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## HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE WINS GRANT TO SUPPORT THE CURE PORCH ON WHEELS IN 2019

**Saranac Lake, NY.** Historic Saranac Lake has been awarded a major grant to support the Cure Porch on Wheels project in 2019. The New York Council on the Arts (NYSCA) has approved a grant of \$16,000 to support programming on Historic Saranac Lake's oral history booth and mobile exhibit space.

This is the latest of a number of grants that have supported the project. In 2018, a NYSCA Museum Program grant supported the construction of the Cure Porch on Wheels. This grant was part of a fundraising campaign that raised over \$75,000 for the construction of the porch and staffing of the project. In 2017, a National Endowment for the Arts grant funded the design of the Porch by designer Melissa Kline and engineer Wiley Lavigne.

The Cure Porch on Wheels will serve as a symbol of local heritage. The project is modeled on the cure porches of Saranac Lake, where tens of thousands of people from around the world came to take the "fresh air cure" for tuberculosis.

Historic Saranac Lake will host oral history days, temporary exhibits, and educational programs on the Cure Porch on Wheels. Constructed on a 16 foot trailer, the Porch will bring programming to a diverse audience of local residents and visitors throughout the North Country. The Porch will also be available for use by local organizations to host a variety of arts and culture programs. It is fully accessible, solar powered, and heated for winter use. A collapsible stage will make it a flexible venue for musical performances and other events.

Construction of the Cure Porch on Wheels is wrapping up this fall, thanks to the help of numerous volunteers and professional builders. Don Rumble Carpentry completed the framing of the Porch in the spring. Martin Rowley led a team of volunteers to build the roof including Jim Meade, Ken Gochenaur, Marc Wanner, and Garrett and Miles from Garrett Foster Roofing. Blue Moon Builders designed, constructed, and installed custom wood windows and doors. Towing has been provided by Lee Foster and Bill Madden of Maddens Transfer and Storage.

The Cure Porch on Wheels has been towed to the BOCES Building Trades Shop, where students under the leadership of Clarence Brockway will get hand-on experience applying the siding.

Project Coordinator Kayt Gochenaur said, “We are thrilled to have the support of NYSCA on this project. We look forward to bringing new museum programs to the community, and we are excited to share the porch with other organizations in the North Country in the coming year.”

The Cure Porch on Wheels is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

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Photo caption: Blue Moon Builders installed custom-made sliding windows on the Cure Porch on Wheels in October. Courtesy of Historic Saranac Lake.



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