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# HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE

at the Saranac Laboratory Museum.

## NEW NATIONAL REGISTER EFFORTS

Grant will support the designation of a new National Register district.

The Preservation League of New York State has awarded HSL a \$6,500 grant to prepare a district nomination to the National Register for the Helen Hill neighborhood. HSL is contracting with Adirondack Architectural Heritage to complete the project, which promises to have a positive impact on the historic neighborhood. Listing on the National Register makes the Rehabilitation Tax Credit available for approved rehabilitation.

With the assistance of Shirley Morgan and Mary Hotaling, we are also helping cure cottage owners throughout the village nominate their homes to the National Register. At right, Margaret Worden stands before her cure cottage, newly listed on the National Register. Additionally, we are assisting National Register homeowners access the Rehabilitation Tax Credit. Pictured below, Betsy Minehan stands in front of her Park



Ave. house. The Minehan's accessed the state tax credit to support 20% of the

cost of significant home improvements. Said Betsy, "This was so worthwhile for us — I'd be happy to do anything to help promote it!" Call HSL to find out more!

The Preserve New York Grant Program is made possible by the NY State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NY State Legislature.

## DOCUMENTARY FILMED AT LAB

This fall, the Saranac Laboratory was a set for the filming of a documentary on George Washington Carver. Signature Communications of Maryland has been engaged by the National Park Service to produce a centerpiece video for visitors to

the George Washington Carver National Memorial, located at Carver's birthplace in Diamond, Mo. The film producer searched the East Coast for a historic laboratory similar to the one at Tuskegee University where Carver worked and taught, and they were thrilled to find Dr. Trudeau's restored laboratory in Saranac Lake. We thank Dr. Robert North, Gary Hilling, Alan Roberts, and student actors from NCCC and Lake Placid high school for their participation.



#### **COMING SOON**

- Bartok Concerts!
- Church St. History Day
   See page 3 for details

#### **NOW IN GIFT SHOP**

- New Books: Clara's Rib, Saranac Lake Ice Palaces, Growing up Guggenheim, Rising from the Swamp, The Invincible Microbe
- New Gifts: Hometown Collection Christmas Ornaments, HSL t-shirts

Visit our gift shop for your holiday shopping or shop online at www.historicsaranaclake.org

#### **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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## SUMMER AND FALL NEWS

#### TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS



The lab has been busy with numerous talks and tours. Pictured left, Peter Lawson-Johnston, and his daughter Mimi Lawson Johnston Howe, speak with Ursula Trudeau. Mr.

Lawson-Johnston visited Saranac Lake at the invitation of Lilo Levine and Trudeau Institute, and he presented about his memoir, *Growing Up Guggenheims*. Earlier in the summer, Dr. Ian Orme presented on the global TB epidemic.

#### NEW JOHN BLACK ROOM EXHIBIT



In June, we installed six large panels in the John Black Room telling the overarching story of Saranac Lake. At left, designers Stephen Horne and Kevan Moss work on installation. We thank the NY Council on the Humanities for their support for the exhibit planning and design. We continue to raise funds for case lighting, new media viewing equipment and other improvements.

#### **FALL SCHOOL VISITS**

October was school visit month. HSL staff and volunteers led tours for approximately 150 students from three 4th grade classes, three 5th grade classes, one class from Paul Smith's College, and the BOCES New Visions



Program. At left, Mrs. Preall's 5th graders toured Pine Ridge Cemetery. We thank the Ralph Kelley Fund and the Knox Family Foundation for supporting our school outreach.

#### IN MEMORY OF JODY SANDHAUS



In July we were saddened to hear of the tragic loss of Jody Sandhaus. In honor of Jody's love of Saranac Lake and her family's deep roots in the community, her husband asked that donations in her memory be made to HSL. Generous gifts will support an ongoing project to connect local high school students with Bartók

music. This lovely plaque has been installed at the lab, a lasting reminder of a lovely and talented lady.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**



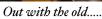
Caroline Welsh and Mary Hotaling presented at the Annual Meeting on their project to republish Dr. E. L. Trudeau's *Autobiography*. The original text will be augmented with further context for Trudeau's life, relationships and times, making this invaluable

resource once again available to the public and more accessible and relevant than ever.

#### WARM THIS WINTER

The lab has a new boiler that will save fuel and ensure our safety through many winters to come. We thank Nancy and Ed Murphy and the Downs/Neely families for their lead gifts. We very much appreciate the generous support received from these local businesses: Bionique Testing Laboratories, Adirondack Surgical Group, Fortune Studio, Bear Essentials, Little Italy, Pink, Post Office Pharmacy, The Doctor's Inn, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, American Express Foundation and CarcuzziCar Care Center.







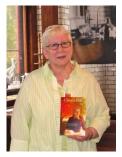
and in with the new!

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## **SUMMER VISITS**



Dr. William Jeanes, former Director of the of TB Assoc. of Canada



Anne Raina, author of Clara's Rib



Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Baldwin and Barbara Baldwin Knapp and her daughter Emilie. Gunnar and Barbara are both grandchildren of Dr. Edward Baldwin, former director the Saranac Laboratory and friend of Dr. E. L. Trudeau.



Friends from Mansfield, Ohio: Tom and Pam Sigenthaler & Charma and Eric Behnke



Barb and Roger Marshall visit with Libby Clark at Knollwood, where Libby's greatgrandfather, Herb Clark, worked as a guide



Joan McGann, whose grandparents worked at the Trudeau Sanatorium and had their honeymoon in Little Red

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

## Coming soon... Bartok Concerts!

Back by popular demand, Bartók Concerts are being planned for the next summer, to be hosted by our gracious friends at Cobble Spring Farm. We are very much looking forward to these very special gatherings in support of the preservation of the Bartók Cabin and our work to show it to the public. Check our website for dates and times as the summer nears!

#### **Bartók Project**

Generous donations to the Jody Sandhaus fund will support a new school project in April. The Hyperion String Quartet will meet with three high school music classes to present about the music of Bartók. About 140 choir and band students will learn about Bartók's music in a workshop setting with these talented musicians, who have been



serving as the Quartet in Residence for the Empire State Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Program.

#### **Historic Church Street History Day**

This summer we look forward to celebrating the rich history of Church Street. Stay tuned for news of an afternoon of tours and presentations at Saranac Lake's historic churches. Contact us to get involved!

#### The Scenic Railroad

A local group of rail supporters has begun to form to show support for restoration of the historic rail line. A community



informational meeting was held on November 7th at the Saranac Lake Free Library. Mary Hotaling presented information about the history of the railroad. Supporters are invited to visit the group's facebook page, "Friends of the Rails" or contact HSL to find out more.

## Help us preserve the past for the future

Please become a member of Historic Saranac Lake or make a special end-of-year donation. Thank you!

BECOME A MEMBER:  ☐ Benefactor — \$1,000 or more  ☐ Patron — \$500 or more  ☐ Friend — \$250 or more  ☐ Historian — \$100 or more  ☐ Family — \$50 or more  ☐ Individual — \$35  ☐ Other —	Name: Address:  City: State:Zip: email:	
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