

September 14, 2024

Central New York Ballet



CNY Ballet is creating a company that lets artists help influence the critical decisions that shape the organizations where they work, so they can continue to spread joy and beauty through dance.

Gigi Murphy and Aldo Kattón

Introduced by Shirley Cruickshank

October 5, 2024*

Garden Travel



Ballantyne Gardens of Liverpool, NY is owned by Tim and Lisa Ballantyne, both Master Gardners and designers. They travel widely to learn new horticultural practices. They have led trips to the Philadelphia Garden Show and Longwood Gardens as well as to significant Gardens of the Northeast.

Tim Ballantyne

Introduced by Ann Barker-Griffith

November 9, 2024

Doing Things the United Way



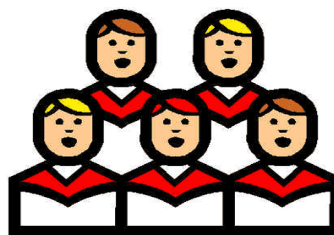
As President of the Central New York United Way, Nan Eaton has been leading this innovative and collaborative local nonprofit organization to solve the most pressing human service community needs of Central New York. With Laurie Black as Director of Community Education, United Way's impact is wide and growing.

Nan Eaton and Laurie Black

Introduced by Kathy Hinchman

December 14, 2024

Holidays in Song



The singers called the ***Harmony Katz*** will join their voices in presenting holiday music to set the joyous mood of the season.

Introduced by JoAnn Wallace

January 11, 2025

Mural Master



Empty walls bear space for Mark Noble to paint murals that highlight local history and landmarks. He will show us some of his recent “walls” and tell us how he does it so beautifully.

Mark Noble

Introduced by Alice Borning

February 8, 2025

Celebrating Shakespeare

“I like this place and could willingly waste my time in it.” Alyssa Elmer quotes from *As You Like It* to explain her dedication as an educator. She was co-advisor of Tully High School's Shakespeare Competition last year. Tully's student, Emily, won our regional competition.



Help us make the Shakespeare Competition possible by joining in the *Angel Appeal*.

Alyssa Elmer and Emily Paccia

Introduced by Barbara Weller

March 8, 2025

Irish Women of Central New York



After Ireland's Great Famine, girls could not find husbands and thereby become "women." Ciarrai Eaton has a Master's degree in Women in Modern Irish History. She focuses on the plight of these women as they came to upstate New York to start a better life in our growing industry.

Ciarrai Eaton

Introduced by Jean Soper

April 5, 2025*

Meet the Seward House, Auburn, NY



Sam Dance is a local historian who will tell us about the significance of William Henry Seward and his family to Upstate New York and our nation. His house is more than a landmark since it holds the spirit of Seward.

Sam Dance

Introduced by Judy Carpenter

May 3, 2025*

All About Tea



Travels and traditions enrich our lives. Our ESU member, Alice Borning, as a history teacher and traveler, has learned much about the history of tea and its social impact in different parts of the world. She enjoys savoring tea and all of its extras.

Wendy Hoblyn Jones adds her British perspective as we savor an Afternoon Tea at our Annual Meeting.

Alice Borning and Wendy Hoblyn Jones

Introduced by Alice Borning

The ESU Branch generally meets on the second Saturday* of each month from September to May for lunch and a speaker or program in Syracuse

Attendees may sit where they wish in order to mingle and get to know one another.

*This year has three meetings on the first Saturday. They are starred in the calendar.

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Estab. 1948



Monthly Luncheons
and Programs

2024-2025

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