

MEMORY:

- The mental faculty of retaining and recalling past experiences; the ability to remember; an act or instance of remembrance; a recollection

NOSTALGIA:

- A longing for things, persons, or situations that are not present

RECOLLECTION:

- To recall to mind (from the *Latin*-to gather again)

TRINKETS:

- Any small ornament, such as a piece of jewelry

MUSEUM:

- A place or building in which works of artistic, historical, and scientific value are cared for and exhibited

HISTORY:

- 1) A narrative of events; a story; a chronicle.
2) A chronological record of events, as the life or development of a people, country, or institution

(Ref.) *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*

**LILAC-COLORED GLASSES:**

Keeping with SCHOOL's mission to offer a choice of activities that encourage us to 'create, think, exercise, and socialize', a review of the Spring semester courses listed on the back page shows a wealth of topics to enable people with vast interests to do just such things. Review the area's history through reading and walking the actual landscape and enjoy nature, visit museums to view genuine artifacts and cemeteries to recall those who came before, view the arts, try the crafts, listen to the music, and taste the foods and drinks. These activities seem to be particular favorites among this years' instructors and students.

Everyone's life experiences color the lens through which we now look back, and from which we then paint together a vision for the future. But do we remember things as they were, or as we wish they were? Is our memory clouded with nostalgia? Do we view the past through rose (or lilac) colored glasses? And...why do we collect all that memorabilia or pass through the gift shop for trinkets and souvenirs (or pick up rocks)?

Would our Bio-humanism professor suggest that our evolution from hunter-gatherers compels us to do so, and it merely triggers a positive chemical reaction in our brains? Maybe so, but these experiences somehow become a part of us, and help to shape who we shall yet become.



BRANDEL RAMBLES

Mesa Verde and Pagosa Springs, CO

By Beth Bandel



When my husband retired the beginning of 2020, we said “Let’s see the world!” Oops, COVID-19 hit. We ended up being part-time care-givers for his uncle (95) in CA. We had to be creative with the free time we DID have to travel.

Driving our new Tesla became a passion of his, so we hit the road to see the US and Canada. In Sept, 2022, our drive from Cobleskill to Pebble Beach, CA took us through the Southwest US. Our destinations were Pagosa Springs and Mesa Verde, Colorado, by the 4 Corners of the American SW.



We were totally surprised by the Pagosa Springs hot air balloon fest and their amazing hot springs. Mesa Verde National Park (known for its cliff dwellings of ancestral Pueblos) are designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

To see and hear about the full adventure, there’s still time to sign up for the May 26 ZOOM presentation, if you want to.

MEET A SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR- DR. CYRIL KOZAK

After retiring from a full time medical practice in Delanson, Dr. Cyril Kozak has been able to spend more time pursuing other interests, among which is Orthodox Christian art. He is scheduled to teach a course on this subject during the Spring 2023 semester. How he got to this point is certainly an interesting story:

Dr, Kozak’s great grandfather on his father’s side was a tailor in Russia who came to America through Ellis Island in 1907 and lived in Wilkesbarre, PA. His grandfather was also a tailor. His father was a Russian Orthodox priest. Cy grew up in that church, which became the Orthodox Church of America in 1970, and he has remained active with the church.

It seems to him that he always had an interest in art. He had lessons in drawing and oil painting starting at the age of 11. Of course, he did not have adequate time while pursuing his career in medicine and having a family, and now looks forward to spending time again with more artistic endeavors while retired. Christian art in the form of iconography is integral with church worship and home prayer. He has a special interest in iconography and will delve into the subject during his talk for SCHOOL on Friday, May 5, 2023.



So far, according to Cy, retirement ‘feels great’. He can slow down and pursue hobbies or even household chores in a more relaxed way. His hobbies include music (trumpet, guitar, and singing in the church), art (drawing and oil painting), sailing, hiking, and canoeing. He doesn’t expect to be bored at all.

REFLECTIONS ON AN ADVENTURE FROM LAST SEMESTER:

Dairy Farming Then and Now

By: Heather Johnson

Most of us grew up with farms dotting the county. Typically, a family owned around 100 acres and milked 20 to 40 cows. They probably milked each cow with a milking machine, poured it into pail, strained it into a milk can before it was cooled in a large vat that held chilled water. The milk was carried to a "dairy" that pasteurized and homogenized the milk before making it into related products or just bottling it.

Back then we heard about the forecasted end of the "family farm," but that seemed impossible. If you didn't live that life, you knew many who did, and what would life be without all the families working those farms?

It was fascinating to see dairy farming on a totally different scale when we visited Dykeman Brothers' Farm, near Fultonville, and heard Ray Dykeman speak to us about the many aspects of his successful operation. In the process we learned so much about his philosophy and his fondness of and pride in his lifestyle.

They milk 1340 cows and produce 125,000 pounds of milk a day. That means each cow must produce around 95 pounds a day! Milking takes place as the cows ride a rotary (merry-go-round) and the milk goes into bulk tanks to cool. Tractor trailers transport the milk to huge dairies. The milk and milk products are marketed widely in the Northeast.



They crop 1500 acres of their own land, plus another 1500 of rented land. Grain mixtures are added to the carefully monitored nutritional program.

Calves are selected to raise from high-producing cows following an artificial insemination process. They are fed from milk produced on the farm instead of the usual reconstituted dried milk replacer. A specialist monitors the growth and health of the calves.

Needless to say, many people are needed to accomplish the work. About half are local employees and another half are of Latin origins.

His greatest concern currently, is the inordinate cost of doing business in New York. He is exploring options to remediate this issue. He has become involved politically and he is seeking other ways to use his land, including solar panel instillation.

The most poignant moment for me was as he was walking me to my car. He said, "I love cows!".



More Upcoming Lectures: Gone But Not Forgotten-

By Karen Cuccinello 2023

1) Johnson's Restaurant and Motel in Summit

Andy and Vickie Johnson bought almost 300 acres of land on Summit Lake from Earl Tinkelpaugh in 1957 and opened their establishment in 1962.



James Andrew "Andy" Johnson was born 1924 in Charleston County, SC, one of at least 18 siblings. While serving in the Army in Germany he met Victorine "Vickie" Neiring of Belgium. They got married in Belgium in 1946 and came to the USA with the clothes on their back and eventually opened two restaurants in Harlem. They built their restaurant in Summit while working at their NYC restaurants. Andy sadly died in 1974 and Vickie continued the business until it burned down in 1989.

2) Bohringer Orchard in Fultonham

The Bohringer patriarch that ended up in the Town of Fulton, in the hamlets of Patria then Watsonville, first arrived in the USA from Germany in 1905.

Fiedrich "Fred" Bohringer was born October 18, 1886 in Endersbach, Waiblingen, Wurttemberg, Deutschland and sailed on the SS Kaiser Wilhelm II from Bremen on August 29, 1905 and landed in NYC September 5, 1905. He married Elsa "Elsie" Gertrude Moeller about 1911, moved to Schoharie County about two years later and had five children. They first farmed in Patria then bought the apple orchard that you know of today on Rte 30 in 1930. Fred's son Bob and wife Marge carried on the business until the time of their death in 1999.



More Experiences and People or Places Studied or Visited in Prior Semesters



Waterfalls in the Woods



Clarissa of Tribes Hill



On the USS Slater



Cemetery Walk



Sir William Johnson

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ARTS-CRAFTS-GAMES

- Orthodox Christianity Art
- Novice Watercolor Painting, By a Novice
- Try your hand at playing the Accordion.
- Live Irish Music
- Sing Your Way to Happiness
- BARN QUILTS: Folk Art to Modern Obsession
- Confident Beginners' Quilt Class
- Mahjongg
- Play Bridge
- Coin collecting
- Intro to Art Journaling
- Dotting and Clay Fun
- Clay and Glass Gifts
- What's it Like to Write a Book?
- Puerto Rican Cooking a la Cocine Connigo

GARDENING AND PLANTS

- How To Create Jaw-dropping, Traffic-Stopping, Get Your Neighbors Talking Gardens!
- Starting your Garden
- Master Gardener-Guided CCE Garden & Composting Tour
- SUNY Greenhouse Tour with Chris Cash
- Spring Woodland Garden Walk with Chris Cash

ART AND HISTORY

- Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library Tour
- NYS Museum
- Albany Institute of History and Art
- Fenimore Art Museum (and Cafe)

HISTORY: LOCAL / NATIONAL / WORLD

- Jefferson Cemetery tour
- American Political Thought
- Guided Walking Tour - Cobleskill Battlefield
- Iroquois Museum Tour(s)
- Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stamford
- Bohringer's
- Johnson's Restaurant Motel
- The Korean Armistice and Aftermath
- Researching Your Family History
- Profiles in Courage
- Book Talk - Skohere and the Birth of New York's Western Frontier 1607 - 1731, Volumes I and II
- NYS Lore – Selected Readings of Carl Carmer

HISTORY AND FOOD

- The Bull's Head Inn- Venue Reimagined
- The Olde Tater Barn - History and Lunch

SCIENCE

- Bio-Humanism 2
- Mindfulness and Meditation
- Food & Health, You Are What You Eat
- Functional Integrated Training
- Dr. Talk
- Your Skin
- If Your Legs Are Giving You Problems
- Staying Safe at Home as We Age
- Birding How-To
- Journey of the Schoharie Creek
- Intro to Equine Energy Parts 1 and 2
- Dragonflies and Damselflies
- Smartphone Savvy- Android
- Smartphone Savvy- Iphone
- Google Sheets Basics
- Libby for Overdrive

HIKES AND TOURS

- Wildflower Walk
- Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve - Guided Hike
- Mohawk Hudson Bikeway/Walkway
- Schoharie Crossing Tour and Hike
- Dutch Settlement Cemetery w/ Pinksters
- Hummingbird Hills Winery Tour and Tasting

VICARIOUS VOYAGES

- European Vacation 2022 with a Twist
- Southwest US 2022 Mesa Verde and more
- Saudi Arabia
- San Romedio - A Sanctuary on a Cliff
- The Many Fires of Sharon Springs
- The Adler Hotel – From Heyday to Present Day

SHOWS AND THEATER

- Middays in May Movie Matinees
- Sixties Spectacular at Proctors
- Hamilton at Proctors
- Lion King at Proctors

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