

Olana programs & events



Photo by Cheryl O'Donnell, Landscape Yoga

April-June 2010



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House Tours and Gallery/Second Floor Tours
Call (518) 828-0135 to verify tour availability, group tours by advance reservation

Public Exhibition in Olana's Coachman's House:
June- Oct., Following in the Footsteps of Frederic Church- Contemporary photography by Lawrence Lederman

House, Gallery or Second Floor Fee:
\$9 Adults, \$8 Seniors & Students (must show ID).

Combined House & Gallery/Second Floor Fee:
\$16 Adults, \$15 Seniors & Students (must show ID). Combined tours are limited.

Free to members of The Olana Partnership & children under 12 (must be accompanied by an adult). Reservations are recommended, (518) 828-0135.

A vehicle use fee (waived for members of The Olana Partnership) will be charged per car on weekends April-October. Fee credited toward the cost of a tour ticket.

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Ongoing Programs

Thursdays-Sundays, 12-4pm

Olana on the Move Backpacks

Museum Shop (Saturdays-Sundays also available in the Wagon House Education Center)

All ages | Free

Explore the Olana landscape with self-guided activities to enrich visits. Must leave a photo ID until backpack is returned. Not available April 4th due to the holiday.

Saturdays, 12-4pm

Art in the Barn

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
Ages 3-5 & Caregivers | Free

Join Jill Ann Schwartz, M.A.L.S. Dance and Movement Studies/B.A. Sculpture and Dance for open art studio time including music, storytelling, dance and movement. New projects every Saturday. To celebrate Columbia County Historical Society's "Inked Over" theme, we will be doing stamping and printing activities. Monthly Themes: Architecture; Farm History; Art and Nature; The Hudson River.

Sundays, 1-4pm

ARTlandish!

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
All ages | Free

Create art in the landscape – not such an outlandish idea! Frederic Church sketched outside, noting details in nature and went back to the studio to paint. Drop-in for sketch paper, pencils and clipboards. Head out into Olana's picturesque landscape to sketch your very own view. Come back to the "studio" to use colored pencils, oil pastels and watercolors to finish your artwork. Not available April 4th due to the holiday.

First Fridays Series

To register for any First Friday class please call (518) 828-1872 x 109.

Friday, April 2, May 7 and June 4, 10am -12pm
Easy Tai Chi

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
Adults | Free

Tap into the spirituality of nature (like a Hudson River School artist but without the paint). Tai Chi is a mind-body practice that originated in China as a martial art. The body moves slowly and gently, while breathing deeply and meditating. Many practitioners believe that Tai Chi helps the flow throughout the body of a proposed vital energy called qi, increasing our wellness. Join John Middlebrooks as he guides you in this intro class. Classes will meet at the education center; if weather permits we will practice out in the landscape. Please attend all three classes as they go in sequence and allow time for practice.

Friday, April 2, May 7 and June 4 1-3pm

Visual Arts Workshop

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
Adults (50+) | Free



Retired? Ready to finally explore your love of art? It is never too late. Adults with little or no formal art training will

realize that creating art can be accomplished through a variety of materials and techniques. Create a work of art with local artist Gretchen Kelly in one or all three of these classes: "The Personality of Lines" in April; "Capturing the Landscape" in May; and "My Olana" in June.

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Friday, April 2, May 7 and June 4, 4-5pm

MyStory in History: Contemporary Art in a Historical World

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
Ages 10-14 | Free

Use the landscape and architecture of Olana as well as the life and paintings of Frederic Church as inspiration



to create your own mixed-media artwork. In this after school, drop-off course, lead by local artist Claudia Brehse, you'll experiment with materials and discover new ways to express your own interests. Great for home-schoolers and teen art club members.

Friday, April 2, May 7 and June 4, 5:30-6:30pm

Landscape Yoga

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
Adults | Free

This gentle yoga class will bring the inspiring picturesque landscape views inside, celebrating the spirituality of nature. Yoga instructor Ed Sisk from the *Yoga With Ed* studio in Hudson, NY will provide mats and modification tools, or you are welcome to bring your own.

"Lots of fun and educational. Could spend the whole day; great for adults!"

—Olana On the Move Backpacks Participant

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April

Thursday, April 1 – Sunday, April 4

11am, 1pm, 3pm daily

April Fools Olana!

Visitor's Center | Families

\$9/adult; \$8/students and seniors, free for children under 12 and members of The Olana Partnership.

Olana has been pranked. Objects that just don't fit in are scattered throughout the house. Standard tours available on the hour and half hour except for the times listed above. Call (518) 828-0135 for information.

Tuesday, April 6, 10 am

Educator Tour

Visitor's Center | Educators

\$9/adult; \$8/students and seniors, free for children under 12 and members of The Olana Partnership.

Join area educators for a tour with Olana's Director of Education. Discussion will include history as well as practical application; participants are invited to sit down together after the tour to discuss content and classroom applications. Resources will be available. Reservations required by 4pm Monday, April 5th. Call (518) 828-0135 to reserve.

Saturday: April 10, 11:30 am

Family Tours at Olana

Visitor's Center | Families

\$9/adult; \$8/students and seniors, free for children under 12 or members of The Olana Partnership.

Explore the house from a child's perspective. Take the tour geared toward 6-12 year olds (all ages welcome) and stop by the Wagon House Education Center for *Art in the Barn*, or borrow a landscape themed backpack - a family day couldn't be more perfect! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations required by 4pm the preceding Friday. Call (518) 828-0135 for information.

Sunday, April 11, 1-3pm

An Historian's Look at Victorian Flower Arranging: Lecture and Demonstration

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex

Adults | Free

Floral decorations played an important role in 19th century interiors and entertaining. This illustrated lecture will show how flowers were used in arrangements, and have changed through years of hybridizing and selection. Ellen McClelland Lesser, former Olana floral arranger, will demonstrate how to create authentic arrangements using correct plant materials and containers. Lesser holds a certificate in Commercial Floral Design and Japanese Floral Design. Seating is limited; register by the preceding Friday: (518) 828-1872 x 109

Saturday, April 17, Registration 9am and 12pm

Empire State Volkssporters March for Parks 2010

A national series of events begun by the National Parks Service to celebrate and conserve local, regional, state and federal Parks. Empire State Capital Volkssporters (ESCV) has participated in this event for many years by holding a walk at a nearby park or historic site to celebrate our park heritage during National Parks Week each April.

Saturday, April 24, 11:30am

Family Tour at Olana

See previous description

Sunday, April 25, 8:00am

Spring Birds at Olana

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
All Ages | Free

Join amateur naturalist Lin Fagan and Olana's Director of Education for a morning walk in search of early spring migratory birds. We'll explore the historic farm, the Churches' primary residence for more than a decade before their move to the top of the hill. Call (518) 828-0135 for information or reservations.

Friday, April 30, 2-4pm

The Silent Language of the Landscape: Herb Walk and Talk

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
All ages | Free

Catskill Herbalist Margo Mullein leads this talk about spring from an earth-based perspective, bringing in the Native American aspect and significance of the moons. Creative exercises tap into how the flowers of spring/light of the moon inspire us; learn about herbal plants and their healing properties as well as farming principles that take cosmic influences into account. Space is limited; register by the preceding Thursday: (518) 828-1872 x 109.

May

Wednesday, May 5, 10 am-4pm

Cinco de Mayo at Olana

Visitor's Center | Families

\$9/adult; \$8/students and seniors, free for children under 12 and members of The Olana Partnership.

Celebrate the Fifth of May at Olana. Tours will discuss the 19th century beginnings of the holiday and focus on Mexican items in Olana's collection. Call (518) 828-0135 for information.

Saturday, May 8, 11:30am

Family Tour at Olana

See previous description

Sunday, May 9, 12-4pm

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
All ages | Free

Come to a presentation by Bob Hyland, co-owner and principal of *Loomis Creek Nursery*, Hudson. A great selection of unique "Olana inspired" plants to jumpstart your spring gardens and containers will be offered for sale from this fantastic gardening resource. Support your local nursery and get a special gift for Mom. Those present for the 12pm talk will enjoy "early buying" privileges at the Plant Sale; sale opens to all at 1pm. Make a day of it by bringing a picnic lunch and/or participating in our *Artlandish!* and *Olana On the Move Backpacks* programs.

Friday, May 21, 1-4pm

Hand Bouquets in the 19th Century Workshop

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
Adults | \$20/adult; \$10 members

Weddings are about the only occasion when a woman carries a bouquet. In the 19th century, nosegays added quiet pleasure to the daily routine and gaiety to festive occasions. Nothing required "more taste or skill than a well-made bouquet." This lecture and hands-on workshop with Ellen McClelland Lesser will show you how to make your own posy using correct materials in the proper style of the period. Participants must bring their favorite flower scissors/ knife; all other supplies provided. Class limit: 12. Register by the preceding Friday: (518) 828-1872 x 109.

Sunday, May 23, 8:00am

Spring Birds at Olana

See previous description

Friday, May 28, 9am-5pm

Landscape Photography Workshop

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
Adults | \$75/adult; \$65 members

Be immersed by the history of landscape and environmental photography. Create photographs influenced by your personal vision of, and concerns regarding, the landscape. Donna J. Wan's current project - a series of landscape photographs inspired by the Hudson River School paintings - will be presented. Other topics include exposure, composition, equipment and lighting. Please bring a digital SLR camera and memory card. Class limit: 15. Wan holds an MFA from SFAI, has shown in the SFMOMA Artists Gallery, and was selected as a Flash Forward Emerging Photographer in 2007/Emerging Artist in 2008. Register by May 15: (518) 828-1872 x 109.

June

Saturday, June 5, 9am

Find Your Happy Place

National Trails Day Family Hike

Visitor's Center | All Ages | Free

Where do you go to escape and recharge? Join us for an interactive, family-friendly exploration of Ridge Road. This hike involves physical activity, make sure everyone in your group is prepared for up to an hour on the trail. Don't forget a water bottle. Call (518) 828-0135 for information.

Sunday, June 6, 10am-4pm

Exhibition Opening:

Evelyn & Maurice Sharp Gallery

Fern Hunting among These Picturesque Mountains:

Frederic Edwin Church in Jamaica

In 1865, Frederic Church, an avid traveler with a special passion for the tropics, journeyed to Jamaica. This was unlike his previous expeditions, as he and his wife, Isabel, were escaping from intense personal grief: the loss of their two young children. Throwing himself into the exploration and documentation of the island, the renowned artist produced a variety of works ranging from delicate pen sketches of palm trees to oil sketches of the atmospheric Blue Mountains and brilliant sunsets. The importance of the trip is reflected in the number of studies Church chose to mount, frame, and display at Olana, which became a major attraction for visitors to his home. The best of the related sketches and paintings from Jamaica comprise the exhibit. Exhibit open June-October call (518) 828-0135 for information.

Saturday, June 12, 11:30am

Family Tour at Olana

See previous description

Monday, June 14, 4-5 pm

Garden Walk

Flower Garden | Adults | Free

Learn a little history about Church's flower garden as well as new plant care and maintenance of perennial gardens. Bring questions on Heirloom annuals and perennials; stay for the Olana sunsets. Mary K. Hughes, Olana's Flower Garden Caretaker, holds degrees in Horticulture and Floriculture and a floral design certificate. Rain or shine.

Monday, June 21, 9am

First Day of Summer Hike

Visitor's Center | All ages | Free

Explore carriage drives and sweeping views while learning a little more about the Olana landscape. Families welcome. Pre-registration required by 4pm the Wednesday preceding. Dress for the weather. Call (518) 828-0135 for information.

Saturday, June 26, 11:30am

Family Tour at Olana

See previous description

Saturday, June 26, 4-6pm

Music at the Farm

Wagon House Education Center/Farm Complex
All ages | Free

Join us for a contemporary concert interpreting the spirit of Olana with drums from around the world. David Macejka, (www.davidmacejka.com) will perform music influenced by Church's admiration for Persian architecture and culture. An open drum circle (please bring your own drums if you'd like to participate) will follow.



*"Wonderful experience!
A liberating time
for creativity."*

- Visual Arts Participant

The Wagon House Education Center is the first right after the lake once you have entered the property at Olana.

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