



Jemima Wilkinson's House

The Yates County History Center, founded in 1860, is the fourth oldest historical society in the State of New York. Comprised of the Oliver House, the L. Caroline Underwood Museum, and the Scherer Carriage House, we preserve and interpret the history and culture of Yates County, New York.

Born **Jemima Wilkinson** in 1758 in Cumberland, Rhode Island, she broke with her Quaker faith and took the name Public Universal Friend in 1776. With the foundation of her new sect, she and her followers moved in Pennsylvania and established a following. In 1788, some of her followers arrived in present-day Yates County, where they were the first white settlers, building mills along the Keuka Outlet. Establishing an amicable relationship with local Native Americans, taking in runaway slaves, and giving leadership roles in her sect to women, the Public Universal Friend predated progressive movements that would later blossom in the Finger Lakes Region.

The Public Universal Friend died July 1, 1819, in her home in Jerusalem, Yates County, New York. The Friend is recognized as the first American woman to establish a religious sect.

Please join us for a celebration of women's history.

Registration is limited to **40 people**, so promptly mail in your registration and payment by **MAY 15, 2019!**

Conference fee: \$95

Lodging is also available at:

- Los Gatos Bed and Breakfast
- Finger Lakes Bed and Breakfast at Hutton Farm
- Steamboat Castle Bed and Breakfast
- Wagener Estate Bed and Breakfast
- Best Western (Penn Yan)
- Microtel Inns and Suites (Penn Yan)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Hampton Inn** in Penn Yan for the conference. Please book by **May 28th** to ensure a reservation and the special conference fee of **\$169.00**. Please mention the conference when booking.

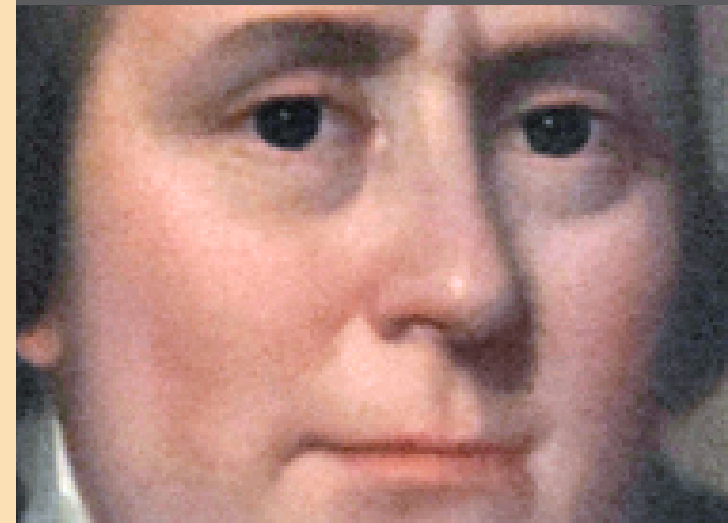
Please see the Yates County Chamber of Commerce website: **www.yatesny.com** for additional options.



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Speak to the Light: Two Centuries of Women's History in the Finger Lakes

Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the death of Jemima Wilkinson, the Public Universal Friend, with a celebration of women's history.



June 28-29, 2019

Penn Yan, New York

Underwritten in part by generous grants from Yates County Tourism Advisory Committee and the Nelson B. Delevan Foundation



“As influential, in her own way, as Thomas Paine.” - Mitch Horowitz

Schedule

Friday, June 28

9:00 - 9:45 Registration at Hampton Inn, Penn Yan

- Welcome by **Tricia Noel**, Executive Director/Curator
- **Anita Gaston** as the Public Universal Friend
- **Dr. Paul Moyer**, professor of history at SUNY Brockport and author of *The Public Universal Friend*, on the life of Jemima Wilkinson
- **Dr. Melinda Grube**, lecturer in history at Cayuga Community College, on Lucretia Mott and the influence of progressive Quaker women on the women's rights movement

12:00 - 1:15 Lunch/Bookshop A hot lunch will be provided in the hotel (*included in conference fee*). Books on the Public Universal Friend and Yates County history will be available for purchase.

- 1:15 - 5:00** **Dr. Jenny Lloyd**, faculty emerita in the Department of History at SUNY Brockport, on Antoinette Brown Blackwell, first ordained female minister in the United States
- **TBA** Speaker from Ganondagan State Historic Site on the influence of Haudenosaunee culture on the women's rights movement
 - **Marjory Allen Perez**, former Wayne County (NY) Historian and author of *Last Stop, Freedom!* and *Freedom: A Shared Sacrifice*, on women involved in the Underground Railroad

- **Peter Evans**, Wayne County (NY) Historian, on the Fox Sisters, Spiritualism, and its effect on the women's rights movement

6:00 Arrival at Top of the Lake for banquet

6:30 Dinner served



7:30-8:30 Keynote speech: Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner

Speaks on her anthology *Women's Suffrage*. One of the first American woman to receive a PhD in Women's Studies, Dr. Wagner is the Founder and Executive Director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center for Social Justice Dialogue in Fayetteville, New York.

Saturday, June 29

11:00-12:00 Open House at **Yates County History Center** to view permanent exhibit on Public Universal Friend

12:00-1:00 Lunch at Yates County History Center by Keuka Restaurant (*included in conference fee*)

1:00-4:00 **Bus Tour** of historic sites of Yates County (*included in conference fee*)

NOTE: Each session will be followed by a 15 minute break or a chance to ask questions

Registration Form

Speak to the Light: Two Centuries of Women's History in the Finger Lakes June 28-29, 2019 Penn Yan, New York

Conference Fee: \$95 (per person)

Name(s):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Payment: Make checks payable to Yates County History Center.

Mail checks or money orders to: Yates County History Center - 107 Chapel Street Penn Yan, New York 14527

To pay with a credit card, please call **(315) 536-7318**
Registration deadline: May 15, 2019

