



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Buffalo District
BUILDING STRONG

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area

The Land of Opportunity: Winter Discovery Series 2016

All lectures are free of charge and will be held in the Visitor Center on Saturdays at 1pm.

January 9th	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF SETH GREEN Raised in the wilderness of western NY in the early 1800's, it was Green's ingenuity and foresight which kept fishing for sport and industry alive for the country.	JOHN SPAULDING Photojournalist and Writer
January 16th	DIGGING INTO ONCE AGAIN NUT BUTTER Learn about local organic nut butter and peanut butter producer, Once Again Nut Butter from Nunda, NY. Discover what it means to work for an employee-owned company; and their commitment to economic development, community support, and environmental sustainability.	GAEL ORR Once Again Nut Butter
January 23rd	AVON'S SPA ERA Medical, social and economic opportunities were amply provided by the curious, stinking waters of the Avon sulphur springs, especially in the time period between the end of the War of 1812 and the early years of the Twentieth Century.	MAUREEN KINGSTON Avon Town Historian
January 30th	THE GOLDEN AGE OF CAPITALISM U.S. emerged as a super power in 1945 and life on the home front prospered as the land of opportunity. This program explores the rapid changes as the area transitioned from war production to consumer goods in search of the American Dream. Join us to explore the growth and development of Livingston County in the Post-WWII Era.	AMIE ALDEN Livingston County Historian
February 6th	THE WARBLERS OF MAGEE MARSH Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on the south shore of Lake Erie is prime viewing territory for up to fifty different species of migrating warblers, vireos, tanagers and other birds. As part of the Ohio River major migration flyway, Magee Marsh serves as a "funnel" for the birds creating unparalleled opportunities for photography.	CRAIG BRAACK Allegany County Historian
February 13th	LEROY TO MOUNT MORRIS Learn the surprising connections of the towns LeRoy and Mount Morris through a story of Jell-o, Limestone, Summer Memories and the Mount Morris Dam.	LYNNE BELLUSCIO LeRoy Historical Society
February 20th	FROM CALEDONIA TO YELLOWSTONE Follow the story of Judge John Meldrum to learn the connection of the far reaching wilderness of Yellowstone to your own backyard.	EILEEN BICKFORD-LAFAVE Caledonia Historian
February 27th	CUYLERVILLE, BORN BY OPPORTUNITY THAT FADED AWAY During the 1840s construction of the Genesee Valley Canal, Colonel Cuyler established one of the most significant locations in this pioneer region; the village of Cuylerville. Trace the shadowy history of this settlement as progress and technological changes left Cuylerville an obscure, but peaceful hamlet.	TOM ROFFE Leicester Town Historian
March 5th	THE ADVENTURES OF UNCLE MIKE Mike O'Brien was an Irish immigrant who came to the States in 1896, joined the Army, and led a most adventurous life. Uncle Mike fought in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion, chased Pancho Villa all over the Southwest and led troops into WWI under Black Jack Pershing.	STEVE CLARKE Genealogist
March 12th	THE FOOTE COMPANY: NUNDA ON THE WORLD STAGE In 1903, the ingenious Foote brothers invented power mixer-paver machines that revolutionized all future highway and heavy construction. During World War II, Foote pavers were used around the world by allied forces to create critical airfield runways.	JOAN SCHUMAKER Local Historian
March 19th	LETCHWORTH - A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY Join Tom as he examines how people, from Mary Jemison to modern times, have seen the lands along the Genesee River in modern day Letchworth Park as a "Land of Opportunity".	TOM COOK Local Historian
March 26th	THE LAST CABOOSE RIDE Follow the development of the 1840's Conductor's Car, better known as "the caboose". This unique railroad car carried the Conductor, Brakeman and Flagman across the thousands of miles of tracks across the United States.	MAX SZEMPLENSKI Railroad Historian

Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area Visitor Center is located at 6103 Visitor Center Road
in Mount Morris, NY 14510. For more information call (585) 658-4790.