

## Spring 2009 Luncheon Lectures

### ***The Media and the Message***



*As perennial as the daffodils, luncheon lectures return to Watson Homestead!*

Please join us on Tuesday mornings, March 31 to April 28, for individual lectures or for the whole series. Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m. Lectures begin at 9:30 a.m. Program concludes with a buffet luncheon from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. \$25 each or the series of five for \$100. **RSVP** to Watson Homestead (607) 962-0541 or [whomestead@stny.rr.com](mailto:whomestead@stny.rr.com) or by mailing your check to us at 9620 Dry Run Road, Painted Post, NY 14870. Please indicate which programs you will attend.

*The Media and the Message* is the theme as we explore how movies, television and the internet influence our lives, our opinions and our options.

### **In the Dark: How the Movies Mangle History with Kirk House**

- Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Part One
- Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Part Two
- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Part Three

A lot of times we "know" about historical events, because we saw them in the movies. But sometimes the movies don't get things quite right... and sometimes they get them colossally wrong! Join us in the dark as we take a peek at selections from movies such as *Gone With the Wind*, *Birth of a Nation*, *The Littlest Rebel*, *Santa Fe Trail*, *Pearl Harbor*, *Air Force*, *The Longest Day*, and *Saving Private Ryan*. Kirk House, historian, writer, and popular regional lecturer returns with his dry wit and engaging manner to Luncheon Lectures to offer a series of three programs.

### **The Legacy of Rod Serling with Gordon Webb**

- Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Remember the television series *The Twilight Zone* -- which premiered 50 years ago? How about the 40-year-old movie *The Planet of the Apes*? Return to the "golden age of television" with retired Ithaca College TV/Radio professor Gordon Webb, who will relay his research about Serling - his themes, innovations, and challenges during the late 50s and 60s, turbulent times for American television. Broadcast media faced political, ethical and moral issues -- and limitations created by sponsor control, censorship and the quest for audience ratings. Learn about the life and work of one of television's most influential and best-known writers -- someone with local connections -- his Syracuse birth, youth spent in Binghamton and years of teaching at Ithaca College. For more information about the presenter, go to [www.webbonline.info](http://www.webbonline.info).

### **Virtual Vacations: In Search of the Wild Man of Borneo and the Seven Wonders of the World with Ray Ettington**

- Tuesday, April 28

While lecturing recently on the subject of Internet search engines, retired IBM marketing executive, Ray Ettington made the observation that there is so much information available on the net that one could take a "virtual" vacation. That was the genesis of this program -- a light-hearted look at trips he has looked forward to making since he was a small boy. The options presented by the world wide web make traveling the world accessible to all regardless of ability, age or "the current economy." Ray has enjoyed working with computers since their introduction in 1953 and still tries to keep up with current technology. After 35 years with IBM, Ray and his wife Betty, a Corning native, retired to Keuka Lake in 1988 and are eager to meet other life-long learners!

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