

The Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage 2024 Program Schedule

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- **Grant's Funeral: History of Burke's Funeral Home** - Thursday August 8th at 2pm
Carol Godette will discuss Victorian-era mourning and funeral customs; how William Burke's involvement in the embalming of President Ulysses S Grant led him to open his own funeral home; and the rich history of Burke's role as one of four operating funeral homes in Saratoga Springs.



- **Civil War Music on the Mountain by Dan Berggren** - Thursday August 22nd at 2pm
Musician Dan Berggren will be playing Civil War Era music at Grant Cottage, on Mt. McGregor. Dan Berggren's roots are firmly in the Adirondacks where he was raised but his music has branched out across many borders. The award-winning musician and educator grew up on the land farmed by his mother's family for generations and has worked in the woods with forest rangers and survey crews. Hearing stories and songs from local friends and neighbors, Dan has developed a style that captures the spirit of the mountains.

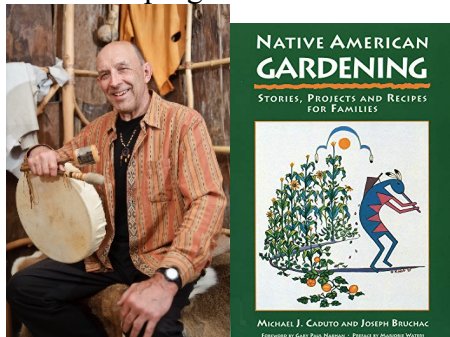


- **Native American Gardening** - Saturday, September 21 at 2:00PM

Join us to celebrate the U.N.'s International Day of Peace by learning about the relationship between people and the gardens of Earth, seed preservation, Native diets and meals, natural pest control, and the importance of the Circle of Life.

Our presenter is storyteller and author Joseph (Joe) Bruchac of Greenfield Center, N.Y. The program is based on his book, *Native American Gardening*. The book was co-authored with Michael J. Caduto and shares stories, projects, and recipes for families. Joe's poems, articles, and stories have appeared in over 500 publications, and he is the author of more than 170 books for adults and children. Much of his writing is drawn from his connection to the Adirondack Mountain foothills town where he grew up and his Abenaki ancestry.

This is the second program in our 2024 **Grant Cottage Literary Landmark Author Series**. A book signing will follow the program.



- **Like the Fabled Centaur: The Horsemanship of Ulysses S. Grant** - Saturday, October 5 at 2:00PM

In Greek mythology, the centaur was a creature with the upper body of a man and the lower body of a horse. When James Longstreet was a cadet at West Point, he watched fellow cadet Ulysses S. Grant become the best horseman the Academy had ever seen. Grant's control of a mount was so flawless and fluid that animal and human seemed to become one. "Rider and horse held together like the fabled centaur!" gasped Longstreet. Grant's love of horses began when he was a toddler and stayed with him, in war and peace, his entire life. For our 3rd and final **Grant Cottage Literary Landmark Author Series** program in 2024, Grant Cottage tour guide and author Steve Trimm will share this wonderful equestrian. His books, *Saving Grant Cottage* and *General Grant's Supporting Players* are available for sale in the Cottage's visitor center bookstore (Steve donates all profits from the books' sales to the Friends of Grant Cottage).

