

Summer Programs in the Otselic River Valley

The Otselic Valley Fishing & Heritage Association (OVF&HA) is pleased to announce four special programs this summer. Admission is free.

The first one is scheduled for July 13th at the Cincinnatus Area Heritage Society's Heritage Hall on State Hwy 26. Starting at 1pm, the 2-hour concert features nationally acclaimed guitarist Loren Barrigar and his son LJ. By the time he was six, Loren performed in front of thousands of country music fans at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He went on to study with Jimmy Atkins (Chet's brother) which led to a touring career with his family band from Nashville to Las Vegas. Since settling down in Central New York, he has been in constant demand as a studio musician. This project is funded by Earlville Opera House's Arts in the Community Grants Program, made possible by the NYS Senate with support of the Office of the Governor, and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts. It is also sponsored by the OVF&HA and member Paul Haegerty.

The second program will be held in the North Pitcher Church on State Hwy 26 on August 3 beginning at 1pm. Special guest, Mr. David Moyer will give a presentation on the Paleo- Indians in Chenango County. Mr. Moyer is President of the Chenango County Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Society, and owner and President of Birchwood Archaeological Services, which specializes in archaeological support and research, catering to clients interested in the field of archaeology.

The third program will take place on Sunday, August 24th at the Georgetown Fireman's Field, featuring songs by guitarist Zach Rowland, a graduate of the Otselic Valley Central School. He has performed throughout the area as a guitarist and singer.

The fourth program is "Liberty Has a Country: An Embracive View of the American Revolutionary War": For the fourth year in a row, the Follett Foundation has sponsored the OVF&HA Reading Series. This summer and fall we will be studying three books that offer a comprehensive view of the American Revolutionary War— "Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians and the American Revolution," "Memoir of a Revolutionary Soldier: The Narrative of Joseph Plumb Martin," and "The Frozen River." Join us for a series of presentations and book discussions that will conclude with a guided tour of the Shako:wi Cultural Center of the Oneida Indian Nation and other historic sites in the Upper Mohawk Valley. To reserve your books, contact Michael Foor-Pessin at foorpessin@gmail.com. Specific dates, times and locations for these sessions will be coming soon.

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