TAUNY . . . . . . The only organization in New York’s North Country dedicated to showcasing the folk culture and living traditions of the region.
TAUNY was founded in 1986 and has completed hundreds of projects about the Adirondack North Country since then.
About TAUNY

What is TAUNY?
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What does TAUNY do?
TAUNY collects, preserves, interprets, and presents the customs and traditions of the North Country. With archives, exhibits, and programs in Canton and throughout the region, TAUNY celebrates the diversity of living traditions inherited from the past, maintained in the present, and passed on to the future.

What is the North Country?
Our North Country is the 14-county region north of the Mohawk River, from Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River to Lake Champlain, including the Adirondack Mountains.

How does TAUNY’s work benefit the region?
By celebrating our North Country’s distinct identity and the everyday people, places, and things that define it—TAUNY encourages an understanding and appreciation of life in the region, for residents and visitors alike. This understanding contributes to enhanced regional pride, increased economic vitality, affirmation of regional values and traditions, and encouragement of the stewardship of these customs and traditions for posterity.

Mission Statement
Traditional Arts in Upstate New York is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people understand and appreciate the folk traditions and local culture of everyday life—present and past—in the North Country. To do so, TAUNY seeks to research and preserve a record of diverse groups, customs and traditions; to recognize and empower traditional arts and artists; to identify and promote regional identity; and to provide opportunities for people of all ages to learn about folklore and local culture.
The North Country Folkstore at The TAUNY Center sells work made in our region.
All TAUNY projects begin with research and documentation of community life. Here, Freeman’s Taffy Stand, listed on our Register of Very Special Places. The audio recordings we collected were used in a radio series.
The TAUNY staff has produced dozens of exhibits, some of which travel around the region. A complete list is available on our website.
Our current exhibit about dairy farms is based on research we did funded by the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.
Fraser Family band records at The TAUNY Center in 2013 for Songs to Keep project.
Members of the choir at St. Anthony’s Church, Watertown. TAUNY Program Director Camilla Ammirati interviewed them in early 2014.
The Yancey Family, Croghan, NY
Adirondack Mennonite Quilt Auction, Lowville, NY
Pastry makers at St. Vasilios Church, Watertown
Harmonica player Fred Higby, Black River, NY