



## April News from Ganondagan

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**EXCLUSIVE CHANCE TO SEE ARVEL BIRD ON 5/16!**

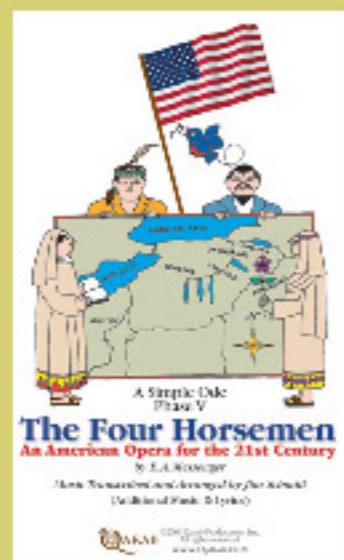


On May 16 at 3 p.m., our friend [Arvel Bird](#), award-winning violinist and composer, will perform in Rochester for a very special concert with the Rochester Chamber Orchestra.

You can receive a special 10% discount, available only through Ganondagan, to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime performance with the [Rochester Chamber Orchestra](#).

To reserve your tickets today, call Julie Doescher at 585.442.9778 and mention "Ganondagan" to receive this discounted pricing: Adults \$18, Seniors \$13.50, Students \$9.

### THE FOUR HORSEMEN



**A Multi-Media Oratorio for the 21st Century**

A Seneca Story of war and peace, love and betrayal, with Ganondagan and its history woven throughout.

Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave. Rochester

Exclusive Engagement, Free Admission!

### Ganondagan's Exciting News: We Will Open May 1!

For those who were unable to attend the "Beat a Drum for Ganondagan" rally, we have very exciting news to share!

Thanks to the generosity of the Seneca Nation of Indians and many individual supporters, Friends of Ganondagan received gifts totaling close to \$47,000, so we will be able to open as scheduled on May 1. It will also allow us to present exciting programming that will run year-round for the first time ever.



*Beat a Drum for Ganondagan by Laura McSpadden*

This will be a year of celebration, so please join us for our many diverse events, our festival, or simply come and enjoy our trails that will be open for hiking from dawn until dusk!

Nya:weh to all whose generous gifts, membership renewals, emotional and volunteer support helped us succeed!

### The Savor the Summer Series Starts May 8th

On Saturday, May 8, Ganondagan's popular "Savor the Summer" Series will launch with two special programs.

**Water Critters of Ganondagan - 9:30 a.m.** - Join us to learn about watersheds and to use stream sampling nets for collecting and identifying aquatic insects to determine the health of Ganondagan's Great Brook. Nadia Harvieux and Sharon Radak, science educators from the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association will lead this activity. Rubber boots or water shoes required. (allow 2+ hours). Participants meet at the Ganondagan Visitor's Center. This is a great event for the whole family! Limit of 20 participants.



*Peter Jemison showing a beaver's handiwork*

### The True Tale of Beavers at Ganondagan - 1 p.m.

Walk to the Beaver Dam with Ganondagan State Historic Site Manager, G. Peter Jemison (Seneca), and learn about the era of fur trade and the important role the beaver played. You will see a large beaver dam and the handiwork of these aquatic engineers. Arrive at Ganondagan's Visitor Center at 1 p.m. Wear hiking shoes and bring your bottle of water. There will be some hill climbing, uneven surfaces on the trail. Limit of 25 participants. (Better for those 10 years and older).

Admission for each of these events: Friends of Ganondagan Members \$3, Member family \$10; Non-Member individuals \$5, Non-member family \$15.

### Sneak Preview of Upcoming Attractions

This year, for the first time, Ganondagan will offer year-round events. Here's a sneak preview of some programs to look forward to:



Canandaigua Treaty Commemoration

- June 6 - Medicine Plant Hike with Tonia Loran
- June 13 - Traditional Game Day at Ganondagan
- July 10 - Tales & Trails at Ganondagan with Ronnie Reitter
- July 24-25 - Native American Dance & Music Festival with special guests, two Navajo Code Talkers, The Plateros (a contemporary musical group) and the Buffalo Creek Dancers
- August 21 - Longball and Storytelling at Ganondagan
- September 20-25 - Birch Bark Canoe Making Workshop with Pinock
- September 25 - Living History: A Seneca Encounter with LaSalle
- October 2 - The Good, the Bad and the Powerful: Native Plants & Healing Seminar with Amy Stewart and Jan Kahenti:io Longboat
- October 23 - Lunch & Lecture Native Cultural Series: Dating the Formation of the Iroquois Confederacy with Professors from Colgate University and Ithaca College.
- November 6 - Ganondagan's Gourd Birdhouse Workshop with Ronnie Reitter
- November 11 - Canandaigua Treaty Day
- November 20 - Ganondagan's Beaded Earrings Workshop with Tonia Loran
- December 4 - Lunch & Lecture Native Cultural Series: Unraveling the Mystery of Catholic Symbolism in Iroquois Communities with Michael Galban
- January 8 - Lunch & Lecture Native Cultural Series: Why Contemporary Native American Art Has Never Been the Rage with Peter Jemison

For full details and to register for these events, please visit our [Calendar of Events page](#).

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