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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers William B. Hoyt II Visitor Center at Mount Morris Dam 2012 Discovery Series: America on the Move!

All lectures are free of charge and will be held in the Visitor Center on Saturdays at 1:00pm.

Date	Lecture	Presenter
January 7th	LIVINGSTON COUNTY - A VACATION DESTINATION! When it comes to vacations, Americans are always looking for great destinations and Livingston County offers bountiful opportunity. And...there's always local food and wine sampling at this lecture series opening to help you remember our gorgeous county!	Lisa Burns
January 14th	LOW BRIDGE, EVERYBODY DOWN The geology and geography of NYS put us in the "right place at the right time" for the construction of the Erie Canal from 1817 to 1825. Its success led to the creation of our Genesee Valley Canal which turned out to be nothing less than dismal, economic failure.	Craig Braack
January 21st	1941 HISTORICAL AIRCRAFT GROUP The 1941 "HAG," in Genesee NY, is working hard to restore, maintain, and fly American aircraft of World War II. Through commemorating and preserving these machines of history, the Historical Aircraft Group is keeping these "warbirds" flying for generations to come.	Austin Hancock
January 28th	THE LURE OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY'S NATURAL LANDSCAPE As word quickly spread nationally and across Europe of the Eden-like Genesee Valley hoards of influential individuals came to explore and document the 'new' wilderness as they first ventured west in the early 1800s. Explore why the landscape of this region drew such intense reaction and how their interpretations left behind impressions of sublime beauty that have defined the area.	Amie Alden
February 4th	WHERE DID THAT BUILDING GO? Nineteenth and twentieth century Americans were on the move and so were their buildings. Do you know which ones and where they went?	Joan Schumaker
February 11th	TO THE WEST BY RAIL; STEEL ROAD TO THE FUTURE Uncover the first movements by pioneers to the western NY lands and then beyond. Big changes were afoot when the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad link was completed at Leicester to connect NYC to Buffalo.	Tom Roffe
February 18th	EXPERIENCE THE INGENUITY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY PIONEERS! Explore the culture and evolution of farm tools within the context of settling the area and farming techniques. Show and tell of farm hand tools from different time periods that were used in this region.	David Palmer
February 25th	AMERICANS ON THE MOVE FROM THE ICE AGE TO 1776 Examine the patterns of human movement into and around our continent from the earliest migrations at the end of the last Ice Age through the European colonization of the Atlantic coastline and the Eastern Woodlands.	Don Fisher
March 3rd	FORSYTH AT THE ALAMO Hear the story of Avon's man at the Alamo, John Hubbard Forsyth. Some historians believe that Avon's John Forsyth was in command of the Alamo during the infamous battle of March 6, 1836.	Howard Appell
March 10th	MOTORING THROUGH LETCHWORTH PARK HISTORY Visitors have been coming to the lands of Letchworth Park for over two centuries. Buggies, canal boats, and excursion trains brought thousands in the 19th century, but the 20th century belonged to the automobile. Explore how each mode of transportation left its mark on the Park.	Tom Cook
March 17th	THE ERIE CANAL: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE Beginning in 1822, three Erie Canals coursed through Monroe County and each surmounted natural obstacles with bold engineering achievements. Find out about possibilities of restoring these canals to connect to the present system as huge engine of economic revitalization.	Tom Grasso
March 24th	VAST GLACIERS TRANSFORM THE GENESEE VALLEY Twice in the last 50,000 years glaciers have scoured the Genesee Valley, blocking the Genesee River, forming large lakes, and burying a record of plant and animal life very different from that of today. These local events are closely linked to worldwide changes.	Richard Young

William B. Hoyt II Visitor Center is located at 6103 Visitor Center Rd in Mount Morris, NY 14510; approximately 1.5 miles from Mount Morris and 11 miles from Nunda off SR 408. For more information call (585) 658-4790.