

The Wonderful Weekend of Oz

Oct.10-12, 2008
Fayetteville and Manlius, N.Y.



Sponsored by
The Matilda Joslyn Gage Center
The International Wizard of Oz Club
The Village of Fayetteville
The Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce

Venues

Fayetteville

Matilda Joslyn Gage Home, 210 E. Genesee St.
Gage Center business office, 109 Walnut St.
Fayetteville Free Library, 300 Orchard St.
Wellington House, 7262 E. Genesee St.
The Shoppes at Towne Center, E. Genesee & N. Burdick Sts.
Key Bank parking lot (bus tour), 410 Towne Dr.

Manlius

Manlius Village Centre, 1 Arkie Albanese Way
Manlius Historical Museum, 101 Scoville Ave.

Syracuse

Syracuse University Bird Library, 222 Waverly Ave., 6th Floor
The Palace Theatre, 2384 James St.

Join us for this fun-filled weekend in Fayetteville and Manlius during the Town of Manlius' Oz-tober!

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise listed.

FRIDAY, Oct. 10

“FRANK AND MAUD” AND “THE DREAMER OF OZ”

Noon - 2 p.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Live performance by Bob and Clare Baum followed by a screening of the TV production that stars John Ritter and includes an appearance by Bob and Clare, who served as advisors. Box lunch provided.
\$15.00 Reservations required.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY BIRD LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Orientation and Personal Research 1 - 3 p.m., Bird Library, 6th Floor

Sign up at Gage Office, 637-9511 or
foundation@MatildaJoslynGage.org.
Limited to 20 people. Reservations required.

THE WONDERFUL FAMILY OF OZ

3:30 - 5 p.m., Gage Home

Reception, house tour, and convention registration. Baum descendants Bob and Clare Baum, Gita Morena and Megan Mantele will be in attendance, along with national scholars.
\$13.00

AFTER SCHOOL WITH OZ

3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Manlius Village Centre

Children's activities. Bring your camera!! Photo-op with Oz characters. Yellow Brick Road chalk drawing outdoors.

“THE MAID OF ARRAN” DINNER SHOW 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Author L. Frank Baum's first theatrical success will be performed as a live readers' theater event. Directed by Heidi Holtz. (Original music from the Bob Baum collection on display at Fayetteville Free Library.)
\$25.00 Reservations required.

A MUSICAL OZ REVIEW

8:45 - 9:30 p.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Musical highlights from more than 100 years of lively Oz and Baum stage and screen productions. Performed live by Josh Smith and Company.
FREE with admission to “Maid.” Reservations required.

SATURDAY, Oct. 11

WALKING TOUR OF FAYETTEVILLE

9 - 11 a.m., begins at Gage Home

Join the Gage Foundation's senior docent, Sue Boland, on a walking tour of L. Frank Baum's Fayetteville, which looks remarkably like it did in the 1880s. Finish at either the Gage Home or nearby Fayetteville Free Library.
\$5.00 Reservations required.

DAY OF OZ FUN FOR KIDS

**9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Manlius Village Centre Library
Community Foundation Rm. & Conference Rm.**

Kids can enjoy videos, sing-alongs, crafts, and other Oz activities. Tornado project. Pick-a-story (Oz trivia). Make buttons, bookmarks, and puzzles. Flying monkey catapult contest. Build the Emerald City out of lime Jell-O.

INCREDIBLE, EDIBLE OZ: PART 1

9:15 - 9:45 a.m., Oz Café at Manlius Village Centre

What did the Baum and Gage families eat? Stories and samples. Presented by Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, executive director of the Gage Foundation.

INCREDIBLE, EDIBLE OZ: PART 2

10:15 - 10:45 a.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Oz collector Jane Albright takes you on a photo-filled tour of Oz-oriented food marketing and memorabilia. From scooter pies to wedding cakes, condensed soup to cherry julep drink, this is Oz like you've never seen it before.

GAGE HOME TOURS

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Gage Home

Visit the home where L. Frank Baum first met Matilda Joslyn Gage, who influenced his vision and encouraged him to publish his stories. Stand in the parlor where Frank and Matilda's daughter Maud were married. Learn about the exciting plans in store for this historic home.

GREATER MANLIUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Shoppes at Towne Center

Book signings by Baum descendants and national Oz scholars: Michael Patrick Hearn and Susan Wolstenholme (10 - 10:30 a.m.), John Fricke (noon - 2 p.m.), Gita Morena (2 - 3 p.m.), Bob Baum (2 - 4 p.m.), Alison Lurie and Angelica Carpenter (3:30 - 4 p.m.). Oz vendors and products.

MGM'S WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ — SEVENTY YEARS ON!

11 - 11:45 a.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Oz and Judy Garland historian John Fricke provides a revelatory and entertaining summary of all things Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as he discusses the making of the classic 1939 movie musical and its unparalleled staying power, and looks ahead to its 70th anniversary in 2009.

MUSICAL STORY TIME: LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY

11 - 11:30 a.m., Fayetteville Free Library, Reading Rm.

Oz-themed LIVE music, stories, fingerplays, and songs for children ages 3-6. Siblings welcome. "Dorothy" will make an appearance! For info: (315) 637-6374

CAST YOUR VOTE ON THE TRUE MEANING OF OZ AND YOUR FAVORITE OZ CHARACTER

11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Manlius Historical Museum

A look at the different interpretations of Oz and what the characters might represent. Vote for your favorite or add your own ideas. Also on display is Winning the Vote: Political Campaign Memorabilia through the Ages. Includes Matilda Joslyn Gage's suffrage work. For info: (315) 682-6660

NEW FINDINGS ALONG BAUM'S ROAD TO OZ

11:00 - 11:45 a.m., Fayetteville Free Library, Community Rm.

Evan Schwartz will showcase Baum writings he has recently uncovered in researching for his book on L. Frank Baum to be published by Houghton Mifflin in 2009. The articles

reveal how the author began formulating some of the key themes in "The Wizard of Oz." For info: (315) 637-6374

RETURN TO THE LAND OF THE TALE: OZ AS THE ANSWER TO OUR IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS

12:00 - 12:45 p.m., Fayetteville Free Library, Community Rm.

Talk and book signing featuring Susan Wolstenholme, editor of the Oxford World's Classics edition of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." Susan will look at why we return to this story not only as a nostalgic reminder of our childhood, but also, perhaps, in a hope to discover something new. For info: (315) 637-6374

THE WONDERFUL WRITER OF OZ

12:15 - 1:45 p.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Letters between L. Frank Baum and his publishers show how Baum allowed their expertise to influence and improve his stories. Bob Baum portrays L. Frank, with Blair Frodelius as the publishers and narration by Michael Patrick Hearn. Includes lunch. \$15.00. Reservations required.

KEYNOTE: AMERICAN HEROINES AFTER OZ with Alison Lurie

2 - 3 p.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Before "The Wizard of Oz," the heroines of American children's books were generally less adventurous than Dorothy Gale, and more centered on their families. Afterward, a new kind of heroine appeared. Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, Anne of Green Gables, and even Pollyanna are clearly the descendants of Dorothy and the many other independent girls and women in Oz.

L. FRANK BAUM & THE OZ FILM MFG. CO.

2 - 3 p.m., Fayetteville Free Library, Community Rm.

L. Frank Baum formed the Oz Film Mfg. Co. to adapt some of his Oz stories to film, including his 1908 adult novel "The Last Egyptian." Using photos, film "stills," and illustrations, Oz scholar and Egyptologist David Moyer will present a short slide talk on the long-lost film, the existing excerpts of which will be shown Saturday evening at the Palace. For info: (315) 637-6374

RESEARCHING FRANK AND MATILDA WITHOUT TEARS

3:15 - 4 p.m., Manlius Village Centre Audit.

Scholars Michael Patrick Hearn and Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner will relate amusing, touching, and previously unknown anecdotes from people who knew L. Frank Baum and Matilda Joslyn Gage. The leading authorities on these two major figures of American literary and social history will share their research experiences.

EARLY MUSIC OF OZ

10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fayetteville Free Library

The Motto Sheet Music Collection will exhibit Oz-related sheet music from International Wizard of Club member collections, including rare selections such as "The Maid of Arran," on loan from Bob Baum. For info: (315) 637-6374

**AN EVENING OF OZ AT THE PALACE:
PRIVATE DINNER AND SCREENINGS**

6 - 10 p.m., Palace Theatre – upstairs

Private dinner reception. Entry fee includes screenings of The Wonderful Wizard Oz and The Last Egyptian. \$50.00. Reservations required.

“THE WIZARD OF OZ” MOVIE

5:30 - 8:15 p.m., Palace Theatre

The classic 1939 MGM movie, with remarks by Oz authority and past International Wizard of Oz Club president John Fricke. Special guests. First 100 children to dress as an Oz character win a prize! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Costume party before 6:30 movie. \$15 adult, includes 1 child free. Additional children \$5 each.

“THE LAST EGYPTIAN” SPECIAL FEATURE

8:30 - 10 p.m., Palace Theatre

L. Frank Baum’s live-action film, based on his anonymous novel for adults, on screen for the public for the first time since 1915. Three reels of footage from this long-lost five reel film, with introduction and comments by Oz scholars Michael Patrick Hearn and David Moyer. Cost included in admission to “Wizard of Oz.”

SUNDAY, Oct. 12

BUS TOUR OF BAUM-RELATED SITES

9 a.m. – noon, starts at Key Bank parking lot

Guided by scholars Michael Patrick Hearn, Sue Boland, and David Moyer. \$20.00. (\$15.00 if registered for the weekend) Reservations required.

**Tom Thomas & the Wellington House present
A TOAST TO MATILDA: AN AFTERNOON OF
CHAMPAGNE AND R“OZ”ES**

1 - 4 p.m., Wellington House

The elegant annual fund-raising auction to support the Gage Foundation. Items up for bid will include vacations, antiques, Oz collectibles, and certificates from local businesses. \$25.00 Reservations required.

**Other Events During
Oz-tober**

OZ-TOBER RECEPTION

Oct. 1, 2 - 4 p.m., Fayetteville Free Library

The Fayetteville Free Library kicks off Oz-tober with a reception for participants in its Oz-tober events. See the exhibits on display there. Gage volunteers and the public welcome. For info: (315) 637-6374

YELLOW BRICK ROAD QUILT DISPLAY

**Oct. 1 - 21, Fayetteville Free Library, M - Th 9 - 9,
F & Sat 10 - 5, Sun 1 - 5**

Two dozen hand-made quilts featuring Oz themes and characters have been created by the Towpath Quilters Guild and Calico Gals for exhibit to support the work of the Gage Foundation. For info: (315) 637-6374

THROUGH THE LENS WITH L. FRANK BAUM

**Oct. 1 - 31, Fayetteville Free Library, M - Th 9 - 9,
F & Sat 10 - 5, Sun 1 - 5**

Baum was an early amateur photographer, capturing images of people and places he loved. Fascinating views of the Gage and Baum families, the Gage home, and the Dakota Territory through Baum’s own photos will be on display, along with professional portraits from the period and rare Baum family artifacts. For info: (315) 637-6374

READING IS OZSOME

Oct. 1 - 31, Fayetteville Free Library

The Children’s Wing will display selected material from the Fred Meyer collection that has been donated to the Gage Foundation. For info: (315) 637-6374

**PROGRAMMING IN FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS
SCHOOLS WITH GAGE AND BAUM
DESCENDANTS**

Wed., Oct. 8, & Fri., Oct. 10

**BUILD A SCARECROW WITH THE MANLIUS
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Sun., Oct. 12, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Manlius Fire Dept.
next to Manlius Village Centre**

Watch for scarecrows at Wonderful Weekend of Oz event sites, and make your own. All ages. \$25.00. Benefits Manlius Volunteer Fire Dept.

For Tickets & Info

**Contact the Gage Center at
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