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21 ways to give this holiday season!

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As we gave thanks for so many things it was evident that all around us there were living things in need of special care. As we look ahead to the end of year holidays, Owl takes a moment to reflect on some creative ideas for giving.

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# Giving simply to give

For those of us who have been in a place where just having enough to get by – food, shelter and the comfort of another loving person to share the journey with – seemed like a daily challenge, the holidays offer memories both joyful and frightening. When living in survival mode, just getting by hoping that the car doesn't need repairs and the food holds out until the end of the month, it is challenging to imagine that there are people who have never known poverty, who have never known what it means to be without.

I once encountered a woman on my way home from work that told me how her car broke down on the way to see her diabetic mother who was snowed in in another state. "My car is right over there," she assured me while gesturing up the road. "All I need is the money to get it fixed so I can continue my journey, make it home to my mother for Christmas." Now I knew it was a scam, it just had that feel. Plus, she looked old enough that if her mother were alive she would have broken some world record. No matter. Having grown up rurally – with having a running car as a prominent and recurring problem – the broken down car story was effective.

Perhaps the woman sensed this on some level, but the truth was it did not matter. I had just found out that I still had a teaching job, after just missing economic layoffs after the man one line up on the list – which I taught next to and greatly enjoyed teaching with – died of a sudden heart attack. So I had a job, albeit under sad circumstances. Even as the woman approached me I knew what she was about and what I would do. I handed her a \$20 bill and wished her a happy holiday. In the end, my job was still better than hers. I did remind her, a few years later when she came up to me with a very similar story, that I had heard that one before.

Another time I ran into a man that had just been released from prison earlier in the day. "I killed my wife's boyfriend in a moment of anger," he shared. "I didn't mean to, it just happened." Now, twenty years later all he had was an identification card given to him by the facility (with the issuing prison's logo at the top – he showed it to me) and a few bucks. No place to stay, no plans except to go to social services the next day to try and rebuild his life. He asked for nothing as he cradled a six-pack of beer under his arm and talked to me about his Native American heritage, the brutality of prison and his sense of hopelessness. He turned to walk away, heading to a place called the Jungle – a homeless enclave since The Depression. I called him back and placed a \$20 in his hand.

Another thing people who grow up with less learn is that the idea of pulling yourself up by your bootstraps is a myth. It is possible to improve our lives, even when our circumstances slap us down, but it is not easy when all we have is a handful of less than great choices. Walking Cornell Campus as a teenager, seeing all those important people destined for great things served to increase my frustrations over not having enough, as well as my determination to go to college, to become someone.

The truth is I was someone; we are all someone. In this issue of *Owl Light News* we offer some creative ways that we all can give to others and ourselves. Look around you and offer up a smile, a kind word or a warm drink to someone this holiday season that might otherwise go without. There are so many ways to give, and sometimes the simplest gifts are the best – especially for someone who might otherwise be out in the cold.

D.E. Bentley  
Editor, Owl Light News



# Letters and Commentary



T. Touris

## # 1: Give to the Birds

Bird feeders and bird food are great gifts that give humans joy and help song birds through the harsh northeast winters. And don't forget the suet for woodpeckers - like this pileated - to enjoy!

Become part of the *Owl* conversation.  
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A very small evergreen reaches through the snow for the light.

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# Regional Reflections

## Falconer's Hawk Found – Greene County



The falconer reunited with his Harris Hawk

On Nov. 6, ECO Anthony Glorioso was contacted by a resident in the town of Cairo who reported a hawk behaving strangely near his house. ECO Glorioso arrived and located a non-native hawk perched in a tree. A closer look revealed the hawk had a bell on its leg, leading the ECO to believe a licensed falconer may have lost their captive hawk. ECO Glorioso knows of a falconer living a few miles away, and upon arriving at the man's house, the falconer excitedly asked, "You found my bird?" The two drove to the location and safely captured the hawk, which had been missing for three days after high winds had blown it off course during a training flight. The Harris Hawk, a native to the southwestern United States, would have not survived the coming winter if it had not been found.

Submitted by DEC

### # 2: Give an Animal Kindness

If you have time, adopt a stray animal who might not otherwise be adopted. If you don't have the room for an animal friend, volunteer at a shelter, foster animals in need of care or stop to help an animal find its way back home. Give a little back to these wonderful creatures who give so much to us all!

## Funding supports tree plantings and projects to protect air quality, water quality and natural resources

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced \$2.24 million in grants for urban forestry projects to protect air quality, water quality and natural resources across the state. The grants are part of DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program, which helps communities develop and implement comprehensive tree planting, management, maintenance, and education to create healthy forests while enhancing quality of life for residents.

"Continued investments in New York's urban forestry programs promote clean air, clean water, energy savings, and habitat creation," said Commissioner Seggos. "Thanks to Governor Cuomo, funding for these grants was made available through the State's Environmental Protection Fund, providing crucial assistance for communities to manage their forests, particularly trees lost to the invasive emerald ash borer."

The 54 projects to receive funding were selected from a total of 115 applications, ranked by cost effectiveness, lasting benefits, use of partnerships, and support from local stakeholders. The urban forestry grants complement DEC's ongoing initiatives to address invasive species, climate change, environmental degradation, environmental justice, and urban sprawl. Over the last seven years, New York State has funded more than \$9.2 million in grants to support projects with a total value of more than \$16 million.

Senator Tom O'Mara, Chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, said, "Communities throughout New York State benefit from this program and utilize these resources to strengthen the quality of their neighborhoods through tree planting, management, maintenance and other vital projects. These projects greatly enhance life for area residents and families."

Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, said, "Urban forests are essential to communities all across New York State. They evoke a sense of pride and provide natural beauty in otherwise gray areas. Trees have quantifiable environmental and economic benefits: they purify our air, act as sound barriers, conserve energy by mitigating the urban heat island effect, improve stormwater management, provide erosion control, and increase property values. These urban forestry grants emphasize the importance of investing in the projects that deliver on those benefits. I applaud Governor Cuomo for his continued commitment to this important initiative."

Areas of the Finger Lakes and and upstate NY that have received grants include: Norwich, City of Chenango - Tree Planting (\$13,015.25); Avon, Village of Livingston (\$18,500.00); Avon, Village of Livingston - Tree Planting, EAB Remediation (\$50,000.); Geneseo, Town of Livingston - Tree Inventory and Management Plan (\$21,124.27); Brockport, Village of Monroe - Tree Planting (\$13,630.); Victor, Village of Ontario - Tree Management Plan (\$13,225.); Albion, Village of Orleans - Tree Inventory and Management Plan (\$38,260.); Bath, Village of Steuben - Tree Inventory and Management Plan (\$18,800.); Ithaca, Town of Tompkins - Community Forest Management Plan (\$38,250.00); Attica, Village of Wyoming - Tree Inventory (\$22,300.00); Perry, Village of Wyoming - Tree Inventory and Management Plan (\$22,690.00)

Grants were also awarded to various locations in the counties of Erie (Buffalo) and Monroe (Rochester), Onondaga, Oneida (Syracuse) as well as downstate regions of New York State for Tree Inventory and Management Plans, Planting and EAB Remediation.

## Sonnenberg Gardens Holiday Events 2018

In celebration of the coming holiday season, Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park will offer a two holiday themed events for the public this December.



The first of these events is the Dickens Christmas event on December 1 and 2 from Noon – 6 pm. This event will feature old-fashioned holiday fun in the festively decorated Sonnenberg Mansion and grounds. There will be live entertainment including musical and dance performances as well as a reading of the Christmas classic, *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. See the website for a complete schedule of the entertainment throughout the weekend.

Horse drawn wagon rides will be available as well as being able to tour Sonnenberg's Victorian mansion that has been decorated for the season. There will also be a "Smores Pit," Christmas Carol scavenger hunt in the greenhouse, a light show on the South Lawn, and a "pop-up" gift shop. Christmas card photo opportunities abound so be sure to bring your camera! Admission is \$7 and under 5 is free. Family friendly refreshments as well as wine by the glass will be available for purchase. All funds raised by this event directly support Sonnenberg Gardens.

Attendees are encouraged to share the holiday spirit with others by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to Gleaner's Kitchen.

The second event is the always popular Holiday Home Tour on December 8 from 11 am – 4 pm. This event showcases seven homes in the historic neighborhood adjacent to Sonnenberg. Each home has been festively decorated and is open to the public for tours. The eighth stop of the Home Tour is the festively decorated Sonnenberg Mansion.

The tickets for the event are a booklet with info and images of the homes on the tour. The booklets are not mailed and can be picked up at anytime at the Sonnenberg offices, including the day of the show.

Presale tickets may be purchased for \$25 and for \$30 the day of the show. Tickets may purchased online via the Sonnenberg Gardens website - [www.sonnenberg.org](http://www.sonnenberg.org), over the phone 585-394-4922, or in person at both Canandaigua National Bank locations in Canandaigua, Sweet Expressions, and the Sonnenberg offices.

### # 3: Give a Tree

Plant a tree in memory of a loved one or with a loved one this holiday season. Every tree planted helps filter the air we breathe, provides food & habitats for birds and other creatures and flowers for pollinators.

## Owl Light News goes monthly in 2019:

We will still be offering the same great content and *so much more* in each expanded issue. Current ad rates and sizes will continue until the end of 2018. Information will be posted soon on our online advertising link and next print issue.

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## Geneseo Community Main Street Christmas in the Village

December 1st, 1-5 pm.  
Strolls, Sales & Holiday Festivities

**G**eneseo Community Main Street is once again hosting fun family friendly events for this year's Christmas in the Village, a yearly tradition for families all around Geneseo and surrounding towns to begin celebrating the cheer of Christmas. Cookies, elves, horse drawn wagons, caroling, tree lighting and Mr. & Mrs. Claus will make Main Street feel like a cozy winter wonderland on this bustling December afternoon.

Community members begin their Christmas festivities with the Main Street Elf Stroll. Children can pick up their scavenger hunt cards at local participating businesses and begin searching for sneaky elves hiding in plain sight in businesses along Main Street. These scavenger hunt cards will be turned into Sweet Arts Bakery by 5:00 pm, on Saturday December 8th. The more elves they find, the better their chances of winning Bear Bucks! Bear Bucks are Main Street currency that can be redeemed at any participating Main Street business, for pizza, books, cookies, toys & more! There will also be one Grand Prize winner who gets to take home a paperweight of the original Emmeline Wadsworth Memorial Fountain.

At 1:00 pm, the Cookie Stroll will begin. The cost to participate is \$10 and there will be a limited number of tickets available at EventBrite beginning November 6th, and at Sweet Arts Bakery or the Not Dot Shop. Registration day-of will be at the Big Tree Inn and the Tompkins Bank of Castile. Participants will receive a map to explore Main Street and stop by businesses who will have delicious cookies from local bakeries to gobble up or save for later. While walking around, be on the lookout for some of the SUNY Geneseo A Capella groups. The South Side Boys, the Geneseo Emmelodics, and Between the Lines will be rotating between participating stores throughout the day to carol and bring Christmas cheer to all of those who participate!

If the next shop is just a little too far to walk on a full stomach, the Horse Drawn Wagon will be the perfect break to regain your cookie appetite. Wagon rides will run from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, circling from the center of town to the Wadsworth Homestead. And if you stick around late enough, you may bump into Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus as they stroll Main Street (4:00pm – 6:00 pm). Rumor has it they have a sack of candy canes for good little kids they see around!

Beginning at 2:00pm, there will be hot cocoa in the parking lot in front of Florence's Perpetual Estate Sale, a perfect opportunity to take a break between activities or just warm the whole family up! If the kids are in need of a break, Howard Hanna will also be hosting Christmas coloring between 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

If you're hungry, Sweet Arts Bakery and other participating restaurants will be offering dinner specials for the whole family beginning at 4:00 pm and running until the 6:00 pm festivities begin at the Village Park with the lighting of the tree, followed by a parade to the Bear Fountain for ChristmaSing. Everyone will be encouraged to join in on the caroling.

Cookies & photos with Santa will follow at Touch of Grayce. Warm up with some hot chocolate. Bring your camera and take a quick snap while your little ones sit on Santa's lap and tell him all that they want this Christmas!

There is something for everyone this year at Christmas in the Village!

For more information please contact Geneseo Community Main Street at [geneseocommunitymainstreet@gmail.com](mailto:geneseocommunitymainstreet@gmail.com) or call 585-243-4980

### # 4: Shop Local & Give Twice

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# The Light Lens by T. Touris

I was at work a while ago when I received a text message with a picture and the note: “Aren't they just too cute to resist?” Frantically, I replied: “You must resist!” Even before her quick reply of “Oops!” I knew my partner in hare-brained ideas (shh! don't mention hares) had succumbed. We were now the proud owners of six Cinnamon Queen chicks.

She had chickens when we first met, so I can't say the warning signs weren't there. And while she very much misses her child, I've come to realize the real danger to our peaceful empty nest is not returning humans, but rather creatures of the furred and feathered persuasion. Presently, the rapidly growing hens reside in a spare bedroom.

These don't appear to be highly motivated chickens. They've not applied to any prestigious universities; nor do they exhibit any desire to fly the coop and make millions with some break-through egg laying technology. No, they look to be blissfully content in the spare bedroom, even with two canine housemates suspiciously eyeing them.

Thus we have embarked on the construction of a new outbuilding. This space will provide warmth, clean water and protection from various predators. I hope to be moved in before spring.

## Empty Coop Syndrome



## Physical activity beneficial for all



Physical activity is important for your health and well-being. Compared to adults who are not active, adults who are physically active are less likely to get chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and some cancers. Physical activity can also help relieve stress and anxiety, boost your energy levels and improve your sleep.[i]

According to the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, adults need 2 ½ hours (150 minutes) of moderate activity each week, such as brisk walking, vacuuming or dancing. The guidelines also recommend doing activities that strengthen your muscles at least 2 days a week. [ii]

Finding time for physical activity can be challenging but even small changes can make a difference. Try some of these tips to get more active! [iii]

### Make active choices throughout the day.

- o Take the stairs instead of the elevator, go for a 10-minute walk during your lunch break, or park further away from work and walk.
- o Try breaking up your activity into 10-minute chunks. Remember every little bit adds up! [v]

### Start slowly and build up over time.[iv]

- o Ease yourself into physical activity to prevent injury.
- o Once you have a regular routine, try increasing your weekly active time or the intensity of your activities. Turn a brisk walk into a jog or walk more often.

### Be active your way. [iv]

- o There are many ways to be active, such as raking, shoveling snow or dancing.
- o Choose activities that you enjoy and fit your lifestyle.

### Plan activities with others. [iv]

- o Join a walking group or attend fitness activities at your local community center.
- o Start a weekly activity challenge at work or with friends.
- o Plan fun activities to do with your kids. Winter is the perfect season to try sledding, skating, or playing games in the snow!

By committing to increasing your physical activity, you will not only “add years to your life, but life to your years!”[iv]

For more tips on being an active family, visit [www.flesny.org](http://www.flesny.org).

[i] <https://choosemyplate-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/tentips/DGTipsheet29BeAnActive-Family.pdf>

[ii] <https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/adults/index.htm>

[iii] <https://choosemyplate-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/tentips/DGTipsheet30BeActive-Adults.pdf>

[iv] <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/magazine/centennial-years-to-life/>

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**# 5: Give Yourself a Healthy Lifestyle**  
Finding time to stay active and stay healthy is a gift to the people who need you most.  
This year make it a gift to you too!

### # 6: Give to the Earth

Plant a garden and support organic farmers by buying local, sustainable foods. Raise some chickens for eggs and manure. Pick up garbage on a walk around the neighborhood or visit and donate to a great NYS Park. Another gift to you and to those you love!

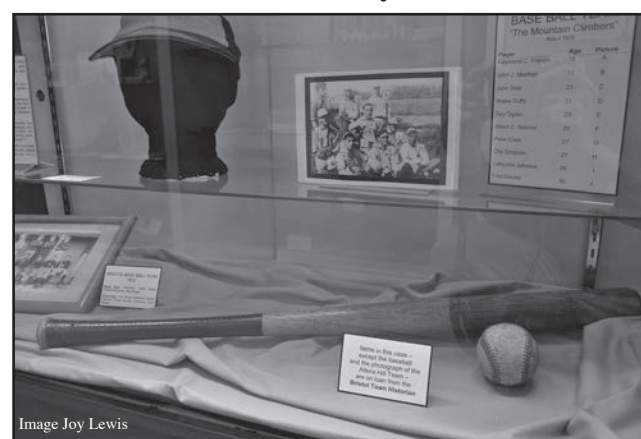


Finger Lakes Museum and Aquarium has posted some of their events planned for 2019. See more about what they do and how you can be a part of this great venture as they continue to build great environmental and recreational programming for the Finger Lakes by checking them out at: [www.FingerLakesMuseum.org](http://www.FingerLakesMuseum.org)

### # 7: Support Regional Museums

Whatever your interests, there is sure to be a local museum that offers an opportunity to learn more. This area boast some eclectic finds: The Wireless Museum and Finger Lakes Museum as well as many excellent art museums and historical collections.

**Honeoye-Richmond Historical Society Museum**  
The museum provides a wonderful and enlightening glimpse into the past and is open free of charge (donations are appreciated). Located in the back room of Richmond Town Hall, 8690 Main Street, Honeoye, NY 14471.



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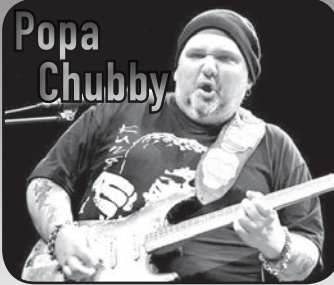
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# Live on Stage

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The Dady Brothers are a well-known and incomparable local musical treasure. The duo has been performing and winning the hearts of crowds professionally for over 40 years. Joe Dady of Conesus, along with his brother John as the Dady Brothers, have performed for thousands of people in many parts of the United States and abroad. They have recorded with the likes of Pete Seeger, John McKeun, Tommy Makem, Paddy Keenan, and Finbar Furey. They have shared the stage with notables, such as Ani DeFranco, Arlo Guthrie, Kate Wolf, the Clancy Brothers, and Cherish the Ladies, among many more. Always tremendously entertaining, their musical talents range across many genres, including folk, Blue Grass, Irish, country and popular musical styles. And between them, there is hardly an instrument that they can't play!

The famous Irish musician, Tommy Makem, wrote: "The Dady Brothers have it all. Taste to select good materiel, talent to perform their music excellently, to the delight of their audiences, and the dedication to keep their materiel and performances to the highest standards." Chuck Cuminale of City Newspaper praised the duo: "The Dady Brothers occupy a unique position in the Rochester music scene. They have a fan base that transcends generations and seem to please all members of the age diverse group simultaneously."

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If this sounds like something you might be interested in, submit a brief statement of interest, ideas and abilities to editor@canadicepress.com.

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Idle Hour ~ Mondays, 8:30!  
Hosted by Tim Bucci, and Emily  
5 Center St, Geneseo, NY. ~ fb The Idle Hour

Kelly's Saloon ~ Tuesdays, 8:30 pm 'til 2 am!  
Hosted by Tim Bucci... and Buzzo!  
71 Main Street, Geneseo ~ fb Kelly's Saloon

Dalai Java's ~ 1st Thursday 6:30 ~ 9:30 pm!  
Downtown Canandaigua ~ dalaijavainfo@gmail.com

CB Craft Brewers - every Thursday, 6-9 pm.  
Acoustic Open Mic Hosted by Steve West  
~\*All ages and talent levels are welcome~  
www.cbcraftbrewers.com - Honeoye Falls

Brew and Brats at Arbor Hill ~ Fridays, 6 pm!  
6461 BB State Route 64, Naples, NY  
info@brewandbrats.com

Fanatics Pub and Grill  
~ December 3rd and 17th, 2018  
7281 W. Main St. Lima ~ fanaticspubandpizza@gmail.com

### # 10: Share a Song or Poem

Join in at one of the area's open mics and let your voice be heard. Everyone has something to share and these events are a great way to support others.

# The Fuzzy Bunny celebrates five years in Honeoye

On December 8, 2018, from 10AM to 6PM, The Fuzzy Bunny will host a fifth anniversary celebration full of creativity, sales, and giveaways to thank the community for all of their support.

In addition to the shop's regular offerings, which include soap, lotion, lip balm, yarn, and spinning fiber created in the studio, the following guest artists will be set up in the gallery/classroom space and will be demonstrating their arts throughout the day. They will all have their work available for purchase, including ornaments, pet portraits, notecards, framed art, and housewares.

- James Johnson of Zen Furnishings. Furniture maker and wood burner.
- Nancy Prowell. Woodcut printmaker.
- Wendy Wurz of The Clever Treadler. Textile artist.

The Fuzzy Bunny originally opened as the Honeoye Craft Lab in 2013 as a general craft shop and maker space. Liz Yockel, the owner, left her career as an attorney editor to become a full time fiber artist and maker in January 2018. In the shop, she creates fine hand dyed yarns and small batch soaps, all made as sustainably as possible. Recently, the shop expanded to add a new classroom/gallery space and also doubled the size of the soap/fiber studio. Over the past five years, the shop has transformed from a general craft space to one that focuses on the fiber arts.



Community members are invited to gather at the shop each week on Saturdays from 4-6 pm for Crafternoons, where creative folks come together to work on their projects. These events are free and open to anyone, no matter your craft or skill level. There are



comfy chairs for knitting and plenty of table space for projects that require a work surface. "Crafternoons are a great way to get new ideas or get help when you are stuck on a project. There will invariably be someone there who can help you out. This community is filled with creative people and it has been a pleasure getting to know so many of them over the past five years," said owner Liz Yockel.



displaying and demonstrating their work:  
 James Johnson ~ woodworker  
 Wendy Wurtz ~ fabric Artist  
 Nancy Prowell ~ printmaker  
 Liz Yockel ~ fiber Artist & soapmaker  
 The Fuzzy Bunny studio  
 at Honeoye Craft Lab  
[www.fuzzybunnyyarn.com](http://www.fuzzybunnyyarn.com)

## # 11: Give Art

The miracle of original art is that each piece is a unique expression of a single individual and a single moment of creating. Looking for and finding that perfect artwork for someone else offers a truly special expression of giving.

## SKY'S HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINTS

*By Sky Trombly*  
 Good for you ~ Good for the environment

### 15 Frugal Habits to Save the Planet

You may not be in the position to buy a Prius or install solar panels on your house, but the good news is that some eco-friendly habits can pay for themselves. The following are a few things you can do at home to help you be green while saving green.

1. Bring your lunch from home and your (filled) water bottle and your (filled) travel mug.
2. Buy used whenever possible (clothes, car, furniture, baby gear, etc.).
3. Meal plan and shop from a list.
4. Return bottles and cans, but also drink more water.
5. Take shorter showers, compete with housemates if that inspires you.
6. Adopt a capsule wardrobe or a minimalist uniform.
7. Abandon perfection (finding that perfect handbag) in favor of contentment for what you already have.
8. Build in a waiting period before purchases.
9. Invest in reusables over disposables.
10. Spend a little more on quality so that you don't need to repurchase items as often
11. Lower the thermostat and put on a sweater this winter (and sleep with a warm hat).
12. Make your own house cleaning products (a little vinegar, baking soda, and castile soap can go a long way).
13. Turn off lights as you leave a room.
14. Store electronics unplugged, plug them in when you go to use them (even the toaster).
15. Consider what is essential to any endeavor and ditch the unnecessary fluff (if it brings you joy, though, it isn't "unnecessary").

*You're Invited!*

### Residency Celebration Party

for Jeanne Beck Art Gallery & Studio's  
 First Artists-in-Residence  
 Barbara McPhail & Dianne Murphy Eagle



Three artists. One big subject. For this month-long artist residency, three artists (left to right), printmaker Barbara McPhail, mixed media artist Dianne Murphy Eagle and painter Jeanne Beck created new works in response to the broad theme of what it means to be human in the 21st century.

**DATE: Saturday, December 1, 2018**  
**LOCATION: Jeanne Beck Art Gallery & Studio, 154 Mill Street, 2nd Floor, Downtown Canandaigua, NY**  
**TIME: 12 - 4 PM**

Talk to the artists, see works in progress, enjoy tasty refreshments - and lift a glass of wine with us to celebrate a wonderful month of creativity and creative community!



## Simpler holidays

The holiday season is now upon us. It's easy to get swept up in it. Everywhere we go, whether the main street of town, piped into your car, or even into your home via cable or Netflix, the message is clear: Celebrate!

Nowhere is this more evident than in the stores. However, the call to celebrate is given in the common vernacular and is pronounced, most distinctly, as: "Shop!"

Now, I am no Grinch. There is a lot to be said for this time of year. People do tend to feel more joyful, more socially involved, more giving of their time, money, and energy to others. We see families spending more time together and people getting their creative juices flowing. Hard to find fault with all of this.

It is also a time of year where people experience a lot of anxiety, depression, and isolation. People also go into debt purchasing stuff for themselves and their family and friends that no one wants or needs. Most of this will be disposed of less than 6 months after purchase. Holiday returns often go to landfill because it is cheaper to toss the product than to return it to re-sellable condition.

The trick is surviving the holidays with your wits in tact while having the sort of holiday season that is important to you and your family. I have a few suggestions to offer.

### Prioritize

A useful first step is to figure out your priorities and decide what to focus your energy on. Some of us make the mistake of trying to "do it all" and it sucks the joy right out of the holiday.

While determining your priorities, determine your family member's priorities as well. I had everyone determine their top 3 and my older kids were able to tell me what excites them the most.

We're all a little different, obviously, and this is reflected in our priorities. By focusing on what matters most to us, we're more likely to have satisfying holidays.

This is how the list roles out after I take everyone's input into account:

- Activities Done Together
- Gifts
- Religious Observances
- Food
- Travel/Visiting
- Decorations
- Scents
- Music

### Simplify

After you've discovered what you and yours value, you can still simplify in every category. I choose to pare down the most on things lowest on the list.

#### Activities Done Together

This could be anything, but neglecting this part diminishes the holiday like nothing else. This is where all the memories happen. Some things we like to do: bake and fry together, make holiday crafts, take pictures, read holiday books, watch specials or our family's favorite movies, host and attend parties, play games, and so on.

Now, the trick is not to wear yourself out. We pick one activity a night to focus on. Most school breaks fall around Christmas and so an activity each day might be a tolerable pace. If the holiday is truncated for you (due to work demands, for example) a solution would be to focus on the most meaningful. Doing more than one a day is fine, but focusing on one at a time is usually better on stress levels.



My family chooses to de-emphasize gifts by selecting small, unwrapped presents that fit the theme of the holiday activity, such as books for the day we sit down to read together. My kids also have four larger gifts which have yet to arrive. We get them: something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. These we wrap. Photo Sky Trombly

#### Gifts:

I am not much of a gift-giver. I'd rather help people I love and spend time with them. As a dealer of words, I also am quite content telling the person how I feel. That all said, gift-giving is an important and valid love language and it is high up on our list because gift-receiving is important for my kids.

We've tried a system of four gifts for each of them: "something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read". This worked out well last year, so we're doing it again. We've also picked out 4 mini gifts that relate to the holiday (similar to stocking stuffers). We won't wrap these smaller gifts to subtly deflate the fanaticism, but instead incorporate them into the night's activity. For example, they each receive holiday books one night that we'll then read to them.

#### Religious Observances:

This isn't everyone's cup of tea, and it is easy to have a completely secular holiday. Most holidays began from a religious observance and if this is a part of your life, embrace it in whatever way is meaningful to you.

#### Food

Keep holiday food prep very simple or involve friends and family in the process. If you're the one in the kitchen while everyone else is celebrating, you know that this can deflate a lot of jolly. I no longer cook to impress.

Last year, we bought a gingerbread house kit and the boys and their dad built and ate it together. Decorating holiday cookies can be a blast (as long as everyone is also willing to help with the clean up). This year, we're going to try air frying latkes and jelly doughnuts.

#### Travel/Visiting

When I asked our kids what they wanted from the holidays, they placed "travel" highly. They equated travel specifically with visiting.

We usually visit my in-laws over Christmas break. We drive so I don't have much to say on simplifying travel but I will say that traveling light is a better option. You can try out a capsule wardrobe or challenge yourself to keep to one or two bags each. It definitely could save money and personal energy.

#### Decorations:

We don't go crazy with decorating our home. We have one plastic box in which we put a holiday streamer, 3 strands of lights we frame our front windows with and menorahs. We also keep left-over candles.

We have another, similarly small box which my husband brings to his folk's house with Christmas memorabilia/decorations in it. He hangs them up while we're visiting over the Christmas holiday.

To keep our collection down, we employ these rules:

- Keep the collection to a box. (Or, if decorating is important to you, maybe a tote or two.) The point is to keep a lid on accumulation. It also makes finding decorations easier.
- Prefer reusable decorations over decorations intended to be thrown out. We buy very little each year to replace the consumables. Mostly, we buy candles.
- Avoid collections for the sake of collections. We started trying to collect tree ornaments every year for the kids. But we quickly began to feel little joy over the chore. We recognized that this habit wasn't fulfilling and ditched it. They now have a couple special ones they take to "Grandpa's" tree.
- Decorate "public" rooms not private ones. You can cut down on a lot of decorations when you restrict your decorating to the living room, kitchen, and dining area. Who needs a Santa bed spread?
- Prefer seasonal decorations to holiday-specific ones. Not always possible, but some items, like kitchen towels with snowflakes can last all winter long.

#### Scents:

I love the way that the holidays smell. I buy a few scented candles every season. Winter is balsam fir season. Then the holiday itself will invariably have its own scent. Our home smells like a french fry joint.

#### Music:

As a mother of young children who hears Christmas music playing every where she goes, I know that silence can be golden. However, we do not have silent nights at our house.

Holiday CDs are largely things of the past. We employ the Internet and speakers to play our holiday music from my computer. There is nothing to pack away. I also put up a slide show (or screen saver) of us during holidays past so that the screen appears festive.

#### Wrap Up

Whatever you decide to do, make it a conscious decision and you'll find greater joy and less stress over the holiday season.

#### Happy (Mindful) Holidays!



Something of a sustainability nerd for most of her life, Sky Trombly's goal is to empower herself and others to live in a way that is congruent with personal values - and intimately linked to the Earth. You can join her in her wanderings through the quagmire of sustainable living in every issue of Owl Light News, and on her blog - [talkwalking.org](http://talkwalking.org)

Simple Sustainability - related comments, topics and questions can be e-mailed to [editor@canadicepress.com](mailto:editor@canadicepress.com) with Simple Sustainability in the subject line.

**Giving # 12: Give the Gift of Time**  
Simplify the holidays: Placing less emphasis on things and more focus on sharing with others means more time to spend with the ones you love and less money spent! There is no better gift than a shared moment!

# The Pinwheel Market & Cafe in Penn Yan

## A dizzying array of gifts and goodies in store - all for a great cause

by D.E. Bentley

Some spaces just radiate warmth and offer a welcoming respite. When there is a place that also offers hope, the warmth is even more evident and reassuring. Such is the case with The Pinwheel Market & Café at 19 Main Street in Penn Yan. Operated by Milly's Pantry, a 501© 3 not-for-profit organization, The Pinwheel Market & Café is more than a market and café, it is an expanding and exciting Main Street venue with a mission.

Milly's Pantry has its roots in the vision and dedication of its earliest founder, Mary Camilla "Milly" Bloomquist (April 1, 1917 - December 11, 2014). Having lived through the Great Depression, Bloomquist understood that hunger and poverty was everywhere, including in her community and set out to bring about positive change. She also understood that children are the future and without adequate food they were less likely to reach their potential and become shining stars in their neighborhoods that contribute to the world, to their future. She shared that vision with all who would listen and her legacy includes receiving the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal from President Barack Obama. In his opening statements he summarized Bloomquist's many contributions: "In Penn Yan, New York if you're out of money and need groceries, what you do is call Milly. If you need a little extra money to make the rent this month, call Milly. If you need a warm coat for the winter, call Milly." More importantly, her legacy continues through the programs she started that continue to make a difference in the lives of children and families - including her dream pantry.

The mission of Milly's Pantry is simple: "So children do not go hungry." During the 2016-17 academic year their Weekend Back Pack Program sent home food every Friday to almost 500 students. 880 new backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed in August 2017 to Dundee (340) and Penn Yan (540) schools, including deliveries to Marcus Whitman, Emmanuel Baptist School and to home school students in need of these supplies crucial to academic success. They also celebrated a third year of Summer Food, serving weekly summer meals to around 500 students at eight local Penn Yan and Dundee sites. Thanks to grants, community contributions and the contributions of many volunteers, these programs continue to reach out to families that need assistance.

I have stopped into the The Pinwheel Market & Café a couple times when in the area and took the time during a lunch stop on November 14, 2018 to learn more about the enterprises that help feed Yates County children. I spoke with coordinator Becky Devine, who shared some about the building and mission of Bloomquist's continuing legacy - while fixing me up a lovely light lunch of quiche and soup. Milly's Pantry at 19 Main Street in Penn Yan includes The Pinwheel Market & Café, The Café Next Door and a large third floor upstairs ballroom. All are housed in a renovated 19th century building that Milly's Pantry has been able to purchase with a grant and community support.



The Cafe next Door- right next door to the Pinwheel Market and Cafe - is a great space for events.

The downstairs offers unique handcrafts and other gifts made by local artisans who donate a percentage of their sales to the non-profit. There is also a soda fountain bar area and seating for lunch. Next to the Pinwheel Market is The Café Next Door, a delightful space that is also available for various events - with many more planned for the coming year. On the second floor is a commercial kitchen that is available for entrepreneurial activities and cooking classes. The third floor ballroom - once the home to pre-Civil War Keuka riflemen - is now home to zumba, yoga and Keuka Dance and is available for rental for family and community events.

Everywhere you turn there is more to see and do, and momentum is building as the program moves closer to 2019.

Volunteers were busy helping customers and arranging newly arrived products on the shelves for holiday shoppers. Becky Devine, who will take on the role of Market Manager in January - hoping to partially fill the shoes of the many dedicated people who have stepped in and stepped up to help since Milly Bloomquist first set the wheels in motion - shared a few of her ideas. She hopes to involve more young



Some of the many interesting and reasonably priced gifts available at The Pinwheel Market. Photos D.E. Bentley

people in the day-to-day operations. She is also hopeful for recently applied for grant monies, which are needed for facility upgrades that will make the upstairs areas more widely accessible.

Like the Market's Pinwheel namesake, the small breeze that first set Milly's Pantry in motion continues to drive changes that are helping the organization serve more while working toward their long-range goal of becoming a self sustaining charitable organization. The Pinwheel Market and Café already offer so much to anyone who ventures in, making it a great holiday stop for creative gift ideas and lunch.

Stop by today and say hello; you will be glad you did!

## StarShine in the Village

~Penn Yan NY~

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 5-9 pm

Main Street is closed just after dark and the area is transformed into a giant party. Activity stretches from Chapel Street to the Main Street bridge. Music is a traditional part of the festival and several groups will contribute songs of the season. For more than 20 years, the Miss Penn Yan program has been part of StarShine. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available throughout the evening.

This will be the best StarShine in Years!

The Yates County Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Penn Yan, Keuka College, multiple organizations around the County and more are rallying together to bring you THE BEST Christmas event in the Finger Lakes!

A whole portion of the street will be designated to JUST KIDS ACTIVITIES!

- Enjoy the annual caroling of multiple youth groups.
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides!
- Welcome the reign of the 2018 Miss Penn Yan!
- Enjoy the Habitat for Humanity Pancake Day in memorium of the Chamber's long-time visionary, Michael Linehan!
- Enjoy Santa's Village at the downtown park- stop there before heading out to Elf School, held at the Penn Yan Firehouse.
- Get in the Christmas spirit by visiting local downtown shops to get a spring on your holiday shopping while supporting local!

AND SO MUCH MORE!

This year, there is plenty to enjoy! Let's keep the traditional alive and stop downtown and get into the Christmas spirit! Enjoy new downtown holiday decorations, activities for individuals of all ages, and a great opportunity to mingle with all other members of this close-knit community.

This event only comes once a year! Get out into downtown Penn Yan and see what we have cooking- we hope that this will be the best StarShine yet!

# 13: Shop at local Not-for-Profits  
When out shopping, shop where your dollars matter.  
Not-for-profit markets & thrift stores offer a unique selection and fun shopping experience.

## StarShine Lights Display

set to music

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 3-7 pm  
presented by PYTCO  
at The Sampson Theatre, Penn Yan

# 14: Give the Gift of Theatre  
Give someone - or yourself - a season pass to a regional theatre: Local theatre is more than entertainment; it offers performance artists a venue for their art while enriching the community through contemplative new & classic live performances.

# The Night Sky by Dee Sharples

## Seeing red in the December night sky

### Plus Geminid meteor shower and winter solstice

December is an opportune month to compare the color of Mars, also known as the red planet, with a red supergiant star. Mars has been in the night sky for several months and is still with us this month although it's much dimmer now. You can find it low in the southwest at 9:00 PM on the 1st of the month, 8:00 PM at mid-month and 7:00 pm at the end. Look for it about two fist-widths up from the

horizon looking like a reddish-orange star.

Mars gets its color from the composition of the rocks on its surface which contain iron. Exposed to the environment, they oxidize (rust) and turn a reddish color. Wind blows the dust from these rocks across the planet and up into the atmosphere which actually makes the sky on Mars look pink. From a distance the whole planet takes on a reddish-orange hue.

Betelgeuse, a red supergiant star in the constellation Orion, also has a reddish-orange color but for a completely different reason. It's a huge star, hundreds of times larger than our sun, nearing the end of its life and is expected to explode as a supernova within a million years. If Betelgeuse took our sun's place in the solar system, its size would extend beyond the orbit of Jupiter, one of the outer planets.

Red giant stars are

cooler in temperature which gives them their color. Betelgeuse is 5,800 F while a hotter star such as Rigel, also in Orion, is 19,000 F and shines a brilliant blue-white color. Our own sun is 10,000 F and would appear white from space. You can find Orion rising in the southeast sky at the same time Mars is getting ready to set in the southwest.

The Geminid meteor shower, one of the best of the year, peaks under a moonless sky in the early morning hours of December 14th. You will be able to spot sporadic meteors from December 4-17, but at the peak under a dark sky away from city lights, you'll be able to see up to 120 meteors an hour. The meteors will appear to radiate from the constellation Gemini which will be almost directly overhead at 1:00 AM. But you won't have to stare at Gemini to see the meteors - the best ones with long trails can be found in any direction about halfway above the horizon. Spotting meteors takes time and patience and especially in December, you'll need to dress very warm!

The winter solstice occurs at 5:23 PM on December 21st. On that day, there will be only 8 hours 59 minutes of daylight. After that you can look forward to daylight

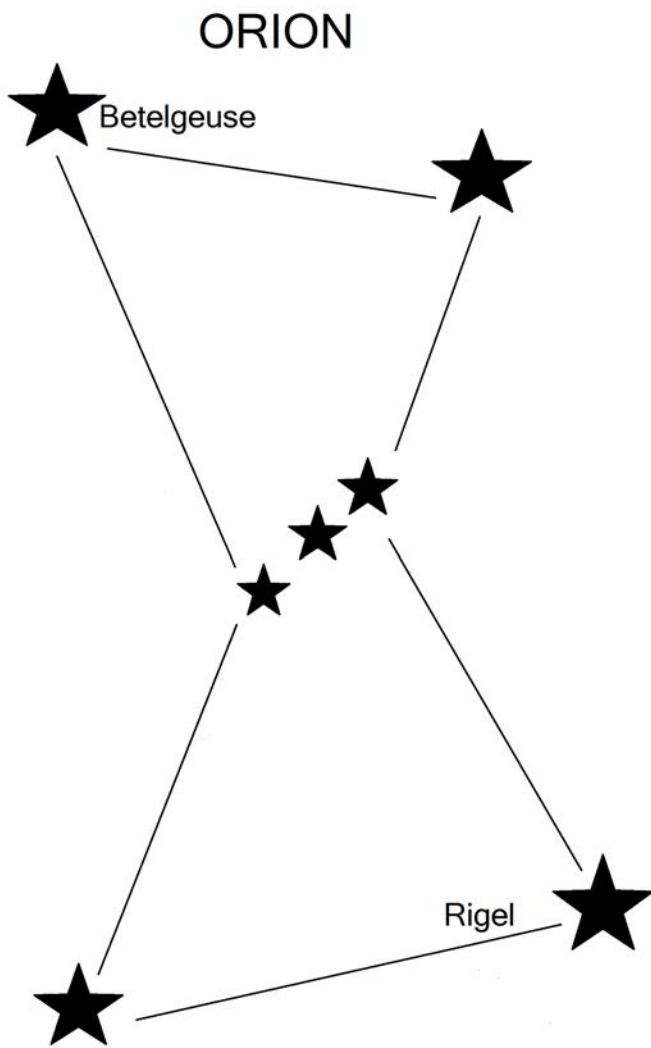
lasting slightly longer by a few minutes each day.

The seasons aren't caused by how far the Earth is from the sun, but by the angle at which it revolves around the sun over the course of a year. Earth travels around the sun in an elliptical shape, not a perfect circle. During part of the year, Earth is closer to the sun than at other times, but surprisingly the Northern Hemisphere has winter when Earth is closest to the sun and summer when it's farther away.

That's because Earth is tilted on its axis by 23.4 degrees. It turns on its axis once every 23 hours, 56 minutes which causes day and night. Also as Earth orbits the sun once a year, our Northern Hemisphere tilts away from the sun in winter. We have less hours of sunlight and the sun is also providing less heat from its lower angle in the sky. The Southern Hemisphere, however, is tilted toward the sun and experiences its summer with increased heat and hours of sunlight.

Check out this website for a diagram and detailed explanation

- [www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/axial-tilt-obliquity.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/axial-tilt-obliquity.html).



**Magnitude** measures the apparent brightness of a celestial object and is expressed by a decimal. The larger the number, the dimmer the object.

Sun: -26.7  
Full Moon: -12.6  
Rigel: 0.12  
Mars in December: 0.2  
Betelgeuse: 0.42  
Dimmest star visible with the unaided eye: 6.0

**How to measure degrees in the sky:**

A simple "ruler" is to hold your arm straight out and make a fist. The area of the sky covered by your fist measures roughly 10 degrees. By moving your fist and counting how many "fist widths" it takes to reach an object in the sky, you'll have an approximation of degrees.



Dee Sharples is an amateur astronomer who enjoys observing planets, star clusters and the Moon through her telescope. She is a member of ASRAS (Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science) and records "Dee's Sky This Month", describing what can be seen in the sky, on the ASRAS website, [rochesterastronomy.org](http://rochesterastronomy.org). Watch for her monthly Owl feature to learn more about the night sky.

## The Antique Wireless Museum is pleased to announce the 2019 series of presentations at the Museum

AFTER HOURS AT THE MUSEUM is a series of exciting, entertaining and informative bimonthly presentations at the Antique Wireless Museum in Bloomfield, New York. Led by experts from the Museum, academia, and industries throughout the region, the series will cover a broad spectrum of experiences and topics from an old time live radio show to the latest developments in communications, and from the likes of Irish music to the Finger Lakes wine industry.

AFTER HOURS AT THE MUSEUM is designed to be fun, interesting and engaging. The presentations will be held at the Museum on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served as part of a fun evening. In addition to the presentations, admission tickets will allow visitors to enjoy and explore the newly expanded Antique Wireless Museum - a unique 'gem' of the Finger Lakes.

The schedule of presentations for 2019 is:

January 16: "Civil War Balloon and Observation Post" - by Chris Lynn, Genesee Country Village Museum

March 20: "Live Old Time Radio Show and Music" - by the West Bloomfield Congregational Church Bloomfield Home Companion Players

May 15: "A Night of Irish Music" - by Almost Irish, a popular local Irish band

July 17: "Finger Lakes Wine Industry and a Wine Tasting" - by Will Ouweleen, Eagle Crest Vineyards

September 18: "History of WHAM Radio" - by Ed Gable, AWA Curator Emeritus

November 20: "Tourism in the Finger Lakes" - by Valery Koblauch, President, and CEO, Finger Lakes Visitor Connection

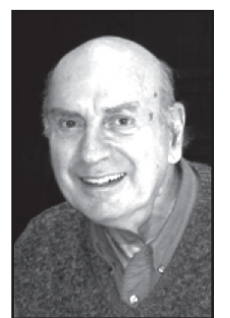
Admission for adults is \$10 or \$5 for members of the Museum. Seating is limited so don't miss out. Purchase your advance sale tickets at the Museum during normal Museum hours of Tuesdays 10 am to 3 pm and Saturdays 1 pm to 5 pm. Remaining tickets will be sold the night of the presentation at the door.

The Antique Wireless Museum is located at 6925 Route 5 in Bloomfield, New York 14469 near the corner of Route 5 and Route 444.

Founded in 1952, the Museum is sponsored by Antique Wireless Association an educational, non-profit corporation chartered by the Department of Education of the State of New York.

## Antique Wireless Museum helps fellow staff member

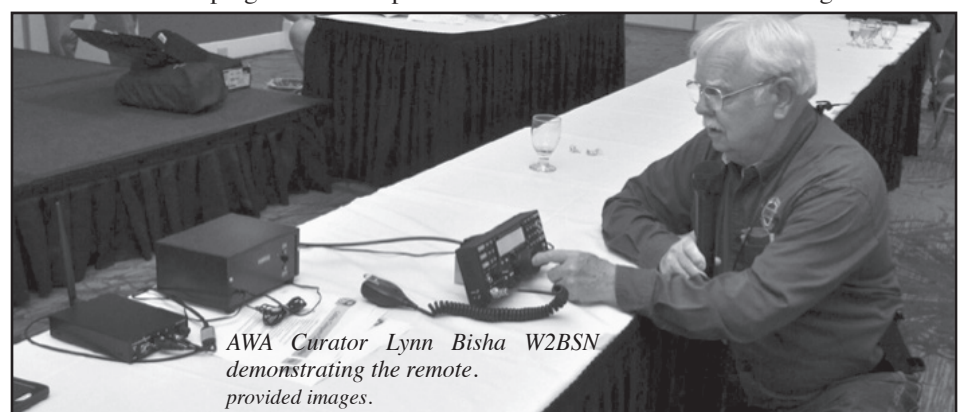
Antique Wireless Museum Staff Member Bill Jaker WB8RAE, recently had to move into an assisted living facility in New Jersey due to health issues. This is a double blow for an active ham radio operator like Bill. The move from independent living in your own home to assisted living is difficult enough, but to lose your ability to continue as an active ham radio operator is crushing. Bill was a regular each day on many radio nets and talking with friends across the country and the world.



Bill Jaker WB8RAE

But help was on the way with the support of Bill's sister Bette Barr. Once Bill was settled in his new living center, Curator Lynn Bisha W2BSN, Curator Emeritus Bruce Roloson W2BDR, Ned Asam W2NED, and Dan Waterstraat W2DEW developed a new ham radio station at the AWA offices in Bloomfield NY using Bill's Elecraft K3 ham gear and a new antenna. Using new Elecraft K3 RemoteRig boxes, the internet service available in Bill's new room, and enlisting the help of AWA member Bill Zukowski N2YEG of New Jersey for the final installation, Bill Jaker was back on the ham bands. He is thrilled and could not be happier.

AWA wants to thank Bill's AWA friends and fellow staff members for their thoughtfulness and their dedication to getting Bill back the air. If you happen to contact Bill WB2RAE on the air, say hello and tell him you read his story at AWA. He is a great guy and extremely knowledgeable about broadcast radio and television. Hopefully this will set a model for helping other ham operators who have to enter assisted living centers.



AWA Curator Lynn Bisha W2BSN demonstrating the remote. provided images.

In Memoriam  
Notices & Tributes

hey cat  
by Susan Reynolds


hey cat by george  
where u. at?  
asleep on table  
u. know I don't like that!  
in the bathroom in the sink  
under the under  
up my shoulders  
perching purring clinging clawing  
hey cat where u. at?  
keys you cause to tinkle and complain  
piano knows it don't go like that!  
hey cat where u. at?  
on the ledge casting doubt  
in the bed casting me about  
in between the in between  
hey cat where u. at?  
in the box tail is high  
funny little stones  
follow u. on out and  
there and here is found  
all about the house  
hey cat where u. at?  
rub rub rub ankle high  
me trip and stumble mumble and mumble  
hey cat where u. at?  
heads up! watch out u. might  
peer on down a chance  
to leap on each and every happenstance  
hey cat where u. at?  
counter sink and stove beware!  
when all is met or done  
hairy burner tells me so  
hey cat where u. at?  
u're at the door u're at the door  
u're at the door  
u're at the door or dish and more  
hey cat where u. at? creeping  
sleeping sipping supping schlupping  
schlepp!  
hey cat where u. at? my friend by god  
by gosh by golly by gee by george  
u. is on me lap  
and u. know I like that!



Susan Reynolds  
February 16, 1954 -  
February 9, 2018

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Canadice Lake Writers' Group  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm. at Honeoye Public Library, Honeoye.  
Info Darlene at 585-313-7590 ~ New members always welcome!!!

Lakeville, NY ~ Poets' & Writers' Group  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10:30- noon, Chip Holt Ctr., Vitale Park, Lakeville.  
New members always welcome!!!

The Canandaigua Writers' Group  
First Friday of the month from 10 am to 12:30 pm.  
Share your original stories, poems, memoirs, and more in a supportive,  
learning community of fellow writers. Ewing Family Community Room  
~ Wood Library, 134 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424

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# Honeoye Holiday Hometown



Nov. 30th  
&  
Dec. 1st

By Shanna Butler  
"A time for rejoicing, with our family and our friends. There's nothing like Christmas in a little town like this. It's a special kind of holiday that you don't want to miss."

These lyrics from "A Honeoye Christmas," written by Sharlene Deisenroth and Marcia Johnson, have stuck with me for years. They have followed me through the small hometown halls of my K-12 years at Honeoye and through my cold winters at the University at Buffalo. I used to bust out these homegrown lyrics, loud and proud many nights in my dorms, while winter storms

flew. My fellow college students never believed me when I explained the feeling of joy and spirit during the holidays in my little town. How people reached out to their neighbors for love and support, how many businesses and organizations followed the faint ring of the old school doorbell as you entered their establishment with a "Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays!" These small things meant something to us. We were kids and bursting with holiday excitement and wonder, and our town stood behind us spread good cheer and the special feeling you only get during the holidays.

That spirit of small town Christmas past continues to delight young and old alike. To celebrate the season, Honeoye Community Players and UNIFY, with the Town of Richmond, have put together an amazing weekend filled with holiday spirit and community involvement so we all can revisit these memories and joyous times from our pasts. Beginning Friday, November 30th at 6 pm join us at the town gazebo in Honeoye, NY as we welcome in the holiday season with families and friends. The festivities continue Saturday, December 1st with our annual Children's Holiday Bazaar and Festival of Wreaths and many other activities.

*Shake a hand, warm a heart, spend some family time together~ it's a perfect start to a great holiday season!*

## November 30th: (Town Gazebo)

6 pm ~ Ugly Sweater Dog Contest  
6:30 pm ~ Girl Scout Christmas Caroling  
7 pm ~ Santa and Mrs. Clause arrive by Richmond Fire Department fire truck escorted by their little reindeer and the Honeoye Cooperative Nursery School  
7:15 pm ~ Christmas tree lighting in gazebo  
7:30 pm ~ Woman's Holiday Choir Caroling  
8:30 pm ~ Santa and Mrs. Clause depart back to the North Pole

## December 1st: (Honeoye Central School)

9 am-2 pm ~ Vendor Village - craft show and holiday fair  
9 am ~ Children's Holiday Bazaar  
7 pm ~ Festival of Wreaths

Check us out on FB Honeoye Happenings for more information on this event and other great Honeoye Happenings.

## # 16: Give the Gift of Community

Take the time to join in your community. Attend an event, take a walk down your main street or give to a local charity. Better yet, join in and help make community feel like home. Find out today how you can make a difference for tomorrow.

## Livonia Kiwanis celebrates 20 years of Toys for Tots



For a moment, try to imagine the excitement you felt at Christmas when you were a child. Remember the butterfly feeling in your stomach as you awaited a visit from Santa. Remember the magical feeling on Christmas morning when you saw the gifts that Santa put under the tree and in your stocking. Now try to imagine what it would be like if you woke up on Christmas morning and there were no toys, no magic, and no excited laughter. Imagine the sadness of a parent experiencing financial hardship and not being able to provide a joyful Christmas for their children.

Fortunately, the elves at Livonia Kiwanis ensure that no child in the Livonia School District experiences a Christmas with no toys. In 1998, Livonia Kiwanis was given the privilege to oversee the local Toys for Tots program. Over the past 20 years, the program has brought Christmas magic to hundreds of families and thousands of children in the Livonia School District. In 2017 alone, Toys for Tots provided toys for 166 children in 69 families. Several Toys for Tots programs have popped up within the community in recent years, all of which benefit children in our communities. The Livonia Kiwanis Program ensures that 100% of the toys collected by our volunteers are given to children in the Livonia School District.

The Toys for Tots program sponsored by Livonia Kiwanis provides a unique Christmas experience to local families. Unlike many Toys for Tots programs that distribute a standard bag of toys regardless of the age, gender, or interests of a child, the Livonia Kiwanis Toys for Tots program allows parents to "shop" for the gifts that match the interests and personalities of their children. With the help of Kiwanis elves, parents choose the toys that will make their children happy. "Families are always extremely grateful for the toys provided by the community, and it is a joy to see the happiness of the parents as they prepare for Christmas Day," said one Kiwanis member.

Toys for Tots would not be possible without the generous donation of toys and money from wonderful people and businesses in our community. The kids at the Livonia Central School learn the importance of giving during their toy drive for the Livonia Kiwanis program. Toy collection boxes are located at several local businesses, including Wanda's (formerly Shelby's Restaurant), Livonia Fitness, and Five Star Bank. Community members can also donate toys at the Livonia Library and the United Methodist Church of Livonia Thrift Store (which collects new toys year-round). Monetary donations collected through Livonia Kiwanis are also used to purchase toys or items for various age groups to ensure all children receive the Christmas they deserve.

Livonia Kiwanis, a civic organization dedicated to benefitting children within our community, raises money for Toys for Tots throughout the year at various events. Two steak dinner fundraisers in May and October at the American Legion in Livonia Center provide attendees with a fun dice game (Bunko), raffles, and prizes donated by generous local businesses. At the Hemlock Fair, Livonia Kiwanis sells 50/50 tickets to benefit Toys for Tots and other local programs for children. Livonia Kiwanis is always looking for new "elves" to join their team and bring Christmas cheer to local families. If you are looking for a rewarding way to spend time with good people and give back to your community, consider joining Livonia Kiwanis ... a gift of your time to volunteer is like Christmas magic that lasts throughout the year!

For more information about Livonia Kiwanis or Toys for Tots, please contact Ann Holevinski at 585-721-2188 or annholevinski@hotmail.com.

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# Community Calendar

## Springwater Fire Department Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 1 at 7 pm

Starting on School Street to Main Street and back to the Legion. Check out their activities on the web at [www.springwaterFD.org](http://www.springwaterFD.org). If you have not already done so, please send in your annual donation to the Springwater Fire Department and/or consider joining the Fire Department as a volunteer.

## Springwater United Methodist Church

Annual Christmas Bazaar and Lunch Counter

(Held at Springwater Fire Hall)

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 10 am – 3 pm

Call Sharon @ 585-857-7938 for info.

## Annual Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner

Honeoye-Hemlock American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1278,

Monday, December 3, 2018, 4 pm till finish. \$6.

Community Welcome! 4931 Co. Rd. 36, Honeoye

Let us know what your community or community - based group is doing to work toward positive change for ALL!

## # 17: Give a Smile

Reach out to someone by offering a smile, a kind word or a quiet conversation shared. All around us there are people in need, and the smallest gifts mean the most.

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## Area Food Pantries

All welcome and appreciate community contributions and volunteers.

### Honeoye Community Food Pantry.

UCC church on 8758 Main Street, Honeoye

Alternate Saturdays, 9-10:30 am.

For upcoming dates and additional information: [honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com), (585) 721-0009 (text) or <https://sites.google.com/site/honeyefoodpantry/>.

### Geneseo/Groveland Emergency Food Pantry

31 Center Street, Geneseo (the lower level of CPC).

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-2 am and Wednesdays 4-6:30 pm

To donate to our Pantry, please drop items off during hours of operation (lower level).

### Springwater Food Pantry

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 PM and Saturdays 9 - 11 AM\*

South Main Street, Springwater

\*Serves Springwater Canadice & Webster's Crossing area, but no one in need will be turned away!

### Lighthouse Food Pantry

Every Saturday, until Jan 5, 2019

Lighthouse Wesleyan Church, 101 South Lackawanna St, Wayland

We recognize as a church that it is not only important to feed people's spiritual hunger but to feed their physical needs as well. Lighthouse Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Wayland Cohoston Central School District Area.

## # 17: Give food or Time to Pantries

There are always people with not enough \$ for the food they need, and this is felt most at holidays. Next time you stock up, get a little extra to share.

Volunteers are also always needed.

## Honeoye United Church of Christ Holiday Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.



Featuring: singers, instrumentalists, bell choir, dancing and more...

Admission: Bring an item for the Food Pantry  
8758 Main Street, Honeoye, NY 14471

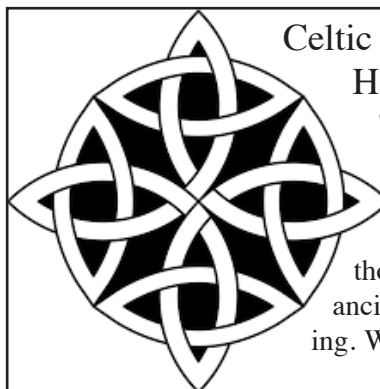
## # 18: Volunteer

With so many volunteer opportunities all around us, there is something for everyone. A great place to start looking is not-for-profits right in your community. Volunteers touch people's lives & *do* make a difference!

## Volunteers needed at the Little Lakes Community Center

Are you looking to give some of your time and talents to new and exciting venture right here in your neighborhood? Join the dedicated volunteers at the Little Lakes Community Center on Main Street in Hemlock! Assistance is always welcome in updating our building – plumbing, electrical, repairing, painting, etc. Volunteers are also needed for our events to set up, serve refreshments, and clean up. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann Thompson at [littlelakescommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:littlelakescommunitycenter@gmail.com) or attend our Steering Committee

## Faith in Community



Celtic Journey, December 2, 6 pm,

Honeoye United Church of Christ.

"Let's talk about Angels"

This will be a guided discussion circle with Sharon Hinkson, who practices healing with Angelic energies, and Kenneth McIntosh, author of *Water from an Ancient Well* and scholar of ancient Celtic Christianity, and others in the gathering. We won't push dogmas or even expect answers,

## Finger Lakes Forest Church

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: Winter Solstice Ritual, Start time 6 pm.

The Finger Lakes Forest Church meets monthly, with rotating outdoor locations.

Our December meeting explores the winter solstice. As the longest night gives way to returning light, as the Light of the world is born in darkness, we celebrate the start of another cycle of growth and possibility.

Location: Outdoor area (near playground) at Honeoye United Church of Christ, 8758 Main Street, Honeoye.

For more information, see our Facebook page (Finger Lakes Forest Church).

## Free Spirit Book Club

Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 - 8 pm.

This book club, with a broadly spiritual focus, meets the third Wednesday of each month. We are an open-hearted, open-minded group, which gathers to read and discuss texts from spiritual disciplines around the world. All are welcome - even if you haven't read the text. Location: Honeoye United Church of Christ, 8758 Main Street, Honeoye, NY. For more information, including the title of the reading for our next meeting, contact [emily.pecora@gmail.com](mailto:emily.pecora@gmail.com).



Grief Share is a help seminar providing encouragement after the death of a loved one. The program is non-denominational and features helpful tools for healing from grief. It is led by friendly, caring people who understand what you are going through. Mondays at 6 pm at Springwater Church of the Nazarene, 8498 Indian Valley Rd (Rt 15), Springwater. For more info: 585-728-5961 or 585-669-2319.



Genesee Chorale at a previous performance. Submitted photo...

“Glory and Majesty” – That describes the holiday season, and the music the Genesee Chorale and Brighton Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 at Grace Baptist Church, Vine Street, Batavia.

“Glory and Majesty” also describe our own Letchworth State Park, and this concert will debut a four-movement piece written in its honor. Lyrics are taken from poems written by early visitors to Glen Iris Inn which were assembled into a book by William Pryor Letchworth. The evening also includes familiar Christmas songs, such as “Do You Hear What I Hear?” and “Sleigh Bells,” introduces some lovely newer pieces, and concludes with Handel’s beloved “Hallelujah Chorus.” Tickets, presale or at the door are \$10. For presale tickets and further information, visit Chorale’s web site, GeneseeChorale.com.

The Finger Lakes Camerata will give a holiday concert titled “Gloria in Excelsis Deo,” Saturday, Dec. 1, at 3 pm, First Congregational Church, 58 N. Main St., Canandaigua

The Finger Lakes Camerata is a choral group based at FLCC and directed by Dennis Maxfield, a member of the adjunct music faculty. Concerts are free and open to the public though donations are accepted for scholarships for music and music recording students

The program includes many holiday favorites, including “Silver Bells,” “Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella,” “What Child is This,” and “See Amid the Winter’s Snow.” The concert includes some less familiar pieces as well, such as “Creator of the Stars of Night,” a very old hymn originally in Latin, and “The Huron Carol,” a Canadian hymn written by a missionary in the 17th century in the language of the Huron/Wendat people.

For information on the Camerata, including how to audition, contact Maxfield at (585) 396-0027.

## Dansville Winter in the Village



Saturday, December 1, 2018, 8:30 am - 8 pm  
Downtown Dansville

Dansville's Winter in the Village is a day long holiday festival in the heart of Dansville's historic downtown district. The village comes alive with activities planned throughout the day and well into the evening. The annual Arts & Crafts Sale, Santa lighting the Christmas trees in Church Park as well as many local businesses, vendors, artisans and entertainers located throughout the downtown district are an annual delight to our many visitors. The tradition of the Wine Tasting Tour has become an annual highlight, featuring a multitude of New York wineries. Winter in the Village is a festival designed to begin the Christmas holiday with fun-filled memories with a local, hometown flair and sense of pride.

Many downtown businesses and restaurants offer a wide variety of sales, specials and entertainment for visitors. The festival is sponsored by the Dansville Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Dansville, who remind people to visit the entire business community and discover great bargains and dine in our fine restaurants. To learn more details about this year's Festival, visit the "Discover Dansville" page on Facebook.

### # 19: Give in the Moment

While walking around enjoying the local festivities, take a moment to look around and seize the moment to do something nice. Hold a door open - or say thank you. Offer to carry something. Cover the costs for someone digging for their last nickel or dime. If someone looks cold, offer them a warm drink. There are so many ways to give. In this day and age common courtesy seems, at times, to have dropped clean off the face of the earth - let's show some.

## Holiday workshops at CCE, Canandaigua

### Tabletop Christmas Tree Workshop

December 3, 2018 - 8:30 pm

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### Holiday Wreath Workshop

December 10, 2018, 6 — 8 pm


Use your imagination and talents to create a holiday wreath using fresh greens. Decorate with pine cones cut to resemble flowers and your choice of embellishments. We will have the forms, cones, fresh greenery, fruits, ribbons and silk flowers to make a festive holiday wreath. Make this for yourself or give it as a lovely gift that will be personal and appreciated. Join Master Gardeners Pat Bartholomew, Sandy Ebberts and Rose Hancock. They will help guide you on this project. These wreaths will last through the holidays. The only limit is your imagination. All mentioned supplies will be on hand. Please bring pruning shears, a glue gun, glue sticks, wire cutters, gardening gloves (if you want them) and any supplies that you'd like to recycle or use to embellish your creation.

Fee: \$10.00/person - per workshop. To register call Cornell Cooperative Extension, 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number. 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with your name, address, and phone number. Cornell Cooperative Extension, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua.

### # 20: Create Something to Give Away

The holidays are a perfect time to slow down and have some fun creating something special to give away. Handmade gifts offer a special touch and you have the enjoyment of making something and giving.

# 18: Share the Gift of Song  
Join a local musical group - if musically inclined - or venture out to sing holiday favorites around the neighborhood!  
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**Geneva**  
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**Canandaigua**  
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 The Medicine Shop  
 Ontario County DMV Office  
 Thompson Hospital (lobby)  
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 Village Hall

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