



LEARNERS, LEGENDS & LEADERS

The Finger Lakes Region has been home to some of the most notable figures in history. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Gideon Granger, Joseph Smith, Stephen Douglass, and the Native American people have called the land between the lakes home.

The **Women's Rights National Historical Park** in Seneca Falls marks the place where leaders Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony met to form an activist team to address women's issues. In fact, Anthony was tried and convicted for voting at the Ontario County Courthouse in Canandaigua.

The **Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum** is a unique Federal style home built in 1816 by the first Postmaster General of the United States, Gideon Granger. Granger, who served under Presidents Jefferson and Madison, has retained the honor of being the longest serving Postmaster General.

Legendary Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon religion, was from the Palmyra area. The beliefs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is interpreted in the Visitors Center and brought to life each summer in Manchester during the spectacular **Hill Cumorah Pageant**. This four-day event brings thousands of people from all over the United States together to celebrate Smith's legacy. **Ganondagan State Historic Site**, the "Town of Peace," was a thriving community of an estimated 4,500 Seneca until the late 1600s.

The **Canandaigua Wine Trail** might not be so well known if it weren't for Marvin Sands growing the Canandaigua Wine Company into the largest wine company in the United States. Today it trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the name Constellation Brands. Sands, who made his summer home on Canandaigua Lake, is recognized as a leader in the wine industry and in his community of Canandaigua.

Other interesting inventions. Entrepreneurs from the Finger Lakes Region have invented many things – but have been particularly successful in marrying agricultural products with the technology for processing them. Apple varieties have been developed and grown at Geneva's **New York State Agricultural Experiment Station**. **Arbor Hill's Traminette** wine was first developed by Naples winemaker John Brahm III, and is winning international awards.

The cabbage harvester was invented here, and the grape harvester was perfected. Orange cauliflower was developed here and is well on its way to gourmet status in the metropolitan areas. Grape pies are unique to the Naples area, where they boast serving over 70,000 pies on an annual basis.

Artistry, creativity, and cultural innovation flourish in this area. The Bristol Hills are an artist's haven. From glass blowing to silk scarf painting to iron sculptures, creations are being made daily in Ontario County's Lake Country. Each year the public can get up close to these inventors in

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the **Naples Open Studio Trail** or on the **Canandaigua Main Street Artwalk**. One place is open year round and boasts its own trademark. The **Wizard of Clay**, **Bristoleaf pottery** and **Crystalline pottery** are the inventions of Jim and Jamie Kozlowski.

Whether it's the great outdoor setting, the tremendous open spaces, or the venues for personal reflection that cause all this innovation, the Finger Lakes has become renowned as a home to learners, legends & leaders.

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