



Cedar Grove

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site

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Cedar Grove announces the Fall Schedule of Sunday Salons



Catskill, NY (August, 2005) – This fall, the Thomas Cole National Historic Site presents an internationally renowned scholar, a tasting of authentic Hudson Valley farm products, and a Broadway acting star in its lineup of programming. The programs are a continuation of the popular "Sunday Salons" series, consisting of monthly presentations on topics relating to Thomas Cole, followed by a reception which, weather permitting, takes place on the west porch of the Main House. The spring and summer Salons were completely sold out, and the public is encouraged to come early to ensure a seat. Tickets are \$8 per person, or \$5 for members. Admission is first-come-first-served.

The Harvest at Cedar Grove

September 11 2 pm

Cedar Grove was once a working farm, with fruit orchards extending westward between the Main House and the view of the Catskill Mountains. Celebrate the harvest with Cedar Grove and enjoy a sampling of fruits, wines, and other Hudson Valley farm products as landscape historian Robert M. Toole describes the agricultural operation that was Thomas Cole's home.

Kindred Spirits

October 16 2 pm

One of the most beloved paintings of the Hudson River School, "Kindred Spirits" by Asher B. Durand, recently set a new record for the highest price paid for an American painting. Dr. Linda Ferber, who is organizing a major exhibition on Durand to open in 2007, and Harrison Hunt, director of the Long Island home of William Cullen Bryant who is depicted with Cole in "Kindred Spirits", will speak about the 1849 painting. Also note: a limited number of tickets are



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also available for a hike to places which inspired the painting "Kindred Spirits", to take place in the morning the same day. See below for details.

Thomas Cole's Poetry: A Portrait of the Artist Painted with Words

November 6 2 pm

"To walk with nature as a poet is the necessary condition of a perfect artist," wrote Thomas Cole, and in quiet moments at Cedar Grove, Cole expressed his thoughts about life and art through poetry. Broadway star Patrick Page will join Cedar Grove's David Barnes in bringing Cole's poetry to life, revealing how the poems can open new windows into the artist's most intimate thoughts and feelings. In this Sunday Salon, Barnes explores the question of what Thomas Cole intended to say to future generations who would read his writings over 150 years after they were written.

"Kindred Spirits" Hike

October 16, 9 am

The magnificent view behind Thomas Cole and William Cullen Bryant in the painting "Kindred Spirits" is considered to be a compilation of several places, both real and romanticized, in and around Kaaterskill Clove in the Catskill Mountains. Join us on a hike to some of the beautiful places that inspired the great painting by Asher B. Durand. The hike departs at 9am from Cedar Grove, returning in time for the 2pm Sunday Salon on the same topic. The hike is \$25 per person, \$20 for members of Cedar Grove. Space is limited and advance reservations are recommended; please send your check to Thomas Cole Historic Site, PO Box 426, Catskill, NY, 12414.

As the primary residence and workplace of leading 19th century landscape artist Thomas Cole, Cedar Grove was designated a National Historic Site by U.S. Congress in 1999. Through tours, exhibitions, education programs, and special events, the Thomas Cole National Historic Site seeks to preserve the legacy of Thomas Cole and his impact on 19th century American art and culture.

Cedar Grove is located at 218 Spring Street in Catskill, N.Y. For more information on the site, visit www.thomascole.org.