

HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE

at the Saranac Laboratory Museum



MEDICAL MARVELS COMING SOON

Laboratory exhibit improvements also planned

We are working to install new, professionally designed museum exhibits in the Saranac Laboratory Museum for the 2015 season. With visitor numbers up this year, and a steep increase in visitorship expected once our neighbor, the Hotel Saranac, reopens next year, we are getting ready now.

In the laboratory space, we are reorganizing interpretation in order to manage high traffic with a self-guided tour. The exhibit will feature new visual panels using innovative methods to capture visitors' interest, complemented by optional cell phone audio interpretation.

In the John Black Room, a new exhibition of antique medical devices will open in June of next year. The exhibit is created in collaboration with the Dittrick Medical History Center at Case Western Reserve University and is made possible by support from the New York Council for the Humanities and the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation.

The Medical Marvels exhibit will feature artifacts from the HSL collection along with over twenty items on special loan arrangement from Ripley Entertainment, Inc.



Science or Quackery?

Davidson Designs has created a virtual tour guide named "Violet Ray" to engage visitors with the medical devices. Ms. Ray is inspired by one of the artifacts to be displayed.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ Nov. 6 Annual Meeting with Jill Breit of TAUNY
- ◆ Winter Walking Tours
- ◆ North Country Premier of new George Washington Carver film
- ◆ June: Medical Marvels Exhibit unveiling

HISTORY WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our amazing website of local history: localwiki.net/hsl. Click the edit button and add what you know!

OUR MISSION

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

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HSL WINS AARCH AWARD



We were honored to accept an annual Adirondack Architectural Heritage Award in September. HSL received the award for the restoration of the Saranac Laboratory as a museum, community space, and organization offices.

(Pictured: Ed Finnerty, AARCH Board Member. From Historic Saranac Lake: Amy Catania, Executive Director; Mary Hotaling, Historian; Priscilla Goss, President)

TRUDEAU BOOK UPDATE



The Trudeau biography by Mary Hotaling is on track for publication in 2015. 138 donors have supported the project to date. A recent grant from the Henry Uihlein II and Mildred A. Uihlein Foundation honors the

family's legacy in the Adirondacks. (As a young student at Cornell University, Henry was stricken with TB, and like thousands of others from around the world, he came to the area for his health, drawn by the "fresh air treatment" established in Saranac Lake by Dr. Trudeau.) Your \$100 subscription supports the book publication and reserves an advance copy. Checks can be made to HSL with "Trudeau book" in the memo.

RECENT HAPPENINGS



PRESERVATION CELEBRATION

This spring, we highlighted architectural preservation as a cornerstone of economic development. The day featured a workshop on window preservation, a presentation on downtown revitalization, and a tour of the Hotel Saranac. Special thanks to Roedel Companies, Kim and Jack Alvarez of Landmark Consulting, and Murray Gould.

SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

In May, we hosted the "History Matters" series supported by the NY Humanities Council. It featured a book signing with Neil Surprenant, a discussion on WWI with Brian Mann, "Frankenstein Lives!" with Tim Madigan, and "The Arts and Crafts Movement" with Bruce Austin, co-hosted with the Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society.

WWII HOLDOUTS EXHIBIT

This spring, Museum Coordinator, Todd Bailey, hosted a special short term exhibit in the John Black Room titled, "Japanese Holdouts of WWII," featuring the culminating project of Todd's master's program in museum studies.



WHITE PINE CAMP

In September, HSL hosted "Welcome to the Summer White House," featuring a reception and tours of White Pine Camp. Pictured above, HSL board members gathered at Osgood Pond. We thank expert tour guides, Wayne Tucker and Dick George and The Jubal Consort musicians.

HISTORY TRAIN

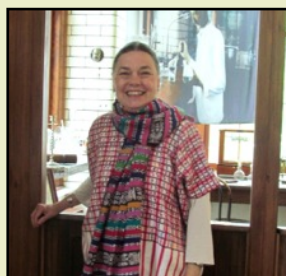
This fall, two special history trains departed from Union Depot filled to capacity. 240 people enjoyed the rides. Organized by volunteers of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad and HSL, the excursions featured presentations on the history of the tri-lakes villages and included a presentation of "Motion Pictures of Saranac Lake" by Jim Griebisch.

MEMBERSHIP PARTY

A special membership reception was held in July, marking the reopening our John Black Room WWI exhibit. We welcomed special visitors, Bart and Barbara Klion. Barbara's uncle, Harry Kupsick, was a Saranac Lake soldier who died in service in WWI.

SPECIAL VISITORS

This spring and summer we hosted many special visits. Top row: Colleen Aycok, historian of the sport of boxing; Dr. Ian Orme and Dr. Marcela Henao-Tamayo, TB scientists from Colorado State U.; legendary speed skater, George Wilson. Bottom row: Christopher Lyons, Head Librarian at the Osler Library of the History of Medicine, McGill University; Dr. Richard Fraser, Director, McGill Medical Museum; Einar Kirkebo, son of a Norwegian sailor who cured in Saranac Lake, visiting with Natalie Leduc.



CURRENT PROJECTS

Clarkson University Collaboration

This coming spring, we will collaborate with Clarkson University and Trudeau Institute on their new “Trudeau Semester.” Clarkson history professor Dr. Laura Ettinger is teaching a course on the History of Public Health in America. HSL will lead tours for her students of the Saranac Laboratory and former Trudeau Sanatorium. Some of the students will support HSL by conducting oral histories, developing museum outreach programs, or doing historical research.

School Outreach

2014 was another busy year for school outreach. We provided programs and tours for hundreds of local 4th, 5th, and 7th graders. We also led a day-long tour in October for the BOCES New Visions Program.

National Register District Nomination

The National Register District Nomination for Helen Hill has been submitted to the State. It will be reviewed for determination in March of 2015. HSL will hold a fall meeting for property owners included in the district.

Bartók Fund

The Board of Directors recently established a special fund to support the long term future of the Bartók cabin. The beginning balance of \$5,000 is made possible by donations in memory of Jody Sandhaus Malinverni and past fundraising concerts at Cobble Spring Farm. Please contact us if you would like to support the Bartók Fund with a tax deductible contribution.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carver Documentary

The National Park Service has released its new film on George Washington Carver, with scenes filmed at the Saranac



Laboratory. The students from NCCC and Lake Placid High School who performed as actors will be invited as special guests to a red carpet unveiling event. Be on the lookout for a date!

Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 6

Members are invited to our Annual Meeting on November 6 at 7:00 pm in the John Black Room. Jill Breit, Executive Director of Traditional Arts in Upstate New York, will present about Marjorie Lansing Porter and the Songs to Keep project. The presentation includes excerpts from the audio archive and from the Songs to Keep album and documentary.

November Tours

A downtown tour meets at Riverside Park on Friday, 11/14. A tour of the former Trudeau San meets at the Park Avenue gates on Friday, 11/21. Call HSL by noon the day before to reserve a spot. The tour will only be held if reservations are made ahead of time. See our events page for a complete schedule of winter tour and events.

SPECIAL TOURS

Top row: NCCC Radiologic Tech program; visitors from Sun Yat-sen University, China. Bottom row: Students of the Albany University School of Public Health, Center for Global Health; Pioneer Health Resort AARCH tour at Prescott House; Saranac Lake United Methodist Women group.



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