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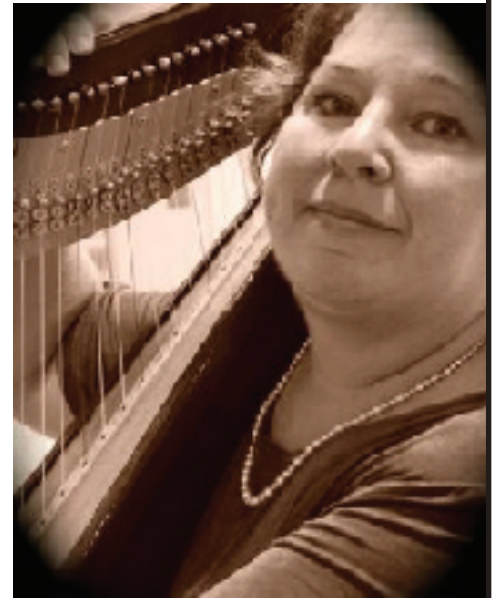
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## Lisa Craig Fenwick - "Always On Sunday" Concert February 15th

What a great way to enjoy more special time with your Valentine!

The harp is an instrument of beauty when played by hands of a talented, trained artist, Lisa Craig Fenwick is such an artist. Accompanied by Meredith Kahn Bocek and Melissa Collins, Lisa is the featured artist for this month's "Always on Sunday" Concert. Her music affords an opportunity for all to enjoy excellence in musical performance and will extend your Valentine weekend celebration with a special someone. The concert will be held Sunday afternoon, February 15, from 3:00 to 4:30 at First Presbyterian Union Church located on the corner of North Avenue and Temple Street in Owego, New York.

Originally trained as a flutist, Lisa holds a degree in music performance in flute from Boston University's School for the Arts. Drawn by the music of the harp, she initially studied and played the Celtic harp. However, she has expanded her playing to include the pedaled harp. For the last 20 years, Lisa has been a faculty member of the Community School of Music and Arts in Ithaca. She also maintains a private studio where she teaches the flute, harp, and piano to children. <http://www.lightlink.com/lisaharp/Harp/Harp.html>.



### Southern Tier Music Teachers Association Benefit Concert An Evening of Valentine Romance February 14

The Southern Tier Music Teachers Association (STMTA) will present an evening of Valentine romance in music on February 14, 2009. This event is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. at the Tri Cities Opera Center in Binghamton. All performers are STMTA members and guests and include some of the area's finest artist-teachers. In honor of romance and fun several of the performers will depart from their usual fare. Soprano, Brenda Dawe, accompanied by her husband, Dick Olds will be performing several Schumann songs. Steve Stalker and Hakan Hromek will put their cellos aside to accompany jazz singer/flutist Donna Wood in a set of jazz standards as the group -- "Monday at 10." Steve Nanni, Hakan Hromek and Pej Reitz will present a group of romantic Brazilian songs.



Others performing include Hong Zhang, Kathy Karlsen, Mary Lou Murator, Barbara Kaufman, Paul Sweeney, Jeanne Sperber, Nina Stutzman, Joanne Peters, and Martha Weber.

The evening promises to provide an eclectic collection of romance and excitement. This is the only STMTA fundraiser and is used to benefit area music students.

For tickets or donations, please contact: Pej Reitz at (607) 797-8185.

General Admission - \$15  
Students/Seniors - \$10

### President Obama Supports Arts and Culture

A recent headline on the Barack Obama web site read: "Barack Obama and Joe Biden: Champions for Arts and Culture." It may offer a bit of hope to our economically dimmed funding expectations.

Below is a condensed outline of what the Obama-Biden "Platform in Support of the Arts" contained. For more detail, you may read about this in the January edition of ARTS INSIGHTS, the monthly newsletter of the Arts Consulting Group.

#### Obama-Biden Platform in Support of the Arts

- I. Reinvest in Arts Education
  - Expand Public/Private Partnerships between Schools and Arts Organizations
  - Create an Artist Corps
  - Publicly Champion the importance of Arts Education
- II. Support Increased Funding for the NEA
- IV. Promote Cultural Diplomacy
- V. Attract Foreign Talent
- VI. Ensure Tax Fairness for Artists

In our current economic climate where funds for what some people consider non-essentials are greatly re-

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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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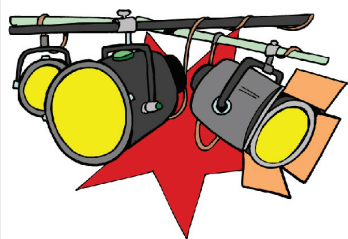
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Thank you!



Senator TomLibous

## Ti-Ahwaga Community Players



### Present

## “Nunsense”

February 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

Regular Admission - \$18

Senior Citizens \$15 (Sunday Matinees)

“Nunsense” was originally presented by TCP in 1994 to “sold-out” audiences. It is an hilarious musical about a variety show staged by the five surviving sisters of the Little Sisters of Hoboken Nunnery. The other sisters have died after eating a contaminated vichyssoise, prepared by Sister Julia, containing botulism. The sisters come up with the zany idea of the talent show in order to raise enough money to bury the last four dearly departed sisters.

Pulsing with merriment the score is intent on making the audience laugh unabashedly with songs and spontaneous comic interludes paced at a break-neck speed. “Nunsense” offers a cornucopia of hilarity for the whole family, proving conclusively that nun rhymes with fun!

Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday afternoon shows are at 2:00 p.m.

Performances are held at the Performing Arts Center, 42 Delphine St., Owego, NY.

Season Subscriptions are available. For more information, call 607-687-2130 or e-mail: info@tiahwaga.com.

## Be Creative in the Art of Cooking at Front and Center!!

188 Front Street  
Owego, NY 13827  
607-687-1760

Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6-8 p.m. – Mexican Night

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 6-9 p.m. Girls Night Out – Cooking with Wine

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 3 p.m. – Basic Bread Baking

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 6-9 p.m. - Chinese Cooking

Thursday, February 12<sup>nd</sup> – 6–8:00 p.m. - Cooking Fish and Shell Fish

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – 6-8 p.m. –Cooking for Two: 2

Valentines Day Specials

Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 6-9 p.m. –Girls Night Out – Biscotti and Italian Cookies.

Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6-9 p.m. – A Tuscan Dinner

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 6-8 p.m. – Hot Cupcakes for Cold Nights

## Tioga County Organizations Receive 2009 Decentralization Regrant Program Awards

Congratulations to the six Tioga County organizations receiving grants for 2009. These funds are made available by the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency administered locally by The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes.

Recipients and the amount of funding received are as follows:

- Newark Valley Historical Society - \$2,500 for the “Depot Friday Night Series”
- Newark Valley Historical Society - \$2,500 for the Workshops Series at Bement-Billings Museum
- Stuart Johnson (sponsored by Tioga County Tourism) - \$3,125 for the Tioga County Contradance 2009
- The Kirby Band - \$2,812.50 for general funding of The Kirby Band 2009
- Village of Newark Valley - \$1,800 for “Music in the Parks”
- Waverly Free Library - \$1,512.50 for its “Community Read” program

## Classical “Realism” for Beginners Winter Painting Class

Anyone can learn the basics of painting! “It’s easy and fun!” says local artist and teacher of the class, Bob Merwin. Participants will learn drawing skills, color and value, brush work and much more as they work their way through to a completed painting.

Starting February 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing to March 10<sup>th</sup>, these Tuesday evening classes will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Tioga County Council on the Arts’ Artspace Gallery. The gallery is located at 179 Front Street in Owego, NY.

To register, call TCCA at 607-687-0785. Cost for the course is \$150. Call the TCCA office for the painting supply list.

## Aggressive Promotional Campaign Planned 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual En Plein Air Art Festival

August may seem like a long time away, but if you are an artist who enjoys exhibiting and selling directly to the public you absolutely do not want to miss this event! Paul Uhlman and Bob Merwin, co-chairs for this event, are already hard at work determined to make this the largest, most successful outdoor art exhibit Tioga County has ever seen.

Interested? We want your input as we go forward with our plans. Give us a call at 607-687-0785.

## “Wine Country” Art Exhibit Continues

Now through February 22, The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (The ARTS) invites visitors to enjoy this juried visual art exhibition at the Palace Theatre Gallery at 17 West Market Street, in downtown Corning.

## Call for Artists to Display Paintings

Market Street Brewing Co. & Restaurant is looking for artwork by local artists to display in their newly painted restaurant in Corning. Artists interested in displaying should contact Theresa M. McClellan, owner, at 607-936-BEER or e-mail: [brewbug97@yahoo.com](mailto:brewbug97@yahoo.com). The restaurant is located at 63065 W. Market

## Waverly Opera House Presents

### “Dial ‘M’ for Murder By Frederick Knott

February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 &  
March 1, 6, 7, & 8

The LOOM Cabaret at  
439 Waverly St., Waverly, NY  
Evening performances at 7:30  
Sunday matinees at 3:00 p.m.

## On Going Galleries

TCCA Galleries & Satellite Galleries for  
February

ArtSpace Gallery  
179 Front Street  
Owego, NY

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

Owego Town Hall  
State Route 434  
Owego, NY

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

Artist: TBA

Tioga State Bank  
1135 State Route 17 C  
Owego, NY

Hours Daily: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Artist: TBA

### Monthly Galleries Open for Art-Walk & Art-Talk

3rd Friday of Every Month  
(Call to confirm hours)

Artisean Townhouse  
Cellar Attic

East of the Sun West of the Moon

Front & Center

Gallery 41

Lake Street Studios

Riverrow B

Van Horn Jewelers



### Winter Life Drawing Session II

February 5, 12, 19, & 26

Refresh your drawing skills by working from live models at Windsor Whip Works Art Gallery in Windsor, NY, this winter. Models offer quick gestures and move into longer poses. No instruction provided, but critiques available if desired. Bring your favorite supplies.

Time: Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Cost of 4 Sessions: \$48

Walk-ins: \$15



## Juried Art Exhibition Deadline February 15, 2009. Entry fee waived.

Artists throughout the state of New York have an excellent opportunity to submit 2-D work for exhibit. The United Hebrew Geriatric Center is sponsoring the "Beautiful Aging" exhibit.

The exhibition will be juried by Tracy Fitzpatrick, Neuberger Museum of Art; Jean-Paul Maitinsky of the Hudson River Museum; and Lisa Robb of the Pelham Art Center. Three prizes will be awarded.

For submission details and submission form, go to [www.uhgc.org](http://www.uhgc.org) to the events page.

## The Southern Tier Biennial

### Call for Entries

### February 14 Deadline

The Southern Tier Biennial (STB) offers artists in eight counties of New York's southern tier an excellent opportunity to display their contemporary work and receive recognition. In planning the 2009 exhibition, the STB committee furthered the mission of the show by extending the professional development workshops into multiple locations and by maintaining a groundbreaking package for the artist named Best of Show.

This year's jurors are Holly E. Hughes, Associate Curator at the Albright Knox art Gallery in Buffalo, NY and Leonard Urso, the Mowris Mulligan Endowed Chair and Distinguished Professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY.

Each artist accepted into the show will receive a \$100 stipend to help with costs associated with exhibiting. Additionally, there will be five cash awards totaling \$3,000: \$500 for Best of Category in each of four categories and \$1,000 to the Best of Show winner.

The Best of Show winner will also be presented with a solo show in the spring of 2010 at the Olean Public Library Gallery with a four-color catalog, a \$1,000 Honorarium, up to \$1,000 for professional development, and up to \$1,000 for show expenses.

For more information contact the Cattaraugus County arts Council at



### Strategic Opportunity Stipends (Help for Artists in All Disciplines!)

Strategic Opportunity Stipends (SOS) a project of the New York Foundation for the Arts are available from The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (ARTS) for artists of all mediums residing in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins counties. Artists may request from \$100 to \$600 to aid them in new, specific opportunities. Works-in-progress are not eligible. If you would like to apply and need help with writing your grant application, contact The ARTS at (607) 962-5871

Deadlines see original article.

### Tioga County Contra Dance

Dances are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at the Tioga Trails Café located on the corner of Lake and Main Streets in Owego, NY

No Dance in February

March 15: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Featured Band: George Wilson & Tom Hodgson

Caller: David Smukler

Beginners welcome; all dances taught and prompted.

No partner needed

Admission: \$7 Students, \$5 Seniors, \$15 Family Maximum

For more information, call Stu Johnson at 607-687-4034 or

April Swaney at 607-657-8067

Web site: <http://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.



## A big Thank YOU to all of our Supporters!

### TCCA Events

- Feb. 15 - Always on Sundays with Lisa Fenwick at First Presbyterian Union Church, Corner of North Ave. & Temple Street, Owego 3-4:30 p.m.
- Mar. 6 - Folk Arts Performance – TBA 7:00 -9:00 p.m.
- Mar. 15 - Always on Sundays features Al Hammel & Swing Street at First Presbyterian Union Church, Corner of North Ave. & Temple Street, Owego 3-4:30 p.m.
- Apr. 3 - Folk Arts Performance – TBA 7:00 -9:00 p.m.
- Apr. 19 - Always on Sundays – TBA – Opera & Song First Presbyterian Union Church, Corner of North Ave. & Temple Street, Owego 3-4:30 p.m.
- May 8 - Folk Arts Performance – TBA 7:00 -9:00 p.m.
- Jun. 20 - Strawberry Festival & Parade, downtown Owego, NY
- Jun. 20 - Duck Derby, downtown Owego, NY at 4:00 p.m.
- Jun. 24 - Concerts in the Park – Performer TBA Hickories Park, Owego, NY, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Jul. 1 - Concerts in the Park – Kirby Band & Fireworks – Hickories Park, Owego, NY, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Jul. 3 - Kids Night Out – Tom Knight at Courthouse Gazebo, Owego, NY 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Jul. 8 - Concerts in the Park – Performer TBA Hickories Park, Owego, NY, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Jul. 10 - Kids Night Out – Johnny Only Sing-a-Long at Courthouse Gazebo, Owego NY 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Jul. 15 - Concerts in the Park – Performer TBA Hickories Park, Owego, NY, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Jul. 17 - Kids Night Out – Will Stafford, Juggling at Courthouse Gazebo, Owego, NY 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Jul. 22 - Concerts in the Park – Performer TBA Hickories Park, Owego, NY, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Jul. 25 - Hickory Smoked Music Festival Hickories Park, Owego, NY, Noon – 10:00 p.m.
- Jul. 29 - Concerts in the Park – Performer TBA Hickories Park, Owego, NY, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Aug. 22-22<sup>nd</sup> Annual “En Plein Air” Fine Arts Show & Sale – porches, lawns sidewalksof historic Owego, NY, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29-Fold Arts Performance – Bucky Moor Square Dancing at Rudin’s Old Tyme Farm days, Gaskill Road, Owego, NY, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Please Note: Times, dates and performances are subject to change. Please be sure to call the TCCA Offices, 607-687-0785 or visit our

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