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“Waterfall to Waterfall Walk” First Up in OCCA 2010 Nature Walk Series

COOPERSTOWN – Botanist Connie Tedesco will kick off the Otsego County Conservation Association’s 2010 nature walk series on Saturday, June 12 at 9 a.m. with a “Waterfall to Waterfall Walk” in the Town of Hartwick. Tedesco will lead hikers to the top of Rainbow Falls and across field and forest to East Hill Falls, enjoying and identifying wildflowers along the way. The mildly strenuous excursion will take approximately 2 hours. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at Horace and Hazel Tabor Drive, across from John Bush Used Cars on County Route 11.

Since 2001, OCCA has organized nature walks on local trails. This year’s schedule is comprised of nine trails throughout Otsego County – including four state parks – several of which are featured in the OCCA publication “Otsego Walks & Paddles.” Other dates, venues and hike leaders for 2010 are: June 20, Father’s Day Evening Walk at the Robert V. Riddell State Park with Patricia Riddell Kent and Steve Kent; July 7, A Mid-Summer’s Eve Plant Walk – River Plants Along the Susquehanna with OCCA Board member Donna Vogler; July 17, Walk to Bear Swamp with Terry Bliss; July 25, the Sleeping Lion Trail at Glimmerglass State Park with Joseph Homburger; August 7, Summer Birds and Neo-tropics at Milford State Forest with Dave Kiehm; August 15, A Walk in the Clouds at Betty and Wilbur Davis State Park with Joe Ritton; September 11, Nature Walk at Lordsland Preserve with former OCCA Board member Dick deRosa; and October 24, Robert V. Riddell State Park Hike to Mud Lake with Patricia Riddell Kent and Steve Kent. For complete details on each of the walks, including start times and directions, visit http://occainfo.org/documents/NatureWalksposter2010_000.pdf. For more information, e-mail admin@occainfo.org.

OCCA is a private, non-profit environmental membership organization dedicated to promoting the enjoyment and sustainable use of Otsego County's natural resources through education, advocacy, resource management, research, and planning. For more information on OCCA, or to donate, call (607) 547-4488 or visit www.occainfo.org