

ITHACA

Freeskool



June - August

all ages. always free.

A Novel Idea: Monthly Bookclub

Who: Asha from Buffalo Street Books- info@buffalostreetbooks.com

When: 6/4, 7/2, 8/6 4pm

Where: Argos Inn, 408 E State St

Join us at 4pm on the 1st Sunday of every month at Bar Argos where BSB's Asha Sanaker will lead a fun and lively discussion on a different book each month. All the while, the skilled bar staff of Bar Argos will craft you something tasty to sip. Books and fancy cocktails, just what your Sunday needed! Check the slideshow on our homepage to find out what book we're reading this month!

Ballet Folklórico de Ithaca

Who: Juliana Garcia bfithaca@gmail.com

Where: Just Be Cause Center, 1013 W. State St.

When: Mondays at 7pm

Ballet folklórico is a form of traditional Mexican folk dance dating back to the ancient Aztecs. Each region within Mexico prides itself on their unique, beautiful and culturally rich dances, costumes, and music. The dancers recount every aspect of life within Mexico through their tapping feet, flowing skirts or waving sombreros. You too can be a part of the stories of love, heartache, war, celebration and much more by becoming a dancer. The dances are performed in groups as well as with a partner. No previous dance experience is necessary. Immerse yourself in a new culture while getting some fun exercise! Please RSVP to join in.

Being a Wise Consumer in the Utility Market

Who: Kenneth McLaurin, Jr., kem228@cornell.edu

When: Thurs 6/8 11am-1pm

Where: Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave

Mike Danaher, New York State Assistant Attorney General, will share information on how consumers can protect themselves from problems and what to do if a problem occurs. Issues to be covered include electric and gas utilities, internet service, telephones, telemarketing scams, and related consumer concerns.

Beginner Tribal Fusion Bellydance

Who: Regina rdemauro@gmail.com

When: Tues 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11 7-8:30pm & Sun 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 2-3:30pm

Where: Just Be Cause Center Multipurpose Room

A tribal fusion-style belly dance class for beginners or those looking to refine basic skills. Please contact in advance of class. Wear clothes comfortable for moving similar to yoga. Please no skirts, dresses, or very baggy pants.

Buffalo St. Books Readings

Who: Buffalo Street Books- info@buffalostreetbooks.com

When: 6/10 1-2PM : Gordon Bonnet, 6/4 1-2PM: Linda Grace-Kobas, 10/15 5:30-6:30PM: Josefa Pace, 10/11 1-2PM: Zee Zahava

Where: Dewitt Mall next to Greenstar Dewitt, Buffalo Street Ithaca

Join us for a reading by Gordon Bonnet from his new book "Signal to Noise.", Linda Grace-Kobas in a discussion on her book, "Niagara: A Novel!" as well as the historical facts around the greatest natural landmark of the Northeast! Reading from Josefa Pace's new book, "Finding Patterns: Traveling Four Women's Paths." and readings Zee Zahava's book of small poems "here i am," interspersed with longer poems and prose pieces!

Clothing Swap Fundraiser for URO

Who: Your Ithaca Freeskool Organizers freeskoolithaca@gmail.com

When: 6/11 12-3pm

Where: Southside Community Center 305 S Plain St

Freeskool is having another big clothing swap! Bring clothes you no longer want and get a whole new wardrobe. We will have a lot of gently used items for all ages. This is a fundraiser to support the Ultimate Re-entry Opportunity (URO) - an initiative that offers mentorship and other support to transform the culture and process of reentry. \$7 - \$30 sliding scale.

Compost w/ Confidence

Who: Adam Michaelides, acm1@cornell.edu

When: Saturdays 6/24, 7/29, 8/26

Where: Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave

Local composting experts provide information and give hands-on demonstrations to help you set up and manage a compost system in any setting! Each class of this FREE series covers composting basics, and a different focal topic is addressed each month to help you address any compost issue you may encounter. Stop by for one or all classes, and bring your composting questions! To sign up in advance, email Adam Michaelides or call (607) 272-2292.

Dacha Projects

Who: Dacha crew dachaproject@gmail.com

When: RSVP for dates

Where: Dacha Project homestead, Freeville / RSVP for location

We are a group of friends who built our own earth-bermed home, created a garden, lived off-grid for 6 years, and are still working on all kinds of homesteader projects. If you are interested in permaculture, straw bale, gardening, off-grid systems, construction or starting your own community or sustainable project - get in touch. We will be working on different things throughout the year and you can jump in. We can give you a tour and answer any questions you might have about this type of living. You can see more about us at www.dachaproject.com.

First Friday Gallery Night

Who: Downtown Ithaca Alliance ithacafirstfriday@gmail.com

When: First Friday of the month 5-8pm

Where: Downtown Ithaca area

The Downtown Ithaca Alliance welcomes you to Gallery Night Ithaca, a walkable tour of art openings and other special cultural events in and around downtown Ithaca taking place from 5:00-8:00 PM on the first Friday of every month. With upwards of twenty venues to visit to explore each month, there is sure to be something that will catch your eye, whether you're a seasoned collector or a first-time browser.

Food Not Bombs!

Who: Ithaca FNB 339 0330 foodnotbombsithaca@gmail.com

When: 12 – 2 p.m. every Saturday .

Where: Shawn Greenwood Park, otherwise known as Dewitt Park

Free Meal, Everyone welcome! We also meet on Fridays 4-4:30, to plan meals. Call to get involved.

Free Food Preservation Workshops

Ongoing with IthaCan, check in at <http://www.ithacan.ning.com>, workshops posted throughout the season. IthaCan is a web-based social network where home food preservers in Tompkins County organize food preserving events and share information.

Freeskool – Be An Organizer!

Who: Your Freeskool Organizers freeskoolithaca@gmail.com

When: Get in touch anytime!

Where: Worker's Center above Autumn Leaves Bookstore in Commons

Come be part of the behind-the-scenes of Freeskool. We're looking for organizers to help find teachers, make art, distribute calendars and all the other Freeskool goings-on. Being part of the team means getting to know the community, making posters, being creative and radical. Come get a sense of what it's all about. Get in touch and we can figure out a good time.

Gardener's Pot Swap Recycling Event

Who: Monika Roth, mr55@cornell.edu

When: 6/23, 6/24, 6/25, 6/26 9am - 6pm

Where: Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave

During our recycling event, you can leave your plastic nursery pots, trays and cell packs IN GOOD CONDITION in the designated area off the CCE-Tompkins main parking lot on Willow Avenue. You may take away as many pots as you can use, too! Plastic that is left after the event will be taken to a recycler for processing. This is a FREE opportunity for gardeners to recycle their plastic plant containers instead of throwing them away.

Israeli Folk Dancing

Who: Nomi eema nomi@gmail.com

When: Most Mondays 5:30-7pm; email to confirm

Where: Downtown Ithaca / RSVP for location

Come have fun and learn traditional Israeli folk dancing! No experience necessary. All levels welcome.

Ithaca Fixers Collective

Who: Finger Lakes ReUse Head Fixer 257-9699

When: Saturdays 3-5pm

Where: ReUse Center at Triphammer Marketplace 2255 N Triphammer Rd

Finger Lakes ReUse invites anyone who has things to fix, wants to help &/or wants to learn how to repair items to join the Ithaca Fixers Collective. This is an informal and fun gathering of folks who want to prolong the lifespan of items such as electronics, furniture, small appliances and more, while sharing skills and resources in a relaxed setting. Sign up is not required, just show up! A volunteer Head Fixer is present at each session, however the expertise comes from everyone present, and various fixers books and websites. Check out (and like!) our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ithacafixers.

Ithaca Folk Song Swaps

Who: Eric Songswap2@ericclerner.net 273-1154

When: 6/11, 7/9, 8/6 2-5pm

Where: 115 The Commons Upstairs from Autumn Leaves Books

Let's get together and sing. We're looking for people in the Ithaca area who want to get together to lead a folk song, and join in on others' songs. We'll welcome traditional ballads, chanteys, & songs, as well as contemporary songs with traditional roots. Bring your acoustic instrument or sing a cappella. We'll take turns going around the circle to lead or request a song. One person guides the turn-taking, encourages beginners, discourages noisy side conversations, and generally tries to keep things on track. Let's build a stronger Ithaca-based network of folksingers. Come sing us a song!
<http://www342.pair.com/elerner/Songswap/>

Ithaca Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)

Who: SURJ members ithacasurj@gmail.com

When: 3rd Monday of the month 6-8:30PM

Where: Quaker Meeting House, 120 3rd St. Ithaca

SURJ is part of a national network of groups and individuals organizing white people for racial justice. Through community organizing, mobilizing, and education, Ithaca SURJ supports white people to act for racial justice with passion and accountability. There are four open working groups, Steering Committee, Outreach, Action, and Education and lots of ways to plug in. Contact us at ithacasurj@gmail.com for more info or find us on Facebook.

Lesbian Cinema Club

Who: Mr. Nic Belott, nicolebelott@gmail.com

When: 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 6-8pm

Where: TBD, RSVP for location

Watch and discuss five lesbian cult classics and their cultural position. Explore intersecting oppressions as they unfold in these unique films. Come for the camp, the thrill and the romance. Collaborative discussion afterwards.

Loaves and Fishes

Who: Loaves and Fishes 272 5457 info@loaves.org

When: Mon, Wed, Fri 12-1pm Tues, Thurs 5:30-6:30pm

Where: 210 North Cayuga St

Free nutritious meals & advocacy services provided Monday through Friday throughout the year. All are welcome. Come join our table. For 30 years, we have been building a caring community by sharing hospitality and friendship while enjoying free delicious meals. Great volunteer opportunities available - help cook for your community. www.loaves.org

Managing Disease on Tomato Plants

Who: Chrys Gardner, cab69@cornell.edu

When: Thurs 6/22 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave

Learn to identify common diseases of tomato plants, such as early blight, septoria and late blight, and learn organic and integrated pest management techniques to keep your tomato plants healthy and productive. Disease-resistant varieties of tomato plants will also be covered.

Memory Rings

Who: Anna Adler 9143094214 adler.anna@gmail.com

When: Sunday July 16 & 23, 12-3pm

Where: 108 Grandview Place, Ithaca

Learn how to make simple silver rings, through sizing, soldering, and hammering sterling silver wire. Make them for yourself, or your friends; treat each one as a moment/memory. No prior experience necessary, tools/materials provided. This class has a 5 person limit.

Midnight Mural Tour on Bikes!

Who: Caleb R Thomas calebrthomas@gmail.com 273-5242

When: 6/17 Midnight

Where: Dewitt Park (Corner of Cayuga & Buffalo)

What are the stories behind each mural? What kinds of public art would you like to see more of & where? In addition to murals, we will visit numerous non-permissive art sites. Bring your bike, bike lights, & dress for the weather. Invite family & friends to come along! #ithacamurals

Patriarchy and Imperialism Book Club

Who: Grace gracej@fastmail.com, (203) 915-0529

When: Alternate weeks or monthly

Where: See above

Let's get together to talk about oppression! We will choose a book based on the main interests and intersections of the group, and meet to discuss our questions, excitement, and the intersections of race, gender, and sexuality. Clarify your world-view, social location, and historical context of current events, in community and discussion!

RIBs Open Shop

Who: Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles Greg.ribs@sspride.org

When: Sat 11:30-5 & Tues/Thurs evenings

Where: RIBs 530 w Buffalo st

Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles is open! Fix your bike, build a bike, learn, volunteer... Open shop is a free loosely structured bike repair clinic. We provide tools, expertise, and some parts but you do your own work, help each other, and learn.

Science Cabaret

Who: Ithaca Science Cabaret www.sciencecabaret.org

When: check out <http://www.sciencecabaret.org/> for dates each month

Where: Coltivare 235 S. Cayuga St

One Tuesday a month Science Cabaret mixes science, art, and audience participation in an exquisite cocktail. Ithaca's Science Cabaret was inspired by the Cafe Scientifique movement, which started in Europe in the late 1990's and has spread rapidly. Cafes Scientifiques are informal talks in bars, cafes and other public venues that give like-minded people a chance to discuss current and sometimes controversial topics in science. The Ithaca Science Cabaret is organized by local professors, graduate students and members of the Ithaca community.

Tee Time

Who: Katie Shack

When: Sundays 4pm, 6/4, 6/11,

Where: Newfield, NY.. RSVP for address

Brush up on your ball & disc golf skills on our home-made course in Newfield.

Ithacagrooves@gmail.com

Tompkins Time Traders Orientation

Who: info@tompkinstimetraders.net

When: TBA 4:30-5:30

Where: See <http://www.tompkinstimetraders.net/join-us/>

Tompkins Time Traders (T3) is a time bank where services and goods are exchanged with time as the only currency. Everyone's time is valued equally, so an hour of specialized skills (i.e. dentistry, plumbing or carpentry) is equal to an hour of traditionally undervalued labor (i.e. eldercare, childcare or cooking). The orientation is geared toward people who have applied (www.tompkinstimetraders.net/join-us/) or are ready to sign up. Not sure, but interested in learning more? You're welcome to come too! By being a

Tompkins Time Trader you co-create a new economic paradigm that values each person and the skills that EVERYONE has to offer. RSVP to info@tompkinstimetraders.net

WAASR (White Allies Against Structural Racism)

Who: WAASR members rit & jeri gallucci 277-4936 anne rhodes 844-9550

When: 2nd Thur of each month 6-8pm

Where: Quaker Meeting House, 120 3rd St., Ithaca

WAASR is a group of local people committed to raising awareness about and supporting actions to dismantle local structural racism. We facilitate a monthly drop-in session, on the second Thursday of the month, for white people to learn, think, and plan together. Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive place for any white person to process their experiences of being white, confront any fears or misinformation, think and learn about what it means to be white, confront the nature of white supremacy, and test their thinking about what actions they might take, personally or collectively. We see our work in conjunction with and in support of people taking actions in the community through SURJ, Black Lives Matter and other groups. Sessions will be loosely structured and guided by Talking Circle graduates and facilitators. We will bring snacks to share.

WRFI Morning Show Ride-Along

Who: Jim Murphy murphy@ithacaradio.org

When: Tues or Wed: Arrive 7 am

Where: WRFI 103 W. Seneca St. Suite 305 - The Clinton House

This is an one-shot invitation to visit the Ithaca Watkins Glen Morning Show, 7AM Tues & Weds, to see if you are a possible community radio volunteer. Sit in, I'll make the coffee and you watch the process. At 8AM we will listen to Amy G. and discuss all of the possibilities. Only one visitor per day so you will have undivided attention to ask your questions. This offer is ideally for those of you that have no experience but have some radio concepts that you would like to explore.

Yoga in My Yard

Who: Maija Cantori soupervegan@yahoo.com (607)539-7876

When: 7/16 10 -11:30am, 8/20 10 - 11:30am

Where: Brooktondale, RSVP for address and parking instructions

Join me for Vinyasa flow yoga in my magical yard. All levels welcome, no prior yoga experience is required. How great is it gonna be? Very great. Bring a yoga mat or towel and clothes you can move in. If it rains, we will practice wet yoga or will move inside in case of thunder storms or torrential downpour. RSVP required for parking instructions and head count.

Art by Lindsay Fennell