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## May 16

### Bangor

**Bangor/Brandon Two-town Garage Sale:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17**, Bangor and Brandon. Maps available: May 16 only; craft fair, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16, Bangor Volunteer Fire Department. Information: 518-319-4033.

### Calcium

**NNY9 annual K9 fundraiser chicken barbecue:** 10 a.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Calcium Fire Department, 24527 County Route 138. Meet the K9s, demonstrations, raffle baskets, wine lottery, children's activities.

### Canton

**ADK Laurentian outings schedule:** The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public to take part in these events. If you've questions about or want to go on a particular event, contact the leader/organizer for that event. If you've questions about the overall program or about the ADK, contact Dana Chudzinski, 315-244-5315 or chudski63@yahoo.com.

**Thursday - Weekly Walks.** Every **Thursday** this season at 7:30 a.m. we will organize a short, scenic walk in Potsdam. 1 hour, 2 miles, easy. In June, we will meet behind Walker Center on the Clarkson campus, and walk the Munter Trail. In May, we will meet at the Bayside Cemetery entrance, and walk the cemetery roads. Contact Tom Ortmeyer, 315-244-3707 or tortmeye@gmail.com.

**Saturday, May 16:** Azure Mountain Spring Trail and Summit Work Day. We'll do spring cleaning on the Azure Mountain Trail, such as side cutting, brushing out, water bar cleaning, and erosion control. Limit 6 participants. Fairly easy. Leader: Tom Ortmeyer, 315-244-3707 or tortmeye@gmail.com. Co-leader: Mike McLean.

**Friday, May 29:** Clarksboro Trail hike to the lookout point above Twin Falls. This will be an afternoon hike starting at 3 p.m. with an anticipated total hike time of 2-3 hours. 2 miles (rt) with elevation gain of 500 feet with side trips to one or two falls off Tooley Pond road. Contact Tom Vandewater at 315-261-1723.

### Clayton

**An Intimate Evening with The Trews - Acoustic Trio:** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: General, \$30; side balcony, \$35; center balcony, \$40. Information: www.claytonoperahouse.com. Tickets: <https://tickets.claytonoperahouse.com/chooseseats/23601>.

**Sunset on the Shore:** Hosted by The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence Foundation, 6 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, 200 Riverside Drive. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, silent auction. Information: www.theartcjslc.org.

### Depauville

**10th annual Hamfest/Swapmeet:** Hosted by Thousand Islands Repeater Club, set up, 7 a.m.; Hamfest, 8 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 16**, Depauville Fire Department,

15191 School St. Admission: \$2; tables, tailgating, \$10. Door prizes, raffles; pancake breakfast, 8 to 10:30 a.m. (\$10; includes admission). Testing, 10 a.m., registration: kc2tirclub@gmail.com.

### Fineview

**Exploring Vernal Pools:** 1 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Includes hike; dress for weather; recommended for those 5 and older.

### Glenfield

**Dance:** Nelson Brothers Band, 6 to 9 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, 3-G Fire Hall, 6229 Blue St. Cover charge: \$5

### Hermon

**Ribbon-cutting ceremony:** Certified forest therapy trail grand opening, 10 a.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Lazy River Playground, 456 Lazy River Road.

### Malone

**Book Club:** For those 18 and older, "Little Fires Everywhere," by Celeste Ng, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Free. Information: 518-483-5251.

### Mental Health Awareness and Wellness Fair

With Community Connections, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Arsenal Green Park, 7 Church St. Information: sdiorio@communityconnectionsfcny.org.

**Pearl Street Art Festival:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Foothills Art Society, 43 Pearl St. Artisan vendors, live music, children's activities, art gallery, gift shop, food trucks. Information: www.foothillsartsociety.com.

**"Piecing it all Together":** 2026 quilt show, sponsored by Adirondack Quilters Guild, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, First Congregational Church, 2 Clay St. Quilts for sale, raffles, demonstrations, light lunch and refreshments available.

**Scavenger Hunt:** All ages, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, House of History, 51 Milwaukee St. Find hidden gems of local history; free ice cream.

### Martinsburg

**Paddle auction:** Doors open, 5:30 p.m.; auction, 6:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Martinsburg Fire Hall, 2609 Whitaker Road. Admission: \$5 (includes dollar paddle and door prize ticket, quarters needed); all-in paddles, \$20 (2, \$30; 3, \$40; 4, \$45, no quarters needed. Door prizes, raffles, no food available.

### Massena

**Massena Artists Association Judged Art Show:** Reception, 10:30 a.m.; awards, 11 a.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Massena Public Library, 41 Glenn St. Exhibit on display through **Saturday, June 6**. Information: maapresident2024@gmail.com.

### Norwood

**Annual yard/bake sale:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Knapps Station Community Church, 3035 County Route 47. By donation; food items priced separately.

### Ogdensburg

**"Uncover Your Roots":** Genealogy for be-

# Waddington, other St. Lawrence County communities set to 'Open Doors' for nation's 250th

By Chris Brock  
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WADDINGTON — The Waddington Historical Association, as part of the St. Lawrence County's "Open Doors to History" program, is preparing an exhibit that will highlight the village's earliest history all the way through the 1950s.

Open Doors to History is a countywide program offering free and donation-based access to historic sites and cultural locations. The initiative and its related programming was developed by the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, the 250th Commemorative Commission and county historian Nancy J. LaFaver to help mark America's 250th anniversary.

Through Open Doors to History, visitors are invited to step inside places that have shaped the county, from museums and heritage sites to historic buildings and scenic landscapes, while engaging directly with local historians and community storytellers.

Three dates, representing different regions of the county, have been scheduled for communities to host Open Doors to History programs: May 2, June 6, and July 4.

### JUNE 6 AND JULY 4 LOCATIONS

St. Lawrence County sites taking part in the June 6 Open Doors to History program:

Canton Historian's office, Gouverneur Museum, Old Methodist Meeting House Museum in DeKalb; Potsdam Public Museum; St. Lawrence County Center for History & Culture in Canton, the Walker House Museum in Madrid and Satterlee Hall at SUNY Potsdam.

Taking part in the July 4 program: Hopkinton Historical Association, Russell Memorial Hall and Museum, Pierpoint Center, and a special Seaway opening at the Frederic Remington Museum, Ogdensburg.

Visitors can also take part in an interactive countywide



SLC Chamber of Commerce

challenge tied to the program.

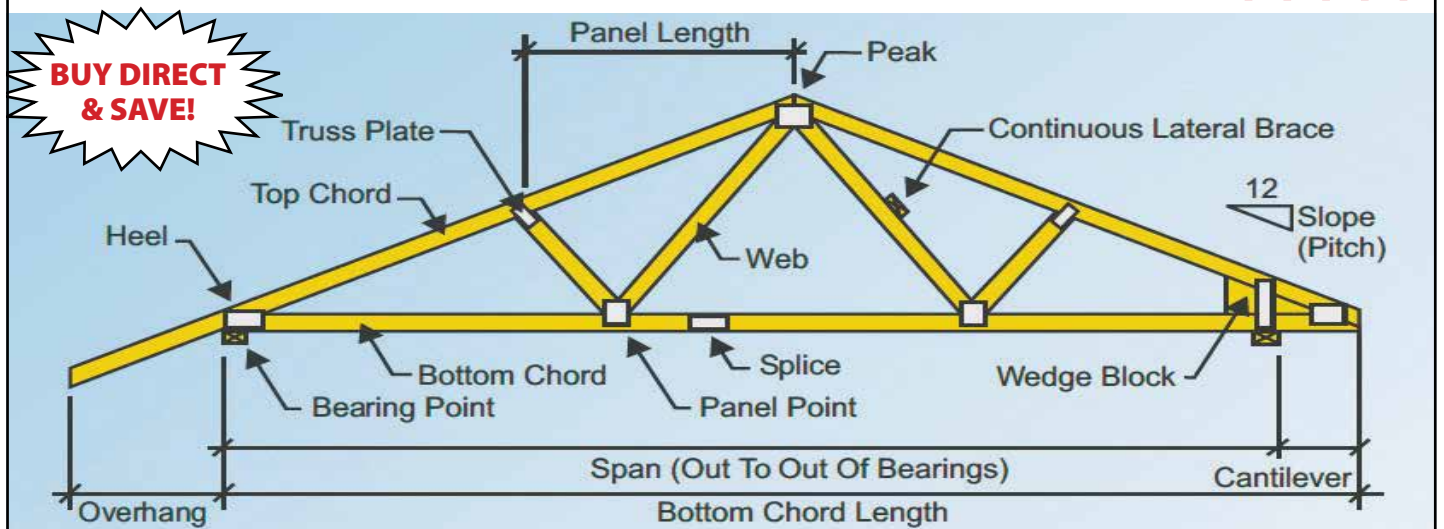
By visiting at least one site during each designated Saturday and submitting a photo with themed Revolutionary War character cutouts, Patriot Pete and Loyalist Lori, participants can earn a commemorative 250th Challenge Coin. Each visit also includes entry into a countywide raffle, with winners announced during St. Lawrence County History

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By visiting at least one site during each designated Saturday and submitting a photo with themed Revolutionary War character cutouts, participants in Open Doors to History can earn a commemorative 250th Challenge Coin.

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seum, 206 Ford St. Cost: \$5 per session; members, free. Information: oburghistorymuseum@gmail.com.

## Potsdam

**Potsdam-Canton Rotary Golf Tournament:** Shotgun start, 10 a.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Potsdam Town and Country Club, 194 Route 56. Cost: Per team, \$420; before May 1, \$400. Information: golf@potsdamrotary.org. Registration, scholarships: potsdamrotary.org/page/golf.

## Sackets Harbor

**Spring art show:** Opening, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Sackets Harbor Arts Center, 119 W. Main St. Exhibit on

display: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays**, through June 13. Information: www.aanny.org.

## Watertown

**Annual master gardener plant sale:** 10 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 16**, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, 203 N. Hamilton St. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, fruits, houseplants, trees, shrubs. Payments accepted: Cash and check. Information: Cierra Williams, 315-788-8450.

**Armed Forces Day parade:** 10 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 16**, Washington Street from Green Street to Dulles State Office Building. Free.

**Chicken barbecue:** Drive-thru only, 11 a.m. until sold out **Saturday, May 16**, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 850 Arsenal St. Menu: Half chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, roll and butter, dessert. Cost: \$14; half chicken only, \$8. Hosted by Knights of Columbus 259; basket of cheer, raffle drawings.

**Third annual Dueling Pianos fundraiser:**

## Summer Fun

Presented by Watertown Urban Mission and Watertown Savings Bank, cocktails, 6 to 7 p.m.; showtime, 7 to 10 p.m. **Saturday, May 16**, Watertown Elks Lodge, 728 Bradley St. Cost: \$65; tables available. Information, tickets: 315-782-8440.

**Volunteer work days:** Held 9 a.m. to noon **Saturdays, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, and Sept. 19**, Thompson Park.

**Watertown Saturday Farmers Market:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturdays, starting May 16**, JB Wise Plaza. Information: www.saturdayfarmersmarket.com.

## May 17

### Brownville

**Drive-thru chicken barbecue:** Noon **Sunday, May 17**, Brownville United Methodist Church, 333 Brown Blvd. Cost: \$15.

### Heuvelton

**Dance:** Elderly Brothers Band, 1 to 4 p.m. **Sunday, May 17**, Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St. Cover charge: \$5.

### Malone

**DAC Songwriter Series:** Featuring Giovanna Bucci, Marjorie Kelting, and River Valley Duo, 3 to 5 p.m. **Sunday, May 17**, Downtown Artists Cellar, 410 E. Main St. Cost: \$10 donation; cash bar available.

### Sandy Creek

**NCMS Annual Concert:** Patriotic songs, 4 to 5:30 p.m. **Sunday, May 17**, Sandy Creek United Methodist Church, 2031 Hardwood Drive. Cost: \$5 to \$7.

### South Colton

**ATV/UTV Fun Ride and Scavenger Hunt:** Registration, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday, May 17**, off 8E Trail. Cost: \$15 per machine. Information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1278775097181950>.

### Three Mile Bay

**Open house:** 2 p.m. **Sunday, May 17**, Lyme Heritage Center, 8718 Depot St. Live music by Lyme Heritage Center Band. Free.

### Watertown

**In the Splendor of Light:** Sacred Classics

for Choir and Organ with Watertown Musica Viva, 3 p.m. **Sunday, May 17**, Trinity Episcopal Church, 227 Sherman St. Cost: \$22 to \$28; senior citizens and military, \$20 to \$26; students, free to \$3.

## May 18

### Canton

**Lego Club:** For those in kindergarten through sixth grade, 3 to 4 p.m. **last Monday of the month** (or the 3rd **Monday** if the 4th is on/close to a holiday), Canton Free Library, 8 Park St. Registration required Friday prior.

### Gouverneur

**Bingocize:** Combination of Bingo and exercise, 2:30 p.m. **Mondays and Thursdays, through June 5**, Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 Route 58. Registration required: Barbara, 315-386-4730. Sponsored by St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

### Lowville

**LCGH Auxiliary annual plant sale:** 1 to 5 p.m. **Monday, May 18**; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Tuesday, May 19**, Lewis County Fairgrounds, LeRoy Nichols Building, 5485 Bostwick St. Cost: \$4 each; pre-orders due by May 8; Vickie, 315-221-0206 or vrounds38@gmail.com.

### Lyons Falls

**Rabies clinic:** Hosted by Lewis County Public Health and Countryside Veterinary Clinic, 7 to 8 p.m. **Monday, May 18**, Lyons Falls Fire Hall, 3907 High St. Cost: \$15 donation; dogs must be on leash, cats and ferrets in carrier or strong pillowcase/sack; bring record of past vaccinations.

### Natural Bridge

**KOA Car Cruizin 2026:** For campers and non-campers, 5 to 8 p.m. **Mondays, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, and Oct. 5**, KOA, 6081 Route 3. Raffles to benefit Care Camps (kids with cancer), door prizes, food, and music. Information: <https://business.watertown-ny.com/events/details/koa-car-cruizin-2026-12893>.

### Potsdam

**Dungeons and Dragons:** 5 p.m. **Mondays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

**Knit and crochet circle:** 6:30 p.m. **Mondays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

### Watertown

**Music and movement:** For those 5 and younger, with guest Sarah Wolfe, 10:30 a.m. **Monday, May 18**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

## May 19

### Canton

**Baby Storytime:** For those 17 months and younger with caregiver, 10 to 10:45 a.m. **Tuesdays**, Canton Free Library, 8 Park St.

**Chess open play:** 3 to 4 p.m. **Tuesdays**, Canton Free Library, 8 Park St. All ages, other games available. Information: Ryan, 315-854-6123.

### Cape Vincent

**Watercolor painting:** 10 a.m. to noon **Tuesdays**, Cape Vincent Community Li-

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# Sackets Harbor man organizing American flag efforts for the country's 250th

By Craig Fox  
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SACKETS HARBOR — Lynn Martin wants to see the Red, White and Blue out in full force for the United State's 250th anniversary celebration throughout this village, where a battle was fought in the War of 1812.

Martin would like to see the American flag displayed in front of every Sackets Harbor household and business as the country celebrates the 250th anniversary of its independence.

A Navy veteran, the village's public works superintendent started organizing those efforts about two weeks ago. Residents can sign up at the village municipal office to purchase American flags.

He's also arranged for the local Ace Hardware store to offer a 20% discount for the flags. Residents can purchase them for \$39.99.

"I'd like to see a flag in front of every household in Sackets Harbor," he said.

The 250th anniversary of the United States -- known as the Semiquincentennial -- will occur on July 4, marking 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed. The nationwide birthday celebration



Craig Fox/Watertown Daily Times

will feature commemorative coins and events that will be held all over the country throughout the year.

"I take a lot of pride in the flag," he said. "I'm all about patriotism."

Martin said Sackets Harbor has a long history of patriotism for the country. The village played a key role during the War of 1812 when the British failed in an attack on the American naval base in the village on May 29, 1813. Madison Barracks also was the home of the naval base where troops trained until World War II. Martin served in the U.S. Navy from 1985 to 1988 when he was stationed in Philadelphia and was in the reserves after that.

For the past few weeks, he's

been getting the word out on social media about his efforts. A kiosk in front of the village municipal office building also is publicizing it.

Anyone interest in getting a flag, Martin said he will hand deliver them.

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# St. Lawrence County

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Month in October.

The Waddington Historical Association exhibit that opened May 2 at the Old Town Hall, 38 Main St., will be on display throughout the summer. "It starts with the Ogdens, the earliest people who settled Waddington," said Mary B. Hamilton, president of the WHA.

Space limitations at the Old Town Hall limit the time span of the exhibit, concluding in 1960. "If we had more room, we could do more," Hamilton said. "We are configured into a one-room space. Until we get the museum done, we are limited."

There are plans to open a new museum on the grounds of the historic St. Paul's Episcopal church, which the village acquired four years ago through a donation. The church was built in 1818 and is considered the oldest church building north of the Mohawk Valley.



The Gallery at St. Lawrence (the Clark House) in Waddington is part of the Open Doors to History programming. Clark House/Facebook

The restored church rectory will become the museum. Together, the church and rectory will be part of the Waddington Cultural Center, with the church continuing to be used for concerts, lectures and events. At 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the center/church, the 10th Mountain Division Jazz Combo will perform as part of the WHA Harmony and History Concert Series.

"The architect is expected here next week to take a good look at what needs to be done," Hamilton said on April

21. "They need to figure out what it will cost to shore up the rectory. It's in bad shape. The church also needs work."

## RINGING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

At 10 a.m. on July 4, churches in the village will take part in "Ringing for Freedom Across the County." Individuals, families, and communities are encouraged to ring their bells together, whether from home or at organized gatherings, creating a unified moment of recognition across St. Law-

rence County.


Special St. Lawrence County commemorative hand bells are available for purchase at the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center in Canton, 101 Main St., for \$5 with an additional fee for credit card purchases.

"We'll also be doing something in front of the old Town Hall on July 4th with someone reading the Declaration of Independence, along with patriotic songs and speeches, to make it a little more than church bells ringing," Hamil-


ton said. Refreshments at the old Town Hall will follow.

In an observance not related to the county program, on Flag Day, June 14, a William G. Pomeroy Foundation plaque will be unveiled at Old Brookside Cemetery in Waddington to note the four Revolutionary War soldiers who are resting there.


For more information on the county's programming related to the nation's semiquincentennial, go to [www.visitstlc.com/250th](http://www.visitstlc.com/250th)



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## Potsdam Summer Fest 2026 returns July 9-11

POTSDAM — The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of Potsdam Summer Fest 2026, taking place July 9–11 throughout Potsdam, including Fall Island, Outer Market Street, Ives Park, and downtown locations. Vendor applications are now open for businesses, organizations, food vendors, artisans, and exhibitors interested in participating in one of the North Country's largest summer celebrations.

A new feature for Summer Fest 2026 will be the Outdoor Expo & Touch-a-Truck area located on Outer Market Street, featuring interactive exhibits, equipment displays, businesses, community organizations, and family-friend-

ly activities.

The popular Energy Zone, hosted by the North Country Clean Energy Hub, returns to Ives Park on Friday and Saturday with hands-on educational activities and demonstrations for all ages. Laser tag will also return to Summer Fest in 2026, along with the Potsdam Fire Department's annual Parade and Run to the River event. Visitors can look forward to returning festival favorites including the Tour de Potsdam 5K and the Potsdam Volunteer Rescue Squad Community Ice Cream Social.

Potsdam Summer Fest 2026 will include live music throughout the weekend on multiple stages, food vendors, an expanded Beer,

Wine & Cider Tent on Friday and Saturday evenings, fireworks, community performances and demonstrations, shopping, local artisans, the antique and classic cars show, and additional activities throughout the community. In addition to beverages and live music, the Fall Island Beer, Wine & Cider Tent area will offer a community-focused gathering space for festivalgoers to connect and enjoy the event. Saturday night's headliner will feature Strictly Hip Touring, bringing the music of The Tragically Hip to the Summer Fest stage for one of the festival's biggest performances of the weekend.

The chamber is currently seek-

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# What's Happening

## From T4

brary, 157 N. Real Sty. Starter watercolor supplies provided.

## Lyons Falls

**Open mic jam:** For all ages, family friendly, 5 to 7 p.m. **third Tuesday of the month**, Lyons Falls Free Library, 3918 High St. Free. Information: lyflib@ncls.org.

## Massena

**New Horizons Bands of NNY informational meeting:** For anyone interested in learning how to play a musical instrument or play in a band, 10 a.m. to noon **Tuesday, May 19**, Massena Public Library, 41 Glenn St. Information: newhorizonsny@gmail.com.

## Ogdensburg

**Music and movement:** For those 18 months to 4 years, 11 a.m. **Tuesdays**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free.

## Old Forge

**Walk and Talk Tuesdays:** 1:30 p.m. **Tuesdays, through June 9**, parking lot, Old Forge Library. Wear appropriate footwear.

## Potsdam

**Story time:** 11 a.m. **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

## Tupper Lake

**Yarn Social:** 6 p.m. **Tuesdays and Thursdays, through May 28**, Goff Nelson Library, 41 Lake St. Knitting and crocheting; bring own supplies and projects to stitch and chat.

## May 20

## Canton

**Run-Paddle-Rn Duathlon:** 4 to 5 p.m. **third Wednesday of the month, through August**, Little River, adjacent to St. Lawrence University campus. 1.25 mile run, 1.25 mile paddle, followed by another 1.25 mile run; start and finish near Little River Boat Launch, Park Street. Free.

## Lyons Falls

**Lego club:** For all children and caregivers, 5 to 7 p.m. **third Wednesday of the month**, Lyons Falls Free Library, 3918 High St. Free. Information: lyflib@ncls.org.

## Malone

**Lego Club:** For those 6 and older (those 11 and younger must have adult present) 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 20**, Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Free. Information: 518-483-5251.

## Ogdensburg

**Lego time:** For those 5 to 12, 5 p.m. **Wednesday, May 20**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free.

## Potsdam

**Itty bitty story time:** 10 a.m. **Wednesdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

**Potsdam Juneteenth Celebration:** Held **Saturday, June 20**, Ives Park, 3 Riverview Drive. Information: potsdamjuneteenth@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/pots-

damjuneteenthcelebration.

## Watertown

**Between the Covers: Romance Book Club:** For those 18 and older, "One Golden Summer," by Carley Fortune, 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 20**, online via Zoom. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

**Open craft club:** For those 18 and older, 6 p.m. **Wednesday, May 20**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; bring own project or borrow to start something new; light refreshments provided. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

**Toddler story time and crafts:** For those 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m. **Wednesdays**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; stories, songs, dancing. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

## West Carthage

**"Memory Lane" Cruise-in:** Hosted by Carthage American Legion Post 789, 5 to 8 p.m. **Wednesdays, through August**, Price Chopper Plaza, North Broad Street. Food, music, raffles, door prizes. Benefits legion scholarship fund. Information: www.carthageamericanlegion.org.

## May 21

## Canton

**Chess Club:** All levels welcome, 3 to 4 p.m. **Thursdays**, Canton Free Library, 8 Park St.

## Cape Vincent

**Spring Fling at the Museum:** Celebrate newest addition to Muskie Hall of Fame, 5 to 7 p.m. **Thursday, May 21**, Thousand Islands Museum, 312 James St. Exhibits, door prizes, refreshments.

## Carthage

**Bible study:** 7 p.m. **Thursdays**, Grace and Truth CC, 20295 County Road 45 Information: 315-771-9344.

## Lorraine

**Drive-thru turkey dinner:** 4 to 7 p.m. **Thursday, May 21**, Lorraine United Methodist Church, 20560 County Route 189. Menu: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll, and pie. Cost: \$15.

## Malone

**Business After Hours:** 5 to 7 p.m. **Thursday, May 21**, Malone Golf Club, 79 Golf Course Road. All welcome. Information, reservations: malonechamber@gmail.com.

**Preschool story hour:** For those 5 and younger, 11 a.m. **Thursdays, May 21 and 28**, Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Free. Information: 518-483-5251.

## Massena

**Kidz Kickstart:** Kid-friendly interactive program, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Thursdays**, First United Methodist Church, 189 Main St. Kid-friendly meal, story, creation station, games; free.

## Ogdensburg

**Story time:** For those 2 to 5, 11 a.m. **Thursdays**, Ogdensburg Public Library, 312 Washington St. Free.

## Old Forge

**Trivia Nights:** 6 to 8 p.m. **Thursday, May 21**, View Arts Center, 3273 Route 28. Information: www.viewarts.org.

## Potsdam

**Gentle yoga flow:** With Kat, 6 p.m. **Thursday, May 21**, Potsdam Public Library, 2

## Summer Fun

Park St. Free. Information: info@potsdamlibrary.org.

**Purl jam:** Noon **Thursdays**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St.

## Watertown

**Baby story time:** For those 2 and younger, 10:30 a.m. **Thursdays**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; nursery rhymes, wiggles, stories. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

**Book display brigade:** For those 12 to 17, 4 p.m. **Thursday, May 21**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; earn volunteer time for attendance. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

**Lego club:** For all ages, 4 p.m. **Thursday, May 21**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; themed builds. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

## May 22

## Adams

**Enchanting Adventures:** For those 5 and younger, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **Fridays, through Oct. 9**, Adams Free Library, 2 N. Main St. Stories, activity or coloring sheet, possible snacks. Free.

## Black River

**Roaring 20s Bingo night:** 6 to 9 p.m. **Friday, May 22**, Busted Grapes, 19557 Ball Road. Cost: \$20; 10 rounds of Bingo, appetizers, prizes, dress to impress.

## Canton

**"Beer — A Love Story":** With Grasse River Players, 7 p.m. **Friday, May 22**; and 2 and 5 p.m. **Saturday, May 23**, Crary Mills Community Center, 35 Post Road. Cost: \$15; complimentary after show 'snack bar' to celebrate premiere. Information, tickets: https://cur8.com/24981/project.138429.

## Carthage

**Carthage Farmers Market:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Fridays, May 22 to Oct. 9**, Pavilion, 200 Riverside Drive.

## Malone

**Reception and artist talk:** With Lauren Austin, artist in residence, 5 to 7 p.m. **Friday, May 22**, Downtown Artist Cellar, 410 E. Main St. Community exhibit. Information: www.downtownartistcellar.com.

## Ogdensburg

**City-wide garage sales:** Held **Friday, May 22, Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24**, throughout the city of Ogdensburg; Information, map: www.visitstlc.com.

## Theresa

**Village-wide yard sales:** Held **Friday, May 22, Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24**, Village of Theresa.

## Watertown

**Irish Road Bowling:** Sponsored by Northern Regional Center for Independent Living (NRCL), 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. **Fridays**, Veteran's Memorial Riverwalk. Information: Skylar Hoke, 315-785-8703, ext 284.

**Lilith Night:** Explore the mysteries of the Goddess Lilith, lead by Chuck B, aka "The Witch Priest," eclectic High Priest, 6 to 8:30 p.m. **Friday, May 22**, The Silver Cauldron, 440 Coffeen St. History, Magicks, devotional pathways Ritual, and meditation; making candles.

**Teen open gaming:** For those 12 to 17, 4 to 5 p.m. **Fridays**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free; video and board games, snacks. Information: www.flow-

erlibrary.org.

**Women's group:** 1 to 2:30 p.m. **Fridays**, NRCIL, 210 Court St., Suite 107. Conversation, craft projects, snacks. Information, accommodations: Ursula Justice and Alesha Roy, 315-785-8703, ext. 286, or ursulaj@ncil.net.

## May 23

## Alexandria Bay

**Grape Blossom Festival:** 2 to 6 p.m. **Saturday, May 23**, Thousand Islands Winery, 43298 Seaway Ave. Admission: \$5; 12 and younger, free. Vendors, live music, food. Information: 315-482-9306 or www.thousandislandswinery.com.

## Cape Vincent

**2026 Spring Fishing Derby:** Weigh-in, 2 to 4 p.m.; and prizes, 4:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 23**, Cape Vincent. Cost: \$25; military, \$20; 13 to 19, \$10; 12 and younger, free. Information: 315-654-2481 or capevincentchamber@gmail.com. Registration: www.capevincent.org/derby.

## Clayton

**Maggie's Wake:** 7:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 23**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$15; center, \$20; premium, \$25. Information: www.claytonoperahouse.com. Tickets: https://tickets.claytonoperahouse.com/ChooseSeats/15601.

## Fineview

**Summertime Kickoff: Field Games:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, May 23**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Greased watermelon relay race, 1 p.m.; summer games.

## Morristown

**Spring artisan fest:** Presented by Morristown Gateway Museum, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, May 23**, Red Barn Preserve, 518 River Road East. Crafts, food, music, auction, trails; free admission. Information: www.morristowngatewaymuseum.org.

## Tupper Lake

**Mental Health Awareness and Wellness Fair:** With Community Connections, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, May 23**, Demars Boulevard Park, Demars Boulevard. Information: sdiorio@communityconnectionsfcny.org.

## Watertown

**"Junk in the Trunk Sale":** 9 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 23**, parking lot, First Presbyterian Church, 403 Washington St. Hosted by PEO, an international educational organization dedicated to providing scholarships for women of all ages and in all stages of life.

**Plant sale:** Hosted by Jefferson County Garden Club, 9 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 23**, Stone Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Street. Cash sales only; perennials, vegetables, houseplants, herbs.

## May 24

## Alexandria Bay

**Memorial Day in the Bay:** Music, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Sunday, May 24**, Pavilion. Fireworks at dusk. Information: www.visitalexbay.org.

**Summer Concert Series:** Held 8 to 9:30 p.m. various dates, Bonnie Castle Resort, 31 Holland St. Information: www.bonniecastle.com.

**Sunday, May 24:** Material Girls  
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## Lowville

**Memorial Day schedule:** With Lowville American Legion, VFW, and Marine Corp League Honor Guard, held **Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25**, at various cemeteries.

**Sunday, May 24:** Brantingham, noon; Sperryville, 12:30 p.m.; Petries Corners, 12:50 p.m.; Beaches Bridge, 1:05 p.m.; Old Glendale, 1:30 p.m.; Martinsburg, 1:45 p.m.; West Martinsburg, 2 p.m.; and West Lowville, 2:15 p.m.

**Monday, May 25:** Wilcox Road, 7:40 a.m.; Denmark Hillside, 7:55 a.m.; Reed Cemetery, 8:10 a.m.; Lee Lumber East Road, 8:25 a.m.; East State Street, 8:55 a.m.; Jackson Street, 9:05 a.m.; Upper Stowe Street, 9:15 a.m.; and Lowville Rural, 9:25 a.m.

## Potsdam

**Weekend story time:** 1 p.m. **Sunday, May 24**, Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free. Information: info@potsdamlibrary.org.

## Theresa

**Memorial Day celebration:** Craft fair and car show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; chicken barbecue, 11 a.m.; memorial service, 1 p.m.; and parade, 3 p.m. **Sunday, May 24**, Theresa.

## May 25

## Canton

**LGBTQ Youth meetup:** Social time and activities for LGBTQ youth and allies, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Monday, May 25**, Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 E. Main St. A Partnership of Potsdam Pride, The Q Center at ACR Health, and Planned Parenthood of the North Country.

## Copenhagen

**Memorial Day and America 250 celebration:** Begins with parade, 10 a.m. **Monday, May 25**, Mechanic Street to Riverside Cemetery for ceremony. Music, chicken barbecue, free ice cream, quilt raffle at pavilion, busing available, bring own chairs.

## May 26

## Lowville

**Wellness Matters seminar:** The impact of hearing loss on physical and emotional health, with speaker Heidi Chruscicki, hearing instrument specialist, 3 to 4 p.m. **Tuesday, May 26**, Double Play Community Center, 6912 Bardo Road. Presented by Lowville Lions Club.

## Watertown

**Author talk and book signing:** For all ages, featuring Delores Johnson, 6 p.m. **Tuesday, May 26**, Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St. Free. Information: www.flowerlibrary.org.

## May 27

## Malone

**Seed to Supper:** With Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 27**, Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Free. Information: 518-483-5251.

See **WHAT'S HAPPENING T18**

# Town of Waddington to Open Leishman Point Campground for 2026 Season

WADDINGTON, NY – The Town of Waddington will open its Leishman Point Campground sites for the 2026 season on May 22, with operations running through the end of September.

The campground features four scenic waterfront sites overlooking the St. Lawrence River and the

Seaway shipping channel, providing campers with stunning views of passing vessels and the area's natural beauty. The campground is located at the Waddington Town Beach.

For reservations and more information, visit [www.Hipcamp.com](http://www.Hipcamp.com) and search for "Waddington's Leishman Point."



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## Summer Fun

# Alison Arngrim to perform solo comedy show at Chateaugay Town Hall

CHATEAUGAY, NY – Alison Arngrim, known for her role as Nellie Oleson on the television series *Little House on the Prairie*, will perform her solo comedy show, *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch*, on Friday, July 24, at the Chateaugay Town

Hall Theater.

This PG-13 entertainment is part of Wilder Weekend 2026, which also features the Almanzo's Little House Cast Reunion on July 25 and 26. For more information, visit [almanzowilderfarm.com](http://almanzowilderfarm.com).



## Potsdam American Legion commemorates nation's milestone

POTSDAM — American Legion Post 74 has joined a nationwide effort to begin celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

Starting in April, American Legion Post 74 took part in "Two Lights for Tomorrow," the first event under the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, the national body tasked with organizing the celebration of America's 250th birthday in 2026.

On the night of April 18, 1775, Boston silversmith Paul Revere rode to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning minutemen and households about the approach of British forces. Behind him, the North Church was shining the

agreed-upon code from its steeple via lanterns: "One if by land, and two if by sea," according to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem "Paul Revere's Ride."

The next day were the battles of Lexington and Concord, and the colonists were well prepared. In that spirit, the commission's America250 program, which works in coordination with The American Legion, called on state capitol buildings to display two lights on the evening of Friday, April 18—and on schools, offices, churches, individual homes and more to shine two lights of their own, along with other promotions of the 2026 birthday.

Post 74 will displayed two lights at its 128 NY-345 location.

The American Legion is the largest U.S. veterans organization, with more than 1.6 million members in more than 12,000 posts across the nation and in foreign countries.

Chartered by Congress in 1919, it is dedicated to the motto "Veterans Strengthening America." Legionnaires accomplish this through the organization's four pillars: veterans affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism and children and youth.

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**Summer Fun**



The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of Potsdam Summer Fest 2026, taking place July 9-11 throughout Potsdam, including Fall Island, Outer Market Street, Ives Park, and downtown locations. Potsdam Chamber of Commerce photo

St. Lawrence Nurseries, Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Omicron Pi Omicron Alumni, Northern Insuring Agency, Precision Auto Service & Repair, New York State

of Health, Walmart and many additional supporters helping bring the festival to life.

Interested vendors are encouraged to apply early, as space is limited

and locations will fill quickly. Additional announcements, schedules, vendor information, and event updates will be released in the coming weeks.

# Summer Fest

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ing food trucks, handmade and artisan vendors, retail and specialty product vendors, community organizations, nonprofits, and business exhibitors.

Vendor hours for Summer Fest 2026 are Thursday, July 9 from 3-8 p.m., Friday, July 10 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

“We’re excited to continue bringing the community together for one of Potsdam’s largest annual events,” said Melanie Flack, executive director of the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce. “Summer Fest continues to grow and

evolve each year, and we’re looking forward to welcoming the community for another fun-filled weekend in Potsdam.”

The Potsdam Chamber would also like to thank the many sponsors and community partners helping make Summer Fest 2026 possible, including Americu, GSL, Hoof & Horn Butcher and Eatery, Mahoney’s Auto Mall, Donaldson’s Funeral Home, Pepsi Cola Ogdensburg Bottlers, TJ Toyota, Potsdam Agway, Northern Credit Union, St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, DMT Foam, SLC Transit, NNY Community Foundation, LaBella Associates, Casella, Mirabito Energy Products, NBT Bank of Potsdam, National Grid, Fourth Coast Foam, The Lounge, Ombr, North Country Savings Bank, St. Lawrence Valley Roasters,

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**THURS., JULY 16**

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### Explore the Birds of Otter Creek Preserve on a guided trek

The Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) invites families and nature enthusiasts to take part in a special outdoor adventure during the Birds of a Feather Trek on May 23 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at Otter Creek Preserve.

Guided by local birding expert Dan Miller, participants will learn to spot and identify the area's feathered residents, from colorful songbirds to graceful waterfowl. This hands-on experience offers a unique opportunity to connect with nature, sharpen observation skills, and discover the rich diversity of birds that call the Preserve home.

Perfect for both beginners and seasoned birders, this trek combines walking, learning, and outdoor fun in a family-friendly setting. Bring your binoculars, curiosity, and enthusiasm for exploring the natural world!

Please register in advance. To sign up visit [tilandtrust.org/events](http://tilandtrust.org/events) or call the TILT Office at 315-686-5345.

### New preserve opens in Cape Vincent with guided premiere trek

The Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) invites the community to explore one of its newest Signature Preserve during the Edward & Marlene Schmeer Preserve Premiere Trek on June 5 from 3:30–5:00 p.m. in Cape Vincent.

Led by TILT staff, this guided hike will offer participants a first look at the new Preserve's landscape, wildlife, and trail system while sharing the story behind its conservation. The trek will highlight the natural features of the property and provide insight into how the land will be cared for and enjoyed in the years ahead. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, explore the trails, and experience the property in its early stages as a protected natural space.

The Premiere Trek marks an exciting milestone in TILT's ongoing efforts to protect land and provide public access to the region's natural beauty.

Please sign up online, or call.

# AmeriCU Credit Union Announces Artists for 2026 Salute to the Troops Tribute Concert at Fort Drum's Mountainfest

FORT DRUM — AmeriCU Credit Union is excited to announce Nate Smith as the headliner for the 14th Salute to the Troops Tribute Concert at Fort Drum's Mountainfest, featuring special guest Chayce Beckham.

The concert will take place on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Fort Drum. The installation will open to the public at noon, with the concert starting at 7 p.m. This event is presented by AmeriCU Credit Union in partnership with the AmeriCU Charitable Foundation to honor the service and sacrifice of the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division soldiers, their families, and the greater Fort Drum community. Admission is free.

"Since 2011, this concert has been a proud tradition, dedicated to honoring the valiant service of our military members and bringing



The lineup of acts for Mountainfest is revealed. Contributed.

our community together in gratitude and support for the 10th Mountain Division," said Alissa Sykes Tulloch, AmeriCU's executive vice president and chief operating officer. "We are proud to continue this

signature event and once again express our gratitude in such a meaningful way."

This event would not be possible without the generous support of dedicated sponsors. AmeriCU would like to thank its Five-

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# Mark your calendar: Little House cast reunion event in July

BURKE — The Almanzo Wilder Homestead will be hosting a reunion of cast members from the hit TV show Little House on the Prairie the weekend of July 24, 25 and 26, 2026. The guests of honor will be Dean Butler (Almanzo), Alison Arngrim (Nellie Oleson), Lucy Lee Flippin (Eliza Jane), Charles Bloom (Perry Day), and Jennifer Do-

nati (Baby Rose).

Events kick off Friday evening at the Chateaugay Town Theater, with a one-woman comedy show by Alison Arngrim, based on her memoir about growing up in the spotlight and living a life being “Nellie” (this show has adult content). Saturday and Sunday bring two full days of music, crafts and food at the Wilder

Homestead, with opportunities to meet the cast and get selfies and autographs. The weekend culminates in a world-class fiddle concert in conjunction with the House of History in Malone at the historic First Congregational Church.

As a fund-raiser for the Wilder Homestead, the cast will be part of a VIP-only dinner on Saturday evening

at the Malone Golf Club. VIP ticket holders will also receive VIP seating at Ms. Arngrim’s Friday show, two days of admission to the Wilder Homestead, priority parking, and a catered barbeque picnic lunch both Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets can be purchased through the Homestead’s website at [AlmanzoWilderFarm.com](http://AlmanzoWilderFarm.com).

“We expect this to be an incredible event,” says Volunteer Coordinator Robin Abbott. “We have already sold 10 percent of our VIP tickets and well over 100 admissions to the Farm for that weekend. We have people coming from as far away as California for this. We’re so excited to show off the Farm, the towns of Malone and Burke, and the beautiful North Country.”

The Almanzo Wilder Homestead in Burke is the only Laura Ingalls Wilder heritage site with an intact, original structure. The home Almanzo grew up in still stands next to reproduction barns, an orchard, and a replica one-room schoolhouse. The volunteers and staff of the Wilder Homestead invite you to step back in time to 1866.

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## Volunteers needed for Loon census

The Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT), in partnership with the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation (ACLC), invites community members to take part in the Annual Citizen Science Loon Census on July 18 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

This hands-on volunteer opportunity allows participants to help count local common loon populations as part of the New York Annual Loon Census. Data collected during the census contributes to important research that tracks population trends and supports management efforts aimed at protecting these iconic birds and their habitats across northern New York.

By joining the census, volun-



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teers play a direct role in wildlife conservation while learning more about loon behavior and

the ecosystems they depend on. No prior experience is required, and instructions will be provided to ensure accurate and meaningful data collection.

Volunteers must register in advance so that reporting forms and materials can be provided. Sign up online at [tilandtrust.org/events](http://tilandtrust.org/events) or call the TILT Office at 315-686-5345.

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# 2026 Jefferson County Dairy Parade: Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m.

WATERTOWN — Organizers of the 2026 Jefferson County Dairy Parade are excited to announce this year's official theme: "Farming, the Heart of America!"

The annual parade will take place on Friday, June 5, 2026, in downtown Watertown, celebrating the vital role agriculture plays in the local economy, community, and daily life across Northern New York. Each year, between 6,000 and 8,000 spectators line Washington Street to enjoy one of the region's most anticipated fam-

ily-friendly traditions.

This year's parade promises an exciting evening filled with marching bands, agricultural floats, fire trucks, entertainers, community organizations, and special attractions that celebrate Jefferson County's proud farming heritage and provide fun for all ages.

Organizers are now inviting businesses, farms, schools, civic groups, nonprofits, musical groups, and community organizations to participate in the parade. Registration is now open for entries.

"This parade is about cele-



brating the hardworking farm families and agricultural businesses that are the backbone of our community," said parade organizers. "Our 2026 theme, Farming, the Heart of America, reflects the importance of agriculture not only here in Jefferson County but across the nation."

The Jefferson County Dairy Parade showcases the region's \$3.9 billion agricultural industry while highlighting the people, products, and traditions that make Northern New York agriculture so significant.

Those interested in entering a float, marching unit, decorated vehicle, musical group,

or other parade attraction are encouraged to register early to secure their spot in the lineup.

For parade registration information or sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.jeffersoncountyag.com](http://www.jeffersoncountyag.com) or contact Jay Matteson, Jefferson County Agricultural Coordinator, at 315-782-5865 x232.



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# Malone Summer Fest to feature The Durham County Poets

MALONE — The Chamber of Commerce will present Summer Fest 2025 on June 14 in Arsenal Green Park, with a rain location at the Malone Civic Center. The event invites local businesses to showcase their wares and connect with potential customers while local musicians provide entertainment throughout the day. In past years, Summer Fest has attracted over 500 attendees.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors and food trucks will be present, along with a kids' corner. Admission is free to the public. The popular band The Durham County Poets will perform from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Lions Club Memorial Bandstand. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs to enjoy the concert at no cost.

This year introduces a special feature: a sale of antique lilac trees from the Wilder Farm. Two remaining trees from those brought from Europe in the 1700s are known,

one at Jefferson's Monticello and the other at the Almanzo Wilder Farm. Small trees will be available for purchase, offering a unique piece of history for your home.

Chamber Executive Director Mary Scharf encourages attendees to "bring cash! There will be food trucks with a variety of options, including donuts, burgers, and hot dogs. Come enjoy our beautiful park, vendors, food, and fresh air! Don't miss The Durham County Poets!"

Malone's Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to energizing the community by organizing enjoyable events for residents and welcoming visitors. This event is made possible by the support of sponsors, including the Community Health Center of the North Country, Alice Hyde Medical Center, Café Nouveau, Explore Adirondack Frontier, Hudson Headwaters, Citizen Advocates, Desimo Productions, Ellis Auto, One-Group, Sea-

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For more details, visit the Chamber's Facebook page or website at [www.malonechamberofcommerce.com](http://www.malonechamberofcommerce.com).

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# Grand Opening and Summer Arts Kick-Off at New Thousand Islands Arts Center June 27



The new home of the Thousand Islands Arts Center will be celebrated with the public on June 27.

CLAYTON – The Thousand Islands Arts Center is excited to invite the community to its Grand Opening and Summer Arts Kick-Off at the new facility located at 321 James Street on Saturday, June 27,

2026, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event marks the official opening of the 13,000-square-foot creative space and celebrates the start of an inspiring summer season at the Arts Center.

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# Save the River offers Floating Classroom Experience for teens



Students on a past Save the River excursion. Contributed.

CLAYTON – Middle and high school students ages 12-17 are invited to participate in a unique Floating Classroom experience on July 2, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program will kick off at the Thousand Islands Land Trust's Discovery Center, located by the Clayton Village Docks, where students will learn about the St. Lawrence River ecosystem.

At the Discovery Center, students will engage in hands-on lessons led by esteemed university scientists, including Dr. John Farrell. Participants will explore topics such as fisheries, river health, and invasive species before taking a boat ride to the Thousand Islands

Biological Station on Governor's Island.

After enjoying lunch aboard a Clayton Island Tours boat during a guided tour of the Thousand Islands, students will disembark at the Antique Boat Museum. There, they will take part in several interactive programs, including an Aquatic ROV exploration session with the U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Safety Unit and a Mock Oil Spill Cleanup lesson with a specialist from the Department of Environmental Conservation's Spill Response Division.

Throughout the day, Save the River will also run a selection of its most popular educational programs.

Parents can register their teens for the event online. A liability and photo release agreement will be required. Drop-off is at the Discovery Center at 9 a.m., and pickup will be at the Antique Boat Museum.

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# What's Happening

## From 17

### Watertown

**Farm and Craft Market:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Wednesdays, May 27 to Oct. 7,** Washington Street.

## May 28

### Clayton

**Clayton Farmers Market:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Thursdays, May 28 to Oct. 15,** Cerow Recreation Park Arena, 615 W. Line Road.

### Potsdam

**Spring luncheon:** Hosted by Potsdam Chamber of Commerce, celebrating Potsdam's 220th anniversary and downtown project update, noon **Thursday, May 28,** Potsdam Town and Country Club, 6194 Route 56. Cost: \$30. Information, registration: [www.potsdamchamber.com](http://www.potsdamchamber.com) or Melanie Flack, executive director, [director@potsdamchamber.com](mailto:director@potsdamchamber.com).

## May 29

### Clayton

**Frontiers:** "The World's Number One Tribute to Journey," 7:30 p.m. **Friday, May 29,** Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$25; center, \$30; premium, \$35. Information: [www.claytonoperahouse.com](http://www.claytonoperahouse.com). Tickets: <https://tickets.claytonoperahouse.com/ChooseSeats/15401>.

## May 30

### Carthage

**REMEDY 3:** For all ages. 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 30,** First Baptist Church, 511 State St. Music, beverages available.

### Chaumont

**Guided walk:** With Julie Covey, local resident and wanderer of the alvar, 9 a.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Chaumont Barrens. Registration requested by May 29: Lyme Free Library, 315-649-5454.

**Trail Walk at Chaumont Barrens Preserve:** With Julie Covey, naturalist, local resident and wanderer of the alvar, 9 to 11:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Chaumont Barrens Preserve, Van Alstyne Road. Registration required by end of day **Wednesday, May 29:** 315-649-5454. Wear sturdy shoes/boots; bug repellent suggested; walk to take approximately two and a half to three hours.

### Fineview

**Birdwatching: Edge Habitat:** 9 a.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Suitable for all skill levels; binoculars available.

### Harrisville

**Harrisville Farmers Market:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturdays, May 30 to Oct. 31,** Scenic View.

### Malone

**Book sale setup:** Middle and high school volunteers, 10:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Free. Informa-

tion: 518-483-5251.

**KnotJustKnitting:** 11 a.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Wead Library, 64 Elm St. Free. Information: 518-483-5251. Bring own small handcraft for crafting and conversation.

### Paul Smiths

**"A Little Birdie Told Me":** Hosted by Saranac Lake ArtWorks, opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Paul Smith's College VIC, 8023 Route 30. Exhibition on display May 18 to July 26. Information: [admin@saranaclakeartworks.org](mailto:admin@saranaclakeartworks.org).

### Waddington

**Contra dance:** Harmony and History concert series, 7 to 9 p.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Waddington Town Hall. All ages welcome. Cost: \$10; family, \$25.

### Watertown

**21st annual mental health awareness walk:** Registration, 11 a.m.; walk with keynote and testimonial speakers, 11:30 a.m.; lunch, music, family activities, resources, 1 p.m. **Saturday, May 30,** Thompson Park pavilion. Service dogs welcome; no pets. Information, accommodations: Maria Roach, 315-785-8703, ext. 213.

## May 31

### Fineview

**Full Moon Hike: Blue Moon:** 9:20 p.m. **Sunday, May 31,** Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and layered clothing for warmth; bring headlamp or flashlight.

### Ogdensburg

**Horse show:** With St. Lawrence Valley Horsemen's Association (SLVHA), 10 a.m. **Sunday, May 31,** Paradis Acres Show Grounds, Linden Road. Proof of current rabies (within one year) and negative Coggins (within two years), required to show. Entry fee: \$30; or \$8 per class; ribbons only.

### Potsdam

**Kaputt headlines Indie/Alt/Punk Concert:** 3 p.m. **Sunday, May 31,** Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free. Information: [info@potsdamlibrary.org](mailto:info@potsdamlibrary.org).

**Why Choose? Romance Book Club:** 3 p.m. **Sunday, May 31,** Potsdam Public Library, 2 Park St. Free. Information: [info@potsdamlibrary.org](mailto:info@potsdamlibrary.org).

### Waddington

**10th Mountain Division Jazz Combo:** Harmony and History concert series, 2 p.m. **Sunday, May 31,** Waddington Cultural Center, Lincoln Avenue. Free.

## June 1

### Croghan

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 5 to 6 p.m. **Monday, June 1,** Croghan Free Library, 9794 Route 812. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### Lake Placid

**"To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar":** 7 p.m. **Monday, June 1,** Palace Theatre, 2430 Main St. Followed by panel discussion and Q&A with pageant queens.

### Lowville

**Sparks Club:** For those 5 to 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m. **Monday, June 1,** Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 7395 East Road.

## Summer Fun

### Sackets Harbor

**Potluck dinner for seniors:** Hosted by Hounsfield Senior Citizens, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Monday, June 1,** Sackets Harbor Municipal Building, 112 N. Broad St. Membership information: Cathy Chrisman, 315-778-9678.

## June 2

### Cape Vincent

**Cape Street Market:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tuesdays, June 2, to Sept. 29,** Village Green, 357 Broadway St. Information: [www.capevincent.org/capestreetmarket](http://www.capevincent.org/capestreetmarket).

### Constableville

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 1 to 2 p.m. **Tuesday, June 2,** Constableville Library, 3158 Main St. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### Norwood

**Norwood Village Green Concert Series:** Concerts held 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted on various dates, Norwood Village Green, 3 Bicknell St. Information, schedule: [www.nvgcs.org](http://www.nvgcs.org).

**Tuesday, June 2:** SLCMEA Event and Phoenix Jazz Collective

**Thursday, June 4:** Gretchen Koehler and Daniel Kelly — "Fiddling with Traditions"

**Thursday, June 11:** Paul Meyers, Brian Mellick, Shiri Zorn — Vocals

**Thursday, June 18:** Northern Symphonic Winds

**Thursday, June 25:** Gibson Brothers

### Saranac Lake

**"A Classic Drag Cabaret Show":** With host Victoria Bohmore, Miss Gay Mid-Atlantic America 2025, 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday, June 2,** The Pendragon Theatre, 56 Woodruff St. Featuring Andora TeTee, Miss Gay America 2019; Alvion Arnell Davenport, Miss Continental Plus 2024; and Katie D Lite, Miss Nationz Plus 2024.

**Afternoon Tea with the Queens:** 4 p.m. **Tuesday, June 2,** Saranac Lake Free Library, 109 Main St. Panel discussion and Q&A on history of drag and pageantry.

## June 3

### Black River

**Pre-K storytime:** 10 to 11 a.m. **Wednesdays, June 3, July 1, and Aug. 5,** Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library, 101 Public Works Drive. New storytime monthly, craft and snacks.

### Brantingham

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 3 to 4 p.m. **Wednesday, June 3,** Brantingham-Greig Reading Center, 5186 Greig Road. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### Harrisville

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 1 to 2 p.m. **Wednesday, June 3,** Harrisville Free Library, 8209 Main St. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### Lowville

**4-H Robotics Club:** For those 5 to 18, 5 to 6 p.m. **first Wednesday of the month,** Jan. 7 to June 3, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 7395 East Road. Free.

**Living well with chronic diseases:** Six-

week workshop with Lewis County Office for the Aging, 9:30 a.m. to noon **Wednesdays, June 3 to July 8,** Human Services Building, 5274 Outer Stowe St. Learn skills to communicate with doctors, problem solving, symptom management, relaxation techniques. Free; snacks provided; each session attended earns \$25 Cornell Cooperative Extension voucher. Information, registration: 315-376-5313.

### Lyons Falls

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 5 to 6 p.m. **Wednesday, June 3,** Lyons Falls Library, 3918 High St. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### Norwood

**Service Above Self Award Dinner:** Honoring Janice and Fonda Adderley, Service Above Self, and Christina Delorenzo and Ashley Kalman-Smith, Rookie Rotarians of the Year, social hour, 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 6 p.m. **Wednesday, June 3,** Lobster House, 95 S. Main St. Cost: \$45. Information, tickets: [www.potsdamrotary.org](http://www.potsdamrotary.org).

### Sackets Harbor

**"Building a Path to Our Whole History":** Ronnie Reitter, A Haudenosaunee Message "The Land Speaks," 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, June 3,** Union Hotel Building, 401 W. Main St. Information: 315-646-3634.

### Watertown

**Art Talk:** Laura Oaks, encaustic painting, 6 to 8 p.m. **Wednesday, June 3,** Fibonacci Art Gallery, 100 Court St. Information: [fibonacciartists321.com](http://fibonacciartists321.com).

## June 4

### Massena

**Massena Concert Series:** Held 6 p.m. **Thursdays, June 4 to Sept. 3,** Springs Park, 434 S. Main St. Free.

**June 4:** Lacey Stoddard-Peets

**June 11:** Grim Guitar June 18: Stephanie Fansler

**June 25:** Jayne Trudell

### Osceola

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 4 to 5 p.m. **Thursday, June 4,** Osceola Public Library, 2117 N. Osceola Road. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### West Leyden

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 6 to 7 p.m. **Thursday, June 4,** West Leyden-Town of Lewis Library, 1039 Route 26. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

## June 5

### Adams

**Rummage and bake sale:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Friday, June 5;** and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday, June 6,** Wardwell Street entrance, Adams United Methodist Church, 36 E. Church St. Books, games, toys, shoes, baked goods, clothing, household items. Cash sales only.

**Rummage and bake sale:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (bring own bags) **Friday, June 5;** and 9 a.m. to noon (bags provided) **Saturday, June 6,** Sixtown Meeting House, 33 E. Church St. Donations accepted; sales cash only. Information: 315-232-2665.

### Canton

**Canton Dairy Festival:** Held **Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6,** Canton Village Park, Park Place. Information, full schedule: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1103694799488791>.

### Clayton

**Biennial quilt show:** With North County Quilting Guild, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6;** and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Sunday, June 7,** Cerow Recreation Park Arena, 615 E. Line Road. Cost: \$10; covers all days. Information: 315-489-0088.

### Martinsburg

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 3 to 4 p.m. **Friday, June 5,** William H. Bush Memorial Library, 5605 Whitaker Road. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### Port Leyden

**"Growing Sweet Peppers and Lettuce in a Bucket":** With Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County, 1 to 2 p.m. **Friday, June 5,** Port Leyden Community Library, 3145 Canal St. Cost: \$5 per bucket.

### Redwood

**Water Quality Conference:** With Indian River Lakes Conservancy, held **Friday, June 5,** Redwood Hill Preserve. Cost: \$50; advance, \$45. Information, tickets: <https://indianriverlakes.org>.

## June 6

### Alexandria Bay

**Alexandria Bay community yard sale:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, June 6,** Alexandria Bay. Information: [www.visitalexbay.org](http://www.visitalexbay.org).

### Brasher Falls

**Monthly used book sale:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **first Saturday of the month,** Badenhausen Public Library, 897 Main St. Prices: Adult hardcover, \$2; adult paperback, \$1; children's hardcover, \$1; children's paperback and board books, two for \$1; children and young adults, one free book per sale. Benefits the library.

### Carthage

**Trash to Treasure Day:** Community garage sales, held **Saturday, June 6,** throughout Carthage. Information, registration: [carthagenchamber@gmail.com](mailto:carthagenchamber@gmail.com) or 1520 S. Mechanic St., Carthage.

### Clayton

**Tig Notaro — Out of Nowhere Tour:** Emmy and Grammy nominated stand-up comedian, actor, writer, podcaster, and radio contributor, 7 p.m. **Saturday, June 6,** Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$75; center, \$80; premium, \$85. Information, tickets: [www.claytonoperahouse.com](http://www.claytonoperahouse.com).

### Fineview

**Succulent Garden:** 1 p.m. **Saturday, June 6,** Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. For those 12 and older; cost: \$10.

### Henderson Harbor

**The ShelterBox Ride:** Registration, 7 a.m.; 52-mile, 8:30 a.m.; 28-mile, 9 a.m.; 13-mile family ride, 9 a.m. (12 and younger, free) **Saturday, June 6,** Westview Lodge, 13499 County Route 123. Information, registration: [www.shelterboxride.com](http://www.shelterboxride.com).

# What's Happening

From T18

## Lowville

**Lowville Farmers Market:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturdays, June 6 to Sept. 26**, Lewis County Fairgrounds, 5485 Bostwick St. Information: <https://www.facebook.com/lowvillefarmcraftmarket>.

## Madrid

**Madrid Canoe Regatta:** Check-in, 9 a.m. **Saturday, June 6;** and 8 a.m. **Sunday, June 7**, Madrid Municipal Park, 1835 Route 345. Recreational races of three miles, amateur canoe and kayak races (nine and 13 miles), and pro races. Cost: \$30; pro paddlers, \$40; SLVP members, \$25; students, \$10; wounded warrior, free. Information: [www.slvpaddlers.org](http://www.slvpaddlers.org).

## Malone

**Hendrickson Hatch Fly Fishing Tournament:** Held **Saturday, June 6,** and **Sunday, June 7**. Registration: 8 to 9:30 a.m. at American Legion Post 219, 53 Morton St. Dinner: 4 to 6 p.m. **Saturday, June 6**, Legion Hall. Luncheon and awards, 2 p.m., American Legion Post 219. Information, registration: [www.hendricksonhatch.org](http://www.hendricksonhatch.org).

## Norwood

**14th annual Dustin Berger ATV Ride:** Registration, 8:30 a.m. **Saturday, June 6**, American Legion, 10 Maple St.

## Ogdensburg

**Sally's Speakeasy: 1920s game night at the museum:** 6 to 10 p.m. **Saturday, June 6**, Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St. Cost: \$25. Information, tickets: [www.fredericremington.org](http://www.fredericremington.org).

## Oswego

**2026 Lake Ontario Waterfront Festival:** Noon to 4 p.m. **Saturday, June 6**, H. Lee White Maritime Museum, 1 W. 1st St. Family-friendly; free; history and recreation.

## Redwood

**Community recruitment drive and chicken barbecue:** Sponsored by Kirkland Grange 684, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, June 6**, Redwood Fire Hall, 43676 Stine Road. Cost: Preorder tickets, \$15. Information, tickets: Corey, 315-777-3063; or Dee, 315-777-5222.

## Saranac Lake

**Inaugural Cancer Survivors Breakfast:** Hosted by Adirondack Health Foundation and Merrill Center for Oncology, 8 a.m. **Saturday, June 6**, Voco Saranac Lake's Lakeside Drift Restaurant, 250 Lake Flower Ave. Free. Reservations requested by **Friday, May 22:** 518-897-2370 or [foundation@adirondackhealth.org](mailto:foundation@adirondackhealth.org).

## Watertown

**2026 Annual Dairy Parade:** 7 to 8 p.m. **Saturday, June 6**, Washington Street.

**2026 Household hazardous waste recycling:** Collection for disposal, 8 a.m. to noon **Saturdays, June 6 and Oct. 10**, Jefferson County Dog Control, 21897 County Route 190. Accepting: Paints, chemicals, pesticides and other hazardous products. Information, registration: [\[countryrecycles.org/hhwregistration\]\(http://countryrecycles.org/hhwregistration\) or 315-61-3233.](https://north-</a></p>
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**Nococon:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday, June 6;** and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Sunday, June 7**, Watertown Municipal Arena, Coffeen Street. Cost: \$25; weekend pass, \$40; VIP passes available. Information: <https://brand.site/nococon>.

## June 7

### Three Mile Bay

**Sunday programs:** Held 2 p.m. various **Sundays**, Lyme Heritage Center, 8718 Depot St. Free. Information: 315-649-5452 or [www.lymeheritagecenter.org](http://www.lymeheritagecenter.org).

**June 7:** The Fish of Chaumont Bay, with Louis Pagnotti, owner, Chaumont Masters fishing charters

**June 28:** Cherry Island, with staff from Thousand Islands Land Trust

**July 12:** Legends of the North Country, with Tom Richter, local musician

**Aug. 9:** Heavy Metal Historians, with Larry Corbett, local historian

## June 9

### Lyons Falls

**Lyons Falls Farmers Market:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tuesdays, June 9 to Sept. 29**, Riverside Park, 6908 Laura St.

## June 10

### Lyons Falls

**Naturally Lewis Economic Development Conference:** With keynote speaker Josiah Brown, registration, 8 a.m. **Wednesday, June 10**, 3 Willows Event Center, 3950 Route 12. Networking, talks, panels, group round tables, happy hour. Information: <https://naturallylewis.com/events>.

## June 11

### Clayton

**34th annual Bluegrass Festival:** Held **Thursday, June 11, Friday, June 12,** and **Saturday, June 13**, Coyote Moon Vineyards, 17371 E. Line Road. Tickets: \$90; prior to May 1, \$75; **Thursday, \$25; Friday, \$45; Saturday, \$45.** Information: [www.thousandislandsbluegrass.com](http://www.thousandislandsbluegrass.com).

### Lowville

**Lewis County General Hospital Farmers Market:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Thursdays, June 11 to Oct. 8**, the hospital, 7785 N. State St.

### Watertown

**Scholarship luncheon:** North Central Zone of the Retired Educators of New York (RENY), registration, 10 a.m. **Thursday, June 11**, Hilton Garden Inn, 1290 Arsenal St. Featuring scholarship winners: Cohen Hunter, General Brown Central School, Dexter; and Ronald Zehr, Belleville Henderson Central School, Belleville. Luncheon held at noon. Art by John Morrow, north country artist, on display. Information: Alicia Bach, [abach@twcny.rr.com](mailto:abach@twcny.rr.com).

### Alexandria Bay

**Alexandria Bay Farmers Market:** 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. **Fridays;** and 8 a.m. to noon **Saturdays, June 12 to Sept. 12**, Swan Bay Resort, 43615 Route 12.

### Clayton

**Great New York State Food and Wine Festival:** 3 to 8 p.m. **Friday, June 12;** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday, June 13;** and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Sunday, June 14**, Cerow Recreation Park, 615 E. Line Road. Information: [www.nysfoodwinefestival.com](http://www.nysfoodwinefestival.com).

**Jay White's Sweet Caroline:** 7:30 to 9 p.m. **Friday, June 12**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$50; center, \$55; premium, \$60. Information, tickets: [www.claytonoperahouse.com](http://www.claytonoperahouse.com).

### Sackets Harbor

**Second Friday, free movie:** 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, June 12**, United Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Broad St.

### Watertown

**ANCA 2026 annual meeting:** 1 to 3 p.m. **Friday, June 12**, Emmanuel Congregational Church, 119 S. Hamilton St. Free; membership encouraged. Information: [bit.ly/anca-meeting-26](http://bit.ly/anca-meeting-26).

## June 13

### Dexter

**Fourth annual Dexter Duck Derby:** 3 to 5 p.m. **Saturday, June 13**, Boat Docks, Route 180. Information: [info@dexterduckderby.com](mailto:info@dexterduckderby.com).

### Fineview

**Minna Remix: Birding the Marsh:** 9 a.m. **Saturday, June 13**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Beginners welcome; binoculars available.

### Hogansburg

**Akwasasne Farmers Market:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturdays, June 13 to Oct. 10**, Generations Park, 30 Margaret Terrace Highway. July 18 and 25 and Aug. 15 markets to be held at Akwasasne Library. Information: 518-651-6283 or [akwasasnefarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:akwasasnefarmersmarket@gmail.com).

### Madrid

**Spring exhibition:** 9 a.m., to 5 p.m. **Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14**, St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum, 1755 Route 345. Admission: \$5; 12 and younger, free. Cash only event; ATM on grounds. Information: <https://slpower-museum.com>.

### Malone

**Fifth annual Fieldstone Music Festival:** 3 p.m. **Saturday, June 13**, 324 County Route 51. Featuring Kenny and Luke's Country Beach Party, 7 to 9 p.m. Firefighters' barbecue competition, chicken dinners, children's activities.

### Potsdam

**Potsdam Pride Festival:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, June 13**, Ives Park, 3 River-view Drive. Food, vendors. Information: <https://potsdampride.org>.

## June 14

### Rensselaer Falls

**Ninth annual 5K Color Run/Walk:** 9 a.m. **Sunday, June 14**, Rensselaer Falls Fire and Rescue, 424 Rensselaer St. Cost: \$30; 12 and younger, \$20. Benefits the department.

### Waddington

**Pomeroy Marker dedication:** 11 a.m. **Sunday, June 14, Old Brookside Cemetery, Linden Street. Reception to follow at American Legion, Fenton Street. Watertown**

**Flag Day Parade:** 11 a.m. **Sunday, June 14**, starting from Superior Street to end at Watertown Elks Lodge, 728 Bradley St.

## June 15

### Chaumont

**Monday Music on the Lake:** Hosted by Lyme Performing Arts Council, held 6 p.m. select **Mondays**, outdoor stage, Chaumont Fire Hall, Route 12E. In case of rain, concert moved indoors. Food and beverages available for purchase.

**June 15:** Flashback, early rock-n-roll

## June 17

### Watertown

**Madrid Dam Music Series:** Held 6 p.m. **Wednesdays, June 17 to Aug. 5**, Madrid Municipal Park, 1835 Route 345. Free; donations accepted. Information, updates: <https://www.facebook.com/madriddamms>.

**June 17:** Steelin' Country

**June 24:** Frankie and the Moonlighters

## June 18

### Boonville

**Boonville Farmers Market:** Noon to 5 p.m. **Thursdays, June 18 to Oct. 1**, Erwin Park, 133089 Park Drive.

### Clayton

**An Evening with Judy Kuhn:** Tony, Grammy, and Olivier Awarded nominee, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, June 18**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$40; center, \$45; premium, \$50. Information, tickets: [www.claytonoperahouse.com](http://www.claytonoperahouse.com).

## June 19

### Adams

**Strawberry Festival:** Hosted by South Jefferson Historical Association, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Friday, June 19;** and 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, June 20**, Sixtown House, 31 E. Church St. Chicken barbecue, craft and hobby show, bake sale, desserts, Ripley House museum, school house and cabin tours, vintage equipment displays, children's games, petting zoo.

### Peru

**Bill McBride Jr. Memorial Charity Golf Tournament:** Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 7273, shotgun start, 10 a.m. **Friday, June 19**, Adirondack Golf and Country Club, 88 Golf Club Way. Cost: \$300, four person team. Information, entry forms: Greg Lombard, 518-593-2652 or [zeroturn364@gmail.com](mailto:zeroturn364@gmail.com); or Scarlett McBride, 518-572-8790 or [scar6064@charter.net](mailto:scar6064@charter.net).

### Potsdam

**Farm Gala:** Hosted by GardenShare, celebrating 30 years, 6 p.m. **Thursday, June**

19, St. Lawrence Nurseries, 6527 Route 56. Cost: \$65. Dinner, drinks, raffles.

## June 20

### Burke

**Fun on the Farm:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, June 20**, Almanzo Wilder Homestead, 177 Stacy Road. Traditional games, shingle shaving, farm animals, children's art show and essay contest awards, self guided tours, food available for purchase. Admission: \$8; 6 to 16, \$5; 5 and younger, free. Information: <https://www.almanzowilderfarm.com>.

### Malone

**Summer fest and flea market:** Malone Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, June 20**, Arsenal Green Park, Main Street. Music by The Last Call; vendors, corn hole, food trucks, fundraising race.

## June 21

### Fineview

**Summer Solstice Celebration:** 6 to 9 p.m. **Sunday, June 21**, Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road. Music, food, beverages, natural mandalas, flower crowns.

## June 24

### Clayton

**Along the River's Edge Reception:** Juried exhibition celebrating exceptional artwork across all mediums, 5 to 7 p.m. **Wednesday, June 24**, Thousand Islands Arts Center, 314 John St. Free. Information: [www.tiartscenter.org](http://www.tiartscenter.org).

## June 25

### Clayton

**Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder:** 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, June 25**, Clayton Opera House, 405 Riverside Drive. Cost: Side, \$75; center, \$80; premium, \$85. Information, tickets: [www.claytonoperahouse.com](http://www.claytonoperahouse.com).

## June 26

### Clayton

**"A Night on the River" sunset cruise:** 1000 Islands River Pride Kick-Off, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. **Friday, June 26**, Clayton Harbor Municipal Marina, 301 Webb St. Cost: \$31.72.

### Lowville

**Food Truck Friday:** 6 to 9 p.m. **Friday, June 26**, Lewis County Fairgrounds, 5485 Bostwick St. Live music, lawn games, community resources. Information: Keely Marriott, [keely@naturallylewis.com](mailto:keely@naturallylewis.com).

### Watertown

**Downtown Block Party:** 5 to 10 p.m. **Fridays, June 26, July 31, and Aug. 28**, Public Square. Music, food, beverages.

# Get hands-on in the Antique Boat Museum Boatyard this season

The George C. Textor, Jr. Boat Shop will open as part of general admission on Friday, May 29.

This season, the Antique Boat Museum invites you to roll up your sleeves and learn from skilled craftspeople through the 2026 Boatyard Classes. From traditional paddle-making and woodworking to canvas bag-making, bronze

casting, and staining and bright-work, each class offers a chance to build lifelong skills while exploring the craftsmanship behind boats and life on the water.

Classes will be held throughout the season in both the George C. Textor, Jr. Boat Shop and the historic Edward John Noble Stone Building, providing opportunities



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ence waiting for you.

### Boatyard Classes

**May 15-17:** Paddle Making with John Homer. Price: \$325 | \$293 for members. In this hands-on class, students will carve a traditional-style canoe paddle using hand tools. Each participant will receive

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# Antique Boat Museum 2026 Event Schedule



Vessels at the ACBS show are docked near the Antique Boat Museum's 106-foot houseboat "La Duchesse," built in 1903 for hotelier George Boldt. / Chris Brock/Watertown Daily Times

**May 9:** Museum Open for Season *Open 7 days a week, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

**May 23:** *La Duchesse* Tours and Ride the River begin

**May 27:** Volunteer Meet & Mix

**May 29:** George C. Textor Jr. Boat Shop Dedication

**June 6:** 1000 Islands Family Free Day

**June 6 – 12:** The Great International Steamboat Flotilla

**June 27:** 1000 Islands Concours d'Elegance | Italian Legends | (Rain date of June 28)

**July 3:** Community Shore Dinner & Fireworks Viewing

**July 17:** Annual Members Meeting

**July 31 – Aug 2:** 62 nd Antique Boat Show & Auction | A Century of Centuries

**Aug 15:** Bob Speltz Day

**Sept 3:** Volunteer Appreciation Event

**Oct 10:** Small Craft Festival (part of New York State's Path Through History Fall Weekend)

**Oct 12:** Last Day of Regular Operation *weekends only rest of October*

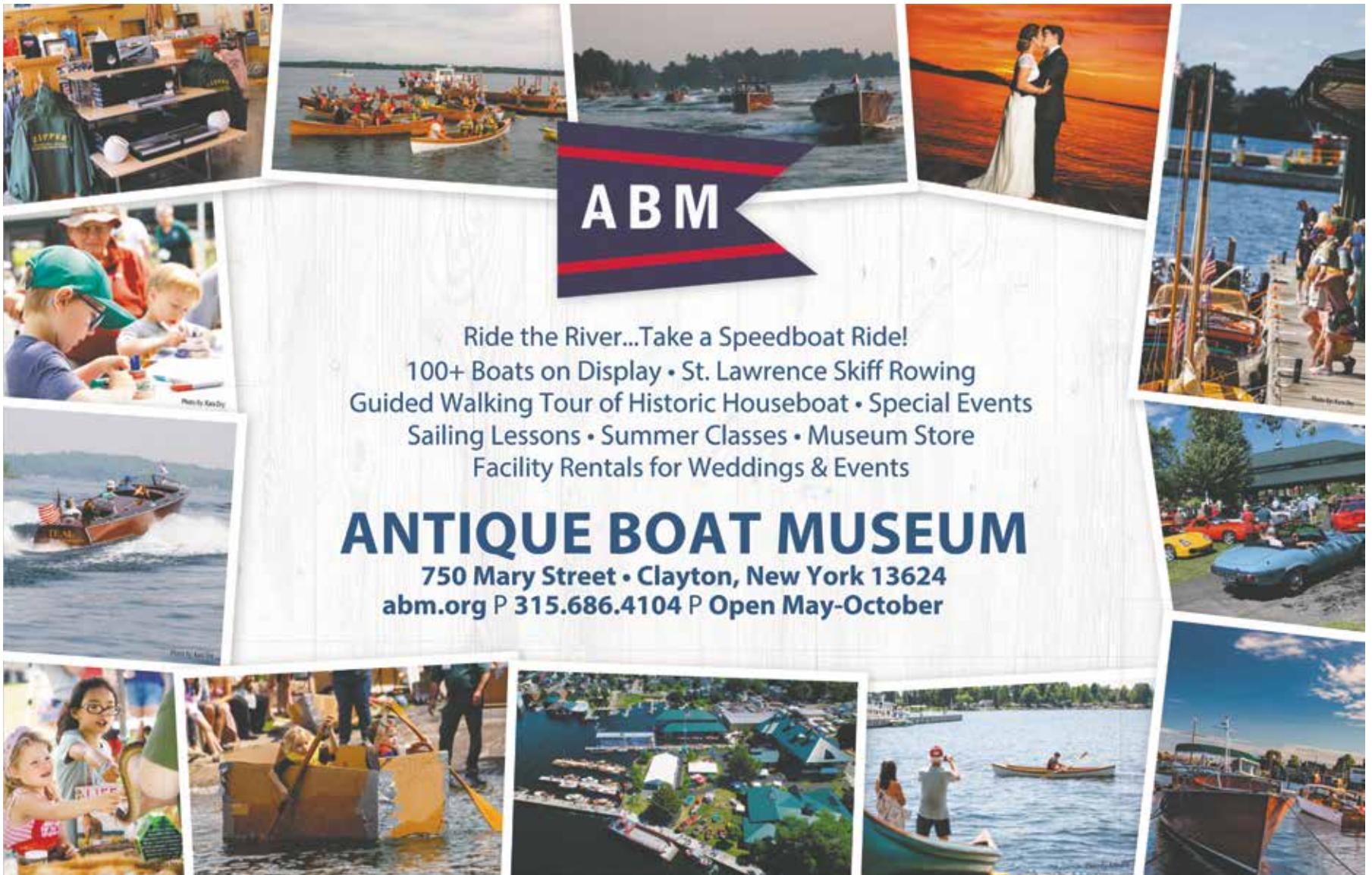



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## Henderson Harbor arts group unveils summer lineup; seeks permanent bandstand

HENDERSON—The Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association is rolling out a summer lineup of concerts, family theater, competitions and community events aimed at showcasing regional talent and expanding arts programming on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario.

Highlights include:

July 12 — Henderson Art & Heritage Student Art Show, 1-4 p.m. Music by Whitney Road, light refreshments. Belleville-Henderson, Sackets Harbor and South Jefferson high school students will display work; public voting is \$1. Awards given for first place in four categories.

July 18 — Double Barrel Blues Band, 6-8 p.m., with a concurrent “Your Favorite Pet” photo contest.

July 20 — Rev Theater presents “Jack and the Turnip Root,” 1:30

p.m.; interactive performance open to children older than 5.

July 24 — Houde School of Acting class at the Gill House, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; ages 10-16; sign up at [houdeschoolofacting.com](http://houdeschoolofacting.com).

July 25 — Car show and “Christmas in July” celebration; parade starts at noon. Food, beverages, live music, DJ, classic cars, raffles, 50/50 and awards by category.

Aug. 9 — Corn hole tournament; registration 10 a.m., bags fly at 11 a.m. Two divisions, cash awards; pre-registration suggested \$50, day-of \$60. Food, beverages and raffles will be available.

Aug. 15 — Ivy’s Home band, 5-8 p.m.; six musicians from Rochester and a chicken BBQ; full dinners \$15.

Sept. 6 — The Tenth Mountain Division Band, 1 p.m., annual season-closing performance.

Nov. 21 — Annual Indoor Yard Sale at the Henderson Community Building, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; 18 vendors, big bake sale and lunch served.

The association, formed to provide performing-arts, music and recreation opportunities in Jefferson County, said its goal is to build a permanent bandstand and expand free or low-cost events to attract larger performances and audiences. The group thanked local funders including the Six Town Community Fund, Watertown Savings Bank, the Henderson Business and Community Council and the Northern New York Community Foundation for support.

For more information, schedules and registration, visit the Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association website.

## Guide to New York State's Can't-Miss America 250 Events

By Rachel Dymond

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Historical reenactors in period attire march across a grassy meadow, carrying muskets and gear with misty mountains in the background during a Real Time Revolution event at Fort Ticonderoga.

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Price: Varies by event

Location: Fort Ticonderoga

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**250th at Jones Beach (Long Island)**

When: May 23-24, 2026

Price: Free

Location: Jones Beach State Park

Jones Beach State Park will host special events to commemorate America's 250th

anniversary. Visit their Revolutionary War Village, featuring reenactors portraying New York's Declaration of Independence signers, Revolutionary War encampments, and a drone show near the Central Mall.

**RevCon 2026 Revolutionary War History Fair (Hudson Valley)**

When: June 13, 2026

Price: Free

Location: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

Commemorate America's 250th birthday at RevCon 2026, featuring reenactors, weapons demonstrations, and exhibits showcasing military camp life, uniforms, and local historians discussing the Hudson Valley's role in the Revolutionary War.

**Freedom Festival: America's 250th Comes to the Bristol Hills (Finger Lakes)**

When: June 13-14, 2026

Price: Free

Location: Levi Corser Park  
Join Canandaigua, Bristol, and South Bristol for a two-day Freedom Festival honoring life in the Finger Lakes during America's early days, with reenactors, craftspeople, live music, a parade, car show, and local vendors.

**Sail4th 250 (NYC)**

When: July 3-8, 2026

Price: Free

Location: New York Harbor  
Experience Sail4th 250, showcasing the largest international flotilla of tall ships and naval vessels ever assembled. Enjoy a Parade of Sail Viewing Cruise on July 4, featuring a buffet, open bar, and historic narration. Highlights also include an International Aerial Review with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and various cultural festivals.

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# Antique Boat Museum invites participants to 62nd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction

CLAYTON – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM) invites participants to join the 62nd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction, scheduled for July 31 to August 2. This year's theme celebrates "A Century of Centuries," honoring the craftsmanship, engineering, and enduring legacy of classic boats alongside various runabouts, utilities, cruisers, and engines of all makes and models.

The event will feature several highlights, including a Thursday night reception with a sunset cruise for exhibitors on July 30. Attendees can enjoy live demonstrations in the Stone Building and a highly anticipated Antique Boat Auction on Saturday at 12 p.m., led by volunteer auctioneer Robert Ross, owner of Ross Bros.

Sunday will conclude the show with a boat parade finale along Clayton's downtown waterfront at noon. Additional offerings include



local food trucks, engaging speakers' forums on Friday and Saturday, a Boat Show Marketplace featuring new vendors, 30-minute speedboat rides for \$30, and tours of the historic gilded-age houseboat, La Duchesse. Participants will also have opportunities to row historic St. Lawrence Skiffs.

To encourage early participation, a discounted registration fee is available for those who register online or via the attached registration form before June 1.

For more details and registration, visit the Antique Boat Museum's website.

# Boatyard

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long-term care.

**June 12-14:** Craft Your Own Charcuterie Board with Adam Stanisz Price: \$100 | \$90 for members Participants will create their own custom cutting or charcuterie board while learning basic woodworking skills. This three-day class introduces wood shop safety, lumber identification, and the safe use of essential woodworking tools. By the end of the class, participants will leave with a finished board and tips for proper care.

**July 11:** Family Birdhouse Building in Partnership with Save the River Price: \$40 per family | \$36 for members This hands-on family workshop focuses on protecting migratory birds. Participants will learn about local species and build wooden birdhouses designed to support them.

**August 11 & 13:** Canvas Bag Making with Molly Voth & Adam Stanisz Price: \$50 | \$45 for members Attendees will craft their own canvas boat bucket or traditional ditty bag, suitable for various uses and easily stowable. This workshop blends functionality and style for avid boaters and nautical craft

lovers.

**September 26-30:** Bronze Casting with Michael Saari Price: \$500 | \$450 for members Participants will explore the bronze casting process, from wooden patternmaking to safely pouring and finishing marine hardware. Students will create and cast their own patterns, leaving with multiple finished pieces.

**October 3-4:** Staining & Bright-

work with Kathy Muller Price: \$100 | \$75 for members This hands-on workshop covers the fundamentals of staining and varnishing wooden boats, addressing common finish issues and teaching repair techniques and proper application.

For questions, contact Master Boatwright Adam Stanisz at [astanisz@abm.org](mailto:astanisz@abm.org) or 315-686-4104.



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# Minna Anthony Common Nature Center upcoming programs

The Minna Anthony Common Nature Center will offer a series of hands-on workshops, family programs and evening hikes in May and

June.

### May events

Exploring Vernal Pools — Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m. Participants will learn about

vernal pools, the amphibians that use them and their role in local wildlife. The program includes a hike; recommended for ages 5 and up.

Summertime Kickoff: Field Games (sponsored by the Friends of the Nature Center) — Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Outdoor games for all

ages, including the Greased Watermelon Relay Race at 1 p.m. Call the Nature Center to sign up a team.

Birdwatching: Edge Habitat — Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. An exploration of the birding hotspot where forest meets field; seating and binoculars available. Suitable for all skill levels.

Full Moon Hike (Blue Moon) — Sunday, May 31, 9:20 p.m. RSVP by May 29. This recurring monthly hike walks the grounds by moonlight.

### June events

Succulent Garden (sponsored by the Friends of the Nature Center) — Saturday, June 6, 1 p.m. Create a succulent garden and join a guided hike. Program fee \$10; recommended for ages 12 and up. RSVP required; materials provided.

Minna Remix: Birding the Marsh — Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. A reprise of Minna Anthony Common's 1939 field observations, focusing on marshland birds. Beginners welcome; binoculars available.

Felting with Jack Downing — Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Participants learn wet felting and make a felt hat; bring a lunch or snack. Space is limited; register by calling the Nature Center.

Summer Solstice Celebration (sponsored by the Friends of the Nature Center) — Sunday, June 21, 6–9 p.m. An evening of music, refreshments, natural mandalas and flower crowns. RSVP by June 15.

Barn Quilt Workshop: Patriotic — Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Create a 2-by-2-foot patriotic barn quilt. \$50 fee; recommended for ages 12 and up. Register by June 22; bring a lunch and water bottle.

Full Moon Hike (Strawberry Moon) — Monday, June 29, 9 p.m. RSVP by June 27. This is a recurring monthly event.

For registration, fees and RSVP information, contact the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center or visit its website.



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