

Spring into Fun – Speaker Information



David T. Chapman started doing photography as well as storm chasing at the age of 16. He is self-taught in the art of photography and has been pursuing his career professionally since the age of eighteen. He learned at a very young age from his father to appreciate his surrounding environment. He enjoys taking photographs and videos of weather phenomena, especially lightning, as well as scenery and nature. David likes to seek out unusual examples of nature such as inferior mirages, albino birds, ice caves and various types of naturally created vortexes, ranging in size from dust devils to tornadoes. To date, he has found multi-petalled Ontario trilliums, the highest of which had 33 petals. David is also a professional speaker and enjoys entertaining and educating a great crowd. His main areas of expertise are Weather/Aurora Borealis, Local Interests and Scenery of Ontario, Birds and Wildlife.



Wild, Weird and Wacky Weather

In an area like northeastern North America, it is no wonder we have some of the most interesting weather in the world. It offers such a variety all year round because of its terrain and temperature variations that are influenced both by the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. Learn about Fallstreak Holes, Superior Mirages, Severe Thunderstorms and discover how far south the Aurora Borealis can actually be seen in New York State. This presentation combines weather uniqueness, power and beauty all wrapped into one.

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Gail Berti, Second District Director 2021-23, has lived in Long Island for all her life. For the past 25 years, she has been a member of Centerport Garden Club. In addition to being a life member, Gail has held many positions including Past President. She has been a member of the Second District Board for 10 years, serving numerous roles including Suffolk North Chairman, Audit Chairman, Awards Chairman and Long Island Gardener Circulation Manager, as well as Assistant Director. Gail is a National Accredited Flower Show Judge who lectures and teaches flower arranging. She currently resides in Huntington with her husband, Peter. Prior to becoming an active Garden Club member Gail enjoyed a career as a department store buyer with a major retailer before leaving to focus on raising her three daughters. She loves gardening, travel, and of course flower arranging especially with her granddaughter Olivia.



**Amanda Lindsay, Assistant Professor of Economics
Luther College, Decorah, IA:**

Dr. Lindsay is an environmental and resource economist. Her research focuses on the evaluation of regulations and management of natural resources, as well as the quantification of impacts to resource users. Current research focuses on the sustainability of marine fisheries.

EDUCATION

2012 - 2019 University of California Davis

Ph.D. Agricultural & Resource Economics

(Specializations: Environmental and Resource Economics, Industrial Organization)

2010 - 2012

University of California Santa Barbara

Masters in Environmental Science and Management

(Specializations: Economics and Politics of the Environment, Eco-Entrepreneurship)

2007 - 2010

Colby College

B.A. Environmental Science

(Specializations: Conservation Biology)