

# Seven Strong on a Fall Adventure

## **CAR-SGC Annual Conference & Tri-refresher**

**Radisson Hotel Corning**

**125 Denison Parkway East, Corning NY**

**607-962-5000**

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**Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Awaken the Spirits Ghost Tour**



A guided ghost hunt with 3 locations on the property, Benjamin Patterson Inn, a one-room schoolhouse relocated from Caton, NY, and the Demonstoy cabin relocated from Addison, NY.

Spirit hunting equipment will be provided (spirit box, SLS Camera, EMF detectors and more). You are welcome to bring your own as well. The ghost tour is a fun way to learn about history within the Benjamin Patterson Inn, also known as Jennings' Tavern. The tour takes you around the house, experiencing the paranormal of the people that once lived in that very home.

<https://heritagevillagesfl.org/about-heritage-village>

**Advance registration required/limited to 25.**

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**Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **"Hands-on Glass"**

**Blow your own pumpkin or an ornament.**



"Hands-on Glass" was originally founded in 1990. It was the first public access studio in Corning, offering instruction in glassmaking for all ages and levels of experience. Also visit the gift shop for beautiful handmade glass blown items

[www.handsonglass.com](http://www.handsonglass.com)

**Advance registration required/limited to 25 per session.**

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**Tuesday October 24th**

Tanglewood Nature Center Birds of Prey will visit with us at our hotel

**(Tri-Refresher credit)**



**"Birds of Prey: Big and Small"**  
Ryan Donnelly, Educator

Check out some of their bird residents. A great horned owl, a barred owl, a red-tailed hawk. Get up close and personal with these high-flying species and learn what makes birds special in the world of animals.

<https://tanglewoodnaturecenter.wildapricot.org>

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## Tuesday October 24th Leaf Manipulation

by Mary Brummer



Learn how leaf manipulation adds something unique to a floral design and helps your design stand out from competitors. Bend, Braid and Manipulate Foliage for use in a Flower Arrangement. Manipulated leaves can be used to enhance a floral design to give it depth, a new innovative look, or the WOW factor for the visual impact it needs.

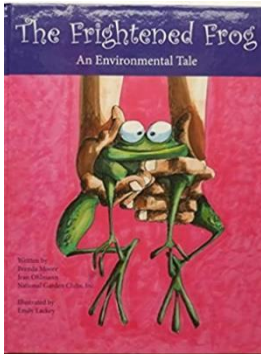
The session is hands-on, so participants may try these various techniques.

All you must bring is your scissors.

**Advance registration required/limited to 40.**

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## Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> Dinner



**NGC President: Brenda Moore**

Dinner and book signing with West Virginia native Brenda Moore

Brenda focuses on youth and leadership using her children's books. ***"The Frightened Frog"*** demonstrates environmental changes from a frog's point of view. ***"The Saved***

***Seed"*** explains a seed's round-trip journey of being saved from one pumpkin to becoming next year's Jack O' Lantern. Her third book ***"Network with Nature"*** encourages children to put down their screens and play outdoors. Her new book

***"My Green is Gone"*** was released in May of this year.

**(Tri-Refresher Allied Topic)**

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## Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>

Lunch with fabulous Floral Designer Frances Thrash

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Frances is the president of the Richmond Designers Guild, and an NGC Flower Show School and Symposium instructor. As you will see, she is incredibly talented and creates a fun dialogue as she creates designs.

She will demonstrate several types of designs including new ones.

published in the NGC Handbook. We know you will enjoy the show and appreciate her artistic eye along with a delicious lunch.

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## Landscape Design with Barbara Campbell

Barbara Campbell is a master gardener and retired teacher. She is an NGC Landscape Design instructor and a past President of FGCNYS. She is a longtime member of the NGC Board of Directors and is a Four-Star member. She has also served on the CAR-SGC Board in many positions.

Barbara's NGC Board position is currently promoting Brenda Moore's NGC President's Native Plant projects.



Barbara will present 2 workshops:  
**"Urban & Suburban Landscape Design"**  
and  
**"Landscape Design for Wildlife and Native plants"**

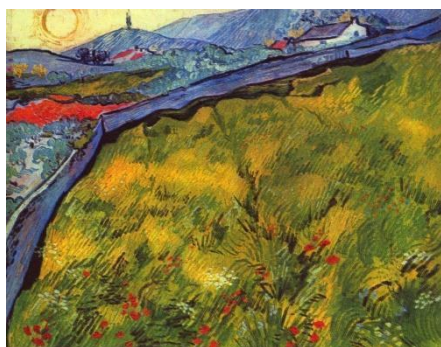
**(Tri-Refresher credit)**

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### with horticulturist Rochelle Smith

Rochelle D. Smith is a graduate of SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY with a Master of Landscape Architecture Degree. She is a NYS Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional (CNLP). She has an extensive teaching career as an Associate Professor at Finger Lakes Community College and at Niagara Community College teaching many aspects of horticulture and landscape design.



Rochelle will present an intriguing program “Art and History of Horticulture” as part of our NGC areas of interest

(Tri-Refresher credit)

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## Local Interest for spouses and others

**Corning Gaffer District** Step outside the hotel and you are in Corning’s Gaffer District. It is Known for its picturesque Center way Square, breathtaking streetscapes, fabulous shopping, and award-winning food, Corning's Gaffer District offers something to do for everyone!

<https://www.gafferdistrict.com>

**Corning Museum of Glass** The largest most comprehensive collection of glass in the world. Within walking distance.

<https://home.cmog.org>

**Rockwell Museum** The Rockwell Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate Museum of American art. Within walking distance.

<https://rockwellmuseum.org>

**Willow Creek Golf Club** The area’s only family-owned golf course. It offers 27 holes of challenging tree-lined golf About 10 minutes away from hotel.

<https://willowcreekgolfclub.com>

**Wings of Eagles Discovery Center (National Warplane Museum)**

Tour a 25,000 sq ft hangar with aircraft on display inside and outside. Experience the collection through static displays, docent guided tours, self guided mobile tours and flight simulators. About 15 minutes away from hotel

[www.wingsofeagles.com](http://www.wingsofeagles.com)

**National Soaring Museum** An aviation museum of motorless flight. Learn about the soaring history of Elmira, NY. About 20 minutes away from hotel

<https://www.soaringmuseum.org>

**Lakewood Vineyards** Guided Tour & Tasting. An inside look at the winemaking process—from the vineyards and how they are cared for to where/how the grapes become wine. Complete the experience with a flight of wines specially selected by the stewards. October is harvesting time. 30 minutes from hotel <https://lakewoodvineyards.com>



## Thursday, October 26: Tri-Refresher bus trip

(open to all conference attendees)

8:30 am - 6:00 pm Tri-Refresher field trip, Take the bus to various sites. Trip is required for Tri-Refresher credit, and everyone else is also welcome. Roundtrip from hotel.

### 1<sup>st</sup> stop Taughannock Falls State Park (2 hrs)

(Tri-Refresher credit)

*terrific views and tour plus a talk with State Ranger,*

Josh Teter.



Taughannock Falls State Park is a 750-acre state park located in the town of Ulysses in Tompkins County, New York. The park is in the northwest of Ithaca.

Taughannock Falls cataract has an incredible drop of 215 feet (66 meters) and is one of the highest east of the Rockies.

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/62>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> stop Americana Vineyards (1 hr.)

lunch/wine tasting



A cozy Winery in the Finger Lakes region serving award winning wines in a beautiful 1820 swing beam barn since 1981.

We will stop by for nice people, tasty food, and great wines.

[www.americanavineyards.com](http://www.americanavineyards.com)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> stop Cornell University Botanical gardens (2 Hrs)

Connecting Plants and Peoples for a world of diversity, beauty and hope

**Mullestein Winter Garden**  
(Tri-Refresher credit)

1 hour winter garden lecture, plus winter garden tour with Emily Norfen, Horticulturalist Curator Winter Garden



Find plants with interesting color, texture, and shape, which add beauty to the winter garden.

<https://cornellbotanicgardens.org>

### 4<sup>th</sup> stop Ochsner Farms: Organic Oats/Grains (1.5 hr)

(Tri-Refresher credit)

Oechsner Farms is really about the people who work, live, and sweat here.

**Thor Oechsner**

Founder and owner of Ochsner Farms grew up in the suburbs of New York City.

He started farming in his parents' suburban yard after visits to his uncle's farm in rural Pennsylvania. In 1998, he purchased his 15-acre home

farm and expanded until in 2003 he had enough acres so he could devote himself full-time. Today, Oechsner Farms manages 1,200 acres for organic food-grade and craft beverage markets. His flour can be found at Whole Foods &

Wegmans.

[www.oechsnerfarms.com](http://www.oechsnerfarms.com)