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Home Tour and Auction



A cherished Owego holiday tradition continues!! The 29th Annual Home Tour and Auction on December 5th, 2009 promises to be one of the best ever! The lovely home of **Wendy**

and **Tim Deis at 49 Front Street** (that has never before been on the tour) will be open for your viewing pleasure. Overlooking the Susquehanna River, the graceful home of **Terrence and Joanne Cooney at 228 Front Street**, has been renovated and will welcome your visit. The remodeled **Jail House offices at 176 Main Street** are something to see and are quite different than in their previous usage! At **228 Main Street, the First Baptist Church of Owego** is pleased to be open to share with you its beautiful architecture and history. We are excited and pleased to be able to offer a complete tour of the historical **Stanbrough Mansion at 309 Front Street** (otherwise known as St. Patrick's Elementary School.) The mansion will be open from attic to basement and there are many fascinating stories from the past to share.

Don't forget to stop at the **Tioga County Historical Society Museum at 110 Front Street**. Their O'Tannenbaum Holiday Showcase is truly not to be missed. You may bid on the gorgeously decorated trees in a silent auction...wouldn't it be wonderful to win a decorated tree or wreath just before Christmas?! Also open to welcome you with elegant floral arrangements and refreshments will be **Ye Olde Country Florist at 86 Main Street**.

Of course, the festive culmination of the day will be the **Home Tour Auction held at the Owego Elks Lodge at 8:30**. Art and antiques, fine wine and gourmet desserts, good humor and good times, fine art raffles and prize balloon pops all await you! Afternoon tours (\$15) begin at 1:00 p.m., evening tours (\$20—includes auction) begin at 6:00 p.m., and the auction begins at 8:30 p.m. All tours begin at the Owego Elks Lodge where you receive your itinerary, group assignment, and the packet with the history of all the stops on the tour. Don't wait buy your tickets!! Please contact TCCA at 179 Front Street, Owego, call (607) 687-0785, or e-mail tiogaartscouncil@stny.rr.com, or go to www.tiogaartscouncil.org

Celebrate the Holidays with the "Best of Broadway"

Don't miss this extravaganza of dance and song featuring Johnny P. and The Dance Connection, **Friday December 11, 2009** at 7 p.m. at the Owego Apalachin Middle School Theater, Sheldon Guiles Blvd., Owego, NY. Tunes from ten of Broadway's best shows compiled into an musical evening to remember! This is a large theater and admission is free, so don't hesitate to request your tickets today! The Tioga County Council on the Arts, with the generous support of the Cooper Foundation, is pleased to offer you and your family this holiday event. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted. Tickets are available at the Arts Council, 179 Front Street, Owego. For more information call (607-687-0785) or visit our website at www.tiogaartscouncil.org.



ArtSpace Gallery

Lance Ladue Plaster Art will be the featured exhibit in the ArtSpace Gallery for the month of December. The Lance Ladue Development Company from northern Pennsylvania has the creative and artistic skills to bring any concept to life, from new designs to replications and restorations. Come to the gallery Monday—Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to see some great creative architectural work which includes Venetian plasters, Tuscan frescos, murals, glazes, medallions, columns and moldings. On display also will be photographs from Kathy Place.



"Canadian Harbor"
Watercolor by Roseanne Dieterich

Fine Art Raffle

Are you looking for that perfect Christmas present for someone who has everything? You've come to the right place! The Tioga County Council on the Arts is holding a **FINE ART RAFFLE** in conjunction with the 29th Annual Home Tour and Auction.

There will be 12 **ORIGINAL FINE ART** photographs and paintings on display at the ArtSpace Gallery during the month of November. The pieces are framed and ready to hang.

Raffle tickets may be purchased for each piece at \$1 each, 5 for \$3, and (great deal!!) 20 for \$10. The drawings will be held at the Home Tour Auction, 8:30 PM on December 5th, 2009 at the Elks. You need not be present to win. Winners may pick up their pictures at the Auction or at the Arts Council at 179 Front St. Owego.

Please make a point of stopping at the ArtSpace Gallery this month to purchase your raffle tickets. You'll never find a more economical way of purchasing fine original art work!

Always on Sunday

Mark your calendars for the great line up of concerts we have scheduled for the spring. Always on Sunday concerts are held at the First Presbyterian Union Church from 3-4:30 p.m.

Jan 17—Soprano Hilerie Klein Rensi
Feb 21—Panigma Steel Band
Mar 21—Harpist Phyllis Peters
Apr 18—Opera and Song

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Members are welcome and invited to attend. Please call for verification during summer months and if meeting date falls on a holiday.

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FOCUS Newsletter Deadline

Submissions should be typed and submitted by the third Friday of the month prior to the publication month. All articles are subject to approval and editing by TCCA.



A Christmas Story

Celebrate this area's favorite theatrical holiday tradition with Ralphie, the Old Man, Scut Farcas, the Bumpus Hounds and Ti-Ahwaga Community Players. *A Christmas Story*, adapted by Philip Grecian, based upon the writings of Jean Shepherd, will be presented at the Ti-Ahwaga Performing Arts Center at 42 Delphine Street in Owego on December 4-6 and 11-13, 2009. This classic tale is about a boy who wants a BB gun for Christmas and has us all reminiscing about our childhood Christmases. The children in the cast come from several local schools. Tickets are \$15; special pricing for children under 12 is \$8 and seniors (60 and over) for Sunday matinees is \$12. Call 607-687-2130 for reservations (VISA and MasterCard accepted).

The staff at Tioga County Council on the Arts wishes you and yours

Happy Holidays!

TCCA offices will be closed for the holidays on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1st.



December Concerts

December 3-Jazz mid-day concert 1:20pm Osterhout Concert Theater -free

December 3-Harpur Jazz Ensemble concert with guest artist -8pm Osterhout Concert Theater -\$10 General Public

December 4 -Flute Studio and Flute Chamber Concert 10:15 am Casadesus Recital Hall-free

December 4, 5 - Elizabethan Madrigal Feaste (Harpur Chorale and Women's Chorus) 6:30pm Old Union Hall -\$38 Gen. Public

December 6- Wind Symphony 3 pm Anderson Center Chamber Hall-free

December 6 -Organist Jonathan Biggers- A Bach Celebration!! Series 4-pm Fine Arts #21- \$10 General Public

December 8 -Percussion Ensemble 8pm Anderson Center Chamber Hall- free

December 10- Holiday Mid-Day Concert 1:20 pm Casadesus Recital Hall-free

December 11- Holiday Mid-Day Concert 4pm Downtown Center-free

December 12- Faculty Fireworks: Winter Winds (with the University Symphony Orchestra) A gala benefit concert for the Music Department -8pm Osterhout Concert Theater \$15 General Public / 607-777-ARTS www.music.binghamton.edu.

Cornell University Theater

It's a Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play, December 12-13. Adapted by Joe Landry from the original screenplay, this beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a 1940s radio broadcast. Imagine five actors embodying over 30 characters, creating their own sound effects, and charming a live audience under the auspices of a delightful old time radio show. A heartwarming treat not to be missed! 607-254-ARTS Schwartz Center Box Office, Cornell University, 430 College Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850 www.arts.cornell.edu www.schwartztickets.com

Cornell University Music

December 1 - 8 pm Student Chamber Music Recital-Barnes Auditorium

December 2-12:30 pm Midday Music for Organ, Annette Richards

December 2- 8pm Studio 342 voice students of Judith Kellock -Barnes Auditorium

December 3- 12:30 pm Midday Music at Lincoln Les Petits Violons -Lincoln B20

December 3- 8pm Studio Recital piano students of Xak Bjerken Barnes Auditorium

December 4-1:30 pm Student Composer presentations- Lincoln 316

December 4-8pm Annette Richards, University Organist-Sage Chapel

December 5- 3pm Sound Art Forum student composers in conjunction with Cornell Electroacoustic Music Center- Lincoln B20

December 5 -3pm Studio Recital violin students of Joseph Lin-Barnes Auditorium

December 5 -8pm Cornell University Wind Ensemble and Cornell Symphony Orchestra- Bailey Hall

And more....Visit <http://music.cornell.edu> for more information.

New Year's Eve

Spend a New Year's Evening with pianist and composer Fritz J. Orzelek on 12/31/2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 72 Main Street, Binghamton, NY. Fritz will play the music of George Gershwin, Debussy, Orzelek Borodin and Samuel Barber, as well as some original compositions. Suggested Donation: \$7 adult / \$5 Student/ Senior Children under 12 Are Free. Special: Meet the Composer at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.fritzorzelek.com for more information.



Piano Concert

Pianist **Yury Karlgut** will perform the music of Ludwig von Beethoven, Robert Schumann, Johannes Brahms, and Alexander Scriabin on December 5th at 7:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 42 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY. Admission is free.

TCCA Galleries & Satellite Galleries

ArtSpace Gallery

Lance Ladue Plaster Art
179 Front Street
Owego, NY

Open Monday – Friday:
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Owego Town Hall

Holiday Decorations
State Route 434
Owego, NY

Open Monday – Friday:
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tioga State Bank

J. P. Malone—photography
1135 State Route 17 C
Owego, NY

Hours Daily: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mudcloth Classes

The Tioga County Council on the Arts is pleased to announce KEA Mudcloth Workshops on **December 29, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** The cost is \$38 per student,

which includes all supplies and an African style lunch. Come and learn how to create beautiful mudcloths using mud from all over the world! Workshops are open to children and adults. Instructor is Kathy Edwina Arrington. For more information, please call 607-972-1177, 607-687-4457, or contact the Tioga County Council on the Arts at 607-687-0785 or visit www.tiogaartscouncil.org.



Saltonstall Fellowships

Call to Artists and Writers of New York State. Call for Entries for Summer fellowships by Saltonstall. Applicants must be artist or writer who live in New York State. Applications for Summer Fellowships are judged on the basis of artistic merit by a jury of accomplished writers and visual artists. We encourage artists, in every stage of their career regardless of education or experience, to apply. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, religious belief, marital status, sexual orientation, or national origin. The application deadline for the Summer Fellowship is January 15, 2010.

For detailed information, visit www.saltonstall.org and click on 'Summer Fellowships' at the top.

The Foundation seeks applications for the following categories for 2010 Fellowships:

- Fiction
- Memoir/Creative Non-Fiction
- Painting/Sculpture/Visual Art
- Photography

ArtWalk ArtTalk

One of the reasons that Owego is the Coolest Small Town in America is because of all the Art Galleries! Visit these galleries **On December 18th in the evening!**

Artisan's Townhouse—687-9242
42 Lake St. Owego—Carrie Dru Tornatore and Students...Mixed Media..Angels

ArtSpace Gallery—687-0785
179 Front St Owego—Lance Ladue Plaster Art & vote for Coburn Library "Book Shower" poster contest winner."

East of the Sun, West of the Moon-687-6305
206 Front St. Owego—Bob Merwin

French Alley —687-0757 35 1/2 Lake St. Owego —Shirley Robilotto —oil paintings

Front and Center Gallery—687-1760
188 Front St. Owego—TBA

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17 Lake Street Owego—Kathy Place

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Lake Street Studios—687-9242
42 Lake St. 2nd Floor, Owego—Bob Merwin, Gary Watson, Maggy-Pierre Gregoire, Pat Gause

Riverow Bookshop—687-4094
187 Front St. Owego—TBA, photography

Ruscak's Stained Glass Studio—687-1285
210 Front St. Owego—Sandra Ruscak



Portrait of a Region

The Tioga Point Museum Presents "Portrait of a Region—Its Landscapes and Its People". It is a group exhibit of artwork by artists from Bradford, Susquehanna, Tioga Counties of Pennsylvania and Broome, Chemung, Steuben, Tioga Counties of New York. This is the inaugural art show for Valerie Jacoski, museum director. The exhibit runs until December 13, 2009. The museum, located at 724 S. Main St., Athens, PA 18810, is open Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a. m. to 1 p.m. and will also be open for the Christmas Homes Tour on Sunday, December 13. There is no admission fee to the museum. Call 570-888-7225 for more information.

Watercolor Demonstration

Artist and teacher **Ed Steinhilper** will be holding a free demonstration of watercolor painting on **Saturday, January 16th , at 11:00 a.m.** at the galleries of the Tioga County Council on the Arts at 179 Front Street, Owego, NY. Don't miss this opportunity to see a popular local painter at work! If you are interested in taking classes, this is a good opportunity to get a feel for the medium!

Lights on the River

Friday Evening December 4th

The 3rd Annual "Lights on the River" Festival will light up Owego on Friday, December 4, from 5:30–8:30 p.m. in downtown Owego. The lights and decorative trim will be turned on at 6:00 p.m. with a countdown on the south side of Courthouse Square, followed by food, entertainment and holiday festivities in the shops, restaurants, streets and along the Riverwalk. There will be fantastic fireworks at 8 p.m. at Draper Park, and a new feature this year will be 10 "river flames" (bonfires in the river) that will add to the holiday sparkle by illuminating the river at night.

Don't miss these activities:

- "Mistletoe Lane" —Giant mistletoe in the Gazebo
- "River Flames"—Bonfires in the River
- Fireworks!! 8:00 p.m.
- O'Tannenbaum Christmas Tree Display—Tioga County Historical Society Museum
- "Greetings from Owego" lit sign along new Riverwalk
- "Best Dressed Store Window Decorating Challenge" winner announced
- Live Radio Remote sponsored by Clear Channel Radio—MIX 103.3 FM
- **Visit with Santa at the ArtSpace Gallery 179 Front Street from 6:15-9:00 p.m. Have your photo taken for a small fee.**

There are many more activities planned. Visit the website at www.lightsontheriver.com for all the details!!

TCCA Artist News

Kim Johnson (www.aremaccgallery.com) reports that a nursing home in New Rochelle, NY ordered one of her photographs for their lobby, where it was recognized by an internationally known artist, Charles Fazzino, who wrote about it in his blog, which you can read at www.fazzino.com/art-blog.

Jan Frassetto, painter and sculptor and longtime TCCA member, received a "First Place" award at the 2009 Cortland Arts and Wine Festival sponsored by the Cultural Council of Cortland County and a "First Place" award at the 2009 Colorscape Art Festival in Norwich, NY. Congratulations to Kim and Jan for their successes.

Family Volunteer Day



Saturday November 21st, volunteers decorated and packed bags with food and other items for the needy at the Arts Council, 179 Front St.,

Owego. This volunteer activity was sponsored by the Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation.

Concerts at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Episcopal Church cordially invites you to attend three special events commemorating the 175th anniversary of the church at 117 Main St. in Owego. On Saturday **December 5th** at 12:30 p.m. there will be a concert by the Youth Choir of St. John's Episcopal Church of Ithaca with Dr. Nancy Radloff directing. On Saturday **December 12**, there will be a choral evensong (evening prayer, rite two, with music) with Mr. Richard Schaal, officiant, and the Very Reverend John Martini-chio, rector of the Christ Church, Binghamton, as the homilist. This evensong is followed by the Parish 175th Anniversary dinner in the Parish Hall. On Saturday **December 19th**, there will be a concert of music for organ and brass at 4:00 p.m. in the church, by "Brass Menagerie" and Jean Radice, organ. Selections will be by Dukas, Gabrieli, Bach, Holst, and Gigout.



O'Tannenbaum

The Tioga County Historical Society Museum's O'Tannenbaum Holiday Showcase and Auction's theme this year is "The Nutcracker". The showcase features holiday trees decorated by individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Tioga, Broome and surrounding counties and includes an assortment of wreaths, baskets and crafts. The museum offers an artificial tree or wreath free of charge to anyone willing to decorate the item and donate it back to the museum for display. Visitors have an opportunity to bid on these items in a silent auction that runs through December 18th.

Santa will visit Candy Land (lower level of the museum) on Saturday Dec. 5th from 1:30-5 pm. The museum's annual "Story Telling and Cookie Decorating Party" is Sunday, Dec. 6th from 2-4 pm. This year's story teller is WBNG-TV personality Candace Chapman.

The last day to see the trees is Friday Dec. 18th (10am-9pm) with a snow date of Dec. 20th. High bidders have the privilege of carting away their tree at closing or picking it up on or before Dec. 23rd. The museum is located at 110 Front Street, Owego. For more information visit the website at www.info@tiogahistory.org

Contra & Square Dances



Dances are held every third Sunday at Tioga Trails Café located on the corner of Lake & Main Streets in Owego, NY. On **December 20th the band will be Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand.** They are two of the most exciting and creative new faces on the acoustic music scene today. At the age of eight Andrew started learning fiddle by ear. Noah started teaching himself fiddle shortly after and soon both boys had begun working on mandolin and guitar as well. Ten years later they have mastered the title of "multi-instrumentalists" by being proficient at more than twenty different string and percussion instruments between them. In 2000 Andrew and Noah formed the Great Bear Trio with their mother Kim on piano. Sarah Van Norstrand will be teaching and calling contra and square dances. Beginners Always Welcome! All Dances Taught & Prompted. No partner Needed! Admission: \$7; Students & Seniors (55+) \$5; Family Maximum \$15 For more information call Stu J 607-687-4034, or April 607-687-8067 Or visit dance.clarityconnect.com/owegocontra This project is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program administered locally by The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes.

Save on Your Taxes

Tioga County Empire Zone can help! Donating to Tioga County Council on the Arts for their Capital Campaign in the Empire Zone may qualify your donation for New York State Tax Credits. If you donate \$250 or more to the TCCA Capital Campaign, you may be eligible to receive a 25% Empire Zone Capital Tax Credit. A qualified charitable donation of \$1,000 = a \$250 NYS Tax Credit on your NYS tax return. PLUS, you may still claim a Federal and State charitable deduction. Contact Annette Schweiger, Director, TCCA, at (607) 687-0785 or Teresa Saraceno, Tioga County Empire Zone Coordinator at (607) 687-8260 for more information.

Artists Wanted to give Classes

The Tioga County Council on the Arts is seeking artists who would like to give classes at the Council offices in Owego. Whatever your medium, give us a call to discuss the possibilities. 607-687-0785.

TCCA Schedule of Events

- Dec 1-31 Lance Ladue at ArtSpace Gallery
- Dec 5 Annual Home Tour and Auction Tours at 1 pm and 6 pm. Auction at 8:30 at Elks
- Dec 11 Master Series Concert "Best of Broadway" Owego Apalachin Middle School 7pm
- Dec 18 ArtWalk ArtTalk 5-8 pm ArtSpace Gallery Reception
- Jan 15 ArtWalk ArtTalk 5-8 pm ArtSpace Gallery Reception
- Jan 17 Always on Sunday Concert "Hilerie Klein Rensi"
- Feb 19 5-8 pm ArtSpace Gallery Reception
- Feb 20 Always on Sunday Concert "Panigma"

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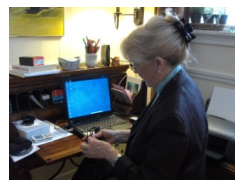
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