

MONDAYS - FALL 2026

M01 Franklin Mountain Hawkwatch

Andrew Mason

Mon., Sept. 14; 10:30 - 11:30 am

Cobleskill CCE

Andy Mason will present a program on the Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch, one of NY State's premier fall raptor migration sites. He will discuss the data gathered at the site as part of a largely citizen science effort to monitor hawk and eagle populations and movements in North America. Franklin Mt. is noted for late season flights of Red-tailed Hawks and Golden Eagles. In 2018, 323 Golden Eagles were tallied at the site, the highest total in the 35 year history of the hawkwatch.

Bio: Andy Mason is co-president of the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society, and founder of the group's Franklin Mt. Hawkwatch. He is past chair of the Audubon Council of NY State, and past president of the NY State Ornithological Association.

Directions: Cobleskill Cornell Cooperative Extension, 173 S. Grand St. Cobleskill NY

M02 Beginning Spanish

Marge Dafeldecker

***Mon., Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 16, 23;
1:15 - 3 pm, skip Oct. 12th & Nov. 9***

Min 4 /Max 10

St Vincent's Social Hall

Learning a second language can significantly improve your cognitive abilities and potentially delay the onset of age-related mental decline. If you've never had Spanish before, or it's been a long time since you have but Conversational Spanish is too intimidating, this class is for you. 500 million people in the world speak Spanish as their first language, and it is a second language for an additional 100 million.

This BEGINning SPANISH class will give you the ability to interact in a simple way and answer questions about yourself, your home, and your possessions. You will learn basic grammar, vocabulary and phrases, and will be able to construct simple statements or questions regarding daily life. Join Marge in this enjoyable and enriching way to exercise your mind.

*This class is for ***both*** previous students ***and*** new participants.

Bio: Marge is a native speaker of Spanish and taught Spanish in Middleburgh Central School for thirty years.

Directions: St. Vincent's Church, 138 Washington Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043; lower level

M03 Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway- Burden Ironworks Museum & Cohoes Falls Overlook

Susan Ouellett & Kathy Livingston

RSVP by 9/21/26

Min 10

Mon., Sept. 28; 11 - 1 pm

Troy & Cohoes, NY

The Burden Iron Works was an iron foundry and industrial complex along the Hudson River and Wynantskill Creek in Troy, New York. The area known as the Upper Works once housed the Burden Water Wheel, the most powerful vertical water wheel in history.

The Burden Iron Works Museum is located in the former Burden Iron Co. office building in South Troy. This building, constructed 1881-1882, once served as the headquarters of a major iron mill complex that stretched a mile along the Hudson River and employed nearly 2,000 men at its peak. Today it is virtually the only building left with a link to Troy's past as a major iron center.

The museum has extensive displays of artifacts connected with the region's industrial past. The two largest artifacts are the ladle car displayed outside the building and the Corliss steam engine inside. Other interesting displays cover:

- Iron. Artifacts tell the story of Henry Burden and his invention of the machine-made horseshoe, including a working diorama of his mill driven by the world's most powerful water wheel.
- Bells. The Troy area cast more bells than any other part of the US.
- Cast Iron Stoves. Troy was once known as the "stove capital of the world."
- Precision Instruments. Troy was a center for making surveying instruments, and later moved into different kinds of scientific instruments. The ingenious Ames Dividing Engine was developed to accurately engrave the degrees of a circle on compasses.
- USS Monitor. Troy iron mills (and their owners) played an important role in the construction of the Union Civil War ironclad USS Monitor.
- Textiles. The detachable collar and cuff was invented in Troy, and the textile industry in Troy survived well into the twentieth century.
- Rototillers. The rototiller was invented in Switzerland, and after coming to the United States in 1930 under the trademark "Rototiller," moved to Troy in 1938 and was perfected as the "Troy-Bilt" trademark and produced by Garden-Way in the Lansingburgh section of the city, with the first batch of the famous A1 model tillers produced here in 1938.

Optional Part II: Drive to Cohoes Falls Overlook (Cohoes/Waterford area)-

While Niagara Falls in northwestern New York gets a lot of much-deserved attention, there is another waterfall in eastern New York that is nearly as impressive: Cohoes Falls.

Located along the Mohawk River a short drive north of downtown Albany, Cohoes Falls is easily one of the most impressive waterfalls in Albany and even among the best waterfalls in New York. The waterfall spans the entire 1,000-foot length of the river and drops as much as 90 feet in height. According to Iroquois history, it is said that Cohoes Falls is the site where The Great Peacemaker founded the Iroquois Confederacy. This united the Mohawk, Oneida, Seneca, Onondaga, and Cayuga peoples into a strong nation (The Tuscaroras would also later join the Confederacy). We can view the falls from Falls View Park and possibly go down the trail to the bottom of the falls. However, you also have to come back up the same steep trail.

Fee: Museum is \$10 per person; Payable to SCHOOL. Sign up and pay by 9/21/26. No refunds after that date.

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Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway,

1 E Industrial Pkwy, Troy, NY 12180-5942

then drive to:

The waterfall, which is located on the outskirts of Cohoes, New York, and is just upstream of where the Mohawk River empties into the Hudson River. The entrance for Falls View Park is located along North Mohawk Street a short distance north of Harmony Mills and is open from 7:00am-7:30pm. The park is staffed by a full-time park steward. Dogs are not allowed. Off street parking is available to visitors. A large parking area is located across the road from the entrance to the park

One also can visit the nearby Brookfield's Overlook Park adjacent to the hydroelectric facility on School Street.

M04 Schoharie Valley Farms (Carrot Barn) Tour

Chris Cash & Ethan Ball

Mon., Oct. 5; 10 - 11 am

Max 22

5605 NY-30, Schoharie, NY

Schoharie Valley Farms is a well-known, 200-acre farm that grows fresh vegetables, berries, and greenhouse crops. The property features an onsite bakery and a retail store filled with locally produced items. This class takes you on a tour of the retail store, greenhouses, and product processing and storage areas. You will learn what it takes to run a complex farm, food hub, and tourist destination. Do you know why people call it the Carrot Barn? Join our class to find out!

Participants should wear reasonable walking shoes and apparel for varied walking terrain.

Directions: 5605 NY-30, Schoharie, NY 12157

M05 Hyde Hall Dangerous Victorian Tour & Glimmerglass Hike

Larry Smith & Kathy Livingston

Mon., Oct. 5; 1 - 3:30 pm

RSVP by Sept. 28

Min 10 /Max 20

Near Cooperstown, NY

Step back into the Victorian era with the Dangerous Victorian Tour at Hyde Hall — a fascinating look at the hidden hazards of 19th-century life. Discover the surprising dangers lurking throughout the historic house, from toxic cosmetics and deadly medicines to poisonous paints and wallpaper once commonly used by unsuspecting Victorians. This unique specialty tour reveals the darker side of everyday life in a way you've never experienced before.

Hyde Hall offers a unique journey through history with over 200 years of stories. Explore historic rooms, original furnishings, and remarkable architecture with an enthusiastic guide. The 1830s atmosphere fills all 50 rooms, a blend of Neo-classical design and English influence, that transports visitors to the past. Enjoy the same breathtaking view that inspired George Clarke to choose this site.

Glimmerglass State Park, located eight miles outside the village of Cooperstown, overlooks Otsego Lake, the "Glimmerglass" of James Fenimore Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. The rolling, partially-wooded terrain is host to a wide variety of wildlife. An uphill trail through the forest affords a spectacular view of Otsego Lake; the Beaver Pond and Woodland trails are picturesque and of interest for the variety of wildflowers, shrubs, ferns and mosses. After we visit Hyde Hall, there will be an optional hike on one or several of the park trails.

The Hyde Hall Mansion, Covered Bridge, and a self-guided Beaver Pond Nature Trail are within park boundaries and open to visitors.

Note: If also going on the hike, then dress for the weather & bring sturdy shoes, bug spray, cell phone, water, and snacks.

Fee: \$Tour fee= \$10 per person- payable to SCHOOL; Park fee is by individual car- payable to venue at park entrance (was around \$7/ vehicle, but may or may not be in effect this late in the season). Sign up and pay tour fee by 9/28/26. No refunds after that date.

Directions: Hyde Hall, 267 Glimmerglass State Park Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326

M06 (Serious) Brewing Beer Basics and Tasting

Bill Felter- Brewer

Mon., Sept. 14; 4 - 6 pm

RSVP by 9/7/26

116 Caverns Rd, Howes Cave, NY

Owner/Brewer Bill Felter will lead us on a tour of the brew house where each step of the brewing process will be described in detail. Following the tour, students will sample 4 varieties of beer brewed by Serious Brewing and characteristics of each beer will be discussed. Bringing your own bites or grabbing some takeout beforehand to enjoy alongside fresh craft beer (or cider) is a fantastic way to spend the afternoon!

Bio: The instructor has over 28 years of brewing practice with the last nine as a professional brewer.

Fee: \$10 per person; Payable to SCHOOL. Sign up and pay by Sept. 7. No refunds after that date.

Directions: Serious Brewing, 116 Caverns Rd, Howes Cave, NY 12092

M07 Watercolor Painting for Beginners and Others

Heather Johnson

Mon., Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16; 4:30 - 6:15 pm

Min 5 /Max 12

SUNY Warner Hall / Rm TBD

This course will start with color theory for beginners. The rest of the group will be introduced to painting strategies that make this media so beautiful. They will go on to activities that are appropriate to their abilities. "Homework" activities will be assigned and as much practice as possible will help. There are so many watercolor tutorials, of varied levels, available online for your use.

If you would enjoy giving it a try, or if you have higher aspirations, you are welcome to join us! Former students can choose to do the activities in the plan OR work independently with instructor help.

Participants should bring: Students will come to all the classes with the following equipment: a mixed media journal, a #2 and a #10 round brush, a set of paints (squeeze tubes or blocks), two large plastic cups/mugs, several paper towels, invisible tape in the dispenser, and a tablet of good quality watercolor paper will be needed later for beginners.

Bio: Heather has a Master's degree plus additional postgraduate education, and has taught at the preschool, elementary and college levels. She has attended many classes and informal groups to learn various media.

Directions: SUNY Cobleskill's Warner Hall is accessible via Albany Ave on the campus. Parking is usually available on Albany Ave. adjacent to Warner.

M08 We're in the Dough - Pie Crust / Play Dough

Andrea Clapper

Mon., Nov. 30; 1-3 pm

RSVP by Nov.15

Min 8 /Max 12

St Vincent's Social Hall

**Basic Pie Crust instruction & samples.
Play Dough ingredients to take home.
Pie will be served.**

Participants should bring: Apron and "Can Do" attitude

Bio: Baker, Member of NY Range Hers Cooking Club

Fee: \$10 per person; Payable to Instructor. Sign up and pay by 11/15/26. No refunds after that date.

Directions: St. Vincent's Church, 138 Washington Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043; lower level

M09 VV - Viking Rhine Cruise - Amsterdam to Basel Switzerland

Don & Shirley Martin

Mon., Dec. 7; 1 - 3 pm

Cobleskill CCE

My wife Shirley and I will be taking a river cruise on the Rhine in August this year. Both of us have early Palatine German ancestors that came to Schoharie in 1712. Besides the usual travel photos, we will document for you what a Viking river cruise is like with scenes both on ship and off. We will be taking a post cruise short tour of Switzerland before returning home.

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MW24 Functional Integrated Training

Travis Hyer

Mon. & Wed., Sept. 28 and 30; Oct. 5 and 7; 10 - 11 am

Max 5

Power Up Gym, Richmondville, NY

Group fitness training for seniors. This class works all parts of the body and is accessible to all. Following your four free sessions, you have the option of becoming a member (if you are not already) OR joining the Functional Integrated Training class 8 week program, or both. (This class is limited to those who have never been in the class before).

Students must be there no later than 9:45. Class starts at 10 am.

Please note: You must contact travishyer@yahoo.com to obtain a pre-activity form to be filled out before the first class. You may email it back to him or bring it 30 minutes before the first class. (If there are any "yes" answers, they will have to be reviewed by a Power-Up Coach).

Directions: Power Up Gym, 1469 NY 7, Richmondville, NY 12149