

In the News:

Fall 2011

Skaneateles Welcomes National Radio Show

Local tourism leaders expanded their efforts to gain national attention for the Finger Lakes region by hosting Peter Greenberg, travel editor for CBS News, for a taping of his nationally syndicated radio show, "Peter Greenberg Worldwide." Greenberg interviewed local residents throughout the Finger Lakes to get a flavor of the region during his radio broadcast at the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles in June. Listen to the broadcast at PeterGreenberg.com. Greenberg's show is heard on more than 400 stations in the U.S. and Puerto Rico and is broadcast weekly from a different location around the world.



Peter Greenberg, travel editor for CBS News.

A Striking Success

The 88-day run of the 2011 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships at the Oncenter Convention Center concluded July 3 as the last of more than 30,000 bowlers took to the lanes. The 2011 Women's Championships drew women from every state to compete in the custom venue, seeking prominence and a share of more than \$2 million in prize money. Competition ran from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m. daily. The deconstruction of the one-of-a-kind venue included volunteers from Syracuse Habitat for Humanity. All salvageable materials were donated and will be used to build five three-bedroom homes in the Syracuse area.



Elephant handlers at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse lead the zoo's Asian elephants to their new 4-acre outdoor habitat.

Visit the Zoo

The Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park held the grand opening of its Asian Elephant Preserve in late June. The exhibit, once a seasonal destination for the zoo's female elephants, will become the permanent home for the entire herd. In addition to the four-acre preserve, the new exhibit includes a 10,000-square-foot barn with a viewing window that will allow zoo visitors to see the elephants' day-to-day activities and care, an experience never before offered at the zoo.

Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park
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www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org

Major Renovations at Onondaga Historical Association

The Onondaga Historical Association, located in downtown Syracuse, held a grand re-opening of its historic 1906 building in July to celebrate the completion of a major renovation and restoration project. In addition to a façade restoration, and infrastructure improvements, the interior of the building has been renovated with a re-design of Onondaga County's only general comprehensive history museum.

At the re-opening, the OHA's beautifully restored street-level windows were unveiled to the public, after being hidden for many decades. Also new at OHA is a permanent exhibit on the history of Onondaga County.

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Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct Receives Prestigious Award

The restored 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct located at the Camillus Erie Canal Park is one of three sites recently honored with an Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence for its outstanding contribution to the National Heritage Corridor. In August 2009, a canal boat crossed over the 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct at the Town of Camillus Erie Canal Park for the first time in 89 years. This simple act marked the culmination of a 40-year effort to save and showcase canal history in Central New York. Camillus Erie Canal Park, located at the midpoint between Albany and Buffalo on the Erie Canalway Trail, offers numerous educational and recreational opportunities while preserving history for all to enjoy. Of 32 aqueducts constructed on the first enlargement of the Erie Canal in the mid-1800s, Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct is the only one that is restored and navigable.

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Bob Asanoma (right) of Liverpool pauses with friend Dave Nash (left) of N. Syracuse to make a photo of the recently restored Nine-Mile Creek Aqueduct while walking at the Camillus Erie Canal Park. This water-filled bridge carries the old Erie Canal over Nine-Mile Creek and is the only working aqueduct in the state.