

OTSEGO LAKES FESTIVAL 2010 EXHIBITORS AND VENDORS

Cooperstown Art Association

The Cooperstown Art Association will be offering a fish printing station for children of all ages, so bring your creativity! The Cooperstown Art Association is open February – December with a full schedule of captivating exhibits, exciting events and interactive classes. There is always something happening at the CAA and admission to the galleries is free! We are open Daily 11-4pm, Sunday 1-4pm and closed Tuesdays Labor Day through Memorial Day. For more information about the CAA or for membership information, please contact us at (607) 547-9777 or check out our website at cooperstownart.com.

Cooperstown Farmers' Market

Visitors to the Cooperstown Farmers' Market can look forward to the quality items local customers have come to expect. The selection is wonderful, from seasonal fruits and vegetables to all cuts of local meats and fresh fowl. The market also features a bounty of local eggs, cheeses, yogurt, honey and maple syrup, home-baked sweets and treats, flowers and greenery, as well as handmade crafts and homemade candles and soaps. The market is sponsored by Otsego 2000.

Richard Duncan, Photographer

Photographer Richard Duncan created this year's Otsego Lakes Festival commemorative poster. Signed and numbered limited edition posters will be available at \$100 each, with smaller prints priced at \$20. Proceeds go to the Lakes Festival.

Lake and Valley Garden Club

As part of the Otsego Lakes Festival, at noon the Lake and Valley Garden Club and the Otsego Lake Association will hold a dedication of the Buffer Strip Garden in Lake Front Park. Please see "Otsego Lake Association" section below for more information.

Natura Productions

The Natura Productions booth will have all four past Lake Festival commemorative posters for sale. This year, a new poster – a colorful collage by Richard Walker titled "Cooperstown, Celebrated Destination" will debut. It is a mate to the Walker Otsego Lake Festival poster of 2005 (the first festival year). Together, they show 50 images of the lake, its surrounds and Cooperstown. The pair will be offered at a special price the day of the festival. This is an excellent opportunity for locals and visitors to complete their poster collection, start a collection, or purchase some lasting, meaningful gifts. Proceeds go toward sustaining the Lake Festival this year and in the future.

Natural Resources Conservation Services

NRCS and the Soil and Water Conservation District partner to address water quality issues all over Otsego County. These issues generally center around erosion and leaching and focus on assisting the agricultural community, local municipalities, and individual residences find solutions for their specific circumstances. These solutions include the cost-share and implementation of best management practices on the farm, restoring wetland ecosystems, streambank rehabilitation, riparian buffers, hydroseeding, education and general erosion control practices. Both agencies also offer a wide range of natural resource information to the residents in the county and the municipalities in which they live. To find out more about NRCS, visit: <http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov/> To find out more about your local Conservation District, visit: www.otsegooilandwater.com

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

DEC staff will provide outreach information and answer questions on the firewood regulations, and invasive forest pests (specifically the emerald ash borer and Asian long-horned beetle). There will be numerous handouts, including posters, USDA pest alerts, bookmarks and insect tattoos. Examples of infested wood and insect specimens will also be on display.

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Not for profit organization dedicated to New York State lakes. Stop by the exhibit and pick up a copy of "Diet for a Small Lake: The Expanded Guide to New York State Lake and Watershed Management" published by NYSFOLA in cooperation with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

New York State Historical Association

Welcoming and connecting people to our shared cultural heritage through exhibitions and programs that provoke, delight, and inspire. Membership table for the Fenimore Art Museum and The Farmers' Museum – information on exhibits, upcoming events and how one can optimize their enjoyment of these two museums.

Otsego County Conservation Association

OCCA is dedicated to promoting the enjoyment and sustainable use of Otsego County's natural resources through education, advocacy, resource management, research, and planning. This year, OCCA will be offering memberships at the \$25 level (members receive "Wally the Walleye"), the \$50 level (members receive a small OCCA cutting board) and the \$75 level (members receive a large OCCA cutting board).

Otsego County Planning Department

Our goal is to provide sound planning to the county and advise and recommend goals and objectives to all constituent towns and villages in Otsego County.

Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District

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for education about conservation and protection of lakes and streams. Members of OLA and LVGC were assisted in this endeavor by volunteer contributions from numerous individuals and businesses that will be recognized at the dedication ceremony. Among these are the Otsego Area Occupational Center's Building Trades Program, the students of which built the boardwalk, and Lynn Marsh of Landscape Alternatives, who donated many hours of technical advice regarding plantings and ongoing maintenance of the garden. OLA and LVGC member Suzanne Kingsley, along with board members from both organizations, was instrumental in the design and execution of the garden. The contributions of the Village of Cooperstown and Cooperstown Graduate Program will also be recognized. The Buffer Strip Garden has been the recipient of awards from the New York Federation of Lake Associations and College For Every Student, as well as the prestigious Founders' Fund Award from the Garden Club of America, which included a \$25,000 stipend for this project.

Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee

Otsego Land Trust

The Otsego Land Trust protects the distinctive rural character of the Otsego County area by securing lands and waters of significant scenic, historic, and ecological value, including forests and farmlands.

Otsego 2000

Otsego 2000 believes that the Otsego Lake region is a masterpiece of nature, and that its surrounding landscapes, valleys, villages, and farms constitute a unique confluence of historic, environmental, cultural, agricultural, rural, and scenic resources. We believe that the long-term economic well-being of the region and the quality of life for its residents derives from these resources and their stewardship. Thus, we seek to protect these attributes for the benefit of present and future generations. As no place is an island, we extend our concern and programs to the region's larger setting in Central New York. We advance our mission through informed advocacy, public education, innovative projects, economic alternatives, and strategic campaigns.

Safe Kids of Otsego County

Safe Kids of Otsego County is committed to the prevention of accidental childhood injury through education. We will showcase general safety resources and, in particular, Bicycle & Helmet and Summer Safety. Win prizes and help protect our precious natural resources ... KIDS. Safe Kids is celebrating 10 years in Otsego County and is led by Bassett Healthcare Network.

Stasilli Photography

Nick Stasilli's passion is traveling to see the earth's natural beauty, and he is fulfilled when he is able to capture what he has seen in such a way that the photograph allows him to relive the experience. "I'm privileged to have the opportunity to share my photographs with others. I think there is a certain feeling every artist has when his or her work draws emotion from the viewer of the art, and that feeling inspires me."

SUNY-Oneonta Biological Field Station

The Biological Field Station is a facility of the State University College at Oneonta. The Main Laboratory is located on Otsego Lake just north of the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown, NY. It is uniquely situated to provide excellent opportunities for field studies by advanced undergraduate and graduate students.