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**SEPTEMBER AFTER HOURS MIXER AT PAINTED BAR STABLES IN BURDETT  
PLUS A BONUS SOLAR SCHUYLER PROGRAM**

WATKINS GLEN, NY – Join the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce for the September After Hours Mixer at Painted Bar Stables on Wednesday, September 20. After Hours Mixers are a complimentary benefit for members of the chamber and offer great opportunities to network, make connections with fellow Chamber members and the community at large, as well as learn more about local businesses.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
**Time:** 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
**Location:** Painted Bar Stables (4093 Lake Street, Burdett, NY 14818)  
**Schedule:** 5:00pm – Registration  
6:00pm – Program  
6:15/6:30pm – 7:00pm – Refreshments, Networking, Tours, and Themed Games

Erika Eckstrom, the owner of Painted Bar Stables shares, “We are looking forward to hosting the September After Hours Mixer. We are excited to welcome members to the farm, to visit with our horses, and see what our business is all about.” Mixers provide a great opportunity to catch up with fellow members, meet new people, and network with like-minded professionals. Be sure to bring a supply of your business cards!

2017 After Hours Mixers are sponsored by Chemung Canal Trust Company, so there is no fee for members to attend. Although not required, reservations are strongly encouraged. Kindly RSVP by Monday, September 18 by calling the Chamber at (607) 535-4300 or email [anna@watkinsglenchamber.com](mailto:anna@watkinsglenchamber.com).

**INTRODUCTION TO SOLAR**

At the conclusion of the mixer (7:00pm), the event will transition into an “Introduction to Solar” event hosted by Solar Schuyler and supported by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County, Farm Bureau, and Painted Bar Stables. It is free to attend and open to the public, though the program is designed for small and medium-sized farmers, CSAs, and farmer’s market growers.

“Introduction to Solar” will examine how solar energy helps small farms and homesteads save money, become more efficient, and reduce their carbon footprint. Speakers include Lory Peck of Solar Schuyler, installers including Apex Solar, Renovus Solar, and Taitem Engineering, a representative from Intelligent Green Solutions (a solar thermal installer), and Annalise Kukor from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County.

The program will begin with a “Solar 101” by Annalise Kukor. Attendees will also hear firsthand from Painted Bar Stables’ Erika Eckstrom, who will share her experience about solar installation and the impact it has on her business.

Solar Schuyler is a community-based effort to bring affordable solar energy to homes and businesses in Schuyler County. For additional details on the "Introduction to Solar" event, please contact Lory Peck at [lory@htva.net](mailto:lory@htva.net).

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