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# **BIRDING 101 WITH AUDUBON NY AT OLANA**

#### HUDSON, NY

The Olana Partnership is proud to offer: First Day of Spring Birding Event with Audubon NY education coordinator Larry Federman on Thursday, March 20, from 9-11am at the Wagon House Education Center at Olana State Historic Site. Larry Federman will present about local birds found at Olana and in the Hudson Valley. Following the presentation participants will be led on a guided walk in Olana's beautiful artist-designed landscape.



Larry Federman is the Education Coordinator for three upstate New York Audubon sanctuaries. His history with the Audubon family goes back almost 20 years when he first got involved in his local chapter. He has served his chapter in numerous capacities and is currently president, newsletter editor, council delegate, and field trip leader.

Prior to his employment at Audubon, Larry was a professional musician. His career afforded him the opportunity to travel the US,

Europe, and Western Caribbean. While traveling and pursuing his musical endeavors, Larry always made time for birding and experiencing the marvels of nature.

Space is limited, please pre-register by Tuesday, March 18 by 3pm. Cost of the workshop is \$5/person. For more information and to register contact Sarah Hasbrook, Education Coordinator for The Olana Partnership, at <a href="mailto:shasbrook@olana.org">shasbrook@olana.org</a> or call (518) 828-1872 x 109.

## About Olana and The Olana Partnership

The eminent Hudson River School painter Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900) designed Olana, his family home, studio, and estate as an integrated environment embracing architecture, art, landscape, and conservation ideals. Considered one of the most important artistic residences in the United States, Olana is a 250-acre artist-designed landscape with a Persian-inspired house at its summit, embracing unrivaled panoramic views of the vast Hudson Valley.

Olana State Historic Site, a historic site administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Taconic Region, is a designated National Historic Landmark and one of the most visited sites in the state. The Olana Partnership, a private not-forprofit education corporation, works cooperatively with New York State to support the restoration, development and improvement of Olana State Historic Site. To learn more about Olana and The Olana Partnership please visit <u>www.olana.org</u>.