

WEDNESDAYS - FALL 2025

W23 Origin's Cafe and Tour at Carefree Gardens

Kristen / Origin's owner

Wed. Sept 3, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

RSVP by 8/27/25

Max 20

Cooperstown, NY

Come join us for an elegant meal among the plants and biosphere at Origin's Cafe in Cooperstown. Enjoy delicious and unique meals utilizing components sourced from locally owned organic farms. After dining, we will have a tour through the greenhouses.

Fee: Cost of meal at the venue; order off the menu and pay venue directly for the meal. However, please register for this class by 8/27/2025, so that we can confirm the reservation numbers to the venue.

Directions: 558 Beaver Meadow Road., Cooperstown, NY. This is a drive-yourself event.

W53 Weatherization Workshop

Wed. Sept 10, 11:30 - 1:30 pm

Michaela Fisher

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Cobleskill

Min 5 / Max 20

Learn how energy is wasted in your home, gain access to programs to reduce your energy use, and go home with a free energy savings kit.

Bio- Michaela is an energy educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension. She is part of the Mohawk Valley Clean Energy Hub.

Directions: 173 S. Grand St, Cobleskill, NY 12043

W24 Make History Come Alive Through Song

Clare Wettemann

Wed, Sept 10, 2 - 3:15 pm

Min 10

Cobleskill United Methodist Church- Sanctuary

Clare Wettemann delights in presenting songs for all ages. She accompanies her voice with guitar, dulcimers and other stringed instruments. For many years, she has woven images from Upstate, NY and other Anglo-American folk songs into entertaining programs.

Bio: Clare is a performing artist, teacher and consultant. She presents traditional, original and contemporary folk songs which promote community, sharing, understanding, and contact with the Earth.

Participants should bring: Ears, heart, interest and attention.

Directions: Cobleskill UMC, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY

W25 Sparkling Wisdom:

Explore the World of Gems, Jewelry and Design

Al Smith

Wed, Sept 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Min 1 / Max 6

Duanesburg, NY

As a graduate gemologist, Al will expand your knowledge of natural mined diamonds vs lab grown diamonds . Additional topics will cover describing birthstone gems, how to use a loupe, and how jewelry is designed using CAD. We've added extra time so you can get your questions answered.

Directions: 401 Schoharie Tpke, Duanesburg, NY 12056

W26 Honest Weight Food Co-op Shopping Tour

Wed, Sept 24, 10:00 am - noon

Nancy VanDeusen & Anastasia Rodgers

Albany, NY

Min 5 / Max 10

Visit the area's largest and longest running food co-op. The Co-op features over 900 items in the bulk department, a large selection of domestic and international cheeses, all natural wellness and body care department, and fresh, local and organic produce and flowers, as well as a deli and small café.

Special offer: Each student will receive a \$5 off coupon on a \$25 purchase.

Bring empty mason jars with lids if you plan on purchasing bulk items. They will weigh when you walk in and deduct the weight at check out. You can get a senior citizen discount card and get a percentage off your order every time.

Directions: 100 Watervliet Ave, Albany, NY 12206. This is a drive-yourself event.

W27 Reducing Your Household Carbon Impact

Wed, Sept 24, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Susan O'Handley-Education Chair, Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society

Min 10

ZOOM

"Climate change is the single greatest threat to North American birds. Solutions are plentiful, but to protect more than 300 species at risk, we must act now." —National Audubon Society, September 2024.

Approximately 30% of greenhouse gas emissions come from residential and commercial sectors in the U.S. (The breakdown for the remainder is 30% from industry, 30% from transportation and 10% from agriculture.)

2024 broke records for global temperatures and severe weather events. The 10 warmest years in the historical record have all occurred in the past decade (2014-2023). The financial costs of climate change are already being seen with evidence from record breaking damages from severe weather events over the last year. Repair costs are staggering and insurance claims are being denied.

Our community households and local businesses can work towards minimizing our collective impact. Susan's program will focus on seven areas where our households, businesses and community operations have carbon impact and will provide an overview of tools and resources to help you establish baseline data and how to track your progress.

Susan will also briefly overview her family's own journey toward a carbon-neutral household, along with the financial and quality-of-life benefits realized through investing in energy retrofits to their 1902 Victorian Farmhouse in Hartwick.

Bio- Susan O'Handley has been involved with local Audubon chapters for over thirty years and has served on the Board of Directors for the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society since 2012 (ten years as a co-president). Susan also works with the Audubon NY/CT Council Board, which is composed of twenty-seven Audubon chapters in NY State and six chapters in CT. She also serves on the Advisory Board for Audubon NY/CT Regional Office as the Chapter Representative. Susan owns and operates a small digital marketing agency in Hartwick, NY.

W28 Revolutionary War Veterans of Stamford, NY Area

Wed, Oct. 1, 11:00 - noon

Karen Cuccinello

Stamford, NY

Take a walking tour of the Stamford Cemetery highlighting the six Revolutionary War veterans buried there. Karen will review the bios of the veterans and discuss the difficult rules and regulations for acquiring a pension. She will also touch on Revolutionary War veterans buried in other Stamford cemeteries and some Civil War vets in this cemetery.

Bio- Stamford Village and Town of Summit historian; archivist at Stamford Library history room and author of numerous local history books.

Directions: 2 Mountain Ave. Stamford, NY

W29 Digital Literacy - Computer Basics

Wed, Oct 1, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Mary Carrier / MVLS

Schoharie Library

Min 2 / Max 6

Class one of three in the Digital Literacy for Beginners series is Computer Basics: Learn computer fundamentals of using a Windows PC. We'll explore the functions of a computer, learn terminology, and tips for working in the Windows environment.

Windows Laptops will be provided.

Directions: Schoharie Library (Mary Beatrice Cushing Library), 103 Knowler Ave, Schoharie, NY

W30 Digital Literacy - Internet Basics

Wed. Oct 8, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Mary Carrier / MVLS

Middleburgh Library

Min 2 / Max 6

Class two in the Digital Literacy for Beginners series is Internet Basics: Use the internet to find information, navigate websites, and save favorites. Best practices for internet safety and privacy will be highlighted.

Windows Laptops will be provided

Directions: Middleburgh Library, 323 Main St., Middleburgh, NY

W31 Schoharie County's Chocolate Jumbles and More

Wed. Oct 15, 10 am - noon

Andrea Clapper

St. Vincent's Kitchen

RSVP by 10/1/25

Min 6 / Max 12

Join us for a bake and take experience including tasting! We will be making Chocolate Jumbles (Jumbos), a local favorite and a honey lemon dough appropriate for any holiday.

Bio- Andrea has offered classes about dough and baking, including pie crust, puff pastry, cream puffs, etc.in previous semesters.

Participants should bring: Please bring an apron, cookie cutters, and a container to take home baked cookies.

Fee: \$10 per person; Payable to SCHOOL. Sign up and pay by 10/1/25. No refunds after that date.

Directions: 138 Washington Ave., Cobleskill, NY

W32 Native Stories of Our Past

Wed, Oct 15, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Michelle Bosma

Fenimore Art Museum, Cooperstown, NY

RSVP by 10/1/25

Min 10 / Max 30

A guided tour of the Thaw Collection of American Indian Art will be followed by an outdoor stroll to the Otsego lakeshore, where, inside our recreated Mohawk Bark House, we will hear Haudenosaunee oral history as preserved by David Cusick in 1828. We will then consider the way oral histories have been approached by culture bearers, American scholars, and artists. The program will be a 3-hour guided tour with group discussion, including 2 hours in an outdoor Bark House.

Fee: \$35 per person; Payable to SCHOOL. Sign up and pay by 10/1/25. No refunds after that date.

Directions: 5798 NY-80, Cooperstown, NY 13326

W33 CLASSIC French Cuisine

Wed, Oct 22, 12:30 - 5:00 pm

Jeannette Balins

Worcester, NY

RSVP by 9/24/25

Min 5 / Max 10

This four course menu highlights some of the classic dishes:

“Potage Creme de Petits Pois” (Fresh Pea Soup)

“Crepes” with Spinach Filling and topped with Sauce Mornay

“Poulet Moutarde Francaise” (Chicken Breasts in a Mustard Creme Sauce)

“Mousse au Chocolat” (Chocolate dessert with a hint of Orange)

Bio- Former chef/owner of A Taste of Europe

Participants should bring: Please bring an apron and small containers for the samples you will take home.

Fee: \$35 per person; Payable to SCHOOL. Sign up and pay by 9/24/25. No refunds after Oct. 1.

Directions: 2607 County Hwy 39, Worcester

W34 TAPAS

Jeannette Balins

Wed, Oct 29, 12:30 - 4:00 pm

Worcester, NY

RSVP by 10/15/25

Min 5 / Max 10

Tapas are Spanish “small bites”, usually accompanied by a cocktail or wine.
It's great party food!

We will make the following:
“Patatas Bravas” (spicy potatoes)
Chickpeas and Chorizo Medley
“Huevos Rellenos” (stuffed eggs)
Salt Cod on Garlic Toasts
Zucchini Salad with Cilantro Dressing
Baked Mushroom Caps with Herb Filling

Bio- Formerly Chef/Owner of A Taste of Europe

Participants should bring: Please bring an apron and small containers for the samples you will take home.

Fee: \$20 per person; Payable to SCHOOL. Sign up and pay by 10/15/25. No refunds after that date.

Directions: 2607 County Hwy 39, Worcester

W35 Soap-making 101

Kenna Cote

Wed., Nov. 12, 1 - 2:30 pm

Mineral Springs Soap, Cobleskill

RSVP by Oct 25, 2025

Min 6 / Max 20

Ever dreamed of crafting your own luxurious handmade soap? Join us for this beginner-friendly class, where you'll learn the cold process method of soapmaking—a straightforward and less labor-intensive technique that uses the heat generated by saponification. Making soap from scratch may seem intimidating at first, but we make it a fun, rewarding, and even addictive hobby! In this hands-on session, you'll create your very own batch of soap (approximately 4 bars). Once the soap hardens, you can slice it into bars and allow them to cure for 4-6 weeks before use. All materials and supplies are included. No prior experience is necessary. Suitable for ages 18 and up. You'll need to pick up your soap from our shop the week after the class (fresh soap needs time to set and is not transportable). Unleash your creativity and create a unique, handmade product that's both practical and beautiful!

Goggles, nitrile gloves, and aprons are provided.

Fee: \$45 per person; Payable to venue upon arrival in the form of cash or credit card for this class. However, please register a minimum of two weeks prior to class date to ensure sufficient supplies will be available.

Directions: Mineral Springs Soap on Main Street in Cobleskill, located at the corner of Union and Main, next to Chieftan's Restaurant. Public parking is available along Main Street and Division Street, as well as the Fire Station lot and the lot across from Locomotions.

W36 Historic Blenheim Covered Bridge Replacement

Wed., Nov. 12, 10 - noon

Richard Christman

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cobleskill

The historic Blenheim Covered Bridge, the longest single span wooden bridge in the world, was destroyed in the 2011 flood. Join Richard Christman, the engineer in charge of replacing it, as he takes us through that process - from carving out a work area alongside the stream, to rolling it across a temporary bridge, to placing it on the new abutments, to finally completing the bridge, all the while working against the challenges of weather and time.

Bio- 55 years experience as an EIC, RE in construction.

Directions: CCE, 173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill, NY

W37 Healthy Lifestyle In Addition To A Healthy Diet

Wed., Nov. 19, 11 - 1 pm

Dr. Cyril Kozak

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cobleskill

We will discuss Lifestyle considerations such as activity level and healthy habits in addition to healthy food choices. These include sleep, exercise, and timing meals. Questions are highly encouraged.

Bio- Retired Family Practice Physician.

Participants should bring: Bring an interest in a healthy lifestyle.

Directions: CCE, 173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill, NY

W38 History of American Thanksgiving

Wed., Nov. 19, 3 - 4 pm

John Jarvis

CUMC - Social Hall

Most Americans love Thanksgiving for its food, family, friends and football---and a day off from work; but few know the evolution of the holiday from Fall 1621 to the present day. For example, on Thanksgiving cards we see the Pilgrims seated around picnic tables on a beautiful November day as they celebrate the First Thanksgiving. However, this picture is completely wrong historically. The reality of that day is actually more interesting than the fictional celebration that we all think that we know.

Bio- John Jarvis taught high school English in Cobleskill High School and Cobleskill-Richmondville High School for 34 years. When he was in high school, he really wanted to be a history teacher because he always felt that the past was more interesting than the present, which for him was the early 1960s. (There was no Civil War or World War II going on then.) However, one day he had a conversation with his high school principal, who told him to study English rather than history if he wanted to be a high school teacher. John actually listened to Mr. Gugino and studied Secondary Education---English at Oneonta State. But he still loved history more than literature.

Directions: Cobleskill UMC, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY

WTH39 Art Talks

Wed, Sept 10,17, Thurs, Sept 25; 10 - 11 am

Teresa Rivas

ZOOM

In this three-part series Teresa will provide an in-depth look into the life and work of some of the world's most iconic artists. Each session will focus on one artist and explore the personal, historical, and cultural stories behind their art. No background in art is needed for the hour-long talks, just curiosity and a love of learning.

Whether these are works of art you've admired for years or you are just seeing them for the first time, you'll come away with a deeper appreciation that will leave you saying, "I never knew that!"

Bio- Teresa is a retired art teacher and art history professor.