



2025 Season

Climate, Sustainability, Nature & Environment Programs

Week	Speakers	Topic	Program	Day & Time	Location
One	The Jefferson Project, SUNY Fredonia, NY Dept. of Health, Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance, Chautauqua Institution	Annual Chautauqua Lake Science Conference: lake science and solutions	Conference	Sat. June 21 8:30 AM	Chautauqua Golf Club
	Sunday Activity Fair	Community tabling focused on moving beyond plastics, with product giveaways.	Community	Sun. June 22 12:00 PM	Bestor Plaza
	Josh Balisteri, stewardship director, Western NY Land Conservancy	The science behind WNY nature preserves	Lecture*	Tue. June 24 9:15 AM	Hurlbut Sanctuary
	Matt Dallos, Cornell University, garden designer	Wild Gardening	Lecture**	Tue. June 24 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	"Wilding" documentary film	Wilding tells the story of a young couple that bets on nature for the future of their failing, four-hundred-year-old estate	Film	TBD	Chautauqua Cinema
	Dr. Abel Gustafson, University of Cincinnati and Yale Program on Climate Communication	How to Sail in a Perfect Storm: Leveraging Social Science for Progress on Sustainability	Lecture	Wed. June 25 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Mathy Stanislaus, Vice Provost and Executive Director of The Environmental Collaboratory at Drexel University	Climate change and actionable climate solutions	Lecture	Thur. June 26 10:45 AM	Chautauqua Amphitheater

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	William Chamberlin, Instructor	Changing Our Fueling Infrastructure: How Advances in fuels and power/ storage systems could lead to more sustainable alternatives.	Class+	Mon. to Fri. 6/23 to 6/27 4:00 PM	Turner Rm. 106
Two	Sunday Activity Fair	Community tabling focused on moving beyond plastics, with product giveaways.	Community	Sun. June 29 12:00 PM	Bestor Plaza
	Janice Overbeck, environmental filmmaker	Using comedy to confront the climate crisis	Lecture**	Tue. July 1 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Janice Overbeck, environmental filmmaker	<i>Capturing the Carbon</i> , a new series on climate solutions featuring comedian Rob Riggle	Film + Talk	Tue. July 1 5:00 PM	Chautauqua Cinema
	Janice Overbeck, environmental filmmaker	What scientists are learning about climate change in Antarctica	Lecture	Wed. July 2 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Brian Webb, College of Wooster	Climate change and faith communities	Lecture	Fri. July 4 2:00 PM	Hall of Philosophy
Three	Sunday Activity Fair	Community tabling focused on moving beyond plastics, with product giveaways.	Community	Sun. July 6 12:00 PM	Bestor Plaza
	Crystal Cavalier-Keck, indigenous nature rights advocate, & Brian Webb, College of Wooster	Earth Care in Native American and Christian Faith Traditions	Forum	Mon. July 7 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Brian Webb, director of campus sustainability, College of Wooster	Beyond the Tipping Point: Mobilizing Climate Solutions for a Sustainable Future	Lecture*	Tue. July 8 9:15 AM	Hurlbut Sanctuary
	Wawa Gatheru, founder of Black Girl Environmentalist	Black Girl Environmentalist is a national organization dedicated to addressing the pathway and retention issue in the climate movement for Black girls, women, and gender-expansive people.	Lecture**	Tue. July 8 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Crystal Cavalier-Keck and Betsy Burgeson	Wild plants in Native American culture: talk and foraging walk	Talk + Walk	Wed. July 9 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Peter Wenz, Instructor	Our Greatest Challenges We Can Do Something About (polarization, climate, education, immigration, etc.)	Class+	Mon. 7/7 to Fri. 7/11 9:00 AM	Turner Conference Room

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Four	Ken Kaufman & Arthur Pearson, Roger Tory Peterson Institute	The Roger Tory Peterson Institute harnesses the power of art to illuminate the beauty of nature, raise awareness of environmental challenges, and inspire preservation of earth's diversity of life.	Lecture**	Tue. July 15 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Western NY Sustainable Business Roundtable, et. al.	Sustainable Business Forum: How Western New York businesses are thriving while adopting practices that help protect and restore our waters.	Forum	Wed. July 16 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	David James Hrivnak, Instructor	Driving to Net 0: Stories of Hope for a Carbon Free Future	Class+	Fri. 7/18 8:30 AM	Hultquist Rm. 101
Five	Sunday Activity Fair	Community tabling focused on moving beyond plastics, with product giveaways.	Community	Sun. July 20 12:00 PM	Bestor Plaza
	Auden Schendler, author & former head of sustainability, Aspen One	Reckoning with Climate Complicity and Rediscovering Our Soul	Lecture + Book Signing	Mon. July 21 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Erin Sprague, CEO Protect Our Winters	Preserving public lands for public use	Lecture**	Tue. July 22 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Erin Sprague, Auden Schendler, Barb Pump, Brian Pender, Bill Ward	Forum on Climate Change and Outdoor Winter Recreation Economies	Forum	Wed. July 23 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Erin Sprague and Auden Schendler	Double feature films: Purple Mountains and The Hypocrite	Film + Talk	Thur. July 24 6:30 PM	Chautauqua Cinema
Six	Sunday Activity Fair	Community tabling focused on moving beyond plastics, with product giveaways.	Community	Sun. July 27 12:00 PM	Bestor Plaza
	Micah Loewinger, co-host of NPR's On the Media	Climate Change and Authoritarianism	Lecture	Mon. July 28 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Richard Piacentini, CEO Phipps Conservancy & Botanic Garden	Green Innovation by Botanical Gardens	Lecture**	Tue. July 29 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	David James Hrivnak, Instructor	Electric Cars: Hype, Deception & Facts: Tips from an owner/engineer with over 250,000 gas-free miles.	Class+	Tue. 7/29 8:30 AM	Hultquist Rm. 101

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	David James Hrivnak, Instructor	Solar Basics: Growth, costs, orientation, building codes, utility practices, solar components and monitoring systems.	Class+	Wed. 7/30 8:30 AM	Hultquist Rm. 101
	Sheryl Marie Schneider, Instructor	Fantastic Fungi: Learn about the amazing power of fungi to support plant life, treat human illnesses and provide mystical experiences.	Class+	Mon. to Thur. 8/18 to 8/21 3 PM	Turner Rm. 105
	"Single Use Planet" film	"Single-Use Planet" takes viewers on a captivating upstream voyage focused on the consequences of plastic production.	Film	TBD	Chautauqua Cinema
Seven	Sunday Activity Fair	Community tabling focused on moving beyond plastics, with product giveaways.	Community	Sun. Aug. 3 12:00 PM	Bestor Plaza
	Shawn Norton, National Park Service climate & sustainability coordinator (ret.)	Climate Leadership in the National Parks: What does the future hold?	Lecture	Mon. Aug 4 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Marcus Rosten, Wildway director, Western NY Land Conservancy	Animal Tracking for Wildlife Corridors	Lecture**	Tue. Aug. 5 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Tom Di Liberto, former Public Affairs Specialist and Climate Scientist at NOAA	Climate Science in the Crosshairs	Lecture	Wed. Aug 6 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Len Sauers, Instructor	Environmental Sustainability: Understand the science and solutions of climate, water scarcity, and waste.	Class+	Mon, Wed., Fri. 8/4 to 8/8 9:00 AM	Alumni Hall Prose Rm.
	Beth Botts, Instructor	Become a Better Gardener for a Changing Climate: Practical advice about creating and caring for sustainable home landscapes in the face of unprecedented temperatures, extreme weather, storms, droughts and floods.	Class+	Mon. to Thur. 8/4 to 8/7 4:00 PM	Turner Rm. 103
Eight	Cheryle Walters Rodriguez, Instructor	How Nature as Experienced in African Traditions Expands Worship	Class+	Mon. 8/11 & Tue. 8/12 9:00 AM	Turner Rm. 104

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	Judy Gallagher, Northern Virginia Bird Alliance	Insects & Macrophotography	Lecture**	Tue. Aug. 12 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Caitlyn Kamminga, Double Bassist, Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra	Metamorphosis: Thematic Transformation of human systems to sustain life on Earth.	Lecture & workshop	Mon. Aug. 11 12:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Evadne Giannini, Instructor	Gardening for Life: Smart, Safe, and Fun at Any Age: Safe, accessible techniques in harmony with nature, emphasizing kindness to our bodies and environment.	Class+	Mon. to Fri. 8/11 to 8/15 9:30 AM	Turner Conference Rm.
Nine	Hovey Brock, painter	The Art of Invasive Species	Exhibit	Sun. Aug. 17 to Thur. Aug. 21	Smith Memorial Library
	Allison Hrycik, Darrin Freshwater Institute and The Jefferson Project	Chautauqua Lake water quality research and solutions	Lecture*	Tue. Aug. 19 9:15 AM	Hurlbut Sanctuary
	Hovey Brock, painter	The Art of Invasive Species	Lecture**	Tue. Aug. 19 12:15 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Rachael Miller, founder & CEO, Rozalia Project	Microplastics: Solutions to Save Our Seas	Lecture	Wed. Aug. 20 3:30 PM	Smith Wilkes Hall
	Rachael Miller, Rozalia Project	Microfibers in a whole new light: See what you're breathing and how to protect yourself	Talk + Demo	Wed. Aug. 20 5:00 PM	Hall of Christ Sanctuary
	"Giants Rising" film	Revealing the wonders of redwood trees, Giants Rising tells the epic tale of America's most iconic forests.	Film	TBD	Chautauqua Cinema
	Rachael Miller, Rozalia Project	Book talk and signing: Decision Making in the Age of Plastics	Talk + Book Signing	Thur. Aug. 21 12:15 PM	Alumni Hall Ballroom
<p>* Chautauqua Science Group weekly science talk</p> <p>** Chautauqua Bird, Tree & Garden Club weekly brownbag lecture</p> <p>+ Register for classes in advance at www.learn.chq.org</p>					