

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMMING



Panorama (detail) photo by Sarah Hasbrook

Public Programming

Olana's Wagon House Education Center opened in 2008 and is home to 50+ programs annually serving 1,500+ attendees. Programs teach participants to view the world through the eyes of Frederic Church. Topics cover landscape, viewshed, art, architecture and farming. Many programs are offered free or at minimal cost to children and adults of all ages. Olana partners with several local organizations who offer specialities in the various subject matters. The Partnership also offers children two week-long summer programs which focus on one aspect of Frederic Church.



Children Sketching photo by Carri Manchester

School Groups

Olana serves hundreds of local school children annually and enriches their curriculum by allowing them to experience an intact historic site in their community. The Olana Partnership offers transportation grants as well as add-on activities in the Wagon House Education Center. Olana hopes to increase outreach in future years by going into classrooms to teach about Frederic Church and Olana.

Exhibitions

The Olana Partnership and Olana State Historic Site collaborate to offer two exhibitions annually. The Sharp Family Gallery opened on the second floor of the main house in 2009 and allows the visiting public to view Church's work up close and personal. In addition, the Coachman's House Gallery opened in 2010 and presents a contemporary exhibition which is free and open to the public daily. Olana also loans works to other museums and presents traveling exhibitions.

PROGRAM EFFORTS

House, art, furnishings restoration
Landscape and farm restoration
Onsite and "traveling" exhibitions
Educational Programs
Viewshed: regional land conservation efforts