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OLANA

Winter/Spring
Calendar 2016





Dear Friends & Members,

Welcome to our new 2016 winter/spring education calendar. Each of these lectures, workshops, and outdoor adventures support our mission to inspire the public by creating the most widely recognized artist's home and studio in the world, vibrant with the activity of students, visitors, and scholars. In 2016 we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Olana being saved from destruction. We appreciate your input; you will find a visitor's survey on our website. Be in touch and visit soon!

—Amy and Elizabeth and all the staff
at The Olana Partnership

Important facts about programs at OLANA:

Hours of Operation: Olana's landscape and views are open dawn to dusk all year long. For complete house and landscape tour schedules visit www.olana.org/book-a-tour. For adult group tours email Paul Banks at Paul.Banks@parks.ny.gov and for youth group tours email Amy Hufnagel at Ahufnagel@olana.org

For more information or to register for these programs: Visit www.olana.org. Walk-ins are welcome if space permits. For registration assistance please call Olana's Education Department 518-828-1872 ext. 105.

Locations: All public programs take place in the Wagon House Education Center unless otherwise indicated; please check the website for up-to-date location information and for weather related updates.

Membership: Members of The Olana Partnership receive many year-round benefits including free entrance into the house and grounds, reduced rates on the enclosed programs and discounts in the Museum Shop. Members must present membership card to receive discounts. You can become a member by signing up at one our programs or by visiting www.olana.org/support.

Cancellation policy: The Olana Partnership does not offer refunds for programs unless we cancel the program. We are happy to work with you to offer admission to another program at a comparable price, or send you a letter thanking you for your tax-deductible donation.

Sponsors: Wagon House Education Center programming is made possible in part through support provided by people like you who attend our events and by public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a NY State agency; the Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation; the Taconic Foundation; the John Wilmerding Education Initiative, and the members of The Olana Partnership.

SAT MAY
07

I Love My Park Day: Helping Hands Make Light Work

Olana State Historic Site is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) join with The Olana Partnership to invite the public come spend a few hours and help make a difference! Rain or shine. **9-11am, Free, Ages 12 and up**



SAT MAY
28

The Tasty History Series: 1872

Make three toasts with us to celebrate 50 years of Olana! This new three part series will explore dining & drinking customs from three pivotal years in Olana's history. Sign up for one or all three of these programs! Series continues on Saturday, June 25 celebrates 1966 & Saturday, July 23 celebrates 2016. Location: Isabel's flower garden, in the case of rain the event will be held in the Wagon House Education Center. **3-5pm, \$25/Member, \$30/Non-Member, or \$75/Entire Series, Ages 21 and up**



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Preserving Olana: Stories from the Field

Professionals from the conservation and preservation fields kick off this special anniversary series with stories of objects and activities from Olana's collection. Steve Larson, co-owner of Adelphi Paper Hangings, is a skilled artisan using the same methods and materials employed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries; he will talk about his work at Adelphi and the Olana second floor wall paper restorations. Join us as we celebrate 50 years with stories of Olana's never-ending preservation story. **3-5pm, Free, Ages 10 and up**



Deep Air: Interdisciplinary Arts Reading Series

"Deep Air" is a series of talks designed to navigate artistic practice as it relates to travel, ecology, history, and landscape topics. This year, the series focuses on the very broadest themes of travel, which Frederic Church did so much of in his life, and artists continue to do to seek inspiration and enlightenment. Tea and cake will be served and a healthy Q&A follows artist talks. For complete artist biographies visit www.olana.org. All events happen from 1-3pm, \$5/Member, \$10/Non-Member, Ages 10 and up



SAT FEB 27 Christopher Stackhouse & Lori Anderson Moseman

Brooklyn based Stackhouse examines translations from word to image while New Paltz based Moseman uses QR codes to explore hieroglyphics. (Snow date Feb. 28)

SAT MAR 12 Claire Hero & Danielle Vogel

Hero, from Esopus, and Vogel from Providence, RI both use the theme of migration to think about people and animals, ideas and thoughts. Each work takes us deep into memory and ecology, and in turn translates the familiar into the wild and untamed. (Snow date March 13)

SUN APR 24 Joan Retallack & Xaviera Simmons

Annandale-on-Hudson based Retallack and Brooklyn based Simmons both take their audiences travelling; Simmons takes us through landscapes with cinematic intent and Retallack guides us through broken narratives and lost histories.

SUN MAY 15 Matthew Friday & Cara Benson

Kingston based Friday and East Greenbush based Benson make art about landscape and commerce: What is our currency; what is spent? What will we declare when we take inventory of our landscape through travel and notation? What cultural edges and borders appear in maps of our resources?

SAT APR 09 Exploring Science and Art: Andrea Wulf Lecture & Book Signing

"The Invention of Nature" Andrea Wulf's newest NYT's best-selling and award winning biography reveals the extraordinary life of the visionary German naturalist Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) and how he created the way we understand nature today. Perceiving nature as an interconnected global force, he turned scientific observation into poetic narrative, and inspired Frederic Church on numerous levels. **\$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member, Hudson Senior High School Auditorium, Hudson, NY, Ages 12 and up**



MON FEB 15 (Art)ic Adventure: My Life in Diorama with Tara Altebrando

Young adult author Tara Altebrando will spend the day at Olana talking about literature, home, and making dioramas. Each participant will receive a copy of her novel, and a diorama kit. This is a great way to spend a winter school holiday; space is limited so register early. (Snow date Friday, March 25), **9am-4pm, \$50 includes novel, diorama kit & all materials, Ages 7-14, please bring a bag lunch and good outerwear**

WED FEB 24 Art in the Morning for Preschoolers

February 24 - Build a Terrarium
March 30 - 19th Century Silhouettes and Collage
April 27 - Land & Found Objects as Canvas
May 25 - Fruit & Veggie Printing on paper and cloth
 Olana had great success with new programs for our littlest visitors last year and so have decided to add new programs for pre-school children and their caregivers. Come anytime within the 2 hour block, add a hike and a picnic lunch. **Last Wednesday of every month, 10am-12pm drop-in anytime and stay as long as you wish, \$10/child (parents free), Ages 3-5**



SUN FEB 28 Sunday Art Studios

February 28 - 3D Paper Olana Model Making
March 20 - Middle Eastern Pattern Making
April 24 - 3D Paper Olana Model Making
May 29 - Sketch Like Church
 These Sunday morning programs are designed for local families, heritage and art tourists, and regular visitors who like to make art. Projects take about 30 minutes and are fun for all ages. Everyone leaves with a work of art! **10am-12pm drop-in anytime and stay as long as you wish, Free, All Ages, Check online for locations**



SAT FEB 20 Stitch and Sip

February 20 - (Snow date Feb. 21) - Samplers 1.0
March 19 - (Snow date March 20) - Embroidery on Pre-Printed Fabrics
April 23 - Beading on Fabric
 Like a quilting bee or a sewing circle, this program mixes needlework with socializing. Join us for instruction, practice, followed by a second half of working, wine and cheese. Supplies provided. **4-6pm, \$20/Member, \$25/Non-Member, or \$50/Entire Series, Ages 21 and up**





SAT FEB
06

Armchair Travel Series: Ice Boating on the Hudson River with Friends of Clermont

Join us for an exciting afternoon of travelling the Hudson by ice from the comfort of your chair. The Friends of Clermont join us to explore the subject of ice yachts on the Hudson River. Brian Reid from Hudson River Ice Yacht Club will present historical photos of ice boats and set up his wooden ice boat for viewing. We will watch the documentary "Against the Wind" and a host a Q&A discussion with the filmmakers. Tea & cake will be served. (Snow date Feb. 7), **3-5pm, \$5/Member, \$10/Non-Member, All Ages**



SAT APR
16



Introducing Olana's Travellers Club Tracing F.E. Church's Roots: Hartford, CT from Birthplace to Burial

Join us on our very first Olana's Travellers Club excursion! Church and his colleagues, such as, Henry W. Bellows, Albert Bierstadt and Richard Morris Hunt, started their very own "Travellers Club" in 1864. On this trip, we will be traveling to Hartford, CT to visit the birthplace, childhood stomping grounds, and final resting place of Frederic Church. The Charter Oak Tree Monument, the Wadsworth Athenaeum, the Mark Twain House, and a walking tour of the Church family graves are included. **7:30am-6pm, Ages 10 and up, \$65/Member, \$75/Non-Member, fee includes coach bus, lunch & entrance fees. Pre-registration is required by Sunday, April 10.**

SAT MAR
26

Birding 101: Lecture and Hike

Join Audubon NY education coordinator Larry Federman for an early spring birding event at Olana. Observe a brief PowerPoint presentation about local birds at Olana and around the Hudson Valley. Following the presentation will be a guided walk in Olana's beautiful artist-designed landscape. Bring binoculars and wear sturdy walking shoes. **9-11am, \$5/Member, \$10/Non-Member, All Ages**



SAT APR
23

Skyscape Series: Lyrid Meteor Shower with Mid- Hudson Astronomical Association

Frederic E. Church painted *Aurora Borealis* (1865; Smithsonian American Art Museum) following his arctic exploration of the north Atlantic between Labrador and Greenland to sketch icebergs in 1859. Join Dr. Willie Yee, president, and Joe Macagne, vice president of the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association for a presentation and 21st Century exploration of the night sky at Olana. **7pm, Free/Member, \$5/Non-Member, Ages 6 and up**



SAT MAY
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Scavenger Hunt: Maps, GPS, Compass Navigation

What can you find tucked away in Olana's landscape? Get ready to search our grounds high and low to find clues that lead you to the prize. Environmental educator, Fran Martino will teach us how to use compasses, maps, and GPS systems. **3-5pm, \$15/Member, \$20/Non-Member, Ages 5 and up**



SAT MAY
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Artful Hikes: Photographic Hike and Rice Paper Prints

Walk through Olana's landscape to take panoramic and detailed digital images. Learn some basic tips and tricks of phone photography, then make prints of your favorite digital image onto rice paper. Participants must bring their own charged smartphone or tablet! **3-5pm, \$15/Member, \$20/Non-Member, All Ages**



SAT FEB **13** **Snowshoeing**

Enjoy guided snowshoe walks with environmental educator Fran Martino. Perfect for beginners and families. If there is a lack of snow, this will become a walk without snowshoes.



- **Saturday, February 13** (Snow date Feb. 14) B.Y.O.Snowshoes (none available onsite)
- **Saturday, March 5** (Snow date March 6) - Snowshoes available for this event

1-3pm, \$5/Member, \$10/Non-Member, Ages 8 and up

SAT APR **02** **Zentangle: Introduction**

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns that often use nature as the point of departure. This class is taught by a certified Zentangle instructor and is a great introduction to this practice. **3-5pm, \$15/Member, \$20/Non-Member includes all supplies, Ages 6 and up**



TUE MAY **17**

TUE JUN **21**

TUE JUL **19**

TUE AUG **30**

TUE SEP **20**

TUE OCT **18**



Pathways to Prevention: Hike with a Doctor

The Olana Partnership partners with Columbia Memorial Health to encourage healthy community activities. Participants will experience a 15 minute talk in the Wagon House Education Center, and then medical insight and advice all along the 1.5 mile hike on Olana's moderately easy walking trails. **Rain or shine. 5:30-7pm, Free, All Ages**

JUL 11 **TO** JUL 15 **PANORAMA: Weeklong Summer Programs for Youth**

Early bird registration will open on February 1, 2016 on www.olana.org. These programs run M-F, July 11-30, 9am-3pm, ages 6-13. Discounts for multiple siblings and for early registration. Registration costs \$160/week before March 15, \$210/week after March 15.

- **Week 1:** Sci-Arts for Inventors
- **Week 2:** Environ-Science for Discoverers
- **Week 3:** Time Travel for Historians



MAY **TO** OCT **All New Landscape & Viewshed Tours**

Starting in May 2016, The Olana Partnership will offer regular public tours of Olana's 250-acre designed landscape as a parallel and complementary offering alongside tours of the main house. The restoration of Frederic Church's picturesque landscape and the stewardship of its dramatic 360° views has been a primary focus of the Partnership's work, and now, in Olana's 50th Anniversary year, visitors will have the opportunity to experience first-hand the full breadth of Church's vision for Olana on hour-long tours by foot and electric vehicle. Full details will be available this spring.

- **Tuesdays & Sundays: 11am and 1pm** Landscape Walking Tours
- **Fridays & Saturdays: 11am and 1pm** Landscape GEM Driving Tours
- **Daily/All Season:** Download the self-guided audio tour app



FRI JUN **24** **FREE! Live in the Landscape: Astronomy, Music and Film Nights**

Join us for a free family evening at Olana; pack a cooler with snacks and drinks, blankets and chairs and join us on the East Lawn starting at 6pm for live music, star-gazing, and outdoor all-audience films! Stay tuned for more details. **(Saturday rain dates), 6pm-midnight, Free, All Ages**



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Olana House Tours 2016

The house tour includes the main floor and the studio, richly decorated with paintings and collections, Eastern-inspired home illustrates the story of Olana's creation and its importance to Church and his family as a place of refuge and inspiration.

Friday–Sunday thru May 14; then
Tuesday–Sunday from May 17 thru October 30



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The Evelyn and Maurice Sharp Gallery features *Capturing the Cosmos*

Capturing the Cosmos, the 2016 exhibition in the Sharp Family Gallery, explores the influence of the great German Naturalist Alexander von Humboldt on Frederic Church. Acclaimed and revered during his own lifetime, Humboldt is currently enjoying a renaissance due to the recent award-winning bio *Invention of Nature* by Andrea Wulf, who will be lecturing and writing for the exhibition. Humboldt's writings inspired Church's South American adventures and the resulting masterpieces that made him an internationally famous, and informed Church's later trips to the Bavarian Lakes and Mexico. Sketches, diaries and artifacts from these trips trace Church's daring escapades to capture Humboldt's Cosmos. A portion of the exhibition will be a virtual experience of the 19th century "Great Picture" display of *The Heart of the Andes*.

Member Opening May 14
Public Opening May 15

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Coachman's House Gallery

Mystery Box: Bard College Students Excavating History **June 1-August 1**

Student artists from Bard College will be on-site doing research and making art using Olana as their inspiration and laboratory. Applications are due April 1. Call Amy Hufnagel for more information.

Closing Reception: **Saturday, July 30, 4-6pm**



About Olana State Historic Site and The Olana Partnership

Olana is the greatest masterpiece of Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900), the preeminent American artists of the mid-19th century and the most important artist's home, studio and designed landscape in the United States.

Church designed Olana as a holistic environment integrating his advanced ideas about art, architecture, landscape design, and environmental conservation. Olana's 250-acre artist designed landscape with a Persian inspired house at its summit embraces unrivaled panoramic views of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains and, today, welcomes more than 150,000 visitors annually.

Olana State Historic Site, a historic site administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Taconic Region, is a designated National Historic Landmark and one of the most visited sites in the state.

The Olana Partnership, a private not-for-profit education corporation, works cooperatively with New York State to support the restoration, conservation, and interpretation of Olana State Historic Site. In 2016, we mark the 50th Anniversary of Olana being saved from destruction.

To learn more about Olana State Historic Site and The Olana Partnership, please visit www.olana.org.

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