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HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE SEEKS ARTIFACTS FOR NEW “ROARING TWENTIES” EXHIBIT

April 20, 2016 Saranac Lake, NY Historic Saranac Lake is seeking the community’s help as the organization creates a new museum exhibit on the roaring twenties. The exhibit, titled, “A Grand Hotel” will feature artifacts of the 1920s. Historic Saranac Lake staff is hoping that community members will help by loaning artifacts for the exhibit.

“We are seeking items of clothing, jewelry, and other artifacts that are of the time period,” said Public Programs Coordinator Chessie Monks-Kelly. “We are particularly interested in items connected with local hotels of the 1920s.”

“The new exhibit celebrates the upcoming reopening of our neighbor, the restored Hotel Saranac,” explained Executive Director Amy Catania. “The Hotel Saranac first opened in 1927, and our goal is to recreate venues of a grand hotel of the era, allowing visitors to step back in time and experience the roaring twenties.”

The exhibit is projected to open in late 2016. It will incorporate local history, images, historic film footage, and artifacts from other local historic hotels such as Paul Smith’s Hotel, the Algonquin, the Berkeley, the Grand Union, the St. Regis, the Riverside Inn, and Saranac Inn.

The new exhibit is supported by a grant from New York Council for the Humanities. The grant is supporting consultation with Pendragon Theatre Costume and Set Designer, Kent Streed, and script review by Molly Berger, Ph.D. Dr. Berger is author of *Hotel Dreams: Technology, Luxury, and Urban Ambition in America, 1829-1929*.

Historic Saranac Lake asks that anyone interested in providing items for the exhibit arrange an appointment by calling 518-891-4606 or emailing mail@historicsaranaclake.org.

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