

Ganondagan day trip spotlights women's rights and Matilda Joslyn Gage

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Victor, N.Y. — A day trip to explore the extraordinary impact of the role of women in traditional Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) culture on Matilda Joslyn Gage — 19th century visionary for women's rights — is on the calendar at Ganondagan Historic Site.

Reservations are now being accepted for the Saturday, Oct. 20, day-long bus trip to the historic Gage Home in Fayetteville, hosted by Friends of Ganondagan.

A progressive leader for women's rights and human liberation, Gage was inspired by the political power, responsibility, and social status of women in the Haudenosaunee Confederacy which helped convince her and her contemporaries that women's subordination was neither natural nor ordained by God. The Haudenosaunee Room at the Gage Home is a testament to the strength of that inspiration.

The all-inclusive Friends of Ganondagan-sponsored bus trip is \$75. Pre-registration is required by Oct. 6, with a minimum number of 20 registrants necessary. Call (585) 742-1690 or visit www.ganondagan.org/programs/SistersInSpirit.html for complete information and registration form.

Anyone interested in this trip without the transportation component may register for a rate of \$50 and meet at the Gage Home by 11:30 am. This trip was originally scheduled during the summer, but was postponed.

Matilda Joslyn Gage — with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony — wrote the arguments, inspired the passions, and organized the political action of the 19th century women's suffrage movement in the U.S. In 1893, she was adopted into the Wolf Clan of the Mohawk Nation and given the name "Ka-ron-ien-ha-wi," or "Sky Carrier." Considered for full voting rights in her adopted nation, she was arrested in her own nation for voting in a local school board election the same year.

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