

**Great Group-Friendly ANNUAL Festivals & Events are waiting in Corning & the Finger Lakes...**

**Warm Up to Wine on Ice – January 27-28, 2012:** we're kicking out the hockey team and taking over the ice rink at First Arena with wine tastings from more than 35 regional wineries. Sample the fruit of the vine, shop local unique vendors, and enjoy entertainment throughout both days of the event. Absolutely no sour grapes allowed! [www.wineonice.com](http://www.wineonice.com)

**Cabin Fever – February 10, 2012:** Wine tasting and great food, live entertainment, and great deals in Corning's Gaffer District. Enjoy the walk-able 6-blocks of unique stores, antique shops, and restaurants.

**GlassFest – May 24-27, 2012:** this 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event will highlight the extensive and unique glass-making history of the Corning area. Enjoy the Hot Glass Show on Centerway Stage, and take part in the festival atmosphere, as all of Market Street becomes a pedestrian mall filled with demonstrations, food, and craft vendors.

**Finger Lakes Wine Festival – July 13-15, 2012:** Named to the American Bus Association Top 100 Events list for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, this is one of the East Coast's largest and most successful wine festivals - guests are drawn from across the country for the opportunity of one-stop tasting and shopping of over 500 wines – everything from estate wineries to award-winning industry giants. Check out [www.flwinefest.com](http://www.flwinefest.com) for more info. Cheers!

**Hammondsport Craft Show – August 18-19, 2012 :** A two day celebration of the arts on Hammondsport's Village Square. Fine arts and crafts, entertainment, great food, and children's activities. And don't forget the wine-tasting available at all the Keuka Lake wineries, just up the road!

**New York State Festival of Balloons – August 30-September 2, 2012:** Labor Day weekend in Dansville always brings over 50 hot air balloons, an international food court, art and crafts vendors, and "fly-in" pancake breakfast beginning with the "glow" (dusk launching) on Thursday. [www.nysfob.com](http://www.nysfob.com)

**Seaplane Splash In – September 15, 2012:** This annual event celebrates one of the creations of local inventor Glenn Curtiss – the seaplane (or flying boat). Seaplanes from across the U.S. and Canada "fly-in" for this event, with a gala opening night dinner, special tours of the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, and the launch of an historic seaplane, restored by the volunteer restoration crew at the Curtiss Museum. [www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org](http://www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org)

**Crystal City Jazz & Harvest Festival – September 21-23, 2012:** Begin with wine and craft beer tastings in the stores along historic Market Street on Friday, and spend the rest of the weekend enjoying a mix of local and nationally-known artists on stage in Centerway Square. [www.gafferdistrict.com](http://www.gafferdistrict.com)

**26th Annual Holiday Family Arts & Crafts Festival – November 17, 2012:** A perfect start to your holiday shopping! A juried event held on the Corning East High School campus, featuring over 100 exhibitors selling unique items of exceptional quality and craftsmanship.

**Crystal City Christmas – November 24-25/December 1-2, 2012:** Watch Corning's Gaffer District transform into a winter wonderland with horse-drawn carriage rides, breakfast with Santa, strolling carolers, holiday crafters, and, of course, great holiday shopping!

\*\*\*\*\* To learn more about these and other great group-friendly events in 2012, call 866-WINE FUN (946-3386) or e-mail [droman@corningfingerlakes.com](mailto:droman@corningfingerlakes.com) today! \*\*\*\*\*