

Reporting ZOOM Meeting of 25 Jan 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 1/18 MLK Day – Laura Lee, presentation
This Week: 1/25 Fred Breglia, Landis Arboretum –
Next Week: 2/1 Dr. Geci, “Pot Doc”
Coming Up: 2/8 Eric Connolly, Town of Ballston Supervisor,
2/15 Ray O’Connor, “She Called Him Raymond”,
2/22 Paddy Rooney, “A Vision with a Passion”,
3/1 Mark Sheehan – ARC.

Note: Regular ZOOM Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm.
Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer ZOOM ID# and Password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Dan or Darlene.
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Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves

Landis Arboretum – Fred Breglia

Known widely as “the Tree Man”, Fred Breglia gave a lively and beautifully illustrated presentation showing the broad expanse of trees, shrubs, gorgeous flowers, and wild life we would find on a trip to the arboretum. Only 40 minutes away and located in Esperance, NY overlooking historic Schoharie Valley, the arboretum is open free year round from dawn to dusk.

The arboretum comprises 40 acres and 14 miles of walking trails. This includes the original farmhouse, a barn and greenhouse and a new and beautifully renovated meeting house with room for 100 people used for performances classes, weddings and conferences.

Among programs presented at the arboretum are the Second Sunday Snowshoe, Star Parties, Wildlife at Night, the annual 5-K Run, the Fall and Spring Plant Sale (featuring books, heirloom plants, baked goods and more as well as plants)

Noted for its Oak Collection, the arboretum includes the Landis Old Growth Collection of oak trees plus the Red Oak, Mongolian Oak among others. Notable trees include the Hardy Redbud, the Royal Star Magnolia boasting extra petals in the flowers, the Dawn Redwood

thought to be extinct until it was discovered in China, and the ancient Ginkgo.

In addition to trees, the arboretum boasts a Nature Plant Collection which was given a great assist by Ed Miller, a local enthusiastic environmentalist and botanist well known to many of us.

You will also discover a Bog Garden with Pitcher Plants and Venus Fly Traps, and, new this spring, a Meditation Garden with a water garden with a waterfall paid for by a generous donor. Also new this year are the QR scanner codes which visitors can use to learn about the plants by looking and listening on their cell phones.

During the Q&A period Rotarians asked the typical Rotary question, “How can we help?” and it seems that some trail maintenance work would be appreciated come spring. There may be a field trip in our future.

Announcements

We welcomed guests Ann Cargile and Linda Galliger, a friend of Darlene’s. The Brownells, also in attendance, reported that they are shaping (“shaking?”) up their new Rotary Club in Florida.

Mary Anderson reminded that we can still support the Len Porter Memorial. Money donated will be added to the High School Citizenship Scholarship. Send checks to Steve Geene.

Darlene reminded us about Rotary’s Operation Hunger. The bin for your donations is located at Gil’s Garage. (Thank you, Mike.)

Mary Anderson shared that the folks at the Greater Galway Food Pantry, where our food donations go, have asked for the following items for this week: *paper towels, baked beans, gravy, ketchup, canned fruit – especially peaches, and hash.* Maryellen and Mary volunteered to make delivery this week.

Gini and Rey reported mailing 5 more boxes of books to veteran’s hospitals and rehabilitation centers today. Donated money is about gone. No more books should be accepted at Gil’s. No money from the club budget was used. Many thanks to those individuals who supported this effort so generously.

Mary reported that plans are under way for the Spring Dinner. She mentioned the hope that we would each buy an extra dinner for someone in need. Watch this space for more details to come.

Gini said the Nursing Home Care Card program now has over 150 Valentines ready to deliver to Kingsway. Darlene has established a contact for us there.

Reported by Gini