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**The Saratoga County Arts Council Announces a Fall Overnight Trip:
BOTANICAL WONDERS OF THE FINGER LAKES**

The Saratoga County Arts Council will host an overnight trip celebrating the botanical, winery and culinary wonders of the Finger Lakes Region of upstate New York on Sunday and Monday, September 16-17. Just four hours from home, this trip will be an immersion in all things artistic and botanical.

First stop will be a special tour of Cornell University's two favorite guest attractions: The I. M. Pei designed Johnson Museum of Art has one of the finest collections of art in the state and is considered one of the most important university museums in the country. Spanning the history of art, the Museum's collections are especially strong in Asian art, nineteenth and twentieth-century American art, and the graphic arts.

We will then explore the Robison State Herb Garden at the Cornell Plantations. Visitors love this collection because of its diversity and thematic presentations; it is a reference collection of living plants that have been important in human culture throughout the ages. Mingled within its beds and borders are plants of the ancient world, plants used by Native Americans, and culinary plants from every corner of the globe.

After resting at our country inn, we will head to Taughannock Falls overlook (a waterfall higher than Niagara), and then enjoy a superb dinner hosted at one of the renowned Cayuga Lake wineries. This will be a memorable experience blending award winning regional wines with the best in local culinary bounty.

Following our overnight and breakfast at the inn, we will head to the Corning Museum of Glass to view the special exhibit, *Botanical Wonders: The Story of the Harvard Glass Flowers*. These crystalline botanical specimens are the singular triumph of glassmakers Leopold Blaschka (1822-1895) and his son Rudolf (1857-1939); it is an amazing exhibit that provides insight into the intellectual appetite of the late Victorians, through the lens of botany as an academic discipline and craze; and offers close-ups of the people and the craft process behind the Glass Flowers.

We will allow time for you to explore the many other collections at the Corning Museum, considered the most famous glass museum in the world. You will then enjoy a scenic drive through the Finger Lakes to lunch at a lovely café over-looking Seneca Lake (another of the glacially formed Finger Lakes). We will return home Monday evening.

For further details, costs and reservation details please call: Edventures : (607) 387-3322 or email: Edventures@lightlink.com