



Saugerties Adult Learning Community

WINTER PRESENTATION



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## Olana: Art, Ecology, and the Native Forest

*Presenter: Sean Sawyer*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023; 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

*Online via Zoom*

**Olana**, a National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site, is the masterwork of Frederic Church (1826-1900), one of America's preeminent 19th-century artists. As a painter, Church defined our national identity as inextricably linked to the majesty of the natural world. At Olana, Church sought to marry aesthetic endeavor and environmental action, and at the core of this endeavor was the ambitious reforestation of 250 acres of overworked land with native trees. In his forty year development of Olana, he actively engaged with the emerging field of ecology and immersed himself in what he called "landscape architecturing."

**Sean Sawyer, Ph.D.**, has served as the Washburn & Susan Oberwager President of The Olana Partnership since May 2015. He received his B.A. in Art History and Archeology from Princeton University and his Ph.D. in Architectural History from Columbia University. Prior to joining Olana, Sean was the Executive Director of the Royal Oak Foundation, the American partner of the National Trust of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. He is a member of the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation and the Village of Kinderhook Historic Preservation Commission.

All Lifespring members and the general public are invited to attend. To register, please click [HERE](#) or visit the Lifespring website at [lifespringsaugerties.com](http://lifespringsaugerties.com) to learn more and register for this Winter Presentation.

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**Please register as soon as possible; the deadline for reservations is Monday, January 2, 2023.**