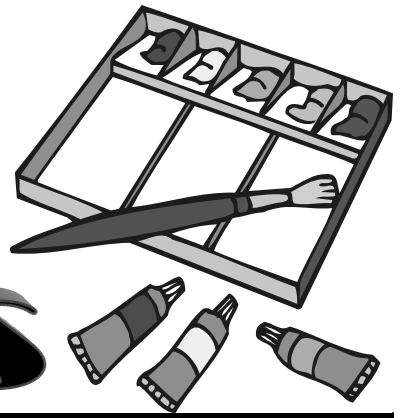


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ON THE ARTS



The Monthly Newsletter of the Tioga County Council on the Arts
FREE June 2008 FREE

Frances W. Leavenworth, 74, passes away unexpectedly

It is with sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Tioga County Council on the Arts Board of Directors President, Frances W. Leavenworth. Fran worked tirelessly, representing and guiding the Tioga County Council on the Arts in its numerous activities and programs for many years.

Fran was very involved in the local community. This included her service as a Tioga County Legislator from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 2004. Fran was also involved, at the time of her death with various community agencies to include the Bassett Youth Foundation, A New Hope Center, as well as the Tioga County Council on the Arts.

Fran is survived by three daughters, Becky, Tracy and Elaine; and two grandchildren, Tyler and Samantha Watkins.



Strawberries and Stripes Forever!

2008 Strawberry Festival - Bigger, Better, More of Everything!! "Strawberries and Stripes Forever!" is the theme of this year's 28th Annual Strawberry Festival. Tons of entertainment will follow the parade at strategic points throughout the festival section of town. Some of them include: a Trackless Train ride for the children, a Rock Climbing Wall for the adventurous and a host of musical entertainers. "Pooches on Parade" will once again support local animal shelters.

Plenty of great food and a fantastic array of arts and crafts. Over 150 vendors and artisans will line the streets. Visit the shops in downtown Owego. Our selection of fine restaurants and unique shops are filled with distinctive merchandise and is sometimes referred to as "the best kept secret in the Southern Tier!"

Since the debut of the Owego Strawberry Festival 27 years ago, hundreds of thousands of people have been drawn to downtown Owego to experience the charm of this annual festival. We urge everyone to come early and be ready for a full day of fun and excitement!

Additional events leading up to the Festival:

Thursday - Strawberries & Wine Gala - 5:30-8:30 pm at the Owego Elks' Lodge, Front & Church Streets, Owego. Silent Auction, Wine Tastings, Food, and a Good Time! Music TBD. \$20 per person or \$35 a couple. For more information please contact: Karla Brode 607-687-5154 or Karlyn Hepworth 607-687-8945.

Friday Night Block Party & Art Walk, Art Talk! - 5:30-10:30 pm. Lake Street and part of Front Street will be blocked from traffic so everyone's invited to celebrate the Kick-Off Night of Strawberry Festival weekend. Stores and restaurants will be open, strawberries will be for sale, enjoy some shortcake, good food, dance to the music and have some fun. Bring your lawn chairs and don't forget to visit the galleries and shop for fine art!

Poppyland Puppet Band at Strawberry Festival

The Poppyland Puppet Band will be performing at the 28th annual Strawberry Festival on June 21st, in the Village of Owego. There will be three shows 12:30, 2:00, and 3:30 PM. The Poppyland Puppet Band is a live musical puppet show that will rock and amuse children and adults alike! The shows include fast paced, family friendly adventure stories and funny musical skits.



As working Artists, husband and wife team, Marilyn Schroeder and Martin Howard, have dedicated their lives to creating music, characters, stories and performances that inspire children and enhance their understanding of life. Mr. Howard is a music arranger as well as a gifted musician who is multi-instrumental. Ms. Schroeder has been a puppeteer since 1978.

ART WALK ART TALK

The first "ART WALK ART TALK" event took place on the 3rd Friday of May which included an exhibition in the ArtSpace Gallery by Art Clark, famous local photographer from Newark Valley as well as an exhibition of paintings by students of renowned painter and instructor Bob Merwin. Receptions were held in many of the galleries, including the Tioga County Council on the Arts ArtSpace Gallery. Many restaurants offered Opening Night specials for this premier event. ART TALK ART WALK will continue on the 3rd Friday of each month with exhibitions, entertainment and receptions throughout the village of Owego. For more information and/or if you are interested in participating, contact Simon Caudullo at Front & Center 687-1760.

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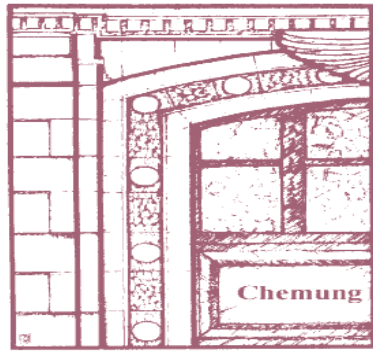
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Senator Tom Libous

21st ANNUAL BANK SHOW

Presented by the Chemung Canal Trust Company



Art Show and Awards

Gala awards ceremony and light refreshments

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday, September 19, 2008

ArtSpace Gallery

179 Front Street

Owego, NY

A juried show of fine art with \$900 in awards

For more information contact the Tioga County Council on the Arts at (607) 687-0785, email: tiogaartscouncil@stny.ny.gov or visit www.tiogaartscouncil.org

Collectable 'T' Shirts

There are a supply of collectable Music Festival T-shirts from previous years that may be purchased for \$5. This years 'T' Shirts will be on sale shortly. Please call the Arts Council at 607-687-0785 for information.

ROUND & SQUARE DANCES

Music By

Mark & Laura Orshaw with Jean Alve-Caller June 13th
Candor Grange Hall, Candor, NY (7:00 – 10:00 pm)

Bucky Moon August 30th
Rudin's Olde Tyme Farm Days (7:00 – 10:00 pm)

All events are free, donations are appreciated

For additional information, visit the Tioga County Council on the Arts, 179 Front St., Owego or call (607) 687-0785 or visit our website www.tiogaartscouncil.org

The Tioga County Council on the Arts is seeking individuals to work on committees and assist with our functions throughout the year. If you would like to take part in our exciting programs, please contact TCCA at 687-0785 and register to volunteer.

Focus on the Arts Deadline

All materials should be typed and must be submitted by the third Friday of the month prior to the publication month.

All articles are subject to approval and editing by TCCA staff.

Articles without complete information cannot be published.

21st Annual En Plein Air Fine Art Show & Sale



Sunday, August 10, 2008
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Court House Square, Owego, NY
Rain or Shine

For more information contact the Tioga County Council on the Arts at (607) 687-0785, email: tiogaartscouncil@stny.ny.gov or visit www.tiogaartscouncil.org



Senator Tom Libous

CHILDREN'S ANIMATION WORKSHOP

The Ti-Ahwaga Community Players will host a children's Animation Workshop for kids ages 8-14 on Friday June 13th beginning at 7:00pm, and on Saturday June 14th beginning at 10:00am at the Ti-Ahwaga Performing Arts Center at 42 Delphine Street in Owego. The cost is \$40.00.

Award winning filmmaker and Professor from the Art Institute of Chicago, Chris Sullivan, will present a program of lyrical and enchanting short animated films Friday night. This program will be suitable for the whole family and serve as an introduction to a variety of approaches to this style of filmmaking. Chris Sullivan returns to offer a full day children's animation workshop on Saturday. More information can be found at www.tiahwaga.com.

Book Signing

Lynne Epstein will be signing copies of her book, "Subtle Deception; A Woman's Struggle to Let Go of an Internet Relationship" at the Victorian Lady Boutique located at 177 Front Street in Owego on June 21st during the Strawberry Festival from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The Victorian Lady Boutique is a designer lingerie shop. Lynne Epstein is a native of Endicott, NY and is passionate about encouraging empowerment in women by sharing her experiences in writing. She has published several articles prior to her recent book. For more information, phone 607-429-8451



Join the Tioga County Council on the Arts and Visions Federal Credit Union as we present the 8th Annual Hickory Smoked Music Festival. Gates open at 11:30am. The program starts at Noon with Andrea McBride singing the National Anthem. Following at 12:30 will be Making the Band; 1:30—Royal Blues; 2:45—The Riolo Brothers; 4:00—Outta Time Blues; 5:15—The Blue J's; 6:30—Miss E.C. Scott; 7:45—Roomful Blues; 9:0—Roosevelt Dean.

This is an all day event with free parking, lots of food, fun, and music. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Children under 12 are free. Tickets may be purchased from the Tioga County Council on the Arts, 179 Front Street, Owego, NY.

4th Annual Wine with Strawberries

The fourth annual Wine with Strawberries event will be held at the Owego Elks Lodge, 223 Front Street in Owego on Thursday June 19th from 5:30-8:30pm.

The event will feature Wine and Food Tasting with a silent auction. There will be entertainment by Manhattan Nitelife. All proceeds will benefit the Owego-Apalachin Music Boosters, and the Owego Strawberry Festival. Advanced tickets sell for \$30/ couple and \$20/person. At the door \$35. and \$25. Designated Driver \$10. For information call 607-687-8945 or 687-5454. Information can also be obtained by e-mailing karlynhepworth@hotmail.com or kbode@usadatanet.net.

Tickets for the event will be available at: The Hand of Man, The Tioga County Chamber of Commerce, Tioga County Council on the Arts, and Front & Center.



The Ti-Ahwaga Children's Summer Theater Workshop 2008

	Ages 7 thru 10 10am-12pm	
	Ages 11 - 14 1pm-3pm	
	Session 1 July 7 - July 18, 2008 Session 2 July 21 - Aug 1, 2008 Session 3 Aug 4 - Aug 15, 2008	
\$40.00 per session per child		

To register, please contact:
Joe Kane, Executive Director
(607) 687-2130

All sessions to take place at the theater:
42 Delphine Street, Owego, NY

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.

Galleries

TCCA Galleries & Satellite Galleries

ArtSpace Gallery

179 Front Street,
Owego, NY.
Open Monday - Friday,
9:00am—5:00pm

June: OFA Advanced Studio Art Students
Artist Reception: June 6th from 5-7:00pm

Tioga State Bank

1135 State Route 17C,
Owego, New York
Hours Daily:
10:00am—3:30pm

June: OFA Advanced Studio Art Students

Owego Town Hall

State Route 434,
Owego, New York
Open Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm

June: OFA Advanced Studio Art Students,

Celebrate Strawberry Festival and go "Quackers"!!!

June 21, 2008 at 4:00pm



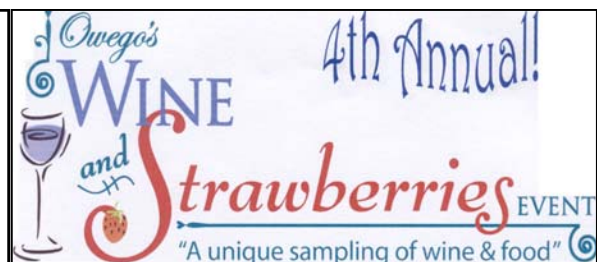
Rubber Ducky Derby

For the benefit of the Tioga County Council on the Arts and the Owego Free Academy Girls Swim Team. Sponsor a Rubber Ducky and watch him "Swan dive" from the Court Street Bridge at 4:00pm during the Strawberry Festival!!

Single Duck	\$ 5.00
Flock (5)	\$20.00
Six Quack (6)	\$25.00

The 1st Rubbery Ducky to "swim" to the Museum wins \$250!!
Next two Rubber Dummies win \$100 each!
Next five Rubber Dummies win \$50 each!

For more information and "Ducky Vendors" call: 607-687-0785, or stop by TCCA, 179 Front Street, Owego or visit www.tiogaartscouncil.org



Owego Elk's Lodge - Thursday, June 19, 2008
5:30-8:30

Wine & Food Tasting from
Fingerlakes Wineries & Regional Restaurants

Entertainment: Manhattan Nitelife
Silent Auction: Many items from select Merchants & Restaurants

Tickets:
Advanced - \$30/couple & \$20/person
Door - \$35/couple & \$25/person
Designated Driver - \$10

Tickets available at:
Tioga Chamber of Commerce, Tioga County Council on the Arts,
Front & Center, Hand of Man & Wine Connection

Proceeds to benefit the OA Music Boosters & Owego Strawberry Festival

ART WALK, ART TALK IN JUNE

DON'T FORGET TO COME OUT AND ENJOY FINE ART, WONDERFUL EXHIBITS, "ART TALK" AND REFRESHMENTS THIS MONTH ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH, THE DAY BEFORE THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL. A LIST OF PLACES TO VISIT INCLUDE GALLERIES - TCCA ARTSPACE GALLERY, 179 FRONT STREET; RIVEROW

BOOKSTORE GALLERY, 187 FRONT STREET; FRONT AND CENTER GALLERY, 188 FRONT STREET; THE CELLAR ATTIC GALLERY, 196-198 FRONT STREET; EAST OF THE SUN, WEST OF THE MOON, 206 FRONT STREET; AWAKENINGS COFFEEHOUSE, 208 FRONT STREET; STILES-KINGMAN HOUSE, 228 FRONT STREET; VANHORN JEWELERS, 31-33 LAKE STREET; AND RESIDENT ART SPACES - THE GIDDYBIRD, 194 FRONT STREET; RUSCAK'S STAINED GLASS STUDIO, 210 FRONT STREET; SHELDONDALE STUDIO (BRIAR PATCH CANDLES & GIFTS), 38 LAKE STREET; GALLERY 41, 41 LAKE STREET; AND LAKE STREET STUDIOS (ABOVE ARTISAN'S TOWNHOUSE), 42 LAKE STREET, 2ND FLOOR.

Waverly Opera House Presents:

"The Butler Did it" by Peter and Walter Marks
June 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m.
June 1, 8 at 3:00 p.m.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring
July 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26 at 7:30 p.m.
July 13, 20, 27 at 3:00 p.m.

"Harvey" by Mary Chase
August 22, 23, 29, 30, September 5, 6 at 7:30 p.m.
August 24, 31, September 7 at 3:00 p.m.

"Sherlock Holmes - The Valley of Fear"
an original adaptation by Cathleen Koons Wiggs
October 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, November 1 at 7:30 p.m.
October 19, 26 and November 2 at 3:00 p.m.

"A Christmas Carol" by Michael Paller
December 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m.
December 14, 21, 28 at 3 p.m.

The Waverly Opera House is located at 324 Broad Street in Waverly, NY. Information can be obtained by visiting their web-site at www.Waverlyoperahouse.org or by calling 607-565-8714.

FIDDLE'S FUN FESTIVAL '08

SUNDAY,
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The Java Joe Jammers



The Toast of Jammers

Tioga County Contra Dance

Dances every 3rd Sunday at Tioga Trails Cafe', Corner of Lake & Main Sts. in Owego

June 15th: 4:00-7:00

Featured Band: Emily Scalici & Aiden Boardman
Caller: Hilton Baxter

July 20th: 4:00-7:00pm

Featured Band: Brackney String Band
Caller: TBA

Beginners welcome; all dances taught and prompted. No partner needed.

Admission \$7.00, Student & Senior \$5.00
Family max \$15.

For more information, call Stu Johnson at 607-687-4034 or April Swaney at 607-657-8067.

TCCA would like to thank Pat Cashwell and her excellent team of planners for organizing "A Musical Kaleidoscope" enjoyed by so many on Saturday May 17th at the Owego United Methodist Church. We also thank church secretary Sandi Berwald as well as David Zeggert for their assistance.

Ti-Ahwaga Community Players

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas June 1 & June 6-8, 2008

This happy go lucky view of small town vice and statewide political side stepping recounts the good times and the demise of the "Chicken Ranch".

All shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00p.m., Sundays at 2:00p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at 42 Delphine Street in Owego, NY.

Season Subscriptions are available. Tickets prices for this performance are \$18. for regular admission, and \$15. for seniors. For more information call 607-687-2130 or email info@tiahwaga.com.

TCCA Calendar of Events

- Jun 2 Annual Amateur Animal Photo Contest entries to TCCA (Start) 179 Front Street, Owego.
- Jun 13 Folk Arts Performance - Square Dancing - Mark & Laura Orshaw, Caller Jean Alve, Candor Grange Hall, Candor, NY 7:00-10:00pm
- Jun 21 Owego Strawberry Festival and Parade, Parade 10:00am, Downtown Owego
- Jun 21 Duck Derby, 4:00pm, Court Street Bridge, Owego.
- Jul 2 Concerts in the Park, Kirby Band & Fireworks, Hickories Park, Owego 7:30-9:30pm.
- Jul 3 Kids Night Out, Fun with Puppets—Tom Knight, Puppets, Courthouse Gazebo, Owego, NY 7:00-8:00pm.
- Jul 9 Concerts in the Park, Pasty White & Doublewide - 50's & 60's Rock and Roll, Hickories Park, Owego 7:00-9:00pm.
- Jul 11 Kids Night Out, Sing-a-Long for kids, Johnny Only, Courthouse Gazebo, Owego, NY 7:00-8:00pm.
- Jul 16 Concerts in the Park, Prism - Variety, Hickories Park, Owego 7:00-9:00pm.
- Jul 18 Kids Night Out, Juggler Extraordinaire Will Stafford, Courthouse Gazebo, Owego, NY 7:00-8:00pm.
- Jul 23 Concerts in the Park, Cobblestone Crossing- Folk, Hickories Park, Owego 7:00-9:00pm.
- Aug 22 Final Entries—Annual Amateur Animal Photo Contest to TCCA 179 Front Street, Owego, NY.
- Jul 26 Hickory Smoked Music Festival 8, Hickories Park, Owego, NY noon - 10:00pm
- Jul 30 Concerts in the Park, Triple Play with Alice Detrick—Country, Hickories Park, Owego 7:00-9:00pm.
- Aug 10 21st Annual En Plein Air Fine Art Show and Sale - Court House Square, Owego, NY 10:00-4:00pm.
- Aug 22 Bank Show entry deadline.
- Aug 30 Folk Arts Performance, Bucky Moon - Square Dancing, at Rudin's Olde Tyme Farm Days 7:00-9:00pm.
- Sep 19 Bank Show Awards and Reception (5-9pm) - Awards presented at 6:00pm.
- Dec 6 28th Annual Home Tour & Auction gala, Owego Elks Lodge & Historic Homes, Owego, NY.
- Dec 12 Master Series, TBA at Owego-Apalachin Middle School, Owego, NY 7:00-9:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Times, dates and performances subject to change. Please be sure to call the TCCA Offices, (607) 687-0785 or visit our Website, www.tioqaartscouncil.org for the most current information.

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Display your Work at the Broome County Public Library

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Old Time Fiddlers' Gathering

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes is sponsoring an Old-Time Fiddlers' Gathering on June 7th and 8th, 2008 at the Watkins Glen State Park—South Pavilion. Admission is free with park admission (\$6/car). On Saturday June 7th from 1-7pm featured will be 'String Fever'; John Cadley and the Lost Boys; Swing This; and Swing Dance with Swing This. On Sunday June 8th from 12:30-3:30pm the performing artists will be: Fiddle workshop with Laura Orshaw in the Jamming Tent, The Bosstones, Laura Orshaw; The Delaney Brothers; Valley Folk Music. Fiddle Maker and other vendors will be on-site as will food vendors. Bring your own lawn chairs. For more information call 607-962-5871 extension 222 or e-mail at on the web at: folkarts@earts.org.

Call to Artists—Wellsville Creative Arts Center

The Wellsville Creative Arts Center announces openings available for July 2008, December 2008 and year 2009. Central to our mission to enhance the quality of life of our community through the arts is providing exhibition space for regionally and nationally recognized artists as well as for students at all levels. The Arts Center is continually seeking artists for our Coffee House and Art Studio spaces.

Exhibits usually hand for 30 days following an opening reception. Interested artists are asked to send: Resume and curriculum vitae; 6 images on disc or via e-mail; Artist statement and proposal for exhibition. Please send to: Jeffrey@wellsvillecreativeartscenter.com or mail to: 124 N. Main Street, Wellsville, NY 14895 Attention Jeffrey McMullen. Please call Jeffrey with any inquiries at 585-593-3000 extension 110.

Exhibit your Art

Submissions are currently being accepted for art exhibits at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers Café in Ithaca, NY. For information about exhibiting your artwork, please contact Pamela Hewett, Community Relations Manager for Barnes & Noble, 607-273-6784 (store), 607-273-7296 or e-mail at crm2122@bn.com or visit the website at 222.barnesandnobleinc.com.

The Art School Advanced Oils

For those with a little experience who would like to further develop their skills with Oil Painting! Students will paint subject matter of their choice while focusing on form, lighting, composition, and color theory. The cost is \$175. for the 7 session course. Event will take place on June 3rd, June 5th, and June 10th, 2008. For more information contact The Art School on Line at www.theartschoolonline.com or e-mail to: info@theartschoolonline.com.

Cabaret at EPAC

The Endicott Performing Arts Center Repertory Company presents the TONY award winning Broadway musical Cabaret at the EPAC Theatre on Washington Avenue in Endicott on June 6th through 8th, and June 13th through 15th. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00pm, and the Sunday performances are at 3:00pm. With music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb, Cabaret tells the story of an English woman's romance with an American writer set against the background of a crumbling Germany at the start of the Third Reich. Cabaret features some of the best known songs in musical theatre, including 'Willkommen,' 'Tomorrow Belongs to Me,' 'Money', and of course, Cabaret. The result is a sultry, full of memorable songs and outstanding dance.

The EPAC Production is directed by Patrick Foti, with musical direction by Kristin Gilbert and choreography by Emily Foti.

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