

Celebrate the season with food, events, music, pumpkins, and more in this issue's **Fall Guide!**



DID YOU KNOW?

**SEPT
22**

The first day of fall.

11,000

Birds prepare for their annual migration in the fall, traveling 11,000 miles each way.

1500

Fall was called harvest until the year 1500.



Fall Guide

It's fall in Central New York and there's a lot to enjoy. In addition to cooler temps, the season also brings beautiful foliage, back-to-school, and plenty of good harvest.

We've compiled this guide especially for our members, which features fall favorites you've come to enjoy. We've also included some off the beaten path events, concerts, and festivals to help you ring in the season. Plus, our food and beverage contributor Henry has some insights on seasonal cider.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday of every month through Dec. 1
5-8 p.m.

Genesee St.
Auburn, NY 13021
auburndowntown.org/events

Stroll through Auburn's lively and picturesque downtown. Museums, galleries, restaurants, and shops host open houses with free live music, art exhibits, and refreshments.



CAYUGA COUNTY

COLORSCAPE CHENANGO ARTS FESTIVAL

Sept. 9 & 10
Check website for schedule

5 Court St.
East & West Parks
Norwich, NY 13815
colorscape.org

Enjoy an array of activities at this 23rd annual arts festival, featuring craft vendors, a poetry slam, interactive dance performances, a student art exhibit, live acoustic music, and much more. Admission and all activities are free.



CHENANGO COUNTY

THE GREAT CORTLAND PUMPKIN FEST

Oct. 7-8
Check website for schedule

37 Court St.
Cortland, NY 13045
cortlandpumpkinfest.org

Enjoy local musicians, craft vendors, pony rides, hay rides, an antique tractor exhibit, and a pumpkin decorating contest at this seasonal affair.



CORTLAND COUNTY

MOHAWK VALLEY GARLIC & HERB FESTIVAL

Sept. 9
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Canal Place
Little Falls, NY 13365
mvghf.com

Enjoy live musicians, garlic demonstrations, the Garlic Queen Pageant, free horse-drawn carriage rides along the Erie Canal, and free walking tours of Canal Place.



HERKIMER COUNTY

BLUES IN THE BAY

Sept. 1-4
Check website for schedule

Upper James St.
Alexandria Bay, NY 13607
visitalexbay.org

This 17th annual blues festival, set against the backdrop of a beautiful water and surrounded by a friendly atmosphere, invites you to relax and enjoy this festival's talented line-up.



JEFFERSON COUNTY

NAPLES GRAPE FESTIVAL

Sept. 23-24
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

136 N. Main St.
Naples, NY 14512
naplesgrapefest.org

Celebrate the area's grape harvest with talented crafters of the Finger Lakes, local and regional bands and musicians, and a diverse array of food vendors. This event also features a wine tasting tent and a grape pie contest.



ONTARIO COUNTY

DISNEY'S THE LION KING

Oct. 26-Nov. 12

Check website for schedule

Landmark Theatre
362 S. Salina St.
Syracuse, NY 13202
nacentertainment.com/cities/syracuse

Watch Simba and friends come to life in this six-time Tony Award-winning musical, featuring sing-alongs, stunning visuals, and intricately-choreographed performances.



ONONDAGA COUNTY

LAFAYETTE APPLE FESTIVAL

Oct. 7 & 8

Check website for schedule

5330 Rowland Rd.
LaFayette, NY 13084
lafayetteapplefest.com

This festival is jam-packed with activities and events like music and "roaming entertainers," rides, and craft and food vendors. Topped off with an apple pie contest and a scarecrow contest, this festival remains a local fall favorite.



ONONDAGA COUNTY

MATCHBOX 20 & COUNTING CROWS

Sept. 9

6:45 p.m.

Lakeview Amphitheater
490 Restoration Way
Syracuse, NY 13209
lakeviewamphitheatre.com

Iconic, award-winning American rock bands Matchbox 20 ("Unwell") and Counting Crows ("Accidentally in Love") join forces for the second summer in a row as they co-headline A Brief History of Everything Tour 2017.



ONONDAGA COUNTY

TASTE OF FAME WITH RICHARD BLAIS!

Oct. 14

The Oncenter
800 South State St.
Syracuse, NY 13202
wcnyc.org/tasteoffame

Join WCNY for an evening of food, wine, and storytelling with chef Richard Blais. Guests will enjoy a guided four-course dinner featuring Blais's own recipes, and a silent auction. Tickets and info are available at wcnyc.org/tasteoffame.



ONONDAGA COUNTY

FORT ONTARIO GHOST TOUR AND REVEAL

Oct. 13 & 14
7-10 p.m.

Fort Ontario
1 East Fourth St.
Oswego, NY 13126
historicfortontario.com

Gear up for the ultimate paranormal presentation backed by years of supernatural investigation, including electronic voice phenomena, images, and stories. Complete with interactive ghost hunting and guided ghost tours.



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FLY CREEK CIDER FESTIVAL

Oct. 7-8
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

288 Goose St.
Fly Creek, NY 13337
flycreekcidermill.com

Bask in the peak of the fall season where you're invited to observe cider making using the Mill's vintage equipment dating back to 1856, and sample traditionally-made cider. The Cider Mill also offers tours of the Cooperstown Beverage Trail and its Cider Gallery on the second level.



CIDER WEEK 2017

Sept. 29-Oct. 8
Check website for schedule

Various locations
Tompkins County, NY 14850
ciderweekflx.com

Learn about the legacy of hard cider in the local Finger Lakes. This 10-day event spans 50 venues in Tompkins County, including restaurants, bars, markets, and orchards. Meet the cider makers behind it all, enjoy outdoor activities like hiking and biking, or visit the quaint towns of the Finger Lakes.



HISTORIC GHOST WALK TOUR

Sept. 15
8-10 p.m.

Market St. to E. Main St.
Palmyra, NY 14522
historicpalmyrany.com/events.htm

Get ready for Halloween by listening to spooky stories and mysterious happenings while walking along the darkened streets of Palmyra and learning about the more peculiar side of this little village.

