

NYSOEA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENTS

WELCOME!

On-going

Beginning Thursday afternoon, members of NYSOEA's Legacy Committee, the Conference Committee and the Board will be meeting & greeting and welcoming all participants to this year's event. Our intent is for everyone to become a little more familiar with the Conference, Greenkill, fellow participants, and NYSOEA.

MORNING CAFFEINE

6:30 a.m. Daily

Meet at the Dining Hall

Ahhhhh ... that's better. Coffee and tea will be available for stretchers, walkers, birders and anyone else who feels the need to be up in the early morning.

EARLY MORNING WALKS

6:45 a.m. Friday and Saturday-

Meet at the back deck of the Dining Hall.

Greet each conference day with a relaxing stretch and leisurely walk – no stress.

MORNING BIRDING

6:30 a.m. Friday with George Steele

6:30 a.m. Saturday with Scott & Nancy Reichert-

Meet at front desk of the Mary French Building.

Share sunrise and fellowship of other birders as you greet the day in a different way. Beginners and advanced birders are welcome. Please bring binoculars, coffee mug and your bird list (you never know). If it's raining, hug your pillow and dream about birds.

NYSOEA'S ANNUAL AUCTION & RAFFLE

Thursday-Sunday noon Raffle is on-going.

'Live on Saturday Night' Auction is immediately following the Keynote Speaker. 100% of the Auction proceeds go directly to NYSOEA's Endowment Fund. Watch for special 50th Anniversary Items!

EXHIBITS & EXHIBITORS RECEPTION

5:00 p.m. Thursday- 1:00 p.m. Saturday

Exhibits and Exhibitors Reception will be held in the Mary French Building.

Exhibits are open daily Thursday - Saturday

Exhibitors Reception follows at 4 p.m. Friday and open to all Conference participants.

THE MEMBERS ART SHOW & EXHIBIT

4:00 – 6:00p.m. Saturday

In honor of the 50th Anniversary Conference, we are bringing back a 'blast from the past' and sponsoring a Members Art Show & Exhibit. This event has and will give NYSOEA's members and Conference participants a unique opportunity to share their talents and creativity with their peers and colleagues. A special tribute honors Wayne Trimm and Barry Hopkins.

AUTHOR'S CORNER

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4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday

NYSOEA's annual Author's Corner will be held in conjunction with the Members Art Show & Reception. Numerous authors will be on hand to discuss, sign and sell their books.

ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA

On-going throughout the Conference!

Look for these in the conference book, exhibit hall, dorm rooms, registration packet, dining room tables, NYSOEA legacy exhibit and many other places. To celebrate 50 years of dedicated service to Outdoor Education, NYSOEA's Legacy Committee, Conference Committee, and the Board will be bringing our history to mind through trivia quizzes, games, posters, puzzles, discussions and more.

PICNIC TABLE CHATS WITH NYSOEA'S PAST PRESIDENTS & AWARD WINNERS

On-going

Watch for times and places ...

A number of NYSOEA's Past Presidents and Award Winners will be with us to celebrate the 50th Anniversary Conference. They will gather to share thoughts and memories of the past, instill support and affirmation for what we do and motivation for the future of Outdoor Education.

BOOK TALKS & BOOK SWAPS

On-going

Watch for times and places ...

Join NYSOEA members Danny Kriesberg and June Lee, Past President Sally McCracken and others for several informal 'book talks' ... featuring both oldies but goodies and newer books. Participants can also 'swap' their books for someone else's books. Bring a 'bag' of books you would not mind giving up or swapping for another 'bag' of books. Whatever is left over will be donated to the 'Book Fairy' for distribution to very worthy recipients.

CHILDREN'S SHOE DRIVE

Ongoing

Registration Desk

NYSOEA members have often supported local outreach programs in the communities in which we sponsor events and activities. This year we are asking participants to consider supporting a very worthwhile and worthy cause ... **'new soles in honor of a special soul'** ... to donate and bring a new pair of children's shoes or sneakers with them to the Conference.

NIGHT HIKES & ASTRONOMY WALKS

10 p.m. nightly

Meets nightly starting in lobby of the Mary French building.

Heighten nocturnal awareness and use senses other than sight as you journey through a part of the night in upstate New York. Leave your flashlights in your room or your pack.

CAMPFIRES

Occurs Nightly

Watch for times and places ...

Stories, songs & s'mores!

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MUSIC ... MUSIC ... MUSIC

Thursday 10:00 p.m. with Nick Sauschuck

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Meet in the dining hall.

Sit, relax and enjoy the show ... sing along ... or get up and move!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Friday 7:30 p.m. - Bill Hammond

Meet at the Mary French Building

In his sure-to-entertain keynote remarks, Bill will lead us on a journey into our past to foster our own understanding of how we've come to arrive at this time and place in the fields of outdoor and environmental education - 50 years in the making!

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. – Judy Braus

Meet at the Mary French Building

In her keynote address Judy will discuss how outdoor and environmental educators can help shape the future of our fields and inspire tomorrow's leaders, not only here in New York, but across the globe.

FEATURE SPEAKERS TESTIMONIALS

On-going

Meet on back porch of Dining Hall or at Mary French building after meals.

Thursday – Sally McCracken, NYSOEA Past President

Friday – Carl Heitmuller – NYSOEA member

Friday – Local legislator

Saturday – Cheryl Charles, Executive Director, Children & Nature Network

Saturday – Dan Bisaccio, Science Educator

OUR CLOSING CONVERSATION

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

One of the most important gatherings of members and colleagues ...