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## HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE TO KICK OFF CONSTRUCTION WITH GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

**Saranac Lake, NY** — Historic Saranac Lake announced there will be a groundbreaking ceremony on August 1, 2023 at 4pm, marking the beginning of construction at the Trudeau Building. The historic former home and medical office of Dr. E. L. Trudeau will undergo complete rehabilitation for expansion of Historic Saranac Lake's museum at the neighboring Saranac Laboratory.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony will include representatives from the firm leading construction, Bishop Beaudry Construction of Schenectady. The architectural team, Kim and Jack Alvarez of Landmark Consulting in Albany will also be present along with members of Historic Saranac Lake's Board of Directors and staff.

All members of the public are invited to attend. Before the ceremony, from 3:00 to 4:00, the public is welcome to attend an open house, to get a sneak preview of the building before construction begins. Following the groundbreaking ceremony, a group photo will be taken in front of the building.

Historic Saranac Lake has raised over \$5.3 million to support the acquisition of the building, architectural design, improvements at the neighboring Saranac Laboratory Museum, and construction. Funds have come in the form of state and federal grants, historic preservation tax credits, as well as private support and foundation grants.

Significant work will be performed inside and out to bring the historic building back to life and into a new use as a museum and research library. Handicap accessibility and fire suppression will be installed. The blue vinyl siding will be removed and replaced with wood clapboards painted the original dark red. Site improvements will integrate the Trudeau Building with the neighboring Saranac Laboratory Museum to create one unified museum campus presenting the history of the Saranac Lake region.

"Thanks to such generous participation by so many, the expanded museum is going to be a incredible community asset," said Catania. As construction begins, HSL is launching a second

phase of their fundraising campaign, to support the new exhibits, add a handicap lift to the laboratory, and build the endowment to support ongoing operations.

A \$50,000 grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services has supported schematic design of the new exhibits, which explore Saranac Lake's unique history as a tuberculosis health resort and present the broader history of the Saranac Lake region.

Construction is stated to be complete by the end of 2024. The new museum campus is tentatively scheduled to open the following year.

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Photo: Architectural Rendering of the Trudeau Building after construction.