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 Krieble 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.

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.

(Photographed: Ed Finney, 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 Griebsch.

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 Aycock, 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.
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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