



## **FINGER LAKES MUSEUM**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Finger Lakes Museum kicked off event-filled season**

Branchport, NY – The mission of the Finger Lakes Museum (FLM) is to inspire appreciation and stewardship of the cultural heritage and ecological evolution of the vast Finger Lakes Region. Each year the FLM offers opportunities for guests to live out the mission by participating in a variety of public programs. This year is no exception. Last year's record-breaking attendance of 600 program participants was one the most successful seasons in the FLM history and the FLM staff and volunteers are excited to carry the momentum of 2018's successful events into the 2019 season.

With interactive programs scheduled from May - October, the FLM calendar boasts over 30 exciting events for the bustling summer season. Guests will be able to experience the region in a variety of ways as programs include a Bird Walk, Woods Walk, Trees for Tribs plantings of over 3,000 trees and shrubs, an octagon pavilion timber frame raising, L.L. Bean clinics, kayaking lessons, paddling trips, and the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Paddle Keuka 5k race, among others.

FLM events on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> include the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bird Walk and a Trees for Tribs planting day. Avid birders, Mahlon and Eleanor Hurst, lead the free-admission Bird Walk event through the Townsend-Grady Wildlife Preserve adjacent to the FLM property. Attendees can expect to identify up to 40 different types of birds by both sight and sound. After the Bird Walk, visitors are encouraged to join FLM staff at the Museum campus to plant trees and shrubs, in an effort to protect the natural habitat of Sugar Creek as part of the Trees for Tribs grant. This weekend's upcoming events continue the educational and interactive activities of last week's events. The Woods Walk at Sarah and Charlie Stackhouse's wooded property allowed guests to learn about various flora, fauna and the history of the Finger Lakes forest. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Montezuma Wildlife Festival had a FLM-staffed booth to share the Museum's mission to hundreds of festival attendees. Additional information on this weekend's events as well as those throughout the season is available on the FLM's website [www.fingerlakesmuseum.org/programs-events](http://www.fingerlakesmuseum.org/programs-events).

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