

Albany County

February 4

Give Your Hearts to Gilda's Benefit – Silent auction, champagne toast, vodka and wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, pasta and carving stations, dessert and coffee/tea. \$40. Music by New York Players. 6pm-10pm. The Century House, Latham. For more info: 782.9833; www.gccrny.org.

February 19-21

19th Annual New York in Bloom - Experience the sights and scents of the approaching spring during this 19th annual fundraising weekend benefiting the Museum Club and the Discovery Squad, the Museum's award-winning after-school programs for children and teens. 9:30am-5pm. Admission varies. NYS Museum Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany. For more info: 474.5877.

February 20 & 21

17th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale - Vendors from throughout the Northeast display and sell gems, jewelry, minerals, lapidary equipment, fossils, and much more. Staff members conduct guided tours of the mineral and fossil exhibitions and are on hand to identify visitors' own minerals and fossils. New York State Museum Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany. 10am-5pm. For more info: 474.5877.

February 23-25

Winter Northeast Art and Craft Show – Empire State Plaza.

Otsego County

Throughout February

Tubing at Glimmerglass State Park - Weather permitting.

\$5/person, kids under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. A season pass is available at the Park Office for \$50 and gift certificates for \$5/day. Tubing is open on Sat. & Sun. 11am-4pm. Special Moonlight Tubing on 2/19 from 6pm-9pm. For more info: 607.547.8662.

February 5-7

2010 Wild Wild Winter Carnival – The usual favorite activities with new and exciting events for children and adults centered around a Medieval theme. Fireworks kick-off the weekend at 6:30pm and a parade will be held at 11am on 2/6. For more info: 607.547.0326.

Rensselaer County

February 6

25th Annual Winter Festival - Winter exhibits, vendors, family-friendly and recreational activities. Free. 10am-4pm. Grafton Lakes State Park. For more info: 279.1155 or visit www.nysparks.com.

Schoharie County

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2010 Winter Break Series
(reservations required)

February 16 - Fantastic Colored Lizards, by the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum 10am-noon.

February 17 - Smokey the Bear and Mask-Making by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. 10am-noon.

February 18 - Character Puppets, Scotia-Glenville Traveling

Museum. 10am-noon.

Warren County

February 6-7, 13, 20, 27

Lake George Winter Carnival – Opening ceremonies will be held at noon on Saturday in Shepard's Park. At 12:30 there will be Outhouse Races on the ice (register in Duffy's @ 10). All the while there will be a Chicken Wing Cook-Off from noon-2pm. There will be a giant ice slide in Shepard's Park all day as well as the Encampment of the 1700s with Hm. 53D Regiment on Foot, of America. Also, don't miss out on the Skydiving Swoop competition!

February 13-14

Hague Winter Weekend - Participate in the road race, firemen's breakfast, scholarship dinner and Polar Plunge! There is something for everyone. Hague. For more info: 543.6441; www.visithague.com.