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Onondaga Historical Association hosts photo shows of historic Central New York, New York City

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The **Onondaga Historical Association** will host a "Landmark" event 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at 321 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

It is a reception for the opening of "Landmarks of New York," a traveling exhibit of 90 black-and-white photographs of New York City buildings with landmark status by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Featured photos include buildings from the city's five boroughs, including the Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty and the Little Red Lighthouse in Manhattan.

Photographs of Onondaga County landmarks will be a companion exhibit. Dennis Connors, the

OHA's curator of history, has selected more than 20 contemporary and historic photographs of architectural treasures in the county, from an early 19th-century Federal-style church in Pompey to the contemporary Syracuse Center of Excellence.

Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel, author of the book that serves as the basis for the exhibit, "The Landmarks of New York: An Illustrated Record of the City's Historic Buildings," will be a guest at the reception. Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner will host the event.

Diamonstein-Spielvogel served as New York City's first director of cultural affairs, and, since 1995, she has been the chair of the city's Historic Landmarks Preservation Center. She organized the exhibition with the Historic Landmark Preservation Center in cooperation with the New-York Historical Society, Preservation League of New York State and the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and with support from Chase Bank and an anonymous donor.

To make a reservation for the free reception, call Karen at 428-1864, ext. 312.

The exhibit will continue through Jan. 31, 2012, and is free and open to the public. OHA hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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