



Fenimore Art Museum - Fact Sheet

HISTORY: Located on the shores of Otsego Lake, James Fenimore Cooper's "*Glimmerglass Lake*," in historic Cooperstown, NY, the Fenimore Art Museum is home to an exceptionally rich collection of American, folk, and American Indian art, as well as important holdings in American decorative arts and photography. Founded in 1945, the Fenimore is the showplace of the New York State Historical Association (NYSHA), which was established in 1899.

COLLECTIONS: The Fenimore Art Museum features a comprehensive collection of American art, including folk art; some of the most important American 18th and 19th-century landscape, genre, and portrait paintings; the renowned Eugene and Clare Thaw Collection of American Indian Art comprising more than 850 art objects representative of a broad geographic range of North American Indian cultures, from the Northwest Coast, Eastern Woodlands, Plains, Southwest, Great Lakes, and Prairie regions; an extensive collection of domestic artifacts; and more than 125,000 historic photographs representing the technical developments made in photography and providing extensive visual documentation of the region's unique history.

LIBRARY: The New York State Historical Association Research Library's collections include: primary and secondary resources in American and New York State history and culture, American art history, Native American art and culture, history of agriculture, folklore, genealogy, and museum studies. The Library's Special Collections Department comprises a wide selection of materials including rare books, manuscripts, archival collections, maps, broadsides, and ephemera.

ONLINE RESEARCH: *Pathfinder*, an online public access catalog, includes records for the Research Library's holdings in art and architecture, history, museum studies, and New York State history. More information on the library's collections, online resources, and exhibitions is available online at www.nysha.org.

PUBLICATIONS: *Heritage* is a full-color annual publication devoted to the collections, exhibitions, and activities of the New York State Historical Association. *Heritage* is free for members of the New York State Historical Association.

New York State History is the oldest quarterly journal dedicated entirely to the history of New York State and is available by subscription only.

MUSEUM

STORE: The Fenimore Art Museum Shop is located on the main floor. The shop features one-of-a kind art objects, posters, children's books, and a wide selection of publications on history, Native American art, and American folk art.

MUSEUM CAFÉ: *The Fenimore Café* offers a continental-style menu, including daily specials, fresh salads, soups, delectable desserts, wine, beer, espresso, and cappuccino. Terrace-garden seating overlooks Otsego Lake. Open during museum hours.

LOCATION: The museum is located at 5798 State Highway 80, Lake Road, one mile north of the village of Cooperstown. The museum is about four hours northwest of New York City, two hours southeast of Syracuse, and two hours southwest of Albany.

HOURS: April 1–May 10: Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and closed on Mondays; May 11–October 11 (Columbus Day): Daily, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; October 12–December 31: Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and closed on Mondays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day; *Closed January–March*

TOURS: Guided tours are offered several times daily, and are included with admission. Arrangements may be made for special guided group tours for an additional fee.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Museum grounds are handicapped accessible. Parking is provided near the entrance, and an elevator provides access to all three levels.

ADMISSION: Adults: \$12; Seniors (age 65+): \$10.50; Age 12 and younger: Free. Reduced price combination tickets also available with The Farmers' Museum & The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

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