to hold naval reunions. SLATER is open for her 25th season in **Albany!**

- 141 Broadway & Quay St, Albany, NY 12202

Participants should bring: Non-slip shoes for deck; Some climbing over open stairways on USS Slater.

Dutch Apple Fees: \$22-Members (65+) / \$25-Sr.Guests (65+); \$25-Members (under 65) / \$28- (guests under 65); \$\$ payable to SCHOOL: Reserve and pay by Aug. 19th. No Refund after Aug.22.

Additional Fee: USS Slater Option: \$10 Payable as Walk-up that day.

Jefferson Museums & History

Kevin Berner

Thurs Sept 8, 1-4 pm

Jefferson, NY

The Jefferson Historical Society now has two museums. The Fuller District schoolhouse was built in 1837 and was restored by Cleo Moore. Upon his death it was donated to the town and moved close to the Jefferson hamlet. Adjacent to the schoolhouse is a short walking trail to a historic mill site.

We also have developed a museum of the town's history in Judd Hall. That building was built in 1865 as a Masonic Lodge. The historical society purchased it in 2017 and has been restoring it. The first floor is used for programming and the second floor houses our new museum. We will visit all three of these sites.

Start at Judd Hall is at 163 Main Street, Jefferson, NY 12093. The Fuller District Schoolhouse is at 695 North Harpersfield Road, Jefferson, NY 12093.

Participants should bring: Good walking shoes.

Hike the Plotterkill Preserve

Kathy Livingston

Thurs Sept 1; 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Near Mariaville, NY

Rushing waters from ancient glacial meltwaters carved this rugged gorge leaving two waterfalls and lots of lush forest to explore on trails in this preserve near Mariaville in Schenectady county. Join us for a good hike of about 2.2 miles over various types of paths (stone, some roots and hills, some dirt; rated moderate level of difficulty in portions; stream crossing- usually dry to a trickle of water at this time of year). Fall colors and a 60' waterfall, plus other smaller ones are some of your rewards.

Recommended: Hiking boots, bug spray, cell phone, & walking stick.

Directions: From the west (Cobleskill area): Take I-88 to Exit 25 to Rte 7 east (left at light). Continue on Rt. 7 past Shalmon School to Burdeck Street (NY 337). Turn left and follow Burdeck Street for 1 block and turn to the left (or north) onto NY 159 (Mariaville Road). Continue 1.9 miles to the Plotter Kill Preserve parking lot (on the right). GPS: N42 49.538' / W74 03.100'

Improvisation and You

Thurs Sept 8, 22, Oct 13, 27; 3:30-5:30 pm

Julia Walter

The Community Library

Improvisation class for beginners and advanced students to work on characterization, plot, improvisation games and fun. This class is open to everyone - people who have experience onstage and people who would like to try. This class is open to students of any age. Please wear clothes that are comfortable

Rail Explorers- Milford to Cooperstown

Thurs Sept. 15th -11:30 am

Milford, NY

Wendy Wilson

Max 20

Ride the Rails from Milford to Cooperstown in rail bike/cars equipped with electric pedal assist motors. Journey through farm lands and forests along the Susquehanna River and rumble across historic trestle bridges. 2 1/2 hours. 20 minute break at midway. Bring light refreshment to enjoy at the midway break.

Fee: \$40.00 per Member/ \$45 per guest for quad bike; (Payable to SCHOOL)

Meet at 11 a.m. on Sept. 15th at 136 East Main Street, Milford, NY. Directions and further info will be emailed to those who sign up.

US Army Military Operations in WWI

Thurs Sept 22;

5-7 pm

SUNY/Coby

Dr. Salvador Rivera; PhD

Warner 111

Join Dr. Salvador Rivera as he gives a lecture that will focus exclusively on US military operations in World War 1.

Martin Van Buren's Historic Home Tour and Hike

Thurs Sept 22, 10 am - 12 pm

Carolyn Melszer

RSVP 9/15

Kinderhook, NY

We will tour Martin Van Buren's historic home and beautifully landscaped Lindenwald estate, along with a hike. We will meet in Kinderhook at the home on Route 9H. After the tour we can hike on one of 2 forested trails. One trail leads to the Van Allen home (1.7 miles – no dogs) and the other is on the other side of 9H, a short distance from the home (trail is about 1.4 miles). Trails are beautifully wooded and maintained, some gravel.

Participants should wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water and bug spray-might need masks.

Location: **1013 Old Post Rd, Kinderhook, NY 12106**

There is no fee, but please arrive by 9:45 am so we can start at 10.

Leatherstocking Trolley Tour of Cooperstown Village/Lunch at Origins Café

Wendy Wilson

Thurs Sept. 29th at 11 am.(arrive 10:30)

Cooperstown, NY

Narrated Trolley Tour of Historic Cooperstown Village. About 75 minutes, with some short stops. Leave from the Blue trolley lot on Linden Avenue at 11:00 (Please Arrive by 10:30 am).

After our Tour, we will journey to Origins Café for a unique dining experience. 558 Beaver Meadow Rd. Cooperstown. Lunch will be on your own.

Fee for Trolley Tour: \$17.00 members, \$22.00 non-members. (Gratuity included): Payable to SCHOOL. Register and pay by Sept. 15th. No refunds after Sept 25th.

Lunch at Origins on your own.

Further directions for participants will follow closer to the date.

Card Games for Everyone

Thurs Oct 6, 13, 20; 1-2:30 pm

The Community Library

Nancy VanDeusen & Sandy MacKay

Min 4 / Max 8

Learn and enjoy several simple, easy card games that can be played with two to four players, some with six. Should be familiar with a standard deck of cards.

Participants should bring: Open mind and willingness to learn new games.

Earth Population and Environment

Anne Myers

Discussion of human values and the effect on our environment. What changes should we make?

Thurs Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, and Nov 3; 3-4 pm
United Methodist Church-Golding Lounge

Johnson's Restaurant Motel

Karen Cuccinello

Johnson's Restaurant Motel, Summit, NY 1962-1989:

The life and times of Andy and Vicky Johnson, and their business in Summit. Andy came from South Carolina and Vicky came from Belgium. They met and married in Germany. Together they had restaurants in Harlem then bought land in Summit 1957.

Thurs Nov 17; 1-2 pm The Community Library

Learn to Meditate

Doreen Russo

This course will introduce the basics of mindfulness meditation and how to establish a regular practice. It is for beginners as well as those interested in expanding their meditation practice. Class time will be spent discussing aspects of meditation and doing short guided meditations. Meditation is known to enhance practitioners' health and well-being, particularly by making them more present and less reactive in daily life.

Thurs Oct 27, Nov 3, 10, 17; noon-1 pm

Max 15

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