

Hadley Lake Luzerne Historical Society

Speaker Series 2021

Programs are free and open to the public



Shellie Kovaleski, Botanist

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 4:00 pm – Kinnear Museum, 52 Main Street, Lake Luzerne

TOPIC: If Trees Could Talk

This well-recognized regional botanist will present "If Trees Could Talk", a leisurely stroll along the banks of Wells Creek adjacent to the Kinnear Museum, the Old Mill Park, and the Adirondack Folk School. This family friendly outdoor event explores how trees and plants have helped to shape the history and culture of our region. As an artist and local botanist, Shellie enjoys rural life in the hills of Edinburg and the Southern Adirondacks.



Sara Frankenfeld, Warren County Planning Administrator

Saturday, June 5, 2021, 11:00am – Kinnear Museum, 52 Main Street, Lake Luzerne

TOPIC: First Wilderness Letterboxing

Everyone loves a treasure! Letterboxing is a growing outdoor hobby, combining elements of orienteering, art and puzzle solving. At this special event, participants will receive their First Wilderness Letterboxing Passport, learn about the history of letterboxing and try to solve puzzles to find letterboxes within walking distance of the Kinnear Museum. Learn how to explore other letterbox locations on your own anywhere in Warren County and beyond.



Craig Murphy, Photographer of 19th Century Tintype Portraits

Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 PM – Sam Smead Memorial Park, Maple Street, Hadley

TOPIC: Tintype Photography of Yesteryear and Today

Photographer Craig Murphy brings his traveling tintype studio to the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society for a live demonstration featuring the experience of the wet Plate Collodion process (aka Tintype). Of special interests to photographers, artists, photojournalists and historians alike, this program will review the practices of noted photographers Matthew Brady, Alexander Gardner and famed Adirondack Photographer Seneca Ray Stoddard.



Michael Barrett, Esq., Executive Director of Adirondack Mountain Club

Thursday August 5, 7:00 PM – Benjamin C. Butler Park, Lake Avenue, Lake Luzerne

TOPIC: The Adirondack Mountain Club's role of Preserving our Adirondack Treasures

With the approaching 100th Anniversary of the famed Adirondack Mountain Club, Executive Director Michael Barrett will discuss the accomplishments for Adirondack conservation and land preservation which were driven by this important non-profit membership organization. For those who appreciate the preservation of the Adirondacks, it is the AMC we have to thank in many ways! Mr. Barrett will discuss the environmental advocacy which makes the group effective in order to protect public land holdings from commercial development for future generations.



Bob Condon, Editor of The Glens Falls Post Star

Sunday, September 12, Noon – Waterhouse Restaurant, 85 Lake Avenue, Lake Luzerne

TOPIC: Covering News of today in the Adirondacks

From Adirondack earthquakes and prison escapes, to acid rain and your child's high school graduation, the Post Star Newspaper has been covering our local hometowns since 1904. The rich history of one of New York State's long-standing, award-winning media outlets has evolved into a vital source for thousands throughout the Adirondacks/Capital Region. Editor Condon will discuss the challenges of today's media, digital advancements and the tools which make a daily publication (both in print and on-line) a resource more valuable today than ever.