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PUBLIC LECTURE: HOW GLACIERS MADE THE BRISTOL VALLEY

For its next history lecture, the Bristol Hills Historical Society is digging much deeper into local history – thousands of years, in fact – than its programs normally cover. A noted local expert on our region’s lakes and hills, Dr. Bruce Gilman, will give a talk titled “A Glacial History of the Bristol Valley.”

The event, sponsored by the Bristol Hills Historical Society, is open to the public and free. It will take place on Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at the Historical Society’s Grange Hall in Bristol Springs, 6457 State Route 64, Naples.

The Finger Lakes region’s distinctive, deeply cut valleys and mineral deposits tell a story about how receding glaciers carved the land and left us with beautiful gorges and lakes. Gilman will bring his scientific and hands-on experience to a discussion of what we now know about the formation of the Bristol Valley.

Gilman recently retired from Finger Lakes Community College’s Department of Environmental Conservation and Horticulture, where his 42 years of teaching included courses on glacial geology. Gilman, who continues to curate the Finger Lakes Herbarium, a collection of over 18,000 plant specimens representative of western New York, has served as director of FLCC’s Muller Field Station in the southern Honeoye Valley and has monitored and researched the waters of Honeoye and Canandaigua lakes, among others.

The Bristol Hills Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was formed in 2020 through the merger of the historical societies of Bristol and South Bristol, N.Y. It cares for two of the region’s most distinctive historic buildings, the 1923 Grange Hall in Bristol Springs, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and the 1846 Methodist Episcopal Church in Bristol Center. The society’s website at bristolhillshistory.org and Facebook page at facebook.com/bhhistorical provide calendars of upcoming history presentations and other events, articles on local history, and a convenient way to become an annual donor at levels starting at \$15 for individuals and \$30 for families.

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ATTACHED: Photos of a Finger Lakes gully and Dr. Bruce Gilman

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