

Plateau People at work

RPA's 2019 -2020 Lecture Series

All lectures held at Sand Lake Town Hall, 8428 Miller Hill Rd, Averill Park
2nd Thursdays of the month; September – June, 7 PM



Thursday, Sept 12, 2019, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Zema's Nursery and Garden Center, Stephentown

Matt Zema, co-owner, will talk about the nursery's use of Integrated Pest Management, fall flowers, deer deterrence, and about getting our gardens ready for winter.



Thursday, Oct 10, 2019, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Historic Eastfield Village, East Nassau

Peter Schaaphok, Foundation President, will give an illustrated talk about Eastfield's collection of more than twenty-five early nineteenth century buildings.



Thursday, Nov 14, 2019, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Soul Fire Farm, Grafton

Jonah Vitale-Wolff, Co-Director, will present how Soul Fire Farm works towards just and sustainable food system.



Thursday, Dec 12, 2019, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Spring Forestry

Forester Mary Spring will present on providing quality sustainable forest management and consulting services.



Thursday, Jan 9, 2020, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, Grafton, and Rensselaer Youth Outdoors. Lisa Hoyt, Executive Director of Dyken Pond, will share her story of providing outdoor recreational and educational programs for youth and adults.

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Gundrum Logging and Lumber, Petersburg

Learn about the logging and lumber business from Rynard Gundrum Jr. The Gundrum Family sold land below market value to RPA to conserve Grafton Forest.



Thursday, Mar 12, 2020, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Crooked Lake House, Sand Lake

Paul Schroeder, former owner of the Lake House, will tell of the building's history ... including its ghost stories!



Thursday, April 9, 2020, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

The Berry Patch, Stephentown

Hear from Dale Ila Riggs, co-owner, about how this small-scale family farm has successfully kept berry pests at bay without using pesticides



Fred McCagg

Thursday, May 14, 2020, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Berkshire Bird Paradise, Petersburg

Barbara Chepaitis, author and educator, will talk about Pete Dubacher and his Berkshire Bird Paradise, which provides sanctuary to over 1000 injured and otherwise un-releasable birds. She will also talk about her role in saving save Eagle Mitch – a bird shot down in Afghanistan.



Thursday, June 11, 2020, 7 PM, Sand Lake Town Hall

Pete Wagner, co-owner, Wagner Farms, Poestenkill, a 400 cow, family-owned Dairy since 1953, invested in renewable energy through owning and operating a Digester.