

HISTORY MATTERS

The Newsletter of Historic Saranac Lake at the Saranac Laboratory Museum



CURE PORCH ON WHEELS ROLLS AHEAD

NYSCA Museum grant will help fund the project in 2018

This fall, we unveiled our design for the Cure Porch on Wheels, a mobile oral history booth and pop-up museum. Shared with other organizations, it will anchor a wide variety of arts and cultural activities in the region.

An National Endowment for the Arts grant is funding the design by Melissa Kline and engineer Wiley Lavigne. Our new plan is to build the porch on a 16 foot trailer to be towed by an independent contractor. This will cut costs and allow many partners to easily use the Porch. The Porch will be handicap accessible, and a collapsible stage will make it a flexible venue for musical performances and other events.



The fundraising campaign to build the Cure Porch on Wheels next year is off to a strong start, with over \$50,000 raised to date. Word was received in October that we have been awarded a \$17,000 NYSCA grant to support the project in 2018. Planning ahead for the long-term viability of the Cure Porch on Wheels, we recently submitted a major NEA Our Town grant in partnership with the Village of Saranac Lake to support porch programs in 2019.

Please help us build the Cure Porch on Wheels next year by making a contribution! See the form on the back of this newsletter to make a donation today. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 23 Annual Meeting: "The Future of Trudeau Institute."
- Dec. 29: Roaring Twenties Holiday Bash at the Hotel Saranac

See inside for details!

BOARD MEMBERS

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Asterisked names are new candidates to be elected at the October Annual Meeting.

STAFF

- Executive Director:
Amy Catania
- Museum Administrator:
Chessie Monks-Kelly
- Oral History Coordinator:
Aurora Wheeler

COLLECTIONS GRANT AWARDED



We are honored to have been awarded a Museums for America grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to plan for the long-term preservation of our collections.

The \$20,650 award will fund Museum Administrator Chessie Monks-Kelly's work on the creation of a long-range Collections Preservation Plan. Based on a 2011 assessment completed with a National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant, the plan will include recommendations for environmental control, disaster planning, security, housekeeping, collection storage and housing, digital storage, reformatting, and conservation treatment. The project will also update existing policies and set long-term goals for the museum and its collections. Chessie brings her training and expertise in collections management to the project. HSL's grant is one 132 projects selected from 558 applications.



HSL Attic Collections

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



HISTORY WEBSITE

Visit our growing website of local history: localwiki.org/hsl Click the edit button and add what you know!

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.

RECENT HAPPENINGS



New Exhibit

In May, we opened our new Roaring Twenties Grand Hotel Exhibit. Fred Roedel III, CFO of Roedel Companies, the company leading the Hotel Saranac restoration, came by to check in on the exhibit. It will be on display through summer of 2018.



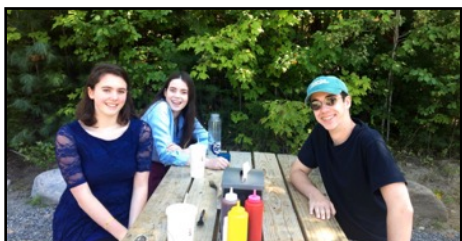
History Matters Talks

We have enjoyed diverse topics such as Nessmuk's canoe trip, Eagle Island, Painting Great Camps with Georgeanne Gaffney, Adirondack Architecture, and Women in Silent Film. Our thanks to all the great presenters!



Oral History Project

Our oral history archive is growing! This summer, we recorded memories of Dick Demers (pictured above), who once "hopped bells" at the Hotel Saranac. Oral History Coordinator Aurora Wheeler also interviewed Howard Riley, Charlie Sporck, and Natalie Leduc, to name just a few. We hosted an oral history volunteer training with TAUNY, and Aurora traveled to several national conferences to learn about oral history projects and to present about the Cure Porch on Wheels.



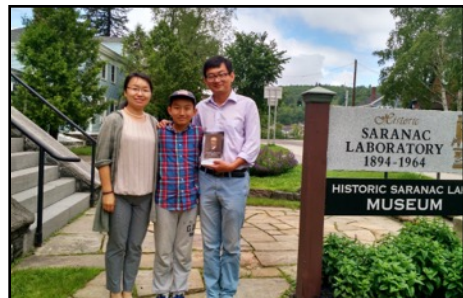
Student Interns

It was our pleasure to work with three fabulous student interns this summer, Sarah Dalton, Rhiannon Hunt-Bull, and Joey Larabie. Our thanks to Kay and Marvin Best for supporting the internships through the Ralph Kelly Education Fund.



Creative Economy Panel

HSL participated in an August panel discussion at the Harrietstown Town Hall about the power of arts and culture to revitalize communities. ANCA sponsored the event which featured special guest Philip Morris of Proctors Theater.



Special Visitors

Dr. Li Tong and Duan Hongfei (pictured above) visited from Beijing. Other special visitors included:

- Alex Dreyfoos, philanthropist and local history enthusiast.
- Henry Ferro, actor in the Saranac Lake Summer Theater in 1960.
- Jorge Gonzalez, nephew of Cure Cottage operator Alfredo Gonzalez.
- Dorothy Pecora, wife of Dr. David Pecora.
- Zhongyi Fan and Shulan Zhou, physicians from China.
- Bill Jacobs, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine.



Norwegian Sailor Honored

In July, we were pleased to be part of a ceremony at Pine Ridge Cemetery in honor of former resident and tuberculosis patient, Knute Grytebust, who passed away in 2016. Our thanks to Natalie Leduc and the Grytebust family for including us.



Summer Tours

The summer has been busy with many tours. Mary Hotaling (pictured with Ned and Patricia Trudau) led a tour of Eagle Island. We also hosted a tour for St. Lawrence University professors, Adirondack Architectural Heritage, and many more!

CURRENT PROJECTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 29 — SAVE THE DATE!

Don't miss the "Roaring Twenties Holiday Bash" on December 29 at the Hotel Saranac! This will be the first planned public event in the newly re-opened hotel. We will celebrate with fabulous food and drink and the music of Crackin' Foxy. Tickets are \$100 per



person, and go on sale online, Nov. 15. Sales close Dec. 15, with proceeds to benefit Historic Saranac Lake. Tickets will go fast! Sorry, no pre-sales or personal checks. We welcome sponsorship of the event from businesses and individuals. Contact us by Nov. 6 to play a role in the hottest event of 2017! Order tickets and find out about sponsorship at www.historicsaranaclake.org.

MEMORY MAKING PROJECT

We are collaborating with the Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society and the Lake Placid Olympic Museum on a project for seniors at Saranac Village at Will Rogers and Elderwood of Uihlein at Lake Placid. The "Memory Making Through History, Art, and Storytelling" project will include displays of historic photos, art projects, and memory sharing sessions. This project was funded by a Generous Acts Fund grant from the Adirondack Foundation in honor and memory of John Lansing.

THANKS TO OUR CURRENT BUSINESS MEMBERS!

Adirondack Massage Therapy, Bionique Testing Laboratories, Carcuzzi Car Care Center, Fogarty's Bed and Breakfast, Guide Boat Realty, and Patti Brooks Books

UPCOMING TALKS AND TOURS

Annual Meeting — Monday, October 23, 7:00 pm. The meeting will include a presentation titled, *The Future of Trudeau Institute*. President of Trudeau Institute, Atsuo Kuki, Ph.D., will present about his vision for Saranac Lake's longstanding biomedical research organization. The meeting is open to members of HSL, in the John Black Room.

Fall Film Series — We will hold a silent film series to welcome the cold weather. The first film *Nosferatu* will be shown on 10/30 at 7pm in the John Black Room. Stay tuned for more information!

Winter Tours — Tours of the former Trudeau Sanatorium continue through the winter, meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30AM. Call by noon the day before the tour to reserve a spot. \$5/ person. Members free of charge!

SCHOOL OUTREACH

The museum was busy this spring with hundreds of school children including Bloomingdale and Tupper Lake 5th graders. The kids are back this fall! We enjoyed a tour with Malone high school students, and we look forward to field trips and special projects with Petrova 5th graders, BOCES New Visions, Homeschoolers, and Saranac Lake 7th graders.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

HSL's current advocacy efforts include the protection and enhancement of the Historic Tax Credit, the preservation of the former Trudeau Sanatorium, the William Morris Camp, the Remsen-Lake Placid Railway, and the Saranac Lake Union Depot. Our project to expand Saranac Lake's downtown National Register District has been delayed, but we look forward to its completion this fall. We are pleased to make a new addition to the offerings in our museum store, *The Adirondacks in Architecture* by Dr. Richard Longstreth.

SPECIAL THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS...

- ✦ Judy Rush, Claudine Chavanne, Elaine Holmlund, and Nancy Murphy for creating beautiful gardens.
- ✦ Karen Morris for invaluable office support.
- ✦ Margaret Worden for leading tours at the AMA.
- ✦ Andy Rawdon for grant writing help.
- ✦ Our events team for hosting fabulous events.
- ✦ Retiring Board Members, Jan Dudones, Barbara Wells, Jim Griebisch, Penny Curran.
- ✦ Marc Wanner and Mary Hotaling for work on the wiki website.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

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