

25TH ANNUAL CSAA CONFERENCE

“Fine, Finer, Finest Schools of the Finger Lakes”

June 21-23, 2026 | Hobart & William Smith Colleges | Geneva, NY

MONDAY, JUNE 22 PRESENTATION TOPICS

Hidden But Not Forgotten - Scott Merrifield

The Restoration of Colonial Williamsburg’s 18th Century Bray School

Remember the Ladies – Sarah Bent

10 National Women’s Hall of Fame honorees with connections to country schools and education

Inviting 21st Century Visitors into the 19th Century – Alison Boissonnas

Meeting the challenge of giving age-appropriate but historically accurate glimpses into the past

American Ingenuity Teaching Art in the late 19th – early 20th Centuries – Debbie Schaefer-Jacobs

Art education tools used 1870-1930 in American country schools

Developing a Vibrant Youth Docent Program - Linda Jennings

Ensuring the continuance of museum goals by investing in our youth docents

Death in the One-Room School – Larry Scheckel

5 cases where outsiders intruded into the safe environs of country schools with tragic consequences

Built for the Community, Saved for the Community – Wynne Klingel

How one determined community saved a schoolhouse not once but twice

The Rapid Growth of Amish Schools in New York – Dr. Mark DeWalt

A look at the increasing Amish presence—and their schools—in New York state

Unique Ways to Utilize and Host Events at Historic One-Room Schools – Elizabeth Beckett

Focusing on the specialized educational programs at Mt. Gilead School in Kearney, Missouri

Proud of Our Privies: The Schoolhouse Outhouse – Susan Fineman

An oft-ignored but fascinating—“of necessity”—aspect of country schools!

Proper School Marm Etiquette with Miss Gill and Miss Eubanks – Sarah Eubanks & Catherine Gill

Two marms in full historic costume present common trials and tribulations of country school teachers