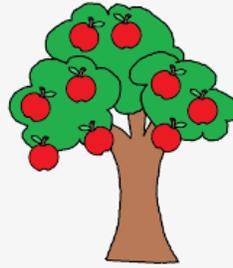


July 2021



GIAC Senior Program

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Friday, July 2nd, 10 am Meet this public servant: City Forester Jeanne Grace

Join us to hear about Jeanne's work, relevant laws, & learn about the city's innovative forestry work implemented in our community; 831 9426 7607, Passcode: GIAC2021

Saturday, July 3rd, 4 pm NEO Project at the Backlot, dinner & music

Hope for a nice evening; we'll have dinner followed by music (pay your own).

Wednesday, July 7th, 11 am Salt Point Guided Walk, Lansing

Adjacent to Myers Park, our guided walk led by Donna Scott, will focus both on the point's natural and historic features. Bring a bagged lunch for after.

Friday, July 9th, 11 am Movie discussion: "Maudie"

YouTube (and other streaming services) have *Maudie* available to rent for \$4 (watch it on your own). We'll get together to chat about our responses to the film. Check out the newsletter for details: Meeting ID: 843 6889 7662, Passcode: GIAC2021

Saturday, July 10th, 12 noon Chicken BBQ at the Elks (124 Cottingham Rd.)

The Friends of Newman is sponsoring a benefit BBQ at the Elks. For \$12 you will receive ½ chicken, macaroni salad, salt potatoes & cookie. Eat in-person or delivery are available.

Thursday, July 15th, 11 am-1 pm Southside Shopping

Shopping (your choice where) on the southside of town, call to get a pick-up.

Friday, July 16th, 10 am Iced Tea & Poetry

Join us to share both original and favorite poems and writings. Francine has invited those that want to visit in person to her home. It's a friendly supportive atmosphere, everyone is welcome: Meeting ID: 842 6299 2840, Passcode: GIAC2021

Tuesday, July 20th, 1 pm Mosaic gathering ice cream social, Titus pavilion

Mosaic (formerly Northside/Southside Prog.) & GIAC will host a drop-in ice cream social.

Wed., July 21st, 2 pm Orchard Tour & Tasting at Black Diamond Farm

We'll visit the Black Diamond Orchard in Trumansburg. Our visit will include a visit to the cidery, a look at the orchard, and a description of the cidermaking process. There is a \$10 for a tasting if you would like (up to 12 ciders). (The tour is free.)

Thursday, July 22nd, 6 pm The Destination at Myers Park

This nine-piece dance band with a musical focus in the genres of R&B, Latin-influenced material, swing and funk/disco is a favorite of our groups, free. Bring a folding chair!

Friday, July 23rd, 11 am Group bike ride, Ithaca Youth Bureau

Let's ride at Steward Park; regular, trikes, recumbent, & tandems are available. Please let me know in advance that you plan to attend and if you need a certain bike, free.

Monday, July 26th, 11:30 am Lunch at Kelly's Dock-Side Cafe

An outdoor, socially distanced lunch among friends.

Wednesday, July 28th, 7 pm Boat trip on Cayuga Lake

This is a Sunset Cruise and includes Kurt Jordan speaking on Indigenous Peoples in the Cayuga Lake Basin - from last Ice Age to Today, \$10 (payable to GIAC, due 7/15).

Friday, July 30th, 10 am In-person Breakfast at GIAC

Join us for eggs, bacon, & pancake brunch at GIAC. Johnny Russo & Friends will perform for us while we eat! \$4



News and Notes – July 2021 GIAC Senior Program



So we have made it to the heart of summer and things are slowly beginning to get back to normal. There are several Zoom programs, like we have been doing for the past year, but I have also arranged for a number of traditional outings. I hope that we will have some interest in the in-person trips, either driving up on your own or joining us in the vans (remember to let me know that you intend to join us, regardless of how you are going!).

I am sad to say that we lost a couple of members of the GIAC family this past month. Early in June we lost Sean Norman, our Financial Coordinator, who had been with GIAC for about 12 years. About a week later, we lost Aaron Smiley, one of our Senior Program drivers. Aaron will be greatly missed, as an employee of the program, he was always polite and friendly with everyone and willing to step in where needed, but more importantly he had all the same characteristics as a person...he was a true gentleman, and he will be greatly missed. The Red Hats generously organized a donation of \$140 to the program in Aaron's name. Thanks to all that donated and a special thanks to Carol Jackson for organizing.

- **Transportation:** People are gradually feeling more comfortable at in-person programs and sitting in vans together. I am in the process of organizing a full roster of van drivers, and we should be able to provide transportation to all of the dates on the calendar. At this point, vans will be limited to half capacity and everyone will be asked to wear a mask while riding in them. Almost everyone in the program has been vaccinated, but we will continue to practice COVID protocols.
- **(ZOOM) Meet this public servant: City Forester Jeanne Grace, Friday, June 2 at 10 am** – Grace has been the City Forester at the City of Ithaca Division of Parks and Forestry for about a decade, and she studied at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry and Cornell.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83194267607?pwd=WlhRjUyRnZITjhwVOJaZfVwbnFjQT09> Meeting ID: 831 9426 7607, Passcode: GIAC2021

- **Serendipity's Backlot** - When COVID hit, Serendipity had to make an adjustment. They had this big backlot right behind their home base and decided to make it a fun and safe environment for people to hang outside while eating delicious foods. Now entertainment is part of the experience, NEO (who have played for our holiday party in the past), will be there on the day we'll visit. NEO Project is a professional seven-piece, high energy dance band rooted in funky R&B grooves, afro Cuban/Caribbean rhythms & jazzy, bluesy soul. Its members are music professors, a former Motown sideman and soul practitioners with years of experience. NEO Project reinterprets some of the best soul jazz funk music out there with their own unique twist, always giving the listener a powerful dose of deep pocket grooves supporting soulful melodies & blazing improvisation. The food menu is an interesting mix of America classic dishes, combined with a range of international cuisines. Sandwiches start at \$10.
- **Zoom Craft Group, Tuesdays at 12 noon.** A group has been getting together to talk crafts and just check in. Everyone is welcome. This link is for July 6th, 13th, and 27th (Tony Serviente of the Glass Studios will be our guest) **to join:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278922636?pwd=QTRXTStaR1dBcVRDRFIocUoxMjdVUT09> , 1-929-436-2866 (for phone); Meeting ID: 278 922 636; Password: 007992
Tuesday, July 27 (12 noon) Craft Group Virtual talk with artist Tony Serviente – Serviente Glass Studios has been creating and restoring vitreous beauty for close to 40 years. Serviente designs, builds, and installs custom windows. He restores damaged and failing windows for entire churches, as well as homes and institutions. He repairs most things glass. He can heat glass in kilns to make vases, sculpture, and lighting, and he paints on glass to add detail and realism to people, creatures, and landscapes. (Everyone is welcome, use the above link.)
- **Salt Point guided walk: Exploring history, geology, birds and more, Wednesday, July 7 at 11 am** –

Folks from the Cayuga Trails Club will lead us on a series of hikes during the next several months, this is the first...Salt Point, in Lansing, is part of the delta formed by Salmon Creek. Now a spectacularly beautiful natural area, Salt Point has a fascinating history. Join Donna Scott, board member of Friends of Salt Point, local historian and enthusiastic birder, to learn about the geological and human history, see what the local osprey family is doing, look for orioles, warblers and other birds, admire the native plantings project, and enjoy the expansive lakeshore. This is a meandering nature and history exploration. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress comfortably for the weather.

Salt Point was named because the International Salt Company produced table and other salt products on this site from 1891 through 1962. The company was the heart and soul of the small community. Syrian workers built houses and the company erected the tiny St. George Syrian Orthodox Church, which still holds services today, on "Syrian Heights" on the hill above Salt Point. When the land was sold to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in 1962, some of the salt processing equipment was moved to nearby mines in Watkins Glen. Some workers took early retirement; some followed the company, while others looked for work elsewhere in Lansing. The empty building was partially torn down before it burnt to the ground.

- ***(ZOOM or in-person) Ice Tea & Poetry, Friday, July 16 at 10 am***– Grab a cup of your favorite beverage and enjoy listening to poems written by members and guests. Please feel free to share a favorite poem or one that you wrote yourself. It is a friendly supportive atmosphere, so join the fun. To participate on a computer:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84262992840?pwd=QWg4amxSTWJLeEV1NFoyTDYwdVdYUT09> : Meeting ID: **842 6299 2840**; Password: **GIAC2021**
- ***Elks chicken BBQ delivered, Wednesday, July 10, 12 noon*** – The Friends of Newman is sponsoring a benefit chicken BBQ for the Newman Golf Course at the Elks. For \$12 you will receive ½ chicken, macaroni salad, salt potatoes, and cookie. The Elks have worked it out so that we can safely dine with appropriate social distancing (we are the only group allowed to eat at the club). I will also arrange for delivery of a meal if you prefer to dine at home.

- ***(ZOOM) Movie discussion: "Maudie", Friday, July 9 at 11 am*** – (Suggested by a member as a decent movie based on a true story.) In Marshalltown, Nova Scotia, Maud Dowley is an arthritic woman with an Aunt Ida and brother Charles in the 1930s. Maud is shocked to learn that Charles has sold their family home, which their parents had left to him. In the meantime, she is berated by Ida about visiting the local nightclub. Maud had once been impregnated and given birth, but Charles and Ida told her that the child was deformed and died. At a store, Maud sees the inarticulate and rough fish peddler, Everett Lewis, place an advertisement for a cleaning lady. Maud answers the call and takes the position for room and board. Our meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84368897662?pwd=WWFkQVEvdVd4emRvM2NkS2lrZTVqdz09> Meeting ID: 843 6889 7662, Passcode: GIAC2021
- ***Mosaic gathering ice cream social, Tuesday, July 20, 1 pm – Titus pavilion***
The Northside-Southside group of Lifelong used to host a potluck BBQ mixer every year at the Titus Pavilion, Mosaic is the new iteration of the group. Instead of a picnic, GIAC and Lifelong will host a drop-in ice cream social. Stop by for a come or a dish of a favorite variety and hangout a been to socialize... everything is on us.
- ***Orchard Tour & Tasting at Black Diamond Farm, Wednesday, July 21, 2 pm*** – We'll visit the Black Diamond Orchard in Trumansburg. Our visit will include a visit to the cidery, a look at the orchard, and a description of the cidermaking process. Black Diamond Cider was started in 2014 by Jackie and Ian Merwin, owners of Black Diamond Farm, a family-owned orchard on the west slope of Cayuga Lake. They grow all of the fruit that goes into their ciders. The orchard contains over 100 varieties of apples and pears—many of them rare heirlooms and European varieties selected especially for their cider making qualities. There is a \$10 charge for a tasting if you would like (up to 12 ciders), the tour is free.
- ***The Destination at Myers Park, Thursday, July 22, 6 pm*** – Music in Myers Park is back! (One of the few concert series that is happening this year.) The Destination has been a favorite of the program for a long time, what better group to get back into live music! Remember to bring a folding chair, along with your dancing shoes.

- **Group bike ride, Friday, July 23 at 11 am** – Anyone up for a bike ride? Let's meet at the Ithaca Youth Bureau, if you have a bicycle, you are good to go, if not, you can get one from the IYB. The IYB has regular bikes, trikes, and a tandem (I'll be willing to take people for a ride on that), and our friends from Bike Walk Tompkins will also be along with their recumbent bikes. Come for a ride, please let me know that you are joining us so I can plan to have the right number of bikes.
- **Lunch at Kelly's Dock-Side Cafe, Monday, July 26, 11:30 am** – Kelly's has an outside deck where we can sit as long as the weather is nice, if not, we can sit indoors as well.
- **In-person Breakfast with guests Johnny Russo & friends: Friday, July 30, 10 am** – We're back in person for breakfast and there will be some music to go along with it! We'll set up across the street from GIAC, near the basketball court for our usual breakfast options while we listen to some Jazz music. Let me know if you intend to come, so I get the right amount of food.
- **Grocery Delivery** – Since the beginning of the pandemic, I have been facilitating the delivery of groceries to members' homes. As of now, we are still providing the service. Interested participants should contact me. I will submit your order through the Walmart website and set the delivery time (usually within two days). There is a \$35 minimum order for any delivery and you will be responsible for the delivery charge, \$8 is a good estimate. I get a message when the delivery departs Walmart and I alert the recipient to be ready to meet the delivery. GIAC will bill you directly, there is no need for payment at the time of the delivery.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for information and clarification, allow me to be a resource. Stay well! Zack

We have almost reached the city revenue mandate for our program...many of you have contributed, thank you! If you have not yet and you are able to, please

step up with a donation. This will ensure the program continues through the pandemic and can return to normal later this year.

The Alex Haley Pool will be opening for the 2021 Summer season in a few days once all preparations are ready. Stay tuned for our exciting date announcement.

COVID19 protocols are still in place for this summer including temperature check and screening questions prior to admission, masks must be worn except when in the water, distancing, and extra cleaning and disinfecting times are built into the schedule.

2021 Pool Hours – 7 days a week unless noted

Opening Day through August 19, 2021

10 am - 11:15 am - Lap Swimming Exercise (no lap swimming Fridays due to guard training)

11:30 am - 3 pm - Public Open Swim

3 - 3:15 pm - COVID19 cleaning; guests must exit facility.

3:15 - 6:30 pm - Public Open Swim

6:30 - 6:45 pm - COVID19 cleaning; guests must exit facility.

6:45 - 7:45 pm – Lap Swimming Exercise

Summer pool hours are subject to change.

2021 Admission Daily Rates

\$2.50/child under 12 & seniors over age 60

\$3.50/teens 13-17 & adults 18-59 years old

2021 Individual Season Passes

\$35/individual child under 12 & seniors over age 60

\$40/teens 13-17 years old

\$50/adults 18-59 years old

2021 Family Season Passes

\$90/for 2-3 family members

\$115/for 4-6 family members

\$200/for 7-10 family members

*family members in the same household.

Season passes may be purchased at GIAC, 301 W. Court Street beginning Monday, June 7th (Mon – Fri. from 9 am – 5:30 pm). Cash, check and credit card accepted. Online Season Pass Registration starting soon (watch our page for date). Season pass partial scholarships are available to assist households experiencing financial hardship who qualify.