

## Saturday-Sunday Spring 2023

### **SAT24: NYS Museum Tour**

*Anna Doren*

**Sat. April 22 - 1 pm tour start**

222 Madison Avenue, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY

You will see the Adirondack exhibit, Minerals of NYS, a reproduced Iroquois Longhouse and dioramas, animals of NYS, and more. Highly recommended is the 9/11 display, including a video conversation with a fireman just out of the buildings. The Cohoes Mastodon was recreated from its skeleton which was preserved in mud for thousands of years. **We will meet just inside the main entrance lobby at 12:30 pm** to collect our donations, get maps, and start our one-hour tour. You can arrive as early as 9:30 am and depart as late as 5:00 pm, if you wish. Don't forget the merry-go-round on the upper floor!

**Fees:** Donation (Optional) will be collected at the museum by Heather Johnson inside the Main entrance when the group gathers for the tour.

On-site lunch sources will be closed so pack a lunch or plan to leave the building. In- and outside seating is available for lunch.

**Directions:** T-way to 87S, left at Rt.20 (Western Ave.), bear right at Madison Ave., parking at west side of museum; Parking west of museum and street parking free on weekends. Parking under the mall is \$5 on weekends.

Meet inside the Main Entrance lobby at 12:30 pm for the SCHOOL group tour.

### **SAT25: Albany Institute of History and Art**

*Mallory Schultz*

**Sat. May 6 – 1 pm tour start**

125 Washington Ave, Albany, NY

Enjoy the rotating and the permanent exhibitions with a tour guide, (see website), as well as ART FOR ALL any time between 10-4:30. **We will meet for either the docent or private tour guide (TBA) at 12:45 near the main entrance**, and the tour will start at 1, but you can leave as late as 4:30.

**Fees:** Register and pay by April 30 and Pay \$10 at registration to SCHOOL.

**Directions:** Take the NYS Thruway to exit 23. After the tollbooth, go straight ahead onto I-787 north to the Empire State Plaza exit 3. Follow the ramp signs to the Empire State Plaza and proceed along the ramp that goes into a tunnel under the Plaza. Stay in the right lane. Take right onto Swan St. Stay in the left lane as you proceed up the hill and cross State Street. Continue on Swan Street as you cross Washington Avenue. At the end of Swan Street, turn left onto Elk Street. The entrance to the Albany Institute's parking lot will be on your left before the next street, Dove Street. Metered parking is also available on the surrounding streets. Free on Weekends. OR T-way to exit 24, Continue on 90 to exit 4, signs to Washington Ave, East to #125 Washington (downtown).

### **SAT47: Birding How-To**

**(Class 1 - Fri. April 28 at 10am at Carlisle Town Hall)**

**Class 2 - Sat. April 29 at 8am: Birdwalk 1 at Carlisle Town Hall Walking Trail**

**Class 3 - Sat. May 6 at 8am: Birdwalk 2 at Landis Arboretum**

*Chris Keefer*

Max 15

Birding is a fun and rewarding lifelong hobby. Learn some tips and ideas to help you identify birds through field marks, habitats, behavior and vocalizations. Learn how to best use binoculars, spotting scopes, birding apps and field guides. One in-house class and two bird walks will instruct and help you sharpen your skills. Binoculars are a must. Spotting scopes, field guides and tripods can be useful, but not necessary. (For another, optional, opportunity, the Carlisle Historical Society will have its Annual Bird Tour on May 13).

**Participants should bring:** Binoculars are a must. Spotting scopes, field guides and tripods can be useful, but not necessary

**Directions:** **Class 1:** Carlisle Town Hall, 541 Crommie Road, Carlisle, NY; **Class 2:** Carlisle Town Hall Walking Trail, 541 Crommie Road, Carlisle, NY; **Class 3:** Landis Arboretum, 174 Lape Road, Esperance, NY

## **SUN78: Guided Walking Tour - Cobleskill Battlefield Sun. April 23; 2-4 pm**

*Turning Point 1777 – Jeff and Pam O’Connor*

Warnerville, NY

Take a Guided Walking Tour of the regionally significant Revolutionary War battlefield where Mohawk War Captain Joseph Brant routed a mixed force of Continental and Cobus Kill militia on May 30, 1778. This battle was partially fought on SUNY Cobleskill property in Warnerville, on the old Warner family farm. Included on the tour loop are key elements of the battle, such as the Warner house site that played a critical role at the beginning and final stages of the battle.

Throughout the tour, descriptions of the participants and leaders, their relative experience, strengths, and composition of the combatants will be presented. Within the battle narrative is a full immersion into 18<sup>th</sup> century warfare practices, especially as they were implemented on the wooded frontier. The Battle of Cobus Kill was the first of the so-called “Border Wars” of New York during the American Revolution and a brutal harbinger of things to come. It set the stage for a bloody exchange of attacks through the war that nearly depopulated the Schoharie and Mohawk Valleys and destroyed much of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Six Nations) country. The tour ends with a visit by car to the likely ambush site about a mile west.

**Participants should bring:** Wear comfortable shoes, dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Most of the walking is on pavement or farm road, but there is a short walk up a grassy hill. Tour loop is about 1.5 miles, with stops.

**Fee:** Group rate of \$8 per person for tour, payable to SCHOOL with registration.

**Directions:** Meet at the Cobleskill Creek Trail parking lot of the Warnerville Cut-off in Warnerville).

## **PLAYS AND MUSICALS AT PROCTORS**

### **SAT89: Sixties Spectacular at Proctors**

**Sat. April 29- 7 pm**

Proctors Theater, Schenectady

*Host: Rosemarie Keller*

An incredible four act **SIXTIES SPECTACULAR** is coming to Proctors Theatre, Schenectady, New York on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm. **HERMAN’S HERMITS** starring **PETER NOONE** is the headliner. The other acts include **JAY AND THE AMERICANS**, **THE BUCKINGHAMS**, and **THE 1910 FRUITGUM COMPANY**.

Herman’s Hermits classic hits have sold more than sixty million records and include #1 singles “I’m Into Something Good,” “I’m Henry VIII, I Am,” and “Mrs. Brown You’ve Got a Lovely Daughter.” Other hit singles are “Listen People,” “Silhouettes,” “Can’t You Hear my Heartbeat,” “A Must to Avoid,” “There’s a Kind of Hush” and “No Milk Today.” In all, 14 singles and 7 albums went gold, and the Hermits were twice named Cashbox’s “Entertainer of the Year.”

For Jay and the Americans, in 1963, “Only in America” was a hit. In 1964, “Come a Little Bit Closer” went to #2 on the charts. From 1965-1970, their hits included the incomparable “Cara Mia” (#4), “This Magic Moment” (#9), “Some Enchanted Evening” and “Walkin in the Rain.”

**Dennis Tufano** was the original lead singer on all The Buckingham’s hits. The Buckingham’s had a string of hits, including the #1 smash “Kind of a Drag.” Other hits include “Don’t You Care,” “Hey Baby, They’re Playing our Song,” “Mercy, Mercy, Mercy” and “Susan”.

Opening the show will be the **1910 Fruitgum Company**. They defined “bubble gum pop” in the 60s. Their hits included “Simon Says” (#4 US/#2 UK charts), “1,2,3 Red Light” (#5) and “Indian Giver” (#5). All three gold

records sold over a million copies, with “Simon Says” selling almost 5 million. Their other hit was “May I take a Giant Step.” Led by original lead singer, Frank Jeckell, they are a fun, exciting way to open the Sixties Spectacular.

Four great acts will bring back joyful memories of the Sixties to Proctors Theatre.

**Fees:** Balcony-center seats (10 available): \$50/ea for members/ \$55/ea for guests (Payable to SCHOOL); Register and pay by March 15, 2023....No refunds after this date.

We have 10 tickets pre-reserved for these seats: First 10 to sign up and pay in full are guaranteed tickets- additional will be based on availability at the time and may not be seated with the rest of the group. Higher rates apply for orchestra and front balcony (“dress circle”) and can be pursued, if desired and if available.

**Directions:** State Street, Schenectady, Proctors Theater- This is a drive-yourself event; Please plan to arrive at least 45 minutes early. Masks and proof of COVID vaccination may be required to be inside the theater.

### **SAT94: Hamilton at Proctors**

*Host: Rosemarie Keller*

**Sat. March 18 - 2 pm**

Proctors Theater, Schenectady

HAMILTON is the story of America’s Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington’s right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and was the new nation’s first Treasury Secretary. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway. HAMILTON is the story of America then, as told by America now.

In this updated approach, HAMILTON has taken the story of American founding father Alexander Hamilton and created a revolutionary moment in theater—a musical that has had a profound impact on culture, politics, and education. With book, music, and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, direction by Thomas Kail, choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler, and musical supervision and orchestrations by Alex Lacamoire, HAMILTON is based on Ron Chernow’s acclaimed biography. It has won Tony®, Grammy®, and Olivier Awards, the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and an unprecedented special citation from the Kennedy Center Honors.

**Fees:** Balcony-left (8 available): \$50/ea for members/ \$55/ea for guests (Payable to SCHOOL). Register and pay by March 15, 2023....No refunds after this date.

First 8 to sign up and pay in full are guaranteed tickets- additional will be based on availability at the time and may not be seated with the rest of the group. Higher rates apply for orchestra and front balcony (“dress circle”) and can be pursued, if desired and if available.

**Directions:** 432 State Street, Schenectady, Proctors Theater- This is a drive-yourself event; Please plan to arrive at least 45 minutes early. Masks and proof of COVID vaccination may be required to be inside the theater.

### **SUN95: Lion King at Proctors**

*Host: Rosemarie Keller*

**Sun. Aug. 6 - 1 pm**

Proctors Theater, Schenectady

This is Disney’s THE LION KING, making its triumphant return to Proctors!

Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist.

Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, THE LION KING brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. Tony Award®-winning director Julie Taymor brings to life a story filled with hope and adventure set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. THE LION KING also features the extraordinary

work of Tony Award®-winning choreographer Garth Fagan and some of Broadway's most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award®-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice.

More than 100 million people around the world have experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage.

**Fees:** Lower level-orchestra left seats (5 available): \$88/ea for members/ \$93/ea for guests; Balcony-left (5 available): \$40/ea for members/ \$45 for guests (Payable to SCHOOL). Register and pay by June 01, 2023....No refunds after this date. This event is expected to sell out, so first come/first served for these reservations.

First 10 to sign up and pay in full are guaranteed tickets- additional will be based on availability at the time and may not be seated with the rest of the group. Higher rates apply for orchestra and front balcony ("dress circle") and can be pursued, if desired and if available.

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