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Saranac Lake 7th Graders to Win Prizes for Historical Poems

May 1, 2015, Saranac Lake, NY — Historic Saranac Lake will announce the winners of a local history inspired poetry competition on Wednesday, May 6th at 1:50PM. In March, the students of Amy Jones' 7th grade social studies classes welcomed author Liza Frenette to teach them about the art of writing poetry. The students then used Historic Saranac Lake's local history website (www.localwiki.org/hsl) to learn about places, people, and events in Saranac Lake history to inspire their poems. Students sent their poems to Ms. Frenette for review, and the top poems will be announced at an assembly in the Middle School library. The winning students will receive prizes donated by Ms. Frenette and Historic Saranac Lake. Ms. Frenette also donated a number of books to add to the library in Mrs. Jones' classroom.

The 7th grade project was supported by an Arts in Education grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Historic Saranac Lake serves approximately 700 local students each year with tours, in-class projects and presentations. This May, about 60 Tupper Lake fifth graders will visit on a field trip, and all Saranac Lake 5th graders will explore Saranac Lake as "history detectives."

About Historic Saranac Lake: Founded in 1980, Historic Saranac Lake is a not-for-profit architectural preservation organization that captures and presents local history from their center at the Saranac Laboratory Museum