

HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE

at The Saranac Laboratory Museum

Exhibit Coming Soon

The History of Saranac Lake to be told in the John Black Room.



Joe Hackett, Neil Surprenant, Caper Tissot, Jim Griebusch, Ruth Chasolen and Howard Riley were some of the community members who participated in the planning sessions.

This spring, fifteen local history experts met to plan a new exhibit that will chronicle the unusual story of Saranac Lake, from early settlement, to the “boom time” of the fresh air cure, and to the years that the village worked to reinvent itself after the TB era.

\$9,000 in grants from the New York Council for the Humanities and Museum-Wise have funded the planning, script writing and initial design, accomplished in consultation with exhibit designer Kevan Moss and Script Writer, Field

Horne. HSL is raising funds now to fabricate and install the professionally designed exhibit, to benefit local residents, area school children, and hundreds of visitors that come to the village each year.

Museum Charter

In September, the State of New York granted Historic Saranac Lake a provisional museum charter, marking major progress in the preservation and exhibition of our collection.

ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANT AWARDED FOR SCHOOL PROJECT



HSL was awarded an Arts in Education Grant from the NY State Council on the Arts to support an interdisciplinary project with Saranac Lake 7th graders, “Bringing History to Life through Art and Literature.” Photographer Mark Kurtz is leading students in photographing area

architecture. Author Liza Frenette will guide students in creating historical fiction. Students will compile their work in books to be shown at the lab. This spring, in collaboration with Pendragon Theater, students will also create short plays based on local history.

The project is just one part of our school outreach program, which has served over 300 youth this year. Our school outreach is made possible by the Ralph Kelley fund established by Kay and Marvin Best. This year’s contributions have been made in the memory of Theresa and Vincent Best and June and John Mullin.



Ralph Kelly

IN THE NEWS... CONGRESSIONAL VISIT



photo by Chris Morris, Adirondack Daily Enterprise

We were honored to host a visit by Congressman Bill Owens in November.

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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Made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

Summer and Fall Events

ARTS AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL



In June, HSL teamed up with the Lodge at Lake Clear to research the foods of the cure cottage era. Cathy Hohmeyer and Lynn Cameron gave a cure cottage cooking demonstration. The Lodge

at Lake Clear hosted a Cure Cottage Meal and Bartók Concert by the Hyperion String Quartet, pictured above. The concert was made possible with support from the Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum.

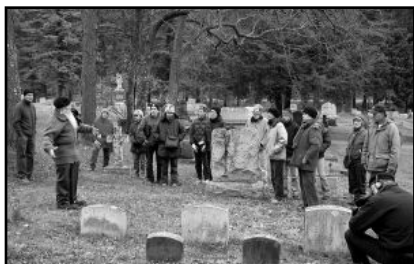
BARTÓK IN THE ADIRONDACKS



In August, HSL and the Sembrich Museum celebrated a weekend of Bartók in the Adirondacks. A group from Bolton Landing toured the lab and the Bartók Cabin and enjoyed a Lake Placid Sinfonietta concert featuring

Bartók. The Sembrich hosted a talk by NYU Professor Michael Beckerman and a Bartók concert by violinist Philip Kates, his colleagues from the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Hyperion String Quartet.

CEMETERY TOUR



About 50 people attended Bob Seidenstein's fall tour of Pine Ridge Cemetery. Funds were raised to benefit HSL and the Pine Ridge Cemetery Association.

LAB REPAIRS



Thanks to generous donations to the 2010 Winter Damage Fund, a new portico has been built, and repairs have been made to the laboratory's slate roof and masonry.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



Our Oral History Project is well underway. Recently Dr. Leonard Bristol (pictured at left with his wife, Virginia) shared his memories. Volunteers have also interviewed Jaques Demattos, Bob Farrell, Sandy Hayes, Jack Lawless, Art and Norma Neiderbuhl, and Alice Wareham. Contact us to get involved!

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS



This summer over 50 people attended a talk and book signing by Patti Brooks, the author of *Mountain Shadows*. The event included a tour of the cure cottage where the book was set, the home of Bill and

Anita Wilson. The author generously donated a portion of book sales to HSL.

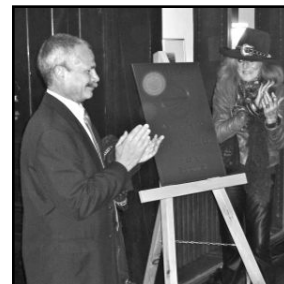
ANNUAL MEETING



In November we held our annual meeting marking our 31st year. Over 70 people attended board member Jim Griebisch's presentation of historic Kollecker films. Over \$300 was collected to benefit the film

digitization project of the Adirondack Room. ArtWorks members Sandra Hildreth and Mark Kurtz presented a \$2,000 check to HSL as the chosen beneficiary of the ArtWorks Plein Air Art Show. **Thank you ArtWorks!**

DR. E. L. TRUDEAU NAMED TO WALK OF FAME



In November, Dr. E. L. Trudeau was named to the Saranac Lake Walk of Fame. Mayor Rabideau and Ursula Trudeau unveiled the plaque in a ceremony attended by Trudeau Institute trustees and Board Chairman, Benjamin Brewster.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION



Mayor Clyde Rabideau welcomed attendees to the Upper Floors Conference.

In 2011, Historic Saranac Lake made a renewed commitment to our founding purpose as an architectural preservation organization. A committee of the board has been formed to pay attention to crucial preservation issues.

Community Outreach

HSL partnered with the New York State Preservation League on two recent preservation workshops. Over 30 people representing the North Country region attended the Upper Floors Workshop at the lab in September, learning solutions for revitalizing downtowns through restoring and finding new uses for

upper floors of main street buildings. HSL helped sponsor a Code Green workshop in Plattsburgh to provide information on appropriate energy conservation for historic buildings

National Register Properties

We are paying new attention to existing National Register properties, seeking to educate these property owners of the rehabilitation tax credit. We are beginning work to nominate new cure cottage listings to the National Register.

Tax Credit Workshop

In January we will host a Preservation Tax Credit Workshop led by the New York State Preservation League. Stay tuned to find out more.

Advocacy

We are monitoring the situation of the former Trudeau Sanatorium, the Adirondack Railroad, the village office building, and the fire station. We are spreading the word that our historic buildings are an essential part of our character as a community, and that preservation makes good economic sense.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

for helping us through the busy summer season.

Clare Appleton, Liz Bennett, Patti Brooks, Joanne Dwyer, Dorothy Fobare, Karen Grant, Joe Hackett, Dave Johnson, Sandra Hildreth, Mary Hotaling, Mark Kurtz, Judy Landes, Bobbie Leamer, Natalie Leduc, Karen Lewis and Beth Glover, Diane Loeber, Cheryl Maid, Shirley Morgan, Nancy Murphy, Dr. Robert North, George Pappastavrou, Henry Parnass, Mike Quenell, Laura Rice, Howard Riley, Kitty Rooney, Judy Rush, Bob Seidenstein, Neil Surprenant, Caper Tissot, Michele Tucker and the Adirondack Research Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library, Marc Wanner, Bill and Anita Wilson, Margaret Worden, and Members of the Board of Historic Saranac Lake

Volunteers help by greeting museum visitors, leading tours, giving presentations, planning exhibits, helping with school outreach, oral histories, office tasks, fundraising, historical research, and more. Contact us if you would like to volunteer.

SUMMER VISITORS



Author Balazs Gyore and translator John Batki at the Bartók Cabin



Former Trudeau Institute Trustee, Alex Dreyfoos and Dr. Dorothy Federman



Dr. Bill McKenty, who once worked in the lab, with his wife, Diana



Lucy Jones Berk with the brick on the Patient Memorial Wall dedicated to her father, D. Blair Jones



Donald C. Roberson, nephew of Bill Distin Sr. & his daughter, Suzanne



The family of Albert Evans



Tom Downs & Cat Hemmings, family of Dr. Leroy Gardner

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