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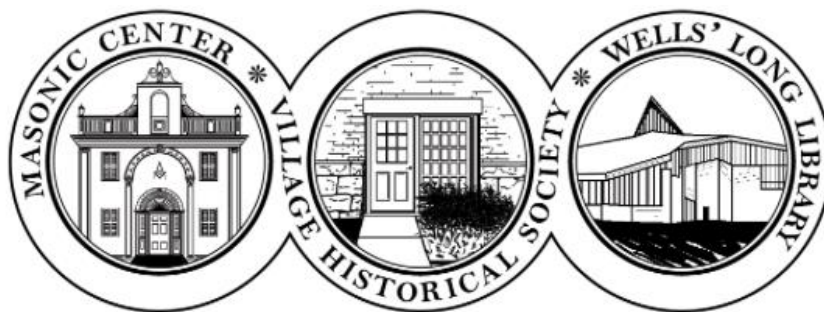
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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



AURORA-ON-CAYUGA

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The Smithsonian's "Water/Ways" Comes to Aurora

This summer, the magic of the Smithsonian is coming to Aurora. The Louis Jefferson Long Library at Wells College, the Aurora Masonic Center, and the Aurora Historical Society are partnering to bring Water/Ways to the area for six weeks, from August 17-September 29.

Water/Ways, part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program, is the first such exhibit to come to New York, and this year will travel to six different sites in the state and seven more around the nation. Aurora will be the second of these sites.

The Water/Ways traveling exhibit focuses on cultural, environmental, and historical roles of water. It will be located in the Long Library at Wells College, and will be open to the public during the library's open hours. Over the same six weeks, the Aurora Historical Society will host events associated with its related display, "How Cayuga Lake Shaped Aurora: Legends and Lore," and the Aurora Masonic Center will celebrate the bicentennial of Scipio Lodge with a grand ceremonial and related history tours (see below for more information).

Scipio Lodge Celebrates Bicentennial

The cornerstone of the Aurora Masonic Center was laid in 1819 by the Governor of NY, Dewitt Clinton, who was also serving on the Erie Canal Commission and would be largely responsible for the canal's construction. This year, therefore, marks the bicentennial of Scipio Lodge, which will be observed on Sunday, August 18, with tours and a concluding grand ceremonial. All villagers are invited to the events.

The Bald Eagles of Paine's Creek

Local birdwatcher and amateur wildlife photographer Linda Dugan shared striking images of the bald eagles that nest by Paine's Creek at the southern end of Aurora. Linda says: "Over the last few years I've enjoyed observing and photographing the active bald eagle nest on Paine's Creek. As a beginner bird photographer I often rely on the Cornell Lab of Ornithology web site, as well as the Cornell eBird and Merlin Bird ID apps for my phone. Attached are shots of our local adult eagles, their nest, and a juvenile (the juvenile pic was from last year)."



Tours, Free Music and Drama Camp at the United Ministry of Aurora

The United Ministry of Aurora will also be participating in Water/Ways, the Museum on Main Street program that comes to Aurora for six weeks starting on August 17 (details above). To help draw attention to this [Smithsonian traveling exhibit](#), UMA will offer tours of our sanctuary with stories of how being located on Cayuga Lake has shaped our history as a church serving our community for 200 years. The church will be open to visitors periodically throughout the Water/Ways exhibit.

UMA is also once again offering a free Summer Music & Drama Camp for children going into grades 1-6. Camp will take place from August 12-16. Details and a registration form are available on UMA's homepage, www.unitedministryofaurora.org. The theme of this year's week of music and drama is "A Better World Begins With Me"; religious education is not part of the program and children of all faiths or no faith tradition are encouraged to attend. This is one of UMA's gifts to our community. Our energetic and vibrant choir director Dan Mullarney will lead the camp, assisted by UMA member Mary Ann Vaca, a teacher at Peachtown School.

Free Swimming Lessons

Free swimming lessons will be offered July 22-26 and August 12-16. They will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Wells College Pool. Carolyn Connors will be teaching the lessons for the Village of Aurora.



Algae Blooms Have Not Stopped the Magic at Camp Gregory!

Wizards do not depend on water! Kids at Camp Gregory enjoyed Wizards Academy last week, even though local beaches were closed. While Cayuga Lake was off limits due to algae blooms, campers were busy with archery, tie-dying, nature walks, and campfires, to name just a few of the activities at the nature camp on Cayuga Lake in Aurora.



Upcoming activities include a visit from the Cornell Raptor program, an obstacles course, and classes in knot tying and fire-building (very popular last year!). The final week of camp (August 4-9) is Senior Adventure Camp, reserved for campers entering 7th grade and up. Many kids are already looking forward to whitewater rafting that week at Letchworth State Park.

Parents interested in enrolling their children can take a look at planned activities for the remaining weeks, now through August 9. To register your child for day or overnight camp, contact Joanne Brumm at registrar@campgregory.org. For further information, go to www.CampGregory.org.

Aurora Free Library and Hazard Library Annual Book Sales!

Aurora Free Library Aurora Masonic Lodge

Friday, July 26, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 27, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 28, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Bag Sale)

As always, the book sale takes place the weekend of the Route 90 Garage Sales. Stop in and pick up some great summer reads!

Donations accepted until Monday, July 22, during open hours.

Hazard Library Poplar Ridge Fire House

Saturday, July 27, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 28, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 3, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Bag Sale)

We continue to take donations of books throughout the year in the drop boxes at the southern end of the old Emily Howland School. They are available to access whenever the weather permits. **No books will be accepted between July 19 and Aug 6.**

Please let us know if you would be interested in assisting with our sale.

Summer Programs at Hazard Public Library 2487 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge

- Science on the Lawn

Join us on Tuesdays in July and August, 10-11 a.m. for fun and interactive activities:

July 23	"Engineering" with the Turner Family
July 30	"Dog Training" followed by visit from author Alicia Klepeis
Aug 6	"Chemistry" with Teresa Schichler
Aug 13	"Galaxy in a Jar" with the Brown Family
Aug 20	"Ornithology (All About Birds)" with Robin Dalton

- Ukelele Camp

Ukulele Camp returns on Wednesdays in July and August, 10 a.m. (July 24, 31 and Aug 7, 14, 21)! Learn how to play the ukulele from Jim Van Arsdale. Free and open to all ages. No previous experience is needed. Ukuleles and other instruments will be provided. Registration is recommended.

The Perform 4 Purpose Ukulele Camp Concert to benefit King Ferry Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, Aug 21, 10 a.m. at the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting House (1868 Poplar Ridge Road). Please bring a food item, fresh produce, or monetary donation toward the food pantry.

- Thursdays in July and August

All programs are at 10 a.m. at Friends Meeting House (1868 Poplar Ridge Road) in Poplar Ridge, NY

July 25	Juggling Workshop with Nate (registration requested)
Aug 1	Program with Checkers the Inventor
Aug 8	Visit from Pirate Captain Jack
Aug 15	Stories with Jay Stetzer
Aug 22	End of Summer Program – The Science Tellers

Lakeside Yoga at E.B. Morgan House August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 9:15 a.m.

Lakeside Start your day with a 45-minute class that is dynamic, vigorous and well-rounded. Begin with mindful meditation, move into sun salutations with an emphasis on core stabilization, and round it all out with cooling, detoxifying poses, deeply held stretches, and a well-earned savasana. Previous experience with yoga is recommended. This class is not ideal for beginners or those working with injuries or limited mobility.

NOTE: This class will be held on the lawn to the north of E.B. Morgan House. Park on Main Street or in the parking lot next to the Aurora Inn. Parking is not available at E.B. Morgan House or Rowland House unless you are a guest of that property. Once you park, walk down the E.B. Morgan House driveway, look for the little white barn and just beyond. If it's raining or too windy we'll squeeze inside the cozy potting shed.

This class is open to all and free for Inns of Aurora guests and is available to the public for a \$15 drop-in fee. All equipment is provided. Please register in advance at www.innssofarora.com/calendar.

August Events at the Aurora Historical Society

The new exhibit at the Aurora Historical Society, "How Cayuga Lake Shaped Aurora: Legends and Lore," has opened, with a full calendar of Water/Ways-related events planned.

For over ten thousand years, Cayuga Lake has offered not only water, food, power, and transportation, but also stories and images that shape the communities on its shore. Some stories are still remembered today; others have long been hidden in books, pictures, and artifacts. This show draws from both, and features rare items on loan from many regional families and institutions. Come and enjoy the show in the accessible, air-conditioned little museum at 371 Main St., on Saturdays, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Special events kick off on Saturday, August 17, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., with a conversation on local history - the Erie Canal, Cayuga Lake, and the surrounding region - and with contemporary regional artists in fiber, textiles, and dyes, "Colorful Past, Colorful Present: Fibers, Textiles, and Dyes in Cayuga County Then and Now."

On Tuesday, August 20, Prof. Bruce Bennett will read from his Aurora poems, and on August 27, Judy Furness, Town of Ledyard Historian, will survey the water-powered mills of the town. The museum is open both evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m., with the programs 7:00-8:00 p.m.

On Saturdays, the Aurora Masonic Center, the United Ministry, and St. Patrick's are open as well; go a little farther down Main Street to find the Aurora Farmers' Market and the Water/Ways exhibit itself in Long Library (opening at noon). See elsewhere in this issue for these and other events!

Summer Reading Programs at Aurora Free Library

Aurora Free Library has summer reading programs and prizes for all ages. Please check aurorafreelibrary.org for more information and Aurora Free Library on Facebook for up-to-date events.

Just Added: Wednesday, August 28 at 1 pm and 7 pm "**Cutting the Cord**": A look at Streaming Options.

Wednesday Night Summer Concerts at Bright Leaf Vineyard

We are excited to announce our lineup for the Summer Concert series! We will be hosting a variety of local music and food each Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m. starting at the end of June through August. [Check out the "Events" section on our website for more information.](#)

We have had a great turn out so far and would like to remind everyone that while no outside food or beverages are allowed, lawn chairs are! Spend an evening at the vineyard with great music, wonderful food, and a perfect glass of chilled Bright Leaf wine.

July 31 – Jen Cork (1010 BBQ)
August 7 – Austin MacRae (Dugan's Country Grill)
August 14 – Banjo and Fiddle (1010 BBQ)
August 21 – Kenny Campbell (Dugan's Country Grill)
August 28 – Inner Crazy (1010 BBQ)

Harmful Algal Blooms

The [Cayuga Lake Watershed Network](#) and [Community Science Institute](#) are once again mobilizing volunteers to monitor our lake shores for harmful algae blooms (HABs) in 2019. Check the [CLWN's website](#) for detailed information and updates on HABs. The Cayuga Lake northeast quadrant leader is [Christy Van Arnum](#); she can put you in touch with a monitor near you. The Community Science Institute is tracking and mapping the analysis of blooms. Their [website](#) also provides extensive information for community members. The 2019 HABs reporting page and map can be found [here](#).

Nate Launer, CSI HABs team leader, advises: "What a fast start to the bloom season it has been! As always, if a suspicious HAB does occur or continue to persist, avoid any contact with blooms and keep kids and pets away. Make sure to notify the county health department with any health or exposure concerns. And advise others to do the same! On the results side of things, one interesting note is that nearly all of the blooms this year have been composed almost entirely by the cyanobacteria taxa *Dolichospermum*. This is the same type of cyanobacteria that blooms this same time of year last year were composed of! As with the similar blooms last year, the blooms so far this summer have all had very low microcystin toxin concentrations."

Activities All Month Long at the Howland Farm Museum



Nature Yoga

Aug 13, 20, and 27

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Outside on the grass!

Bring your own mat.

\$10.00

Wednesday Walks

Aug 7, 14, 21, and 28

5K (3 miles) around farm block

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Movies at the Museum

TBD! Follow the Facebook page to see what movies I may be screening outdoors on the barn!

These are more spontaneous at the moment, and range in appropriate audience age.

Bring your own camp chair, snacks, and drinks!

For more info and to contact with questions, go to Facebook @HowlandFarmMuseum.



UPCOMING EVENTS

GAME NIGHT

@ the Aurora Free Library

Monday, July 29
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Refreshments!
Prizes!



Game Truck
Games on a Roll
age 7 and up



Bingo – all ages

Lawn Games – all ages

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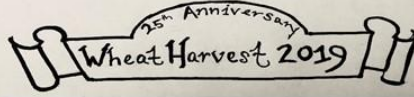
Surviving Mars



Someday humans will visit the planet Mars, and eventually some intrepid explorers may establish a permanent colony there. But what will it take to turn this from science fiction to reality? What are the challenges to humans exploring Mars, which of them are we making progress on, and which still present major obstacles that we don't yet know how to overcome? Join us to explore the perils of the Martian environment, and how solutions to surviving there could help improve life here on Earth.

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Thursday, August 1 at 7:00 pm



**Wheat Harvest Festival
The 25th Anniversary!
August 2-3, 2019 – 920 Rt 34B
King Ferry, New York**

Sponsored by Genoa Historical Association & NYS Draft Horse Club

SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday Night, 6:00-8:30pm

Music & Dancing by Donna & the Mystics

Food provided by Genoa Fire Department

Square Dancing by the Cayuga Cut-Up Square

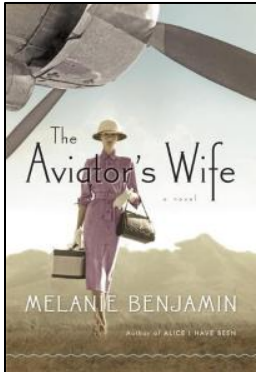
Dancing Club

Saturday, 7am-3:00pm

7:00am KF Presbyterian Pancake Breakfast, 11:00am Parade, 12:00pm Wheat

Harvesting, Food, Crafts, Wagon Rides, Kids Games & Activities

Cake Wheel, 50/50 Raffle, and MORE!!



Southern Cayuga Book Club

Wednesday, August 7

7:15 p.m.

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss the book of the month, *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Please call the Aurora Free Library at 315-364-8074 for the location and email <mailto:aurorali@rochester.rr.com> to be put on the book club list.

Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic & Red Tie Variety Show

Saturday, August 10

12:00 p.m.

Aurora Free Library

Join us with your favorite bear and a picnic lunch. At 12:30 p.m., the Red Tie Variety Show will entertain all and all bears in attendance will get a prize!

This is funded by a Finger Lakes Community Arts Grant.



We Will Not Be Silent
A Winner of the 2018 Gloria Ann Barnell Peter Playwright Competition

Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17
8:00 p.m.
Morgan Opera House



Sophie Scholl with members of the White Rose

Individuals are sometimes willing to risk everything for a cause in which they believe. But how far is one willing to go to risk the lives of friends and family? *We Will Not Be Silent* explores this dilemma as it presents the intense confrontation between 21-year-old Sophie Scholl, a university student activist, and Kurt Grunwald, her interrogator. Both wield strength; one wields power. Based on the true events which occurred in Munich, Germany in 1943.

We Will Not Be Silent is the 13th original play to be performed at the Morgan Opera House as a winner of the Gloria Ann Barnell Peter Playwright Competition.

Written by David Meyers and directed by Siouxsie Easter, Professor of Theatre at Wells College

Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors, \$5 Students

Movie Night: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

Tuesday, August 20
7:30 p.m.
Aurora Free Library



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Annual Ice Cream Social at United Ministry – Celebrating 200 Years!



Wednesday, August 21
5:30-7:00 p.m.
United Ministry of Aurora

This year, the [United Ministry of Aurora](#) (UMA) is celebrating 200 years in Aurora! We invite everyone to join us on August 21 for an Ice Cream Social. We are located at 337 Main Street in Aurora. Please also stay for a free organ concert at 7 p.m. The concert will be performed by Eric Machan-Howd. Last year's concert was a wonderful opportunity to hear exceptional organ music performed on UMA's fine organ. UMA's historic sanctuary adds to the ambience of the concert. The concert will be free, with donations for the benefit of The King Ferry Food Pantry.

Grand Opening Reception for "Water/Ways" Exhibit

Saturday, August 24
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Long Library, Wells College

Wells College's Long Library is ready to welcome the Smithsonian exhibit "Water/Ways" in mid-August. This "Museum on Main Street" traveling show will be open to the public starting Friday, August 16, with a Grand Opening Reception. Follow the campus signs to the Woods Parking Lot, and walk to the Bridge entrance. (Handicapped parking is available at the door on the courtyard behind Smith Hall, with an elevator to the third floor.) Look for other related events elsewhere in this issue.

Maryanne Felter, "Suffragette Posters"

Sunday, August 25
7:00 p.m.
Howland Stone Store Museum

Maryanne Felter researched the Howland Stone Store's poster collection some years ago and has recently retired from the English faculty at Cayuga Community College. She will explain how suffragettes used the poster as a tool to focus interest in the cause and how they encouraged both established and budding artists to create designs in support of the cause.

15th Annual Book Lovers' Ball

Friday, September 13
6:00 p.m.
Aurora Inn

All funds raised by this gala event support the operations of the Aurora Free Library. The evening includes a sumptuous buffet prepared by the chefs of the Aurora Inn paired with local Finger Lakes wines and Aurora Brewery. There will be a lavish silent auction with items for every taste and budget. And let's not forget dancing to the infectious sounds of the local dance band The Destination.

You can enter to win two tickets to the Book Lovers' Ball! Stop in the Library to enter. The drawing will be held on September 4 at the Library. For more information or to reserve your spot, visit <https://www.bookloversball.com/>.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Checkers the Inventor, 10 a.m. Surviving Mars, 7 p.m.	2 Lakeside Yoga, 9:15 a.m. Wheat Harvest Festival, 6-8:30 p.m. Treleaven Garden Concert Series, 6 p.m.	3 Wheat Harvest Festival, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m. AHS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
4 Treleaven Sunday Music Series, 1 p.m.	5	6 Chemistry, 10 a.m. King Ferry Corner Market, 4-8 p.m. AHS, 6:30-8 p.m.	7 Ukelele Camp, 10 a.m. 1833 Tasting Series, 5 p.m. Bright Leaf Concert Series, 6 p.m. Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday Walk, 7:30 p.m.	8 Visit from Pirate Captain Jack, 10 a.m.	9 Lakeside Yoga, 9:15 a.m. Treleaven Garden Concert Series, 6 p.m.	10 Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m. AHS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Teddy Bears' Picnic, 12 p.m. Farm Museum Open House, 12-5 p.m. Camp Out/Look Up, 6 p.m.-8 a.m.
11 Howland Farm Museum Open House, 12-5 p.m. Treleaven Sunday Music Series, 1 p.m.	12	13 Galaxy in a Jar, 10 a.m. King Ferry Corner Market, 4-8 p.m. AHS, 6:30-8 p.m. Nature Yoga, 7 p.m.	14 Ukelele Camp, 10 a.m. 1833 Tasting Series, 5 p.m. Bright Leaf Concert Series, 6 p.m. Wednesday Walk, 7:30 p.m.	15 Stories with Jay Stetzer, 10 a.m.	16 Lakeside Yoga, 9:15 a.m. Midsummer Madness, 2 p.m. Treleaven Garden Concert Series, 6 p.m. We Will Not Be Silent, 8 p.m.	17 Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m. Colorful Past, Colorful Present, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. We Will Not Be Silent, 8 p.m.
18 Treleaven Sunday Music Series, 1 p.m.	19	20 All About Birds, 10 a.m. King Ferry Corner Market, 4-8 p.m. AHS, 6:30-8 p.m. Nature Yoga, 7 p.m. Close Encounters, 7:30 p.m.	21 Ukelele Camp Concert, 10 a.m. 1833 Tasting Series, 5 p.m. Ice Cream Social, 5:30 p.m. Bright Leaf Concert Series, 6 p.m. Wednesday Walk, 7:30 p.m.	22 The Science Tellers, 10 a.m.	23 Lakeside Yoga, 9:15 a.m. Treleaven Garden Concert Series, 6 p.m.	24 Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m. AHS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Water/Ways Grand Opening Reception, 2 p.m.
25 Treleaven Sunday Music Series, 1 p.m. Suffragette Posters, 7 p.m.	26	27 King Ferry Corner Market, 4-8 p.m. Water-Powered Mills, 6:30-8 p.m. Nature Yoga, 7 p.m.	28 Bright Leaf Concert Series, 6 p.m. Cutting the Cord, 1 pm and 7 pm Wednesday Walk, 7:30 p.m.	29	30 Lakeside Yoga, 9:15 a.m.	31 Aurora Farmers Market, 10 a.m. Aurora Historical Society, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.