

# THE HUB

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Village Election and Local Municipal Updates

The Village of Aurora election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Village elections are held at the Aurora Firehouse meeting room, 456 Main St, from 12:00-9:00 p.m. EST.

A meet and greet with the candidates will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; more information is available [here](#) and in the Events section of this newsletter. More information about voting can be found on [the village website](#).

Please also check the [Village of Aurora website](#) for updates on Cayuga County vaccine clinics and other programs and guidance related to the pandemic as well as information on village office operations and meetings.

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### Announcements from the Aurora Free Library

#### Hours of Operation

The Aurora Free Library is open:

Monday	3:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Friday	3:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

#### Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees

We would like to thank Steve Moolin and Jim Burkett for their service on the Aurora Free Library Board and welcome new trustees Dave Eckhardt and Dennis Looney to our Board.



Finger Lakes Library System,  
OWWL Library System, and  
Southern Tier Library System  
have teamed up to share  
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LIBRARY SYSTEM

Take a look at the instructions on how to access these ebook collections [here](#).

### Preschool Storytime, Take and Make Kits, and Youth Programming Survey


Preschool Storytime continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Take and Make Kits for Kids are offered monthly. Check our website [www.aurorafreelibrary.org](http://www.aurorafreelibrary.org) for the latest information and for our [youth programming survey](#).

### Health Care Navigator @ Hazard Library

- Do you need health insurance?
- Do you need help using the NY State of Health Marketplace?
- Do you have questions about your health insurance?



You can call 315-255-1703 ext. 159 if you would like to speak to a Health Care Navigator to assist you with your health insurance. Please contact Hazard Library for more information or to make an appointment.



## Aurora Free Library

### NEW ADULT FICTION

***The Angel of the Penny Rose*** by Linda Saether

***Cash-n-Carry*** by Peter Sarda

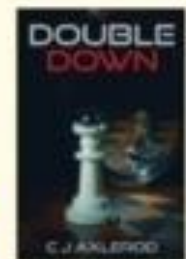
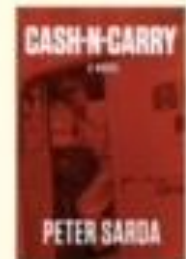
***Dangerous Freedom*** by William Dean

***Double Down*** by C.J. Axlerod

***A Lancaster Family Christmas*** by Kate Lloyd

***Oh, Henry!*** by Joanne Cook

***We, the House*** by Warren Ashworth and Susan Kander



### NEW ADULT NON-FICTION

***Down-to-Earth Ways to Earn Money*** by Penny Eames

***Get Up and Ride*** by Jim Shea

***Love Your Gifts: Permission to Revolutionize Authenticity in the Workplace*** by Angie McCourt





## King Ferry Food Pantry Distributes Women's Gift Bags

By Dorothy M. Ainsworth

Through the generosity of the [Zonta Club of Auburn](#) and the [Women's Fund of Central New York](#), February got a little sweeter for our female clients. Funds provided by these two local organizations enabled the purchase of feminine personal care items—bar soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, hand lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hairbrushes and vitamins—to name a few items—for distribution to neighbors in need. Necessities such as these are expensive purchases, so their gifting helps to reduce financial stresses of families while enhancing personal wellbeing and self-esteem of the women.

Prior to receiving their gift bag, each recipient had completed a bilingual survey indicating the specific items that they desired, helping to reduce wastage of unneeded products. In addition to these personal care items, bags of fresh fruit, a small box of dark chocolates, and publications on a variety of health topics were also included in each of the reusable bags donated by Wegmans of Auburn. Pantry volunteers assembled and distributed 50 gift bags in February. We hope to repeat this project on an annual basis—bringing a little warmth and sunshine into the wintry months of our Pantry users.

Interested in helping your neighbors in need? Please visit our website ([kingferryfoodpantry.org](http://kingferryfoodpantry.org)), our Facebook page ([The King Ferry Food Pantry](#)) or call Debbie Patrick (315-497-2049) to learn more ways of assisting neighbors who are struggling with food insecurity in our community.

*Dorothy M. Ainsworth is a volunteer at the King Ferry Food Pantry.*

## **Patrick Tavern Market, March 15: Spring Hours and Warm-Up for St. Patrick's Day!**

The next Tuesday market at Patrick Tavern is March 15, and as the days are growing longer the time is shifting to 4:30-5:30 p.m. to better serve those who work until 5:00 p.m.

Last month was lots of fun, and a taste of things to come this month. New vendor Mark Smith of Muddy Rut Apiary brought a great selection of honey, and the honey theme continued with David's meads. Cookie brought some surprise desserts with her delicious meals. Alicia had not only bread and muffins but also fudge and gift baskets; Rob offered Valentine and all occasion cards, and the San Pedro booth was well-stocked with chocolate, coffee, and more. Jeff and Nina brought Centurion Farm pork and herb products, a nice complement to Jesse's wide selection of medicinals and Demecia's tasty micro greens. Look for more great food, beverages, and gifts in March, and kick off St. Patrick's Day with a hearty take-home meal and some time with friends. March 15 is also Village Election Day, so swing by before or after you cast your vote, and toast the day with a taste of mead.

Meals are by pre-order (visit [simplycookie.square.site](http://simplycookie.square.site)), and it never hurts to reserve items like bread, muffins, greens, and meat ahead of time, too. Want to get connected? Email [lschwab@wells.edu](mailto:lschwab@wells.edu) to get on the mailing list, and visit Patrick Tavern Market on [Facebook](#) to get the latest news and learn more about the vendors. Shop local!

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### **Email List for Ledyard Transfer Site**

This is Bill Nivison, manager of the Town of Ledyard Transfer Site. If you would like to add your name and email address to my email list for notices, closings, and other events at the site please send me your information to the following email address. Please include your phone number as well if you wish: [bnivison1018@hotmail.com](mailto:bnivison1018@hotmail.com).

Thank you,  
Bill

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### **Upcoming Events at Local Wineries**

#### **Treleaven Winery 658 Lake Road**

Trivia Night, Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

March 4

March 11

March 18

Live Music, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

March 5: Patrick Young

St. Patrick's Celebration

March 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

## **March at United Ministry of Aurora**

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 2, 12:00 p.m.**

### **“The Fruits of Friendship:**

### **Hear What’s New with the San Pedro Sister Community Project”**

**Sunday, March 6, 4:00 p.m.**

The San Pedro Sister Community is back with a new presentation at United Ministries of Aurora! The scholarship program that now sends students from San Pedro, El Salvador to university is going strong, and there is much more to catch you up on.

We began in 2005 thinking the project, designed to assist San Pedro in rebuilding and moving forward after a brutal civil war, would last a few years. Now, 17 years later, we are still going strong and making plans for the future. We strive to listen and respond, to learn and build personal relationships across borders, and to share and educate what we learn with our communities here at home.

We hope you will join us as we bring you up to date with the exciting news from our friends in El Salvador, and about the San Pedro Sister Community. See you there!

### **Lenten Book Club**

**Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m., March 9, 16, 23, and 30**

*The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus’ Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Historical Jesus Scholars and Theologians Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This book takes a look at the Easter story in the Gospel of Mark which was written around 70 AD, 40 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. There is so much to the story that is important to understanding the power of the Easter story. All are welcome to join us. Lunch will be served.

### **Family Gathering, “An Illustrated Compassion: Learning to Love Like God”**

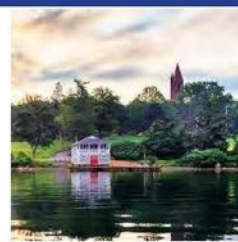
**March 13 and 27, 4:00 p.m.**

**Social Room**

No matter where you are on the theological or political spectrum, it’s clear our world needs more compassion. “An Illustrated Compassion” turns to scripture and looks for examples of God's compassion throughout the Bible, and also asks what it might look like for all of us to lead more compassionate lives.



# Spring 2022 VISITING WRITERS SERIES



The Wells College English Department is thrilled to welcome these writers to campus virtually and in person. **Masks and adherence to all College public health guidelines are required for in-person events.** For details, visit [wells.edu/visiting-writers](https://wells.edu/visiting-writers).



## G'Ra Asim

Thursday, March 10th  
MASTER CLASS, 5pm, Faculty Parlors (Main)  
READING, 7:30pm, AER

G'Ra Asim, a writer and musician, is an assistant professor of creative writing at Washington University in St. Louis. His nonfiction debut, *Boyz n the Void: a mixtape to my brother*, was released in May, 2021 via Beacon Press. He has served as a writing director at the African American Policy Forum and a graduate teaching fellow in Columbia University's Undergraduate Writing Program. His work has appeared in Slate, Salon, Guernica, The Baffler, and The New Republic. When not writing prose or teaching, he sings, plays bass, and writes lyrics for DIY pop punk quintet, babygotbacktalk.

## Ryka Aoki

Wednesday, April 20th (Virtual)  
MASTER CLASS, 5pm, [Zoom \(Link here\)](#)  
READING, 7:30pm, [Zoom \(Link Here\)](#)

RYKA AOKI (she/her) is a poet, composer, teacher, and novelist whose books include *Light from Uncommon Stars*, *He Mele a Hilo* and two Lambda Award finalists, *Seasonal Velocities* and *Why Dust Shall Never Settle Upon This Soul*. Ryka's work has appeared or been recognized in publications including Vogue, Elle, Bustle, Autostraddle, PopSugar, and Buzzfeed. Her poetry was featured at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, and she was honored by the California State Senate for "extraordinary commitment to the visibility and well-being of Transgender people." This event is co-sponsored with the Program in Women's, Transgender, and Queer Studies.



## Jaswinder Bolina

Thursday, April 28  
MASTER CLASS: "The Personal Political," 5pm, Faculty Parlors (Main)  
READING, 7:30pm, AER

Jaswinder Bolina is the author of three collections of poetry—*Carrier Wave*, *Phantom Camera*, and *The 44th of July*, which was long-listed for the 2019 PEN America Open Book Award and a finalist for the 2019 Big Other Book Award. He has also published a collection of essays, *Of Color*, with McSweeney's. His individual poems and essays have appeared in The Best American Poetry series, The Norton Reader, on The Poetry Foundation website, and have been featured in many other literary journals and anthologies. He is on the faculty of the M.F.A. Program in Creative Writing at the University of Miami.



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## Wells College Seed Exchange

**Think Spring!** Starting February 1, the Wells College Seed Exchange program is open for the 2022 season. All seed is available **for free** from our exchange and is available while supplies last. Due to COVID, we cannot allow in-person access to the Seed Exchange inventory this year. Instead, we have created an on-line inventory to review and an order form you can download and complete. The inventory list includes information for each item about the specific seed company donor if you wish to research particular seed varieties of possible interest.

[To view the current Seed Exchange inventory, click here.](#)

Note that this inventory spreadsheet features separate tabs for the inventories of Flowers, Herbs, and Vegetables seed.

This inventory spreadsheet is “view” only—you cannot “reserve” seed. Orders will be filled in the order received (using the form below, please!) and the inventory updated as we fill orders. We will do our best to fill your order and if you provide email or phone/text information, we will communicate with you if substitutions are available (e.g. an organic variety is gone but we still have conventionally grown seed).

**To request seed**, please download and complete [this Seed Exchange order form.](#)

If you have a preference for seed from a specific company, please provide that information on the order form—we will do our best to accommodate your request.

**Please save your order form with a new name**—we suggest you include your name in order to prevent confusion. If you don’t rename your order form, it will arrive to us blank.

Email your completed and saved order form to [seeds@wells.edu](mailto:seeds@wells.edu); we will fulfill orders as they are received and update the seed inventory accordingly.

We will safely and sanitarily pack your order and will advise when and where we will have your order available for curbside pick-up on campus. If necessary, we can mail orders but in order to keep our program costs manageable, onsite pickup is preferred.

Our 2022 Seed Exchange season opened with an inventory of well over seven thousand packets of different varieties of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds. Seeds were generously donated by over a dozen different seed companies, (so far) including: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds; W. Atlee Burpee & Co.; Companion Plants; Fedco Seeds; Gurney’s Seed and Nursery Co.; Chas. C. Hart Seed Company; Herman’s Gardens / Seed Savers Exchange; High Mowing Seed Company; Park Seed Co.; Sheffield’s Seeds; Victory Seed Company; and White Harvest Seed.

All seeds in our exchange program are available **for free**. Please note that most seed offered is from earlier growing seasons (which is why companies donate it to us); we offer no warranties about germination rates although most seeds should grow just fine. We may still receive a few more seed shipments, so check back for updates to the Seed Exchange inventory. But don’t delay—once the exchange opens, the seed stock disperses quickly.



**AURORA FARMERS MARKET 2022**  
**MAY 28-OCTOBER 8, SATURDAYS 10-2**  
**THESE AND OTHER VENDORS WILL RETURN.**  
**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!**  
**WE ARE SEEKING NEW VENDORS! SEE BELOW!**

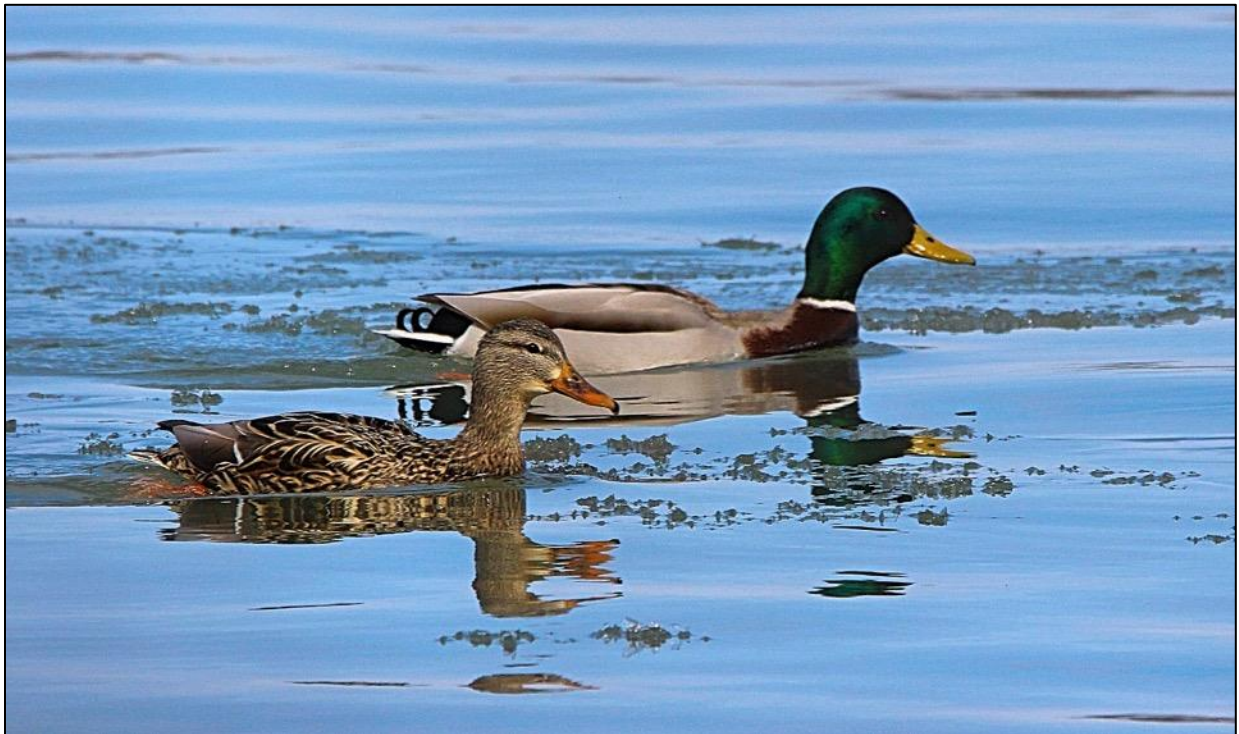


**Interested in becoming a vendor?**  
**Send an inquiry to Ellen Hall, AFM**  
**Management Team, [vewh2014@gmail.com](mailto:vewh2014@gmail.com)**  
**Seasonal Fee is \$70.00; daily fee is \$5.00**  
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# Sights of Southern Cayuga

Submitted by Linda Dugan



## **EVENTS**

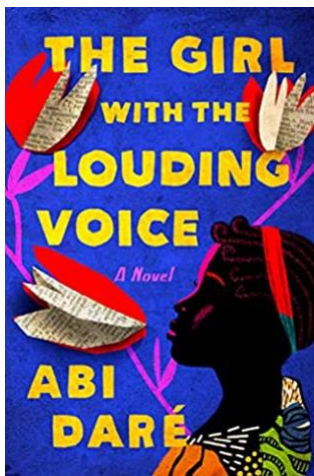
### **Howland Stone Store Museum Program: “Computer Ransomware”**

**Wednesday, March 2  
7:00 p.m.  
Virtual on Zoom**

Why in the world would someone hold my computer for ransom?!? Find out more about this new danger with Mike Davis of Extra Mile Technologies. This will be a Zoom-only program. Free and open to everyone.

Zoom Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705440341?pwd=N3lYRndLSnBVLzJlOEFBIk0JLUUxhdz09>

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### **Southern Cayuga Book Club**

**Wednesday, March 2  
7:00 p.m.  
Virtual on Zoom**

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet to discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré. New members are always welcome. Please email [aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com](mailto:aurorafreelibrarycny@gmail.com) for the link.

Next month, the group will discuss *Bear Town* by Fredrik Backman. The full list of 2022 selections is available on the [Aurora Free Library website](#).

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### **Village Board Candidates Day**

**Saturday, March 5  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Aurora Firehouse**

Come talk with:

Jim Orman—Mayor Candidate  
Matt Bianconi—Trustee Candidate  
John Miller—Trustee Candidate  
Frank Zimdahl—Trustee Candidate

**Notice from Erin Weber: “Erin Weber is withdrawing her name from the Village of Aurora Trustee election. Voters are encouraged to vote for Matt Bianconi, John Miller, and Frank Zimdahl. Erin will continue to serve the village on the Community Preservation Panel.”**

This is an important election for the future of Aurora! Hope to see you there! Hot snacks, soda, beer, and wine provided.



# Sustainability Perspectives: “Moving an Upstate NY County Towards ‘Net Zero’”

Monday, March 7

12:30 p.m.

Virtual on Zoom

**Presenter: Terry Carroll, Chief Sustainability Officer, Tompkins County**

Mr. Carroll is responsible for leading and overseeing the overall execution and efficacy of Tompkins County’s Energy Strategy and the pursuit of a financially sound path to net-zero emissions in County operations. He will talk about the policies and practices the county is employing to reduce the energy intensity of its daily operations and how he works with County departments and community members to gain their support to achieve this ambitious vision.

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## Sustainable Business Series

An educational collaboration between the  
*Center for Sustainability and the Environment* and the  
*Sullivan Center for Business and Entrepreneurship*

## Sustainability at ALDI

**Amber Hardy**  
Director of Facilities, Systems  
and Sustainability  
**ALDI, Inc.**



ALDI was recently ranked as the No. 1 most sustainable grocery retailer among seven of the most popular U.S. chain stores. ALDI achieved this ranking as a result of their measurable actions and commitments to decrease harmful operational emissions and reduce plastic pollution. In 2019, ALDI made specific commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26% and make all product packaging reusable, recyclable or compostable by 2025. They were also recognized for their dedication to create sustainable product lines as well as their continued use of sustainable energy sources throughout their network of stores, warehouses and corporate offices across the United States. This ranking solidifies ALDI as an industry leader when it comes to sustainability, and their ambitious targets within their sustainability charter inspire the company to continue striving to achieve their sustainability goals. ALDI continues to lead the industry in investment of natural refrigerants and investment in renewable energy.

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00PM**

**Zoom #: 871 3315 0130 passcode: BUn&VsG9**

**Wells College**

This event is free and open to the public



**Learning by the Lake:  
“A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to Aurora: Planes, Trains, Boats, and  
Omnibuses”**

**Wednesday, March 9  
7:30 p.m.  
Virtual on Zoom**

Who commuted to Wells by boat? When was the last train to Aurora? Please join us for a brief history of the ways we’ve traveled to Wells over the decades, including some you may not have considered (although dancing probably wasn’t one of them...).

Join Randy and Fran Trubilla Kissell ‘78 (without traveling!) for this virtual Learning by the Lake session. To register and attend via Zoom: <http://www.alumni.wells.edu/s/1844/17/interior.aspx...>



## Let the Shenanigans Begin!



### ***Come Along for a Wee Bit of Fun!***

Join us on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday March 17:

- 4:00pm "somewhere" on Main Street, **Aurora**
- 5:30pm at the **King Ferry** Corner Store Pavilion

*There will be singing and dancing and much more!  
Watch for the Leprechaun to share more details as we get  
closer to the day!*



*sponsored by the  
Aurora Historical Society  
and the  
Genoa Historical Association*

*If you would like to be a part of the celebration, please contact:  
[genoahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:genoahistorical@gmail.com) or call 315-364-8202 or 315-224-4814.*

[Village of Aurora Historical Society | Facebook](#)

[Genoa Historical Association | Facebook](#)

[www.GenoaHistorical.org](http://www.GenoaHistorical.org)



## **“The Howland Daguerreotypes”**

**Sunday, March 20**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Opendore and Virtual on Zoom**

In 2017, historians were startled by the discovery of a photograph of a young, stylishly dressed Harriet Tubman. That photo was included in a one-of-a-kind album owned by reformer and Sherwood resident Emily Howland, and included students, abolitionists, fellow teachers, and public figures of the 1860s and '70s. The album is now on display at the African-American Museum in Washington, D.C.

HSSM historian Larry Bell will unveil eleven amazing daguerreotypes from the HSSM collection that preceded the Howland photo album. These images, from the 1840s and 1850s, are also bi-racial, depicting Emily's students, teachers, mentors, and family members. They are particularly illuminating when viewed next to the Emily Howland album. This presentation will be a preview of an upcoming exhibit at Opendore this spring.

Limited seating available in-person at Opendore. Register by emailing [event@howlandstonestore.org](mailto:event@howlandstonestore.org). Zoom Meeting link will be posted on Facebook and on [www.howlandstonestore.org](http://www.howlandstonestore.org) before the week event.

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## **Reading and Discussion Group: “Making Sense of the Civil War”**

**Sunday, March 27**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Virtual on Zoom**

Reading: *America's War: Talking about the Civil War and Emancipation on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries*, edited by Edward L. Ayers (excerpts)

This is the second in a series of reading and discussion groups meeting on the last Sunday of each month, from now through June to explore different facets of the Civil War experience, informed by reading the words written or spoken by powerful voices from the past and present. Visit [www.howlandstonestore.org](http://www.howlandstonestore.org) for more information on this and subsequent sessions.

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## **Sustainability Perspectives: “Genetically Engineered Trees: No Solution to Climate Change”**

**Monday, March 28**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Virtual on Zoom**

**Presenter: Theresa Church, Campaign to Stop GE Trees**

The climate crisis is leading to an increasing promotion of genetically engineered (GE) trees as a “solution,” arguing that they will sequester “more carbon,” but at what cost to forests, communities, and health?

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# MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7 p.m.  “Computer Ransomware,” 7 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  Village Board Candidates Day, 2-4 p.m.  Live Music at Treleaven, 1-4 p.m.
<b>6</b> “The Fruits of Friendship,” 4 p.m.	<b>7</b> “Moving an Upstate NY County Towards ‘Net Zero,’” 12:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> “Sustainability at ALDI,” 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Lenten Book Club, 12 p.m.  Learning by the Lake, 7:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Visiting Writer Series Master Class, 5 p.m.  Visiting Writer Series Reading, 7:30 p.m.	<b>11</b> Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> “An Illustrated Compassion,” 4 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Village of Aurora Election, 12-9 p.m.  Patrick Tavern Market, 4:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Lenten Book Club, 12 p.m.	<b>17</b> St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, 4 p.m. (Aurora) and 5:30 p.m. (King Ferry)	<b>18</b> Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> King Ferry Food Pantry, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  St. Patrick’s Celebration at Treleaven, 6-9 p.m.
<b>20</b> “The Historical Jesus Movement,” 4 p.m.  “The Howland Daguerreotypes,” 7 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Deadline for submissions to <i>The Hub</i>	<b>23</b> Preschool Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Lenten Book Club, 12 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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