

HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE

at the Saranac Laboratory Museum



NEW FILM ABOUT WILL ROGERS HOSPITAL

Documentary premieres Saturday, October 10.



A new film about the history of Will Rogers Memorial Hospital will premiere at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, at Saranac Village at Will Rogers.

Titled "Hotel Hope," the film will feature original footage and contemporary interviews with former patients and employees of the hospital, where TB patients from the entertainment industry came for treatment.

Historic Saranac Lake contracted with Jim Griebisch to produce the film.

Honorary historian for Will Rogers Memorial Hospital, Leslie Hoffman, provided research assistance. Caroline Welsh, Director Emerita of the Adirondack Museum, and an Art and Museum Consultant, assisted with research and sequencing of the film.

Light refreshments will follow the film showing, along with the unveiling of a special new exhibit honoring Will Rogers. Admission is free of charge. In the spirit of the Will Rogers Foundation, a hat will be passed for donations to support Historic Saranac Lake and the Kollerker Film Project of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

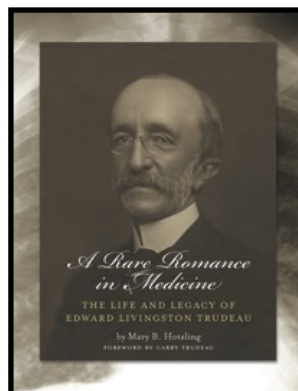
A major grant from the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation supported the production of the film as well as recent extensive exhibit renovations at the Saranac Laboratory Museum. Todd Vradenburg, Executive Director of the Foundation, will be a special guest at the October 10 premiere. We hope to see you there!

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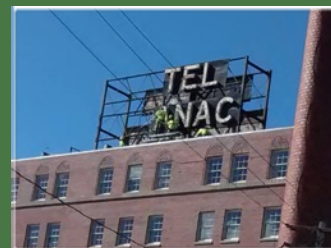
The new biography on Dr. E. L. Trudeau by Mary Hotaling is in its final stages of production at Adirondack Life. Stay tuned for news of a book signing celebration for subscribers towards the end of this year. More than 150 individuals, businesses, and foundations supported the project and pre-subscribed for a copy of the book.

It's not too late to subscribe! For more information visit www.historicsaranaclake.org/donate.

A special thanks to major donors, the New York Newspaper Foundation and the Henry Uihlein II and Mildred A. Uihlein Foundation. As the book progresses, we fondly remember our dear friend, Henry Parnass, a great supporter of the book project and Historic Saranac Lake.



COMING SOON



- ◆ November 12: Annual Meeting — Hotel Saranac restoration update
- ◆ Winter Walking Tours — See page 3 for details

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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RECENT HAPPENINGS



NEW EXHIBITS OPEN

In June, the Saranac Laboratory Museum opened with all-new, professionally designed exhibits. In the laboratory, interpretation has been redesigned to manage higher traffic with a self-guided tour. The exhibit features new panels complemented by optional audio. (Above, Doug March tried out the new audio tour at the grand opening party in June.) A new exhibition of antique medical devices also opened in the John Black Room. This Medical Marvels exhibit features artifacts from the HSL collection along with items on loan from Ripley Entertainment Inc. Open through next summer, the exhibit was created in collaboration with the Dittrick Medical History Center with support from the NY Council for the Humanities and the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation.

SCHOOL OUTREACH

HSL's school outreach program is having a busy fall season. Three 4th grade classes visited in September for a new Medical Marvels comic project with artist Pete Seward, supported by a NYSCA Arts in Education grant. In October, we look forward to hosting a local history day for North Country homeschool students, and we will have a day-long tour with the BOCES New Visions students. We also look forward to hosting writer Liza Frenette in October to work with 100 7th graders on a local history poetry and art project.

SECOND ANNUAL HISTORY TRAIN

In September, two special history trains departed from Union Depot to Lake Placid. Over 200 people enjoyed the rides. Organized by volunteers of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad and HSL, the excursions featured presentations by Jim Meade and Rich Loeber on the history of the railroad and included a presentation of "Motion Pictures of Saranac Lake" by Jim Griebisch.



STUDENT INTERNS

This summer, Historic Saranac Lake was fortunate to have three wonderful interns working with us. Saranac Lake high schoolers Dana Holmlund (above), Johanna Mohrs, and Connor Celeste were chosen from a great group of applicants. The interns spent three months learning about Saranac Lake history and engaging with visitors to the museum. Johanna enjoyed inventorying boxes in our museum collection. Connor transcribed all of our audio tours, while Dana created a self-guided walking tour of Trudeau Sanatorium that will soon be available on mobile devices. All three interns also became wiki-whizzes, scanning photos and other items and adding them to our LocalWiki website. All of this was done in conjunction with greeting visitors, answering questions, and helping with our regular tours. This was the first year we offered internships, and we look forward to providing the opportunity again next summer. These internships were made possible through the generosity of Kay and Marvin Best for the Ralph Kelly Educational Fund.

HISTORY MATTERS SPEAKER SERIES

We hosted our fourth annual History Matters Speaker Series in May. The programs featured a panel discussion on the early history of North Country Community College; a talk on The Beatles and the political, cultural, and social changes of the 60's; "Dying for Beauty," a discussion on women's fashions in the Victorian era; and "The Doctor's Bag" a panel discussion with some of Saranac Lake's well known physicians about medicine during the TB years. The two talks of particular local interest were recorded and will be archived as part of our oral history project. Special thanks to all who contributed to the interesting discussions, and to the New York Council of the Humanities, Speakers in the Humanities Program. We look forward to hosting another series in 2016.

ON THE HORIZON

Annual Meeting

Members of HSL are invited to attend our Annual Meeting on November 12, at 7:00p.m. Fred B. Roedel III, Managing Member and CEO of Roedel Companies, will present an update on the Hotel Saranac restoration.



Fall and Winter Tours Join us on the first Wednesday of each month through December for a tour of the grounds of the former Trudeau Sanatorium. Meet at 10:30 a.m. inside the Park Avenue gates of the AMA. Reservations must be made by noon the day before. Call 518-891-4606 to make reservations. \$5 / person, HSL members and children free.

Bricks and Mortar Campaign We are gearing up to make repairs to the laboratory masonry, including both chimneys, one of which was struck by lightning and needs to be rebuilt. We plan to include necessary window repairs in the project. More to come on this soon!

Downtown Historic District HSL plans to pursue a Preserve New York grant this spring to support a project to expand the boundaries of the downtown historic district. Extending the historic district will support efforts to revitalize historic main street.

“Far Afield” Speaker Series Public Programs Coordinator Chessie Monks-Kelly is exploring a possible new “Far Afield” speaker series in 2016. A variety of topics will come alive as they are presented at various locations.

MANY Conference We are excited about the upcoming Museum Association of NY annual conference, to be held in Lake Placid, April 17-19. HSL looks forward to welcoming fellow museum professionals to the North Country.

Traveling Cure Porch HSL recently submitted a grant for the design and planning of the Traveling Cure Porch. The porch will be shared by the community as a mobile history exhibit, artist studio, oral history booth, outreach booth for social service organizations and local businesses, and more. Stay tuned for news on this exciting project!

Collection Project We continue to build on the success of a recent NEH Preservation Assistance grant. Thanks to the work of Museum Coordinator Todd Bailey, 80% of the collection has been carefully inventoried and rehoused. Public Programs Coordinator Chessie Monks-Kelly has used her expertise as an archivist to contribute to this effort.

PRESERVING THE HISTORY

We are pleased to present a list of some recent success stories in preservation. Some are projects we have led or assisted with; others we have been cheering from the sidelines. We are excited about all of it!

Writings and Publications

- ◆ “Great Camps on Upper Saint Regis Lakes” — a new self-guided boat tour brochure by Rivka Cilley of St. Regis Canoe Outfitters. HSL assisted with research.
- ◆ “A Juvenile Mastodon Skull from Monmouth County, New Jersey” — a paper by Grandstaff, Harbour and Parris, reporting possible TB lesions. Dr. Parris visited the Saranac Laboratory Museum during his research.
- ◆ “A Legacy of Animal Science in Saranac Lake” — an article by Rose Bartiss in the June 2015 edition of Laboratory Science Professional Journal. HSL assisted with research.
- ◆ “The Mysterious Disappearance of the Bethune Murals” — a work in progress by Tony Holtzman. HSL assisted with research.
- ◆ Wiki Website — New articles include one on author Stephen Crane who came to Saranac Lake for the TB cure, Taylor’s Taxidermy, and newly scanned photos courtesy of Peter MacIntyre. Explore over 5,000 pages at www.localwiki.org

Preservation Projects

- ◆ Eagle Island — Friends of Eagle Island, Inc. has reached an agreement to acquire Eagle Island from the Girl Scouts Heart of NJ Council.
- ◆ Hotel Saranac — restoration by Roedel Companies continues, with grand re-opening planned in 2016!
- ◆ Main Street Revitalization — recent downtown improvements include the new Origin Coffee shop, new Left Bank Café Patisserie, and a facelift at Rice Furniture. Thanks to the Downtown Advisory Board and the Local Development Corporation for efforts on behalf of downtown revitalization.
- ◆ Rail Explorers USA — new pedal-powered railbikes were a huge hit this summer, bringing a new business to the historic Adirondack Railroad Corridor.
- ◆ St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower — restoration began in September thanks to the work of Friends of St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower.

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Nancy Murphy is one of the friends of HSL who helps in many ways. Thank you, Nancy, for all your work to make the museum gardens beautiful!



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