

**Canal Society of New York State
Announces its
** 2020 Spring (now Fall!) Field Trip ****

Chemung Canal – Junction Canal – Crooked Lake Canal – Seneca Lake

Friday, October 9, 2020

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Sunday, October 11, 2020

**Headquarters - The Radisson Hotel Corning
125 Denison Parkway East
Corning, New York 14830
607-962-5000**

Program Registration - Please fill out the accompanying registration form and mail it with payment to the Canal Society of New York State, c/o Craig Williams, 31 Oakleaf Drive, Stuyvesant, New York, 12173. Registrations must be received by Monday, September 28, 2020. Please make sure to provide the contact information on the registration form for updates on the program! For questions or comments, please feel free to contact Craig Williams at 518-755-4516 or at 1735james@fairpoint.net.

Hotel Reservations – Please promptly contact directly the Radisson Hotel Corning (607-962-5000) for accommodations. A limited number of rooms have been reserved for that weekend with rates starting at \$129. State that you are with the Canal Society. **OR** go to -

www.radisson.com/corningny and enter the promotional code CSNY20

Join us for an educational and intensive exploration of these remarkable historic waterways

And, there is so much more to see beyond the weekend's programs! Make time for the Rockwell Museum and Watkins Glen State Park! Dozens of wineries, distilleries and local craft breweries will easily complement the weekend! Once a prominent canal town, Corning still has much of its 19th-century character on display along Market Street just a short walk from the Radisson.

Friday, October 9, 2020

10:00 AM-11:30 AM Walking Tour of Montour Falls with Gary Emerson. Gary literally wrote the book on the Chemung Canal and is the well-recognized authority on its history. In cooperation with the Schuyler County Historical Society, the tour will follow the historic canal landscape through an amazingly-intact mid-19th century Upstate village. Further information on the tour will be sent the week prior.

Lunch On your own.

12:30 PM-2:00 PM Seneca Lake Cruise. In Watkins Glen at 1 North Franklin Street, we will board Captain Bill's very spacious *Seneca Legacy* (www.senecaharborstation.com/the-legacy). Known in the time of the Chemung Canal as Salubria (really?) and later Jefferson, the Glen was the northern entrance of the Chemung Canal. Before the Chemung Canal faded away in the 1870s, one would have seen fleets of coal-laden canal boats being towed north on Seneca Lake. We'll pass one of the most noteworthy footnotes in Erie Canal history - Hector Falls. It was from the Falls that the

Mary and Hannah started its celebrated 1823 voyage through the just-completed sections of the Erie Canal to New York City, being received there with great fanfare as the harbinger of the success to come.

5:00 PM-7:00 PM *Registration at the Radisson Hotel Corning.*

7:00 PM-8:30 PM *Information session.* An illustrated preview will be provided at the Radisson of the Saturday and Sunday tours.

Saturday, October 10, 2020

8:30 AM-1:00 PM Bus Tour. The Swarthout Coach bus will depart at (promptly!!) 8:30 AM from the Radisson Hotel Corning. Requests for special transportation needs can be noted on the registration form. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SATURDAY ITINERARY MAY BE ADJUSTED AND ALTERED AS NECESSARY. Make sure to provide contact information on the registration form so that updates can be provided.

The morning's excursions will include sites along the Chemung's Corning feeder canal, the route of the Chemung Canal in Elmira and Horseheads and remains of the Junction Canal. We will conclude the morning at the Diversion Brewery (www.diversionbrewing.com) in Chemung, NY for lunch and for a presentation by Mary Ellen Kunst, the Town of Chemung historian and scholar of the Junction Canal. Lunch will be on your own at the Brewery and its food truck. We'll be supplying more information on menu options and costs the week before. Following lunch we will return to the Radisson.

1:30 PM-5:00 PM Corning Museum of Glass. At the Radisson we will start our introduction to the Museum with a presentation by Robert Cassetti, Senior Director of Creative Strategy and Visitor Engagement. Rob was instrumental in the spectacular success of the 2018 Glass Barge program along the canal system, honoring the 150th anniversary of the move of the glass works from Brooklyn to Corning via the Erie Canal. Afterwards, participants can visit the Museum, a very short drive from the Radisson (transportation not provided).

6:00 PM-9:30 PM Reception and Dinner at the Radisson Hotel Corning. Following the dinner, Dr. Connie Sullivan-Blum will present "The 1972 Flood – Its Impact and Aftermath." Dr. Sullivan-Blum is the executive director of The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes in Corning. Before becoming the executive director, she served as The ARTS Council's Folk Arts Coordinator for seven years. It was during this time that she researched and recorded oral histories of the 1972 Agnes Flood in the Elmira-Corning area. She consulted with Public Television affiliate, WSKG, on their film, *Agnes: The Flood of '72*. Sullivan-Blum has a PhD in Cultural Anthropology from Binghamton University.

Sunday, October 11, 2020

10:00 AM to Noon Crooked Lake Canal Tour. We will join the volunteers of the ***Friends of the Outlet*** in Dresden (NY!) to start an exploration of the remains of the Crooked Lake Canal along their wonderful Keuka Outlet Trail. Great lunch possibilities in Penn Yan! Transportation to the tour is not included. Further information on the tour will be sent the week prior.