



Friends of the Three Bears
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Friends of the Three Bears Awarded Cultural Grant

OVID, N.Y. –So, you keep hearing people talk about grants. What is a "grant?" If you look it up on Google there are lots of definitions: someone grants you permission to do something fun. Or money is awarded to make something good happen. The Friends of the Three Bears in Ovid have received a grant to make something good happen and you will have fun!

The Friends' goal has always been to preserve the three majestic Greek revival buildings which once served as government buildings for Seneca County and to use the buildings as the heart of the community for fine arts and education, and as a hub for tourism in the Finger Lakes region.

To help make it possible a Finger Lakes Community Art Grant (FLCAG) for almost \$4000 has been awarded to the Friends of the Three Bears. The funding is sourced from the Statewide Community Re-grants program of the New York State Council on the Arts and is through the Auburn Public Theatre.

And all that money is there to help you have fun, and maybe more.

The Friends recently hosted the first artist showings and receptions of the season for Gracie Ferguson & Sophie Wesselhoff, with several more in the works. Friday concerts on the lawn begin on June 17th featuring the South Seneca Band and Chorus at 4p.m. during the Ovid Farmers' Market and Strawberry Festival.

The FLCAG will help fund our local history talk June 18, "Women of the Revolution: The Letters of Esther Dey," at 4pm; along with Plein Air Painting with Beverly Lombardo June 16-July 21; Flower Drawing July 26; Stamp Carving July 28; Photography of Willard Class Series August 8-19 where participants will capture images of important buildings on the Willard campus.



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Guided tours of the historic buildings are available on Thursday through Sunday from 10am-2pm, pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.

For up-to-date information on events and happenings check out the website threebearsovid.org or the Facebook page, "Friends of the Three Bears." To register for programs, or to be added to our event mailing list, send an email to threebearsovid@gmail.com.