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Photo caption: *Searching for Utopistan*, by writers from the Write Circle at the Sinclairville Free Library, will be on display and for sale at the Buffalo Small Book Press Fair on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19. The book's publication was funded by the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County's Projects Pool Grants Program and will be offered by participating author George W. Clever.

United Arts Appeal Project at Buffalo Small Press Book Fair

Jamestown, NY – “We’re so pleased that one of the projects supported by the United Arts Appeal will be promoted at the Buffalo Small Book Press Fair!”

That was the response of Lynn Warner, president of the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County, when she learned that *Searching for Utopistan* will be available at the April 18-19 event. The Book Fair will be held at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, Porter Hall, 453 Porter Avenue on Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Soft copies of *Searching for Utopistan* will be at the Clever Art and Books booth during the Book Fair. Authored by writers from the Write Circle at the Sinclairville Free Library, the book was published as an EBook and a soft copy with support from the United Arts Appeal Projects Pool Grants Program.

Participating author George W. Clever explained that many of the writers contributing to this novelette were new to self-publishing and or had their writing published for the first time. He said, “The recognition they received from this supporting grant was a strong motivation for continuing development of individual writing skills as well as a financial contribution to the

Sinclairville Free Library from sales through Amazon and the Book Patch Publishing Company. Once posted as an E-Pub the revenue generated from this publication will assist the library budget as long as people buy the mystery story.”

The Buffalo Small Press Book Fair is a regional two-day event that brings booksellers, authors, bookmakers, zinesters, small presses, artists, poets, and other cultural workers and enthusiasts together in a venue where they can share ideas, showcase their art, and peddle their wares. The event is free and open to the public. More information is available at their website, www.buffalosmallpress.org.

On Saturday at 1:50 p.m., Clever will do a reading from his books. A graduate of Buffalo State College, with an M.Ed. from State University of New York at Buffalo where he also did his doctoral studies, Clever has extensive teaching experience and served as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for Native American Programs at Stanford University and as Dean of Students at Carl Sandburg College. He is an artist and musician and has published books of poetry and stories. A Native American, he is a member of the Eastern Delaware Nation, a Lenape of the Unami Clan.

The publication of *Searching for Utopistan* is one of eight arts projects and individual artists supported in 2014 by the United Arts Appeal’s Projects Pool Grants Program. Information about online applications for the 2015 awards that are due April 15 is at www.unitedartsappeal.org/grants.html

The United Arts Appeal is funded through Chautauqua County, local foundations, and generous individuals and businesses. It provides operating support for eight of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County: the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, and the Western New York Chamber Orchestra. To learn more, visit www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

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