

# Olana

## Framing the Viewshed

Saturday, April 16, 2011 • 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Viewshed** /'vyü-shed/ n.: the natural environment that is visible from one or more viewing points.

### Olana

The eminent Hudson River School painter Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900) designed Olana, his family home, studio, and estate, as an integrated environment embracing architecture, art, and landscape. Considered one of the most important artistic residences in the United States, Olana is a landmark of Picturesque landscape gardening with a Persian-inspired house at its summit, embracing unrivaled panoramic views of the vast Hudson Valley.

### The Olana Partnership

The Olana Partnership supports the conservation, preservation, development and improvement of the Olana State Historic Site, which is open to the public throughout the year. Its goal is to inspire the public by preserving and interpreting Olana, and to create the most widely recognized artist's home and studio in the world, vibrant with the activity of students, visitors and scholars.

### Partners in Education & Preservation



New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has made an unprecedented commitment to land preservation and environmental stewardship with more than \$200 million invested in projects across the state.



The Columbia Land Conservancy works with the community to conserve the farmland, forests, wildlife habitat and rural character of Columbia County, strengthening connections between people and the land.



The Open Space Institute protects scenic, natural, and historic landscapes to ensure public enjoyment, conserve habitats, and sustain community character.



Scenic Hudson works to protect and restore the Hudson River and its majestic landscape as an irreplaceable national treasure and a vital resource for residents and visitors.

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The Transformative Power of Art and Landscape in the Hudson Valley

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# The Olana Symposium

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**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

**Registration 12:30 pm, Program 1:00-5:00 pm**

Symposium takes place at  
Columbia-Greene Community College  
Arts Center Theater  
4400 Rt 23, Hudson, NY

Viewsheds are an intrinsic part of every nationally significant region. America's first art and conservation movement had deep roots in the Hudson Valley, and this symposium, hosted by The Olana Partnership, will offer a fresh look at iconic Hudson Valley scenes through the lens of art history, environmental conservation, and landscape architecture. Please join us as we span three centuries of thought and explore historic and contemporary perspectives on the famed "borrowed views" of the Hudson Valley.

### Lectures

*The Four Hudsons of Wallace Bruce: the Hudson of Beauty, the Hudson of History, the Hudson of Literature, and the Hudson of Commerce*  
Linda S. Ferber, Vice-President & Senior Art Historian,  
New-York Historical Society

*The Art of Protecting Scenic Views: Nineteenth-century Artists and the Preservation of Modern-day Landscapes*  
Harvey K. Flad, Emeritus Professor of Geography, Vassar College

*Life Goes On: Contemporary Design in Historic Settings*  
Laurie Olin, OLIN / Partner, RLA, FASLA

### Panel Moderator

David Schuyler, Arthur and Katherine Shadik Professor of the Humanities and Professor of American Studies, Franklin & Marshall College

### Symposium Tickets

Members \$40 • Non-members \$50

Students with valid ID \$10 (limited number available)

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### Viewshed Benefit Party

Oak Hill, Hudson, NY

Oak Hill was built around 1793 by John Livingston (1750-1822), son of Robert Livingston, the third Lord of Livingston Manor. Grandly sited on a Hudson River bluff, it commands intimate river and mountain views, as well as a singular view up toward Frederic Church's house and painting studio. Oak Hill is one of more than a dozen family homes built along the Hudson River and has remained in the Livingston family since it was built.

Wine, Hors d'Oeuvres and Sunset • 6-8 pm

Sponsors \$250

Members \$90 • Non-members \$100

Win a 3-course lunch for six in the Bell Tower

\$20 per chance or 3 for \$50

call (518) 828-1872 ext. 103 for details

### Bell Tower Tour at Olana

Olana's Bell Tower commands far-reaching views. Guests must preregister and will be assigned a specific tour. Each tour is limited to a maximum of 10 guests per tour and is offered every 15 minutes between 10 am and noon.

Free to members • Non-member \$40

To register, call: (518) 828-1872 ext. 103 or email: [rsvp@olana.org](mailto:rsvp@olana.org) or visit our website: [www.olana.org](http://www.olana.org) • Proceeds will benefit the restoration of Crown Hill at Olana, a crucial component of Frederic Church's designed landscape. Crown Hill is currently degraded and overgrown, and its singular views are in need of restoration, but it once provided a long view—across Church's ornamental farm and meadows and parkland, up to the sky over his Persian-inspired house.



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