

History Happenings | August 2023

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Last Month at The History Center...

We had a wonderful crowd of over 200 people come through on July 12th to [celebrate the exhibit opening of 'Celebrating our 20th Swim: Women Swimmin' for Hospicare'](#). The atrium exhibit pulls together 20 years of memorabilia, including swim caps, t-shirts, and many memories from the swimmers and paddlers!

The event was graced with a wonderful performance from the Yardvarks, the band who plays at sunrise each year to guide the swimmers to shore, as well as food from Word of Mouth Catering.

This exhibit will be on display in the atrium of the Tompkins Center for History & Culture through October 2023. Stop by M-Saturday 10am-5pm.

Our thanks and congratulations to the display team: Lorraine Heasley, Linda Mikula, Judy Stewart, Bonni Boyland, and Sara Worden, as well as Image Press and The History Center for their support in the digital aspects of the exhibit design.





UPCOMING EVENTS



Exhibit OPENING for '[Genderqueer Pioneers: The Lavender Hill Legacy](#)' at The Cherry Arts Gallery - Friday August 4th 5-8pm. On display through September 17th.

The History Center Exhibit Hall will BE CLOSED for Gallery Night.

Wednesday-Saturday -

[EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN!](#)

10am-5pm - [Hours & Safety Guidelines](#)

[ON DISPLAY - Knot Sew](#)

[Fast: Patchwork of](#)

[Tompkins County](#) at The

History Center Exhibit Hall.

Exhibit will be on display

February-December 2023.

['Genderqueer Pioneers:](#)

[The Lavender Hill Legacy'](#)

exhibit on display at The

Cherry Artspace August

4th-September 17th

Women Swimmin' 20th -

See How Far We've Swum

- on display in the Tompkins

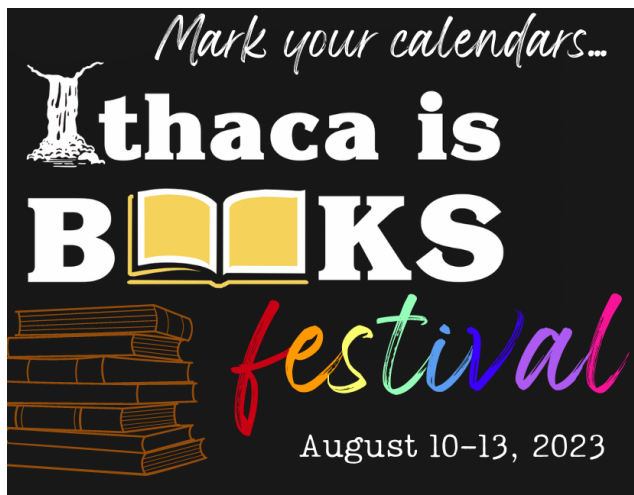
Atrium July - October 2023.

Fri - August 4th- 5-

8pm - [Gallery Night](#) - Join

us for Gallery Night exhibit

opening of '[Genderqueer](#)



Community Education Programming from
THE HISTORY CENTER IN TOMPKINS COUNTY

Paint a Barn Quilt!

Looking for a fun and creative activity that brings a touch of charm to your home, barn, shed, porch or garden?

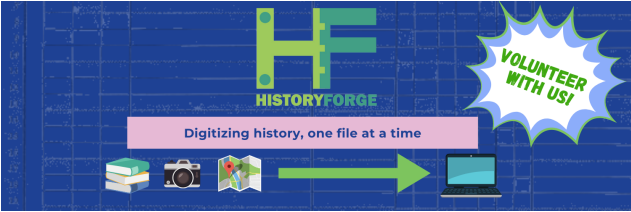
**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30TH
 10AM-5PM - CLASS FEE \$75-100**

11th Hour Barn Quilts will be teaching a **barn quilt painting class in downtown Ithaca** this August! Led by Marie Warda from 11th Hour Barn Quilts. Marie is an experienced quilter, crafter and barn quilt artist. She has taught quilt classes at a national conference, instructed children ages 8-12 with beginner sewing lessons, and most recently is providing workshops on barn quilt artistry. Marie currently has a barn quilt hanging in a gallery in Rochester NY and is part of a national barn quilt competition in North Carolina. Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced crafter, 11th Hour Barn Quilts will guide you to create a **one-of-a-kind piece of art that reflects your own personal style and taste.**



TOMPKINS Center for History & Culture
CAP ArtSpace Gallery - 1st Floor
 110 N. Tioga St., Ithaca NY 14850
In "Bank Alley" on the Ithaca Commons

*This class is limited, **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** at thehistorycenter.net/events. Please contact community@thehistorycenter.net with accessibility requests or questions.*



Come to one of our [twice-monthly transcription sessions](#) and help preserve history! Explore the work completed so far at

[Pioneers: The Lavender Hill Legacy'](#) exhibit on display at The Cherry Artspace from 5-8pm (130 Cherry St), [The History Center will BE CLOSED](#) for Gallery Night.

Sat - August 5th & 19th - Tompkins [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center.

August 10th-13th - [Ithaca is Books Festival!](#) (Events across Ithaca)

Sun - August 13th - Firebrand Books Panel & Discussion @ CAP ArtSpace - DETAILS TBA

Weds - August 30th - [Barn Quilt Painting Workshop w/ Marie Warda](#) @ CAP ArtSpace 10AM-5PM - [Registration Required \(Fee\)](#)

SAVE THE DATE

- **September - the ['Women of Influence - Each Block a Story'](#)** quilt on loan from the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum will be returned, and a new quilt will join us on display for the remainder of the [Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County](#) exhibit.

THE HISTORY CENTER IN TOMPKINS COUNTY
presents

BOOK TALK



Unionizing the Ivory Tower

Cornell Workers' Fifteen-Year Fight for Justice and a Living Wage

AL DAVIDOFF

Al Davidoff, the Cornell student leader who became a custodian and the union's first president, tells the extraordinary story of these ordinary workers with passion, sensitivity, and wit.

Following the lecture author will have copies of the book available for sale and signing.

- 9/6 - [Book Talk: Unionizing the Ivory Tower](#) w/ Al Davidoff
- 9/16 - [Sweetgrass & Splint Star Workshop](#) w/ Penny Minner
- 9/23 - [Oral History Quilt Griot Program](#) w/ Leonora Mims
- 9/23-9/24 - [Traverse Tompkins: Building Bridges](#)
- 10/7 - [Private Quilt Appraisal](#) w/ Cathy Klimaszewski

Wednesday September 6th - 5:30-6:30pm



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This event is FREE and open to the public. Contact Zoë Van Nostrand at community@thehistorycenter.net with any questions.



Join us for Traverse Tompkins this September!

If you've been amazed by our director Ben Sandberg's 24-hour Traverse Tompkins cycling feats over the last three years, this year we're inviting all of you to join us!

The basic premise is simple - how many miles can you bike, run, paddle, or travel in a 24-hour period? Join us for a kick-off breakfast on Saturday, September 23rd, and then set off and explore the many different bridges across our community. Compete against other travelers for the most miles traveled - or simply explore at your pace and style! Find out more on our campaign site: charity.pledgeit.org/BuildingBridges



This year we're exploring ***unique and historic bridge history*** across Tompkins County! Contact director@thehistorycenter.net to learn more and get involved!

Ithaca Youth Bureau - 75h Anniversary IPLAY Bingo!

The Ithaca Youth Bureau is excited to launch an anniversary campaign in 2023 celebrating 75 years of serving the youth and families of Ithaca and Tompkins County.

The Youth Bureau is celebrating this milestone throughout the year with several activities for the community to participate in.

IPLAY Bingo - We've put a YB twist on the beloved game of Bingo. Each month (May, June, July, and August) we'll launch a new Bingo card that the community can use to help them participate in YB-related activities around Ithaca. There are a variety of activities, and each card has at least one row, column, or diagonal that is completely free and inclusive for people of all abilities. Turn in your bingo card at the YB for a chance to win prizes. Be sure to read the [instructions](#) on how to play IPLAY Bingo.



The graphic is a promotional card for the Ithaca Youth Bureau's 75th Anniversary IPLAY Bingo. It features a red border and a blue background. At the top left, the text reads "ITHACA YOUTH BUREAU 75th Anniversary" in red and white. Below this, a paragraph encourages participation in fun activities and learning about the bureau's history. To the right is the Ithaca Youth Bureau logo, which includes a stylized figure and the text "Ithaca Youth Bureau" and "75 YEARS IYB". In the center, the word "IPLAY" is written in large, white, spaced-out letters above a 2x5 grid of empty boxes. At the bottom, the text "75th Anniversary IPLAY Bingo" is written in large white letters on a blue background.

ITHACA YOUTH BUREAU
75th Anniversary

We want to encourage you to participate in fun activities and learn more about the Youth Bureau; 75 years is a long time to make a lot of history! Play our version of BINGO and submit your card to the Youth Bureau front office to be entered into a raffle to win great prizes!

I P L A Y

75th Anniversary
IPLAY Bingo

'Exhibit Opening @ The Cherry Gallery - 'Genderqueer Pioneers: The Lavender Hill Legacy'



[Opening reception Fri Aug 4 from 5-7pm.](#)

In 1973, a brave group of big city homosexuals left the disparaging metropolis and bought a piece of land together out in Danby. They built shelters, they planted gardens, and they partied. A lot. They called themselves the Lavender Hill Collective.

So much has changed since 1973. What used to be unspoken – and even censured! – about gender identity is now part of everyday vocabulary and culture. Reverence for the earth and home-grown food is as mainstream as “supermarkets” and more idealized than “convenience.” Communities of makers, maker spaces, and other artist groups sustain and unite us as politics urges us to split apart.

With this exhibition, we celebrate the Lavender Hill collective as pioneering genderqueer artists. Along with art made by members of the collective, we are also showing some contemporary pieces that channel the Lavender Hill legacy. After the commune itself ended, their openness to love and adventure, land and community endures.

This exhibition is co-presented by [The Cherry Arts, History Center in Tompkins County](#) and curated by Judy Swann and Laurence Clarkberg. It is part of the [Seeing Ithaca](#), for which 10 local galleries are exhibiting works showcasing interpretations of Ithaca.

The Cherry Gallery, 130 Cherry St, Ithaca NY

On display weekends 1-5pm August 4th-September 17th.

****NEW LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS****

[Ithaca Area Bookstores - Two Hundred Years of Bookstore History in Tompkins County](#)

[1819-2019](#) by Sharon K. Yntema, - "In the very early days of Tompkins County, there were general

stores that sold books in one corner of the store but carried all the other kinds of goods new settlers in an area might need as well—food, clothing, raw materials, whiskey etc. ... In my research I found reference to ninety-six stores that sold books in Tompkins County in the 200-year period between 1819 and 2019. The future of bookstores in Ithaca and Tompkins County is unknown in the long range, but for now, Ithaca continues to live up to the phrase coined by Buffalo Street Books: ITHACA IS BOOKS!

[PURCHASE HERE](#)

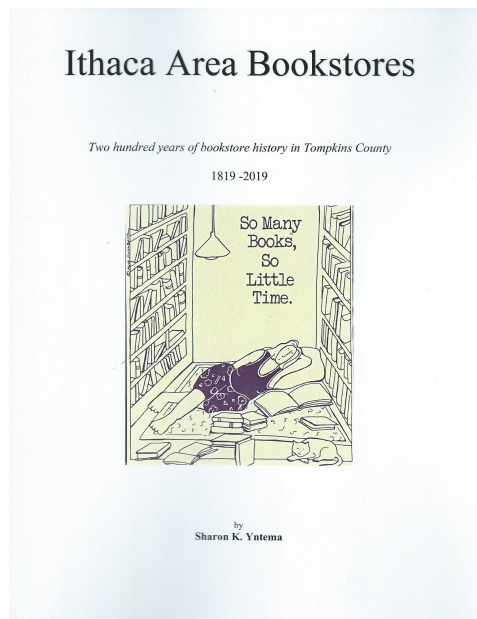
[Unionizing the Ivory Tower: Cornell Workers' Fifteen-Year Fight for Justice and a Living Wage](#)

chronicles how a thousand low-paid custodians, cooks, and gardeners succeeded in organizing a union at Cornell University. Al Davidoff, the Cornell student leader who became a custodian and the union's first president, tells the extraordinary story of these ordinary workers with passion, sensitivity, and wit.

His memoir reveals how they took on the dominant power in the community, built a strong organization, and waged multiple strikes and campaigns for livable wages and their dignity. Their strategies and tactics were creative and feisty, founded on worker participation and ownership.

The union's commitment to fairness, equity, and economic justice also engaged these workers—mostly rural, white, and conservative—at the intersections of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. Davidoff's story demonstrates how a fighting union can activate today's working class to oppose antidemocratic and white supremacist forces.

[PURCHASE HERE](#)



"Required reading."—Rebecca S. Pringle, President, National Education Association

Unionizing the Ivory Tower

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AL DAVIDOFF

[Tompkins County Historical Commission](#)

[- Gayogohó:nə? Signs Added to "Cayuga Street" in Ithaca, Trumansburg, & Groton](#)

While out walking or driving in Tompkins County in recent weeks you may have noticed [new](#)



[purple signs spelling out "Gayogohó:nə?"](#) (pronounced Guy-uh-KOH-no) beneath the Cayuga St. signs in Ithaca, Trumansburg, and Groton. Gayogohó:nə? is the non-anglicized pronunciation of "Cayuga", what the Indigenous peoples of Tompkins County have called themselves for millennia. There has been a growing effort among historical groups across Tompkins County to shift away from the outdated term of Iroquois to Haudenosaunee, and in recent years from "Cayuga Indians" to Gayogohó:nə? to respect the language,

culture, and people that pre-date Euro-colonial settlement in the region we now call Tompkins County.

The street sign project was a multi-year collaboration of the Tompkins County Historical Commission, which is a coalition of various community groups, non-profits, individuals, and municipal entities which formed in 2017 to celebrate Tompkins County's bicentennial.

The History Center was one collaborator involved in the project, and we have been on our own internal path of improving awareness and representation of the Indigenous history of our region through our exhibits, events, programming, and consistent use and education around our use of Gayogohó:nə? vs. Cayuga. Learn more about the terms, spellings, and pronunciation currently in use by Indigenous language keepers here: [The History Center in Tompkins County - Land Acknowledgement](#).

- [Cayuga Language Presentation at The History Center in Tompkins County](#) - May 12th 2018 - Stephen Henhawk (*Cayuga*) - 1:16:08
- [Destroyed, Forgotten, Never Noted: Ithaca's Hidden Indigenous History](#) - September 19th 2015 - Professor Kurt Jordan, PhD Associate Professor of Anthropology & American Indian Studies at Cornell University

[OTHER LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & UPDATES](#)

Historic Ithaca to offer [four FREE walk & talks in Brooktondale & Caroline](#) in August.

Newfield Historical Society to [host living history impressionist Ken Serfass on August 18th at 6:30pm in the Newfield Fire Hall](#). NHS opened a new exhibit 'Newfield History & Heritage' on July 7th in the Newfield History & Activity Center.

The [Ithaca Farmers Market throwing 50th anniversary fundraiser](#) on August 17th.

LOCAL HISTORY READS

- [No plans to close Downtown Ithaca's iconic Chanticleer, say owners](#) - 14850.com - 7/24/2023
- [50 years of I.M. Pei's window to the world](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 7/19/2023
- [Missing Beebe Lake this Summer? Dive into some fascinating facts!](#) -Cornellians 7/14/2023
- [A lesbian press' historic recognition is stalled by the Twelve Tribes](#) - The Ithaca Voice - 7/17/2023
- [County Honors Gayogohó:nq? with Street Signs](#) - The Ithaca Times - 7/13/2023
- [Don Rakow Retires after 38 Years of Service to Public Gardens](#) - American Public Gardens Association
- [Though local culinary impact remains, the Lams bid farewell to the restaurant business](#) - The Ithaca Voice - 7/14/2023
- [How an anonymous tip helped solve a 36-year old murder in Ithaca](#) - 7/5/2023
- [Celebrating 10 years of partnership: past, present, and future](#) (Cayuga Nature Center) - Tompkins Weekly - 7/5/2023
- [To Do the Greatest Good: An origin story](#) - Cornell University - 6/26/2023
- [The 25 Most Influential Works of Postwar Queer Literature](#) - New York Times - 6/22/2023
- [Celebrating 70 years...and still counting](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 6/21/2023

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