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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area

American Innovation: Winter Discovery Series 2018

All lectures are free of charge and will be held in the Visitor Center on Saturdays at 1pm.

January 6 th	THE PSYCHIC HIGHWAY: How the Erie Canal Changed America Fascinating accounts of people moving on the Erie Canal and the social movements that came with them.	MICHAEL KEENE Author
January 13 th	1960s MUSIC INNOVATION The set begins by studying the rebirth of interest in folk music popularized by artists such as Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, and the Kingston Trio. The program explores the political climate of the 1960's and the social consciousness of artists.	JEFFREY FISCHER Musician
January 20 th	NATURE IN A NUTSHELL: A Beginner's Guide to Wildlife Photography Learn some wildlife photography basics with John. Join in to discuss cameras, lenses, tripods, photo blinds, and camouflage. John will instruct the audience on how, when, and where to find wildlife to photograph.	JOHN ADAMSKI Photographer
January 27 th	FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT: In a Flick of a Switch Before Thomas Edison there was Samuel Gardiner, once a Livingston County resident, whose inventions helped lay the foundation for modern electrification and technological change.	AMIE ALDEN Livingston County Historian
February 3 rd	THE PITTSBURG, SHAWMUT, AND NORTHERN RAILROAD: Then and Now The railroad may have existed between 1899 - 1947, but much is still left today including some stations, a Historical Society, and a museum with restored railroad cars. Join John to discuss the history of the railroad and how the museum in Angelica obtained the original rolling stock.	JOHN MUCHLER Shawmut Historical Society
February 10 th	BICENTENNIAL ERIE CANAL CELEBRATION Join Craig in commemorating two hundred years of the Erie Canal and learning about all of the incredible engineering, political, and cultural history.	CRAIG BRAACK Allegany County Historian
February 17 th	CHANGE IN THE WATER Join Alex to learn about the evolution of water works in the Genesee Valley and how our communities' growth demanded scalable, systematic approaches of the resource. As population grew, both residents and big industry sought to find water access, treatment, and delivery innovations between use and sanitation.	ALEX PIERCE Local Historian
February 24 th	ALTERNATION, METAMORPHOSIS, UPHEAVAL AND BREAKTHROUGH Typically, we conceive innovation as new technology, but the idea can be applied to the changing of society's or science's concept of the existence of UFOs, cryptids (ie: Bigfoot) or that there is "proof" of extra-terrestrial visitations (ie: building the pyramids).	RICH HAMELL Geologist
March 3 rd	TECHNICAL GENIUS IN THE HOLLY FAMILY: Engineers and Inventors Follow the story of descendants of the Rev. Sylvanus Holly, who in 1816, began part of a typical late-19th Century American migration from New York State towards the Midwest. Through generations, the Holly family's work made major contributions to modern fire-fighting and hydraulic engineering. Learn about how Birdsall Alanson Holly, Jr. earned a number of patents second only to his good friend, Thomas Alva Edison.	STEVE CLARKE Genealogist
March 10 th	THE TRANSITION OF A CANAL TO NEW YORK'S LONGEST LINEAR PARK: Learn the story of the Genesee Valley's historic transportation corridor as it transitions from a 19th century canal, to a railroad and then, a Greenway before becoming New York's newest and longest State Park in 2011.	JOAN SCHUMAKER Local Historian
March 17 th	WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT?: Ten Innovations that Changed Small Town Life (1850-1950) Using the Livingston County towns of Nunda and Portage as examples, local historian Tom Cook examines ten innovations that brought significant change to village and farm life between 1850 and 1950. The talk will include period photographs, diaries, advertisements, stories, and more.	TOM COOK Local Historian
March 24 th	THE IRON HORSE This program will follow the development of R.R. Steam Engine (affectionately known as "The Iron Horse" from the simple first American built steam locomotive called "The Tom Thumb" to the massive 4-8-8-4 articulated coal fired locomotive that went by the name "Big Boy"!!!	MAX SZEMPLENSKI Railroad Historian

Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area Visitor Center is located at 6103 Visitor Center Road
in Mount Morris, NY 14510. For more information call (585) 658-4790.