

Rivers Run

Cottage Connections

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Osher Lifelong Learning Center

585-292-8989

12:15 - 1:30 PM

April 18 - From the Navy to the News: Finding Self Confidence through Chaos; Christian Garzone, Marketing/Communications at Veterans' Outreach Center and Former WROC TV Reporter; In 2004 Christian left a small village to embark on an adventure of service. Bullied relentlessly as a child, with low self-esteem and a constant day dreamer, he took a journey to find purpose and videotape the world. Finding himself and his voice led him to shatter his silence. He will be telling the stories about what he had learned as he travelled through 30+ countries..... during some of the most challenging times in recent history.

April 25 - Ice on Fire; Stasa Puskari, Environmental Science Professor; RIT Croatia Campus; Stasa is researching a way to stave off the escalating global warming crisis. As featured in the HBO documentary *Ice on Fire*, his team is working to leverage marine snow, a shower of organic material falling from upper waters to the deep ocean, in order to reduce carbon in the Earth's atmosphere. Marine snow acts as a biological pump effectively removing carbon from the living carbon cycle to nonliving, geological reservoirs.



Third Monday of each
Month, 6:30 PM
For more information
Contact Jim Galvin

April's book is
"The Underground River"
By Martha Conway



REMINDER

Woman's Luncheon
1:00 PM @ Pane Vino 3/29
Tsingtao House 4/26

For more information
Contact Claire Gnazzo

THE CHILI DINNER

Sorry, I forgot to take any pictures of the Chili dinner the social club held on February 29, but I will report that it was a very pleasant event. The chili (with all the accoutrements that get served with it), the bread, and the brownies were ridiculously delicious! And it was good to see people socializing. We needed that on a cold February day.

A special thanks to those who made the chili and those that helped setting and cleaning up.



Pane Vino

3400 Monroe Ave., Pittsford
585-586-7000

The March 29 woman's luncheon is being held at Pino Vino in Pittsford. They offer the finest traditional dishes infused with modern touches. You will enjoy a wide variety of unrivaled Italian dishes as well as the finest steaks, chops, and seafood.

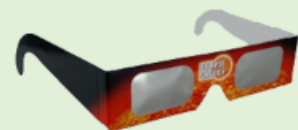
On April 26 the luncheon will be held at Tsingtao House on W. Henrietta Rd. This Chinese restaurant is known for its variety in taste and high quality fresh ingredients.

Please be sure to let Claire Gnazzo know if you plan to attend so she can make the appropriate reservations. She can be reached at 585-287-6009 or 631-478-9688.

ECLIPSE - APRIL 8

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR GLASSES!

Come join your RR friends for the viewing. We are planning to meet at the gazebo in front of the apartments around 3:00 PM, with a total eclipse happening approximately at 3:15 PM.



Caws & Claws

What's with those black birds that make that awful "cawing" sound? Well, believe it or not, they're smarter than you think. Here are some facts I learned about them.

They can actually recognize faces and even can hold a grudge against someone who they feel has done them harm.

Crows have excellent collaborative and communications skills. In addition to their caws, they have noises such as rattling, clicking, and bell-lick sounds plus non-vocal communication. Sometimes they even imitate other birds.

They might be as smart as great apes. Crows can demonstrate self-awareness, capacity for learning, and problem solving as well.

Close-knit family relationships are part of their life. For example, when one dies the others will mob the body in large, loud gatherings --- then silently depart.

They love to play and have been seen using plastic lids to slide down snowy roofs. Another example is that you can find them playing fetch with dogs or provoking fights between cats, becoming enthusiastic viewers when the violence starts.

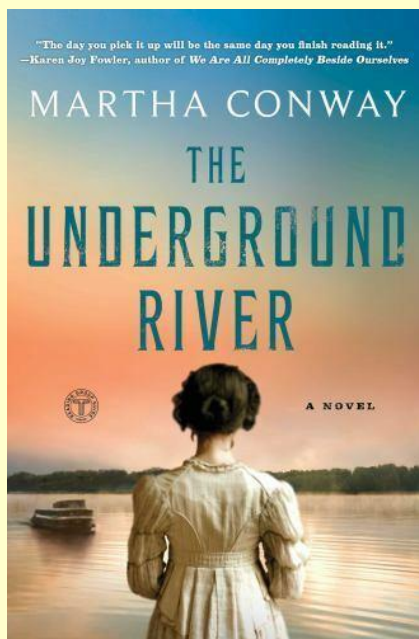
Lastly, although their normal life span in the wild is 7-10 years, in captivity as a pet, they have been known to live 25+ years.



BOOK CLUB



The RR Book Club meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM to discuss the current book selection. You can either attend in person at cottage 1203 or join the group via Zoom depending on individual comfort level or distance from Rivers Run. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Contact Jim or Charline Galvin at 585-270-8145 and let them know if you want to be included.



“The Underground River” takes place in 1838 and is a story of a charming frank and naïve seamstress, May Bedloe, who works for her cousin, a famous actress --- until their steamboat sinks in the Ohio River. Although they both survive, they both must find new employment. May is blackmailed into saving runaways on the Underground Railroad. Jeopardized is her freedom, her livelihood, and a new love.

The social club has decided it's time to get outside and start enjoying the fresh air. We have been planning events for when warm weather is upon us, and we will begin by a casual walk. Every Thursday at 11:00 AM we will be meeting at the Cove gazebo and walk around the community. Nothing too strenuous and you can quit whenever you want but it's at least a starting point.



Come join us!

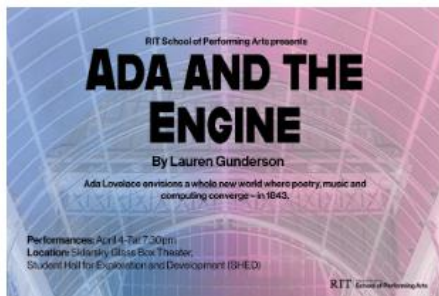


April 27, 2024 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
30 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester 14623

Imagine RIT: Creativity and Innovation Festival is a campus-wide event that showcases the creative and innovative spirit of RIT students, faculty, and staff. Visitors of all ages experience the breadth and depth of RIT through interactive presentations, hands-on demonstrations, exhibitions, performing arts, and research projects set up throughout the campus. It is FREE and open to the public.

Be sure to stop by a Welcome Center on your way in from the parking lots or after the shuttle drops you off. This is where you will pick up a festival program and may also ask questions of our volunteers. The centers will be located at the edge of all the major parking lots on campus and at the shuttle drop-off location.

The RIT Campus also has several performances you can attend, at an extremely reasonable cost. You can purchase tickets by going to RITtickets.com. Below is what they offer in April:



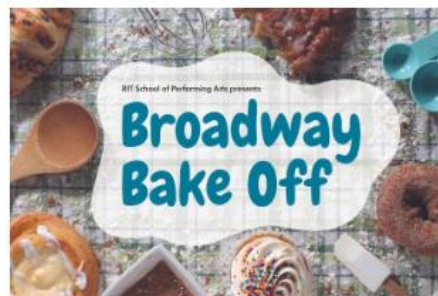
April 4-7



April 12-14



April 19-21



April 27 at Imagine RIT

Facts About the Moon

Since our MOON is such a predominant topic this year, I thought it might be appropriate and interesting to pass along a few facts about it.

1. **The moon is bigger than Pluto.** For some reason, we have been led to assume that Pluto is a very large planet. However, in actuality, Pluto has a radius of 715 miles while our Moon has a radius of about 1080 miles.
2. **It is 27% the size of Earth.** At more than $\frac{1}{4}$ the size of Earth, our Moon is by far the biggest when compared to its planet. For the sake of comparison, if the Earth was the size of a nickel, the Moon would be the size of a coffee bean.
3. **It helps stabilize the Earth.** The moon's large mass helps keep the earth from tilting too quickly, preventing the kind of wobbles that created dramatic climate conditions on Mars.
4. **The "Moon is Made of Cheese" myth has been around for hundreds of years.** Its origins lie in various folktales passed down in many cultures' oral traditions.
5. **Twelve people have walked on the Moon.** In 1969 Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were the first 2 astronauts to walk on the Moon, but that was just the first of many crewed lunar landings.
6. **Scientists think a collision of 3 planets created the Earth and the Moon.** It is believed that about 4.5 billion years ago, a planet the size of Mars crashed into the Earth, knocking loose debris from both bodies,
7. **The "Man in the Moon" comes from lunar seas.** There are many lunar seas, along with brighter lunar highlands that make up the "face" that some people in the Northern Hemisphere see on the surface of the Moon.

RR SOCIAL CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS!

We have an addition to our social committee!!!!

Please welcome Shirley Reed to our committee. We look forward to her valuable input and enthusiasm in helping to plan activities for our Rivers Run residents.

I also want to take the time to express my thoughts about the loss of our Cottage Connection photographer. I didn't know Bob Lindholm for very long but in those few months of me living here, I came to realize what a great gentleman he was and a terrific person at heart. We will miss him.



Our Craft and Chat club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Cove room from 1-3 PM. However, on April 23 we are planning a Kentucky Derby hat decorating session. Feel free to join us! Bring an old hat, some feathers, flowers, ribbons, etc. and anything else you think would look good on an extravagantly decorated derby hat. You can find an assortment of appropriate items at our local dollar or discount stores. We will provide some items as well as a few glue guns. If you have any "crafty" stuff packed away, bring it to share with others.

Please let Shirley Reed know if you are interested in participating. She can be reached at reed9166@gmail.com.



COMING ATTRACTIONS!



It is soon time to get some fresh air, reunite with your neighbors and enjoy a "Happy Hour" on one Friday evening in April. Whet your appetite and stay tuned for more information.

Rio Tomatlan
Thursday, April 18



Located in Canandaigua, the Rio Tomatlan prides themselves in serving authentic coast to coast Mexican cuisine prepared with the freshest, locally, and seasonally grown ingredients. Their cheeses come from a family in Michuacan, Mexico and their tortillas are made fresh on Monday and delivered to the Rio on Tuesday.

We plan to carpool from here, leaving at 3:00 PM. Please contact Marilyn Carlson at 585-235-0935 if you are interested in attending.



Orchid Show
April 26-28

The Genesee Region Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show and Sale is being held April 26 - 28, 2024 at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.

The GROS held its first Orchid Show in April of 1969 at the Garden Center of Rochester. Their spring shows have been held annually in various locations since that time.

A promotional poster for the Genesee Region Orchid Society's Orchid Show & Sale. The poster features a large, vibrant purple orchid in the center. The text is arranged around the orchid, providing details about the event. At the top, it says "Genesee Region Orchid Society". Below the orchid, the event dates "April 26-28, 2024" are listed, along with the times for each day: "Friday 1-5pm", "Saturday 10am-5pm", and "Sunday 10am-4pm". The title "Orchid Show & Sale" is prominently displayed in a stylized font. At the bottom, the location "RMSC Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607" is provided, along with the website "geneseeorchid.org" and a QR code for more information. The poster also lists ticket prices: "Adults \$10", "Students with ID \$5", and "Children under 12 free".

APRIL 2024 Cottage Calendar

- **4/8, MONDAY, Solar Eclipse, 3-4 PM;** gathering by the Cove Gazebo
- **4/9, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at Cove
- **4/10, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM – Peppermints Restaurant
- **4/15, MONDAY, Book Club:** 6:30 PM – Cottage 1203; Contact Jim Galvin 585-270-8145; *The Underground River* by Martha Conway
- **4/18, THURSDAY,** Community dinner a Rio Tomatlan in Canandaigua; 3:00 PM; Contact Marilyn Carlson 585-235-0935
- **4/23, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM - at the Cove; Kentucky Derby hat decorating; Contact Shirley Reed
- **4/26, FRIDAY, Ladies Lunch:** 1:00 PM; Tsingtao House
Contact Claire Gnazzo 585-287-6009
- **4/27, WEDNESDAY, Imagine RIT; Free,** 10 AM – 5 PM
- **4/26-28 FRIDAY-SUNDAY; Orchid Show** at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, Eisenhart Auditorium



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