

A scenic view of a lake at sunset. In the foreground, a wooden deck with picnic tables and benches is visible. An American flag stands on a tall pole in the center of the deck. A group of people is sitting at the tables, enjoying the view. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The water of the lake is calm and reflects the sky. In the background, a dark line of trees marks the far shore.

the Silver Lake Experience



August 1-3, 2024

JOIN US at the Lake...
for a three-day "chautauqua" event

three-day summer event

Something Fun for Everyone!

REGISTER
APRIL 5 - JULY 22
For 1 Day Or
All Of Them!



About the Silver Lake Experience:



The Silver Lake Institute and Asbury Retreat Center have collaborated on the Silver Lake Experience idea since 2013 and have produced four very successful events in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2022. The planning committee once again has pulled together a wonderful event for 2024--reminiscent of the old "chautauqua" style gatherings--rich in cultural, educational, recreational, spiritual and social justice opportunities.

Past participants have come from our own Wyoming County community, area counties, Buffalo and Rochester, and states as far as Florida, Montana and Washington. Because this is a not-for-profit event, each day participants will experience 3-4 workshop choices, continental breakfast, lunch and evening entertainment--all for an amazingly low cost. We welcome you to Silver Lake for a unique and enjoyable "experience."

About Asbury Retreat Center:

Asbury is a year round retreat center that hosts over 5,000 guests each year for overnight retreats, day events and meetings, or week long camps. Asbury works with churches, organizations, and nonprofit communities in providing a place for learning, education, and religious education. Visit www.asburyun.org to learn more about Asbury Retreat Center.

About Silver Lake Institute:

The beginning of The Institute was the incorporation of the Genesee Camp Ground Association in 1857 by an act of the NYS Legislature. The original 15 acre site on Silver Lake was purchased in 1872 and was named Silver Lake Assembly two decades later. The current name of the Silver Lake Institute (SLI) was made official by another legislative act in 1920. Over its history, SLI has hosted many cultural, spiritual and educational events. In fact, SLI was one of the first summer communities to offer "chautauquas." The Institute currently is working hard to preserve its historic buildings. Visit <https://silverlakeinstitute.org> to learn more about Silver Lake Institute.

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For more SLE photos, visit www.silverlakeexperience.org

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES at historic Epworth Hall

Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra

Thursday Evening - The Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra is a Steel Pan band of Middle and High School students from Lancaster, NY, directed by Ariana Giordano. The Orchestra performs an array of music, including hits from the Beatles, Queen, Santana, and the Rolling Stones. One of the longest running Steel Pan programs in the nation, these students have performed all over the United States in their fifty-year span.



Trio Amusen

Friday Evening - Trio Amusen (pianist Susan Schuman, cellist Amelie Fradette and violinist Loren Silvertrust) will perform an evening of fun classical vignettes and familiar favorites. Movements from the classical repertoire will mingle with jazzier arrangements of song and dance in a concert sure to please all! The Trio has been together since 2015, sharing concerts of their favorite chamber music in and around Buffalo.



Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra

Saturday Evening - The Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, a 20-piece orchestra founded in 1998 under the direction of award-winning composer/arranger Dave Rivello, has endeavored to be a relevant part of the vibrant Rochester arts community. Under Ron Bowks' leadership from 2001-2018, the group recorded its first album, *Montage*, and became a local musical fixture, including at the Rochester International Jazz Festival.



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beautiful vistas, sunshine & water
Western New York in August...what could be better!



Continental
Breakfast &
Full Lunch
Included
Each Day!

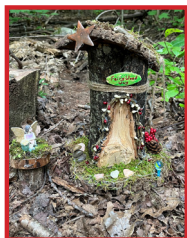
Saturday
Art Show
& Sale
2:00-5:00 PM
at the Hoag
Gallery

Descriptions of Some of Our Featured Presentations

Thursday, August 1*

Antiques Appraisals

Ever wonder what your grandmother's milk pitcher is worth? Each session participant is invited to bring one treasure for auctioneer and antiques expert **Todd Jantzi** to appraise.



Creating Fairy Houses and a Fairy Trail

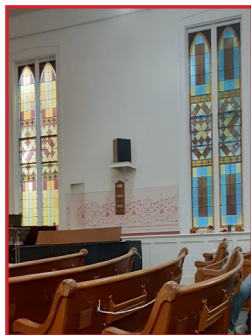
Join **Lisa Schiske** in creating a fairy house or gnome home for inclusion in this year's Asbury Fairy Trail competition. Supplies provided — or bring your own!

Making Theatrical Props (Fake Food)

Atomic Design's **Mara Rooney** returns to the Silver Lake Experience to show you how theatrical prop artisans use unconventional materials to make faux sweet treats that look good enough to eat!

Porch Chat at The Jell-O House

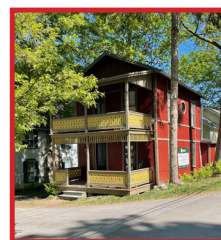
Built by the Woodward Family of LeRoy (the Jell-O people), this beautiful home has played an important role in the history of The Institute. **Rev. Doug Wilson** explains. (See photo, above left, of a previous tour.)



Tour of Perry's Stained Glass Windows

Take an off-site guided tour and hear the history of the stunning stained-glass windows of Perry's Congregational, Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches. (Tour St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday.) Bring your camera!

Saturday, August 3*



"Crumbling to Charming" - Historic Cottage Restoration

See the transformed cottage which was featured on last fall's "In with the Old" on the Magnolia Network as told by the owner and restorer, **Brad Huber**.

Unanchored: Finding Your Bliss in Letting Go

After 27 years in TV news, Perry native **Kate Welshofer** called it a career — with no concrete plans for the future. Join Kate as she shares her biggest takeaways from behind-the-scenes.



Friday, August 2*

Holland Land Company's Joseph Ellicott

Dennis Upton will take you back to 1824 when a wilderness was surveyed and organized into the region we now know as western New York State. A living portrayal of Holland Land Company's Joseph Ellicott.



Mary Jemison

Gretchen Sepik brings to life the "White Woman of the Genesee," a young girl who was captured in 1758 then adopted by the Seneca Indians. A prominent statue of Jemison was dedicated in Letchworth State Park in 1910 and still stands

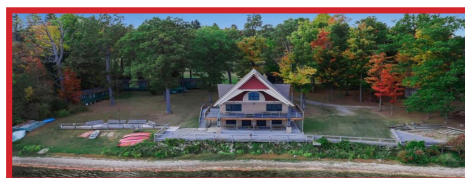
today. A living portrayal of Mary Jemison.

Impressionism

Penn State University's **Dr. Patrick McGrady** returns with an introduction to Impressionism through its earliest proponents: Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, Berthe Morisot, Camille Pissarro, Paul Cézanne, Mary Cassatt, Alfred Sisley and Edgar Degas.

Warrior House Presentation and Tour

Formerly the YMCA Camp Hough, **Susan Zeliff** has championed a vision to improve veterans' health and well-being on this lovely property along the shores of Silver Lake.



Symbols in Christianity: Their Origins and Meanings

Dennis Wimer returns to Silver Lake and uses actual artifacts and images to explore the meanings of numerous Christian symbols throughout history.



Lunch with Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass

This unique experience in historic Epworth Hall offers participants the opportunity to "lunch and learn" as Harriet Tubman (portrayed by **Maggie Moore**) and Frederick Douglass (portrayed by **Nathan M. Richardson**) engage in unscripted conversation about their extraordinary lives and the lessons shared for nearly 200 years..

More Special Interest Sessions & Workshops

- Resin Crafts
- Local Legend Cordelia Green
- Woodworking
- Changing Death Ways in Victorian America
- Planting with a Purpose (Native Plants)
- Iris Watercolor Workshop
- Ladders to the Outdoors
- Photographic History of Silver Lake Institute
- Miniature Floral Arranging
- Flint Knapping
- Intro to Line Dancing
- Zentangle
- Afternoon Porch Tea
- Mindful Slow Art
- Evening Lantern Walks
- Birding and Gardening
- Painting on Glass
- English Paper Piercing
- Plant Based Foods That Taste Good
- Watercolor Class by Sandra Tyler
- John Kucko Digital 2.0
- Self-Discovery through Journaling
- Introduction to Artist's Way
- Drumming Activity
- Unlocking Your Dreams
- Dish Garden Floral Arranging
- European Romanesque & Gothic Style Churches
- Fashion Plates & Costume Rendering
- Metal Detecting
- The History of LeRoy Barn Quilts
- Crazy Grandma Stories & Activities
- The Potter's Wheel
- What Is Creativity?
- Real Story of Monument Men & Women
- 3D Printing
- Sex Trafficking Doesn't Happen Here, Does It?
- Book Club Discussion
- Painting a Silver Lake Sunset
- Chair Yoga
- Forest Therapy
- Abolitionism in Wyoming County
- Sioux Lady Stitch Beaded Medicine Bag Craft
- Mushroom Growing
- Walking the Asbury Labyrinth
- Bridging Communities through Art
- Acoustic Guitar Concert
- Native Gardens
- Music and the Mind
- Vinyasa Yoga
- Barn Chat
- Butterfly Gardens
- Making a Cottage Your Own
- Charcuterie Board Demo
- Tie-dying & cornhole
- Make Me An Author
- Basic Herbal Remedies
- Celebrating 150 Years at Silver Lake

Plus Daily devotion, porch chats kayaking, open swim, and more!



Help us "Fill the Boat" with donated non-perishable food items for the Perry Food Pantry!



Special Tours

- Three-to-See Cottage Tours
- Boat Tours of Silver Lake
- Coca Cola Museum Tour
- Boathouse & Lakefront Garden Tours
- SLI Architecture Tour
- Pioneer Cabin Tour

Enjoy wonderful activities at various times throughout the 3 days, included in your registration.



Most sessions are designed for adults with many children/family friendly sessions (children ages 6-12 at a reduced rate); please see the full schedule on our website for details.

Event Registration:

Don't miss out on this exciting event along the shores of Silver Lake!

EVENT REGISTRATION FEE	
All 3 days	\$195
Individual day(s)	\$65 per day

We have been able to keep this event affordable due to generous sponsorships and partnerships from area businesses, organizations and friends.

To register or for more information visit: www.silverlakeexperience.org, or call us at: 585-237-5262 or e-mail: info@silverlakeinstitute.org



Accommodations & Meals:

Enjoy comfortable accommodations in one of Asbury's retreat lodges, The Asbury Manor or Willmott Lodge. Each room has two or three twin beds and semi-private or private bathrooms. A variety of packages are available for the entire event, per night accommodations or a la carte meals! Limited number of cabins are available for larger families or groups.

All packages include:

- Full Linen Service—including pillow, blanket, and comforter
- Complimentary Wi-fi Service
- Complimentary Coffee/Teas 24 hours

Deadline and reservation details:

Online Registration will be available starting April 5, 2024. Deadline for reservation is July 22, 2024.

- \$100 deposit per person required – remaining balance due upon check-in on Thursday, August 1, 2024. Deposit by check or credit card.
- Additional cost of \$76 per child (for meals) for the event will be added for children ages 4-12, staying in the same room as the parents.



"Sea Serpent" Package

(Entire event accommodations – August 1-4)

Single Occupancy (limited rooms available):	
Asbury Manor	\$372 per person
Willmott Lodge	\$332 per person
Double Occupancy (2 per room):	
Asbury Manor	\$282 per person
Willmott Lodge	\$242 per person
Triple Occupancy (3 per room):	
Asbury Manor	\$194 per person
Willmott Lodge	\$153 per person

Three overnight accommodations (First come first serve accommodations).

Six healthy, home-cooked meals:

Thursday	dinner
Friday	breakfast and dinner
Saturday	breakfast and dinner
Sunday	breakfast

A la Carte Options*

A la carte meals and per night accommodations must be reserved prior to the event.

A la Carte	Breakfast: \$14.00
Meal Options	Dinner: \$18.00

Per Night Accommodations:

Per night accommodations include all the same amenities as the "Sea Serpent" package except meals. Meals must be reserved and purchased via the a la carte option.

Asbury Manor		
Single: \$100	Double: \$85	Triple: \$50
Willmott Lodge		
Single: \$90	Double: \$79	Triple: \$45

Optional Accommodations:

Asbury has 7 cabins, one RV, and a retreat house that sleeps 12. To reserve, call Asbury directly for details 585-237-5262.

For a detailed schedule and/ or to register, visit:

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Three days of summer fun

Participants will be able to learn and enjoy through...

- art
- music
- yoga
- portrayals
- spirituality
- birding
- social justice
- nature
- history
- cottage tours
- recreation
- boat tours
- gardening
- crafts



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