



AMERICAN CONIFER SOCIETY

FINGER LAKES AREA ATTRACTIONS

American Conifer Society National Meeting
Syracuse, New York August 17-19, 2017

Summer is a beautiful time in the New York Finger Lakes region. If you are planning to attend the ACS National Meeting in August, you might want to consider extending your stay. Besides boasting beautiful fresh water lakes, the region is rich in history and home to many prize winning wineries. It is anchored on the south by Ithaca (Cornell, Cornell Botanical Gardens) and Corning (Corning Glass and Rockwell Museum of Western Art, now part of the Smithsonian). On the north it is bounded by the Erie Canal and the NYS Thruway. Anywhere in the region, there are hotels, motels and cottages on the lakes, and many activities. Below are some ideas of activities close to Syracuse. Information about other areas in the Finger Lakes can be found at <http://www.fingerlakes.org>.

HISTORY

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor

When the Erie Canal opened in 1825 it was considered a supreme engineering feat. It established a network of waterways that connected the Atlantic Ocean with the Great Lakes, creating a critical transportation route that enabled the development of upstate New York and much of the Midwest. It offers a variety of unique activities: on the water (trips from hours to days in length in everything from kayaks to chartered house boats); learning about and watching lock operations; hiking or biking along the canal path; or visiting the many historical sites along its route. Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park (old lock 52) is easily accessible at a rest stop on the NYS Thruway between exit 41 and 40 traveling east. Sources for more information: www.canals.ny.gov/, www.eriecanalway.org, www.midlakesnav.com/erie-canal, www.eriecanalcamillus.com, www.lockportlocks.com, www.colonialbelle.com

Harriet Tubman Home

The home has just been designated a national historical park. Harriet Tubman was an escaped slave who made many trips back to rescue other slaves using the Underground Railroad. In the post-war era

she was an active participant in the struggle for women's suffrage. Tours begin at the top of the hour with a man who walks visitors through the timeline of her life in a loving, respectful and often humorous presentation. If you plan to visit, this presentation is a "must see". 180 South Street Rd, Auburn, NY. Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 10am - 3pm; Saturday: 10am - 2pm.

www.harriettubmanhome.com/

Seward House

The historic home of William Henry Seward is a designated Historical Landmark. Seward was a New York State Senator, Governor of New York, a U.S. Senator, and served as Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of State. He also successfully negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia - known as Seward's folly. Seward House was also one of 24 sites on the NYS Underground Railroad Heritage Trail.

33 South Street, Auburn, NY Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. www.sewardhouse.org

Women's Rights National Historic Park

This park tells the story of the first Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, NY on July 19-20, 1848. It depicts women's lives in the 19th century and the struggles of women's rights leaders to win the right to vote. Begin at the Visitors' Center for maps, directions, tour schedules, film and exhibits.

136 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. www.nps.gov/wori

National Women's Hall of Fame

This is the nation's oldest membership organization dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of great American women. A new group of women are recognized annually for their contributions to the arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy and science, now and in the past. Space constraints limit their current display to pictures and brief bios of the women in the Hall of Fame.

76 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, NY. Hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

www.greatwomen.org

WINERIES

The Finger Lakes wine industry continues to win prestigious awards both in the US and Europe. There are wine trails around three of the Finger Lakes: Cayuga, Keuka and Seneca. Each association provides a listing and description of participating wineries and a map of the locations making it easy to select the wineries you wish to visit. A number of them also have very good restaurants. Visit the following web sites for more information:

Cayuga Lake Wine Trail - www.cayugawinetrail.com

Keuka Lake Wine Trail - www.keukawinetrail.com

Seneca Lake Wine Trail - www.senecalakewine.com

Wine not your thing? Consider:

Finger Lakes Cheese Trail. www.flcheesetrail.com

Finger Lakes Beer Trail. fingerlakesbeertrail.com

NURSERIES

Following are four great area nurseries belonging to ACS members who will be supporting and participating in the national meeting.

Marcellus, NY (near Syracuse)

Topiary Gardens is part of Saturday's tour. It is a small nursery and Japanese Maples Nursery in Central New York, 18 miles southwest of Syracuse. Our interest is in growing new and hard to find conifers, perennials, shrubs and trees. We have a special interest in Japanese maples with over 500 varieties available and we are adding to the collection every year. Diana will be at the nursery during the day on Sunday.

1840 Stump Road, Marcellus, NY www.topiary-gardens.com

Phelps, NY (Near Geneva)

Coldwater Pond Nursery

Come visit a conifer nursery in the country! Coldwater Pond Nursery is a propagation and grafting nursery set in the beautiful countryside of Phelps, NY about 45 minutes southeast of Rochester, NY and 50 minutes due west of Syracuse, NY. We offer conifers in sizes from fresh grafts to 3 gallon containers and have a broad selection of rare and unusual shrubs and trees for your gardens. All of our plants are propagated at our nursery so be sure to ask for a behind the scenes tour of our grafting, cutting and seedling propagation facilities when you visit. Bring your walking shoes as the nursery covers a large area. Owner Ted Hildebrant is a third generation nurseryman who loves talking about plants, grafting and conifers in particular, so bring your questions and wish list and he and his partner Elly Keyel will be glad to talk with you! We will be open before and after the 2017 ACS National meeting at the following times: Before the meeting: Monday - Wednesday 8 am to 5 pm and Thursday morning 8 am to noon. You can see us at the meeting Thursday evening through Saturday. We will be back at the nursery 8 am Monday after the meeting to welcome post meet visitors. For other times please call Ted's cell phone first to be sure we will be available 585-733-1864. We look forward to seeing you in August! <http://coldwaterpond.com/>

600 S. Marbletown Rd, Phelps, NY 14532

Pittsford, NY (Near Rochester)

Oriental Garden Supply has been searching for, growing, and propagating rare and unusual conifers, Japanese maples, and other woody ornamentals for the last 15 years. In touring the local gardens you will find many plants we have supplied to aid in the implementation of these exceptional gardeners' visions. At the nursery, many changes have occurred since the last visit of the American Conifer Society ten years ago. Along with a continually expanding inventory, a permanent display garden allows specimen plants to be shown to their best advantage.

The display garden centers around a multi-level water feature, evoking the sense of serenity synonymous with oriental garden design. Natural rock groupings are accentuated by a beautiful cascading *Picea pungens* "Glauca Prostrata" that contrasts nicely with a more formal cloud pruned *Pinus contorta* v. *latifolia* (lodgepole pine) as well as numerous dwarf coniferous and deciduous selections. Hand carved granite garden features evoke the long history of garden design in the East. Typically we have nearly one thousand varieties of mostly hard to find plants. For more information on our selection of plant materials we encourage you to visit our web site at

www.orientalgardensupply.com, and look forward to seeing you at the nursery! You can contact us in advance should you wish to reserve something special as a memento of your visit.

Thank you,

Al Pfeiffer, President 448 W Bloomfield Rd, Pittsford NY

Sheridan, NY (Near Buffalo)

Eagle Bay Gardens. We have almost 8 acres of rare plants. Conifers, Rare Trees, Hydrangeas, Perennials and Desert gardens are located in setting with ponds and a lake. Bridges lead to waterfalls, a "tropical" island and much more. We offer many rare conifers and other plants for sale. We will be open part time before and after the Conifer meeting. Please call and let us know if you plan to visit.

Kate and Ran Lydell. (716) 792-7581 or (716) 969-1688. Email - rblydell@gmail.com

www.eaglebaygardens.us

2920 East Main Rd. (RT 20), Sheridan, NY - midway between Buffalo & Erie PA, just East of Fredonia, NY
We are on US Rt. 20, Sheridan NY. It is on the North side, about 1 mile west of the center of Sheridan

Directions: (note: GPS often gets confused trying to find it.)

- From East, RT 90 exit at Silver Creek, NY. Proceed West on RT 20 about 5 miles to Eagle Bay on the right.
- From the South and West, take RT 90 East to the exit at Dunkirk/Fredonia. Go 1 1/2 miles south to a left (East) turn on RT 20. Go about 4 miles to Eagle Bay.