

SILVER LAKE EXPERIENCE 2024

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**8:00am-9:15 CHECK IN//REGISTRATION//CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(EPWORTH)**

9:15am-9:45 OPENING REMARKS. (EPWORTH)

OS= OFF SITE MT=MAKE & TAKE

10:10-11:40 SESSION I

**T1 - ANTIQUES APPRAISALS BY TODD JANTZI LIMIT 20
(FROM BONTRAGER REAL ESTATE AND AUCTION)**

NEW! Everyone wonders if they have a valuable antique sitting in their attic or cellar or garage! Maybe its got a place of honor in the home! Find out its real value in today's market. What still has value? What no longer has value? Each participant can bring one item for Mr. Jantzi to appraise. Come enjoy the highs and lows of your treasured items.

**T2 -CREATING FAIRY HOUSES AND A FAIRY TRAIL BY LISA SCHISKE MT.
LIMIT 15**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Let your childhood fantasy come into bloom!! Step into a world of enchantment and build a fairy house or gnome home. Place your finished creation onto the Asbury Retreat nature trail and be entered into a competition! The winner will be announced on August 3rd. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring supplies from home.

T3 -RESIN CRAFTS BY BONNIE BRIGHT MT. Limit 15

NEW! Resin is a synthetic non-toxic compound that hardens into a durable plastic. We will create a 5x5 inch framed collage by using stones, beads, letters, and numbers, shells, and various other objects. All supplies including latex free gloves will be used. All you need is some creativity to make a lasting work of resin art.

**T4 -THREE TO SEE COTTAGE TOUR BY SHARON PRATT LIMIT 10
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

Sharon always gives a lovely tour of unique cottages while giving a bit of history of the Silver Lake Institute along the way. Each tour given this year will include cottages **new** to the SLE program .

**T5 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE ANT! BY REGINA CHAMBERLAIN, SENSORY
DESTINATION COORDINATOR, The Autism Nature Trail at Letchworth State Park**

The Autism Nature Trail (The ANT) at Letchworth State Park has been open to the public only since October 1, 2021, but the idea for this first-of-its-kind experience in nature was “born” right here on Silver Lake on August 1, 2014! Celebrate the Trail’s 10th birthday with stories, testimonials, photos, and a chance to hear The ANThem — a song written by singer/ songwriter/guitarist Natalia Zukerman. Party refreshments will be served!

T6 - CORDELIA GREEN, AHEAD OF HER TIME! BY LINDA FRANKE LIMIT 15

NEW! Learn about local legend, Dr. Cordelia A. Greene.

Dr. Greene not only went to medical school long before it was common for women to attend, she also was an advocate for what we now call clean eating. A single mother of six adopted children, she also founded a health center and library in Castile, NY and helped many people on their wellness journey.

T7- MAKING A CHARCUTERIE BOARD BY DAVE PHILLIPS LIMIT 40

NEW! The second business/hobby of Dave Phillips is The Silo Shop! The shop is in an old round metal farm silo . The main creations are charcuterie boards of all shapes and sizes! Dave will be demonstrating the basic steps of making one of these boards from beginning to completion! Dave also produces small end tables and coffee tables, knick knock shelves and will have various items on display for purchase during this presentation.

**T8- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAINED GLASS TOUR OS LIMIT 50
BY REV. TONY HIPES**

NEW! Perry First United Methodist Church built in 1906 has some of the most beautiful windows in Perry. Enjoy the history and symbolism behind the windows as presented by Rev. Tony Hipes, pastor of the church. Meditative music will be offered at the end of the presentation as you think about the stories of the windows.

T9-BOAT TOUR OF SILVER LAKE BY ASBURY STAFF LIMIT 10

Always a favorite! Enjoy a slow and easy boat ride on Silver Lake. Take in the views from the lake while listening to the legend of the sea serpent and other long and short tales.

**T10 CHANGING DEATH WAYS IN VICTORIAN AMERICA BY DEREK MAXFIELD
LIMIT 40**

NEW! Derek Maxfield is an Historian, Genesee Community College Professor, Author, Playwright, and on demand public speaker. An expert in Victorian cultures, this is a popular presentation on the rituals and material cultures of death in 19th century Victorian America. Following this presentation, he will be traveling to VA. for an Emerging Civil War Symposium recorded by C-SPAN.

11:50-1:00 T11 LUNCH AT KOINONIA

1:20-3:20 SESSION II

**T12- PLANTING WITH A PURPOSE WITH NATIVE PLANTS BY JAN BEGLINGER
LIMIT 40**

NEW!

Native plants have become the buzz word in horticulture and gardening circles. We see them touted on social media, blogs, and even in gardening magazines. After talking with gardeners who were new to native plants but interested in using them in their gardens, I realized there is a need to help people figure out how to incorporate them into their existing gardens. We'll cover what native plants are, and why they are important. I'll give you some ideas for incorporating them into your garden and hopefully some inspiration.

T13- IRIS WATERCOLOR- BY ADELE UPTON MT. LIMIT 10

NEW! Iris watercolor painting~a unique technique! Learn an easy watercolor technique to complete a beautiful iris flower painting that can be used to make original cards, bookmarks or frameable paintings. No previous watercolor experience is necessary, and all levels of artists are welcome. All materials and instructions will be provided.

T14- MAKING THEATRICAL PROPS-FAKE FOOD BY MARA ROONEY MT LIMIT 12

NEW! Is it cake? Nope, guess again! In this class you'll learn about how theatrical prop artisans use unconventional materials to make faux sweet treats (almost) good enough to eat. This class also offers the opportunity for participants to get crafty and make their own petit four.

T15- COCA-COLA MUSEUM TOUR BY DAVID PHILLIPS SR-OS. LIMIT 20

NEW! Would you like to take a small step back in time? Dave Phillips has reimagined his garage into a Coca Cola Museum after years and years of collecting Coke memorabilia that started with a single pitcher. Travel up into the hills on the opposite side of the lake to find this hidden gem. Dave and his museum were highlighted in the December, 2022 55 Plus Magazine. NOTE: there are stairs to the upper loft to the second half of his collection.

The museum houses 3-4 thousand items the oldest dating back to about 1905! The museum covers two floors and also has a small Coca Cola Cafe that offers a typical

Coca Cola lunch from back in the day! A hot dog, a Coke (or other beverage hot and cold), chips and a cookie. The museum has on display several historic pieces from the Silver Lake area: a poster which at one time hung in The Silver Lake Grove Hotel and an old Coke machine which used to be in Jake's Barber Shop in Perry! Also two antique lights that hung in the original Silver Lake Drive In Snack Bar. The collection consists of everything from tins to Barbie Dolls. A must see collection.

T16 - INTRODUCTION TO LADDERS TO OUTDOORS BY KEJUAN HARMON

LIMIT 40

NEW!

In 2020 Ladders to Outdoors was created in partnership between the National Heritage Trust and New York State Parks with funding from the Ralph C Wilson Jr. Foundation. The program was created to help expand access to New York State Parks for our urban and rural populations who traditionally do not have the funds or necessary means to visit parks for educational or recreational opportunities.

**T17- SILVER LAKE INSTITUTE HISTORY IN PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB MURPHY
(NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE)**

LIMIT 20

Bob has lived in the Silver Lake Institute his whole life and has a wealth of knowledge about this special place. Join Bob as he shares his passion through the photographs he oversees in the historic Hoag Memorial Art Gallery. This photo presentation will include the Silver Lake Railroad, The Institute, and the Walker Road area. Bob will include a question/answer session and artifacts as well as photographs will be shown. NOTE: Bob was highlighted in the October, 2023 55 Plus Magazine.

**T18. MINIATURE FLORAL ARRANGING
BY THE PERRY GARDEN CLUB**

MT

LIMIT 15

The Perry Garden Club has been a long time SLE favorite ! This year the floral project will be utilizing **teacups** to create miniature floral bouquets or fairy gardens. Generally this workshop is one of the first to reach capacity so do not delay!!

**T19- TOURS OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF PERRY CENTER FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH & PERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -
BY MARCIA NILES, JANE BELLAMY, PASTOR LYNN S BURDICK >**

OS.

LIMIT 50

NEW! Visit two beautiful and historic churches in the Perry area.
First, Jane Bellamy and Marcia Niles will share the history of the
beautiful

windows of The Perry Center Congregational Church. As Jane states, "When we moved to Silver Lake 45 years ago, I visited several local churches before walking into the First Congregational Church of Perry Center. What attracted me at first sight were the unique stained glass windows; and they have continued to fascinate me and mystify me all these years."

Second, the current Pastor Lynn S. Burdick, CLP, will share the history of the windows of the Brick Presbyterian Church while allowing you time to meditate on their beauty. The church is of the Gothic Revival Style built in 1909 of random ashlar Pennsylvania limestone. It consists of a central octagonal structure housing the sanctuary surrounded by wings that give the structure a cruciform appearance. The stained glass windows are spectacular.

T20- FLINT KNAPPING BY KEN WALLACE- OS

LIMIT 25

Flintknapping is the art and skill of creating tools and points out of stone. This presentation will feature a demonstration of the Flintknapping process plus there will be many examples displayed of Ken's Flintknapping work. He has assembled many of the arrowheads he has made into several display cases, and will also bring along some antler handled knives and other snapping tools. Ken will be talking about the history of Flintknapping and discussing the techniques he had developed and the natural tools he uses to make all the items. There will also be samples of the many types of rock Ken uses to make the arrowheads and tools. The floor will be open at all time for any questions you may have about Flintknapping.

T21- INTRO TO LINE DANCING BY PAM FIEGL.

LIMIT 30

NEW! Line dancing is not just something that was done back in the 80s-it is still popular today all over the world. Think it is just done to country music? Nope! It can be done to any genre of music. It is a great form of exercise (that doesn't even feel like exercise) for mind, body and soul. Anyone can learn to line dance-all you need is time, patience, and a sense of humor. Join me for a session to learn some basic steps and some easy dances.

T22- ZENTANGLE BY CAROL FORDEN MT

LIMIT 10

NEW! Zentangle is an easy to learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns with black on white. Come join us for an afternoon of calming, creative drawing on a bookmark. Fun for all ages!

4:00-5:00 SESSION III

T23- OPEN SWIM @ ASBURY POOL

UNLIMITED

**T24 -DAILY DEVOTION: "WORDS CAN HURT, WORDS CAN HEAL"
BY REV TOM KRAFT**

LIMIT 15

A look at how the Scripture can focus our day and our lives for a positive outcome. (This session will also include a tour of the Kraft's beautiful cottage)

T25- BOAT HOUSES AND LAKEFRONT GARDENS TOUR BY TINA TURNER & CHUCK DUSEL **LIMIT 10**

Back by popular demand!!! Join us for a walking tour of the waterfront of the Silver Lake Institute. Visit some old boat houses, new decks, and beautiful gardens. NOTE: The walking tour will include some stairs and uneven surfaces.

T26- AFTERNOON TEA @SHARON PRATT'S PORCH **LIMIT 7**

NEW! Join Sharon on a tour of her historic cottage, and enjoy some cool afternoon refreshments while Sharon shares some lake stories and facts.

T27- MAKING A COTTAGE YOUR OWN @ KATHY SCHAEFER'S PORCH **LIMIT 10**

NEW! Join Kathy as she shares the "steps of evolution" of their beloved cottage. She will share her endeavors to incorporate curbside treasures, family trinkets and treasures, and travel mementos-all used to create a cozy cottage of memories.

T28-MINDFUL SLOW ART BY LINDA FRANKE **LIMIT 20**

NEW! Take advantage of the health benefits of mindfulness while practicing - or maybe earning! - your art work. In this workshop we will utilize watercolor and sketching as well as mindfulness to slow our breath and thoughts, encouraging a more peaceful day. No experience necessary!

T29- PORCH CHAT @ THE JELLO HOUSE BY DOUG WILSON, OWNER **LIMIT 10**

NEW! The porch chat will include a brief history of the owners of the cottage, sometimes referred to as the "Jell-O House" as the original owners were the Woodward family who started the "Jell-O" company in nearby LeRoy, New York. This was their summer cottage. Also, very significant were the next owners, Rev. O C Baker and his wife Lynda. Under Rev Baker's leadership with the Epworth League, often as many as 2500 young persons over the summer from surrounding churches would participate in a camp experience of spiritual renewal.

T30- "MY FREE TIME" WALK ALONG THE LAKE/VISIT THE SLE STORE. UNLIMITED NEW!

Previous SLE participants recommended that we include time for relaxation to take in the beauty of the lake and surrounding areas. They also commented that they did not get enough time to check out the merchandise at the SLE store (in Epworth) Thus, we offer you the time to explore the unique grounds of the Silver Lake Institute and Asbury Retreat Center.

T 31. LAKEFRONT GAMES -CORNHOLE BY KAELYN & BRANDON PHILLIPS. Limit 16

Looking for some fun activity? Join Kaelyn & Brandon at the lakefront for some friendly rounds of corn hole, bocci, and other games.

5:00-6:30 DINNER BREAK-ON YOUR OWN

EVENING ACTIVITIES

6:30-7:00 T32- PRE-CONCERT DESSERTS by GLEN IRIS

The Glen Iris has been a gold sponsor of the Silver Lake Experience since its inception 2015. Their gourmet desserts are not to be missed!!

7:00-8:30 T33- CONCERT: CARNIVAL KIDS STEEL DRUM BAND @

The Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra, or CKSO, is a Steel Pan band made up of Lancaster Middle School and High School students. Under the direction of Ariana Giordano, the CKSO performs an array of music including hits from the Beatles, Queen, Santana, and the Rolling Stones. The CKSO is one of the longest running Steel Pan programs in the nation and has performed all over the United States in their fifty year span.

You can find a list of their upcoming performances on their website cksosteel.org, or follow them on Instagram @ckso_official.

**8:45-9:30 T34- LANTERN WALK with LISA SCHISKE
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

LIMIT 20

“There isn’t enough darkness in the world to snuff out the light of one little candle”

Siddharta Gautama

As the dark and cold take the place of light and warmth on the outside, we must bring our inner lightened warmth to shine forth. To celebrate a lantern walk is to cultivate generosity, kindness, selflessness, and a sense of light, power and love.

Let our Lantern Walk inspire and awaken the light that lives within, and be a reminder to take your light, your gifts, and unique talent, gifts that we all have, and share them with family, friends, and perhaps a stranger or two you meet as you walk along your journey of life.

Lisa introduced participants to the Lantern Walk in 2022 and received rave reviews!!! It is of the utmost importance that you remain silent during this walk to get the full effect and to give other participants the chance to thoroughly enjoy this unique experience.