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

Land of the Free: Winter Discovery Series 2020

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

February 15	LIVINGSTON COUNTY FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION	AMIE ALDEN Livingston County Historian
<p>Countdown to our Bicentennial! In 2021, Livingston County will turn 200 years old! This presentation is the second in a series of programs chronicling the history of the county. Part two explores the county's response to preserve the Union, massive changes in the post-Civil War era, and the rise of industrialism at the century's end.</p>		
February 22	HARRIET NEWELL AUSTIN: An Unconventional Life?	JANE OAKES Historian
<p>Austin fought her entire life for women to have the freedom to choose their own career, have educational freedom, take charge of their own health, and dress for practicality, not fashion. She was one of the first women to earn an M.D. in Hydropathy, and was a major component in the success of the Our Home on the Hillside water cure in Dansville. Harriet Austin and Clara Barton became close friends and lifelong correspondents. Local interest, nationally influential in helping women gain freedoms we enjoy today.</p>		
February 29	THE NATIONAL WARPLANE MUSEUM	JAMIESON R. STEELE, Collections Manager and BRIAN TRZASKOS Flight Crew Member
<p>Discover all of the exciting historic aircraft both flying and static, projects, exhibits, air show, special events, and programs waiting for you at the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo, New York. Learn what we do to preserve aviation history, the people who made it happen, and what you can do there.</p>		
March 7	OUR NATIONAL PARKS: America's Best Idea	CRAIG BRAACK Allegany County Historian
<p>Join Craig for his newest look and latest exploration of America's National Parks, the origins of the National Park Service, and discussion of this country's natural and cultural treasures.</p>		
March 14	SALUTE TO THE FOURTH! Celebrating Independence Day in the Genesee Valley	TOM COOK Author and Historian
<p>Join Tom as he explores how local residents have celebrated the Fourth of July over the past two centuries using contemporary newspaper accounts, diaries, photographs and illustrations. Special attention will be paid to memorable celebrations in the Letchworth Park area, including the story of Portageville's Great Centennial Tornado.</p>		
March 21	LORDS OF THE RING	ALEX PIERCE Historian
<p>We'll journey to middle New York to explore the majestic green canopy of the Genesee Valley through time. We'll discover the Hemlocks of Hemlock Lake, the Dansville Dogwoods, the Big Trees of Geneseo, and the Canaseraga waters "among the Elms". You'll meet giants, dwarfs, ornamentals, some fruitful, some nutty, some straight, some crooked, not all are green, some will be seasoned, and some have needled their way into this amazing canopy overstory. Yes, discover these Genesee Valley TREES: witnesses to natural disaster, conflict, invasion, generations, with special meaning and diverse purpose found in the Genesee Valley.</p>		
March 28	FREEDOM + IMAGINATION = INNOVATION	DIANE K. POTTER Author and Illustrator
<p>Entertaining and informative tribute to the scientific community combines Diane's delightful poems and clever illustrations to capture the character and contributions of gifted individuals who have affected and advanced our everyday lives. Admiration + Inspiration = Celebration</p>		
April 4	RUNNING AROUND THE GLOBE	GLEN AVERY Educator, Runner, and World Traveler
<p>One of the blessings of living in the "Land of the Free" is the ability to travel the world. Mr. Avery will talk about his experience running marathons and ultra-marathons in some of the thirty countries he has visited.</p>		
April 11	GENESEO STUDENTS EXPLORE LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY	RANDY FRENCH Educator and World Explorer
<p>Join Randy French, a local science teacher and world explorer, as he takes you on a journey of exploration of public lands that reaches beyond the classroom.</p>		

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.