



Iroquois Messenger

EVENTS & OUTINGS

Public events are free and open to all: University United Methodist Church (UUMC), 1085 E. Genesee Street — corner E. Genesee & University Avenue — meet in Fellowship Hall. Meetings are usually on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 PM. Refreshments.

ExCom meetings are for **Sierra members only**, at the **Jamesville Train Station** in Jamesville Plaza at the corner of Route 173 and Jamesville Road on third Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Please come and bring your ideas. Information: 492-4745, unless otherwise listed.

- Nov 15 Friday 4:30 PM at Letchworth State Park: Moonlight Over the Gorge. (page 1) Lisa Daly.
 Nov 20 Wednesday 7:30 PM. ExCom
 Nov 26 Tuesday 7:30 PM. Program: Green House v Greenhouse — **DestiNY USA** with Rick Fedrizzi (page 1) Also, last chance to buy calendars at a meeting. At UUMC

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

- Jan 15 Wednesday 7:30 PM. ExCom
 Jan 28 Tuesday 7:30 PM. Forum: “Onondaga Lake: Dead or Alive?” All the involved parties give their opinion on its future. At UUMC

MOONLIGHT OVER THE GORGE — NOVEMBER 15

On Friday, November 15, come to Letchworth State Park for “Moonlight Over the Gorge,” part of the Park’s Crespuscular Series. **Meet at the Visitor’s Center at 4:30 PM.** Bring a flashlight and a picnic supper. **To join the Syracuse carpool** please RSVP by November 10. ldaly@yahoo.com or 315-428-1384.

From Syracuse: Thruway west to Exit 46. Take 390 South to Rte 408; turn left at the light. From Rte 408, turn right onto Rte 36 and follow 36 for 2 miles. The Mount Morris entrance to the park will be on your right. Drive 15 miles within the park to the visitor’s center.

GREEN HOUSE V GREENHOUSE — NOVEMBER 26

Ever wonder what makes a building “green” and just how the concept started? On November 26, S. Richard Fedrizzi will give a course on “Green Building 101” at our General Meeting. This is our **rescheduled Green DestiNY** meeting that was slated for September.

Rick is a principal with the Global Environment and Technology Foundation, the Center for Energy and Climate Solutions and president of Green-Think. He’ll tell us what green buildings provide to the humans and the earth, give us information on the U.S. Green Building Council, the LEED Rating System and a Number of Case Studies and end with the **DestiNY USA** story. At UUMC (see column 1)

ONONDAGA LAKE: DEAD OR ALIVE?

Should we pave it over? Should we clean it up? Or maybe just keep it as-is: the best-kept secret for sailing and fishing. On **January 28**, representatives of groups who have studied our Lake will report on problems and progress. We’ll learn about such things as mudboils and bluegils from Onondaga Lake Cleanup Corp, Dead Lake Society, Atlantic States Legal Foundation, Onondaga Lake Technical Advisory Committee, County Department of Water Environment Protection, the Onondaga Lake Partnership. Come with questions. UUMC

ENVIRONMENTAL DIGEST

STATE

RENEWABLE ENERGY

October 9 — Dedication of the Fenner Wind Power Facility in Madison county was a celebration of appreciation for the warm welcome and assistance with the project. Local residents were pleased with the facility. One farmer said “Now they pay for the wind. I am waiting for someone to buy the snow.”

Since early fall, New Yorkers have three options to buy wind energy in accordance with an insert in NIMO bills. More choices have become available since the Fenner, dedication. You can now opt for “Standard Option” of 50% wind/ 50% hydro, which adds 1.3¢/KWH on all usage; or for Option 2: a number of 100 KWH blocks of 100% wind power at \$2.50 per month per block with a two-block minimum. The surcharge will be added to your monthly NIMO bill. Really confused? Call Michelle Baker at NIMO: 315-460-7477. Visit <http://www.newwindenergy.com>

LOCAL

SEWAGE TREATMENT

The County wants to employ a chlorination/dechlorination process at the proposed sewage treatment

plant on Midland Avenue. It would be better to store and send to the Metro facility where process leaves no toxic by-products.

A regional treatment plant will overflow 7-10 times a year, dumping sewage into the creek. Underground storage will overflow only 2 times, with proposed sewer separations aiming for no overflows.

The County has sued Syracuse over its refusal to sell land for the project. There appears to be a standoff and dialogue has ceased.

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek put their backs to the wall in protest is no longer in dialogue with city or county. The mediated agreement of August, into which many put eight months of time and work seems to be dead. Hopefully a different picture will emerge after elections.

RFQ FOR BIKE RACKS

Syracuse Onondaga Cycling Coalition (SOCC), in cooperation with the Sierra Club, Updowntowners and the City of Syracuse, have collected \$3500.00 in private contributions and a grant from the Updowntowners. That money will go to the city to be used

for two types of bike racks in downtown Syracuse: bar and wave. The racks — as well as bike lanes — are needed by biking commuters for safer cycling and secure parking.

Syracuse Purchasing Department sent out a request for quotes (RFQ) for a small number of racks. Any manufacturer may also ask for an RFQ. Asking local manufactures for bike racks may encourage them to expand their product line to serve the Northeast. Future RFQ’s will include the Canalway, the Creekwalk, Loop around the Lake.

WALKATHON SUCCESS

On a glorious sunny October Sunday 28 Sierrans and four dogs, met at Ryder Park in Dewitt for the first Walkathon — held in six localities in New York State — to benefit local groups of Sierra Club.

From the very young to those past retirement age, most walked five miles along the banks of the Erie Canal. According to organizers Daniel and Rhea Jezer, “The goal of Sierra club is not only to protect the environment, but also to enjoy it”. All who participated enjoyed the Erie Canal, with its mixture of history, nostalgia, and beauty.”

So far \$1100 has been contributed to the Iroquois Group. Contributions are still needed for our projects. Encourage those who walked for our Group by sending in a check, payable to Iroquois Group - Sierra Club. Mail to:

Walkathon c/o Jezer
7426 Song Lake Road
Tully, NY 13159.

.....

● **EX-COMM BALLOT**

● Vote for four

● <input type="checkbox"/> Vicki Baker	● <input type="checkbox"/> Tasha Cooper
● <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie DeSoccio	● <input type="checkbox"/> Danny Jezer
● <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Sage	● <input type="checkbox"/> Debby Shanahan

● ExCom terms are 2 years. Linda DeStefano, Midge Ferris, Alan Fisher, Martha Loew and Richard Slingerland have one more year remaining.

● Mail your ballot to Iroquois Group, Sierra Club, PO Box 182, Jamesville, NY 13078, bring it to the November meeting, or vote at the meeting.

.....

FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Tree Huggers,

What a great fall list of programs! Three winners so far... In September Rick Smardon presented an educational and fun program on Save the County Land Trust (SCLT), specifically about the new trail work at Old Fly Marsh. The boardwalk, platforms and overlooks are designed to be "green" and built of sustainable materials. Established in 1972 to preserve unique natural areas in Onondaga County, SCLT now owns 14 natural areas, all easy day trips. Check them out.

Next came our program with PAR at Liverpool Library. Gene Bauston of Farm Sanctuary was an exciting speaker and had remarkable video footage of the problems and pain of "Factory" farming. Visit the Watkins Glen shelter for rescued animals. 607-583-2225 or <http://www.farmsanctuary.org>

Patty Weiss, director of the Nature Center at Baltimore Woods began her program praising dandelions for their nutrition, fun, beauty, and support of wildlife, then moved on to protecting farm animal diversity. We learned about raising heritage chickens to assure that old strains won't be lost to factory farming. Two chickens enlivened the evening, representing the bug-eating advantages of raising chickens to do

the job of pesticides. Patty left a dozen "pasture" eggs from her happy, chickens. Delicious!

Remember, Staples carries 100% tree-free paper from Living Tree. It is 90% post-consumer recycled paper and 10% Hemp (No, you cannot smoke it.), fine quality. Hope you will buy it and increase the demand. It was hard to find, called Vanguard Plus. We're using it for our stationery, designed by our editor, Debby Shanahan.

Hope you all voted, and appreciated the reminder cards for our candidates. One was designed by Midge Ferris' daughter, Debbie.

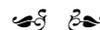
Help us check up on schools and pesticides. If a school uses pesticides, it must inform parents as required by the pesticide notification bill that was passed last year. (The neighborhood notification part is what our county legislature refused to pass.) Ask your school if they used pesticides and reported it. Many schools are trying non-toxic controls and should be encouraged: report any good news by emailing your editor.

The bottle bill *almost* passed at the end of the last session in Albany. Not the best bill, but it would have been start. When representatives get back to work, be sure to mention your concerns. Sierra is still for bigger, better, bottle bill: BBBB.

'Tis the season to turn down the heat, buy florescents, insulate, celebrate snow, and enjoy friends, family, pets, and nature. Cheers!

For the Earth and all its critters,
Martha Loew

*In Loving Memory
of Helen Slingerland
from Richard Slingerland*



*Grateful Appreciation
from Sierra Club
for Her Lifelong Support
and Love of the Earth*

IROQUOIS GROUP CONTACTS

SIERRA CLUB — IROQUOIS GROUP
PO BOX 182
JAMESVILLE, NY 13078

Chair	*Martha Loew	492-4745
	marthaloew@usadatanet.net	
Secretary	*Tasha Cooper	446-3750
Treasurer	*Lynn Senke	676-5560
	senkela@juno.com	
Newsletter	*Debby Shanahan	446-1273
	debby@sdreamscape.com	
At Large	*Debra DeSocio	329-0196
	ddesocio@twcny.rr.com	
	*Rich Slingerland	298-3130
Webmaster	Scott webster	
	:stwebster@syr.edu	

Committee Chairs

Conservation	*Linda DeStefano	488-2140
	linpar@acmgfcu.net	
Environ Educ	Janet Allen	487-5742
	jkallen@twcny.rr.com	
Fund Raising	*Daniel Jezer	430-7536
	jezer@ix.netcom.com	
Membership	*Midge Ferris	446-8062
	mferris244@aol.com	
Outings	Lisa Daly	428-1384
	ldaly@yahoo.com	
Political	*Alan Fisher	475-0643
	al395f@aol.com	
	*Martin Sage	472-4977
	mksage@syr.edu	

(* denotes ExCom members)

NEW OUTINGS CHAIR

I'm Lisa Daly, the new Outings Chair for the Iroquois Group, planning new and interesting outings for the year ahead. Tell me about your favorite places, hikes, or outdoor activity in Central New York. Here are some ideas: Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, canoeing at Beaver Lake Nature Center, old growth forest at Green Lakes, snowshoeing at Tugg Hill, Howe Caverns, joining the Adirondack Mountain Club for trail maintenance or hikes. I need your feedback! ldaly@yahoo.com or 315-428-1384.

Order Form			
Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Engagement Calendar	\$12.95	_____	_____
Wilderness Calendar	\$11.95	_____	_____
		Subtotal	_____
Shipping (\$2.25 for one + 75¢ each additional)			_____
Grand Total			_____
Ship to:			
Name	_____		Phone _____
Address	_____		
City	State	ZIP	_____



SIERRA CLUB
FOUNDED 1892

Payable to Sierra Club, mail to: Calendars, c/o Patricia Kimm, 3295 Apulia Rd., Jamesville, NY 13078 (315-469-1758)

[HTTP://WWW.NEWYORK.SIERRACLUB.ORG/IROQUOIS/INDEX.HTM](http://www.newyork.sierraclub.org/iroquois/index.htm)

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
SIERRA CLUB
PO BOX 52968
BOULDER, CO 80322-2968

NON-PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 29
JAMESVILLE, NY