

Onondaga Historical Association Museum

2008-09 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tea & Sympathy

It's summer 1848 and you are invited to participate in a lively conversation with the women of Seneca Falls, NY. They will be discussing issues they feel everyone should be sympathetic to: abolitionism, women's rights, the underground railroad, voting equality and temperance. Meet these women whose lives are based on the novel "North Star Conspiracy" by Miriam Grace Monfredo and find out if you agree or disagree with them.

45-60 minutes. Fee based on number of women requested.

Recommended for English classes, too.



Talespin: Early Syracuse

"Re-live" the history of Syracuse through stories & legends. Choose one of the following "people from the past" to talk about those "good old days."

Harvey Baldwin: As Syracuse's 1st mayor, Harvey tells stories of salt blocks, abolitionists, women's rights advocates & more.

Ephraim Webster: Early settler & fur trapper/trader remembers swamps, the Iroquois and the struggle to build a community.

45-60 minutes. \$4 per student.



The Haudenosaunee: A "Still" Living History

American Indian Consultant Alice Popp introduces groups to the culture, traditions and history of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois). With items she brings with her, she will bring to life the rich history of these native people.

45-60 minutes. Call for availability.

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Freedom Bound: The Story of Syracuse & the Underground Railroad

During the mid-19th century, Syracusans had mixed feelings on slavery. Some were for it while others were against it. Relive this period of history through the movie experience of the Jerry Rescue. See the "faces of freedom." Learn about abolitionists—the Wanzers & the Loguens—through a sound and light show.

60-90 minutes. \$4 per student.



Add on 1: meet and talk with a "living" character from Syracuse's abolitionist past, Reverend Samuel May (would actually do the entire program). **\$10/class.**

Add on 2: view & discuss documents from this era with Research Center staff.

60 minutes. \$10/class.

“Art”-ifacts: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Can artists affect the course of history? Before photography, artists were hired to commemorate significant events and national figures. Portraits selected from the OHA collection carry clues to be used as a window into history. In many portraits, the items surrounding the subjects were significant. Students will be *visually* taken back into time by showing them a story of history that will enhance the telling of it. Explore & learn about the artist, his subject and the artwork.

60 minutes. \$4 per student.



Those Darn DBQ’S: Using Historical Records in the Classroom

The OHA Research Center houses a wealth of materials relating to Syracuse & Onondaga County history. Through the use of multiple mediums, staff will introduce classes to life in the past. Students will benefit as they learn what documents are and how to interpret, clarify, analyze and evaluate them.

60 minutes. \$4 per student. Can be shortened to accommodate add ons.

Add on 1: Choose a specific medium to explore ie. photographs, genealogy, manuscripts, maps, atlases, directories OR a specific era ie. Civil War, WWI, Women

60 minutes. \$10/class.

Add on 2: Staff Historian, Dennis Connors, introduces “The Civil War: Its Causes from a CNY Perspective,” using primary documents and research from the collection including the underground railroad, the Fugitive Slave law and anti-slavery activity.

60 minutes. \$25/class.

All the above programs support the NYS Curriculum Standards

**Call OHA Education Department
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