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Historic Saranac Lake Announces Expanded “History Matters” Speaker Series

Saranac Lake, NY-- Historic Saranac Lake announces an expanded “History Matters” Speaker Series beginning this month. This new series will feature an event each month for the rest of 2016. The expanded series will include presentations by Dr. Ian Orme on the state of tuberculosis today, Dr. Neil A. Holtzman on Dr. Norman Bethune, and Mary-Nell Bockman on historic preservation in Cuba. Dates for each of the presentations will be announced soon.

“We are excited to expand this series,” said Public Programs Coordinator Chessie Monks-Kelly, “it will bring in new audiences, and also allows us to offer a greater range of presentations on interesting topics in history, science, and culture.”

The series will kick off on Thursday, May 18 with a presentation entitled “Mythbusting the National Register of Historic Places,” which aims to help the owners of historic properties understand the benefits of the register. Rich in history and architecture,

Saranac Lake is home to *six* historic districts and numerous individually-listed properties on the National Register of Historic Places. This means that most of the historic homes or businesses in Saranac Lake are eligible for or already on the National Register. The Register recognizes properties that are historically and architecturally significant in communities across the country.

Historic Saranac Lake and Adirondack Architectural Heritage will answer questions, bust myths, and help property owners understand the many benefits of owning property listed on the State and National Register. HSL and AARCH invite property owners to submit their questions ahead of the presentation, and bring photographs and other items of interest to share. This presentation will take place at 7:00PM on Thursday, May 18 in the John Black Room of the Saranac Laboratory Museum, 89 Church Street, Saranac Lake. This event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

To learn more about upcoming events in the “History Matters” series, contact Historic Saranac Lake at 518-891-4606, email mail@historicsaranaclake.org, or visit www.historicsaranaclake.org.

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About Historic Saranac Lake

Founded in 1980, Historic Saranac Lake is a not-for-profit architectural preservation organization that captures and presents local history from their center at the Saranac Laboratory Museum.

