



HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE

at the Saranac Laboratory Museum

READY FOR THE BUSY SEASON

New Exhibit Panels in the John Black Room to tell the story of Saranac Lake

The Saranac Laboratory Museum opens for the season with new additions and improvements to exhibits. Six new large panels will be installed in the John Black Room outlining the story of Saranac Lake. Created by designers Kevan Moss and Stephen Horne, the panels will be complemented by historic photos on loan from the Adirondack Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library. The six new panels will be a permanent feature of the room, anchoring additional artifacts and interpretation planned for the future. The new panels were supported by grants from MuseumWise the NY Council for the Humanities, and several generous private donations.

Other changes include a new "cure room" featuring new artifacts such as a model of Little Red on loan from the Adirondack Museum; a new panel on the architecture of the Trudeau Sanatorium,



Model of Little Red, built in 1934, now on display courtesy of the Adirondack Museum.

designed by Karen Davidson; and a panel showcasing the jars of lungs which once lined the basement walls.

The museum is open year-round, Tuesday-Friday, 10:00-3:00, and also on Saturdays from June 23-Oct. 6.

STUDENT OUTREACH

The 2011-12 school year was our busiest yet. Pictured above, 66 fifth grade students from Tupper Lake visited this spring for a day of local history that included a presentation and walking tour to the Cure Cottage Museum, led by Christine Campeau and Hallie Bond of the Adirondack Museum.

In March, Saranac Lake 7th graders presented photos of cure cottages and skits inspired by local history. The project was made possible by the work of the 7th grade teachers, the Museum Education Program of the Adirondack Museum, the Adirondack Curriculum Project, Pendragon Theater, photographer Mark Kurtz, and writer Liza Frenette, and a grant from the NY Council on the Arts.

Other visitors included the students



of NCCC Radiology Program, Paul Smith's College, and Saranac Lake 4th and 5th graders. Taking all these visitors into account, and more, we have reached over 350 students in the last 9 months. We are grateful to the Knox Foundation and the Ralph Kelly Fund for support of our student outreach program.

TAKE A TOUR

Wednesday tours run from June 6-Oct. 10. Tours start at 10:30 a.m. \$5/person, children and members free.

- 1st Wednesday: Cure Cottage Museum
- 2nd Wednesday: Historic Downtown
- 3rd Wed: Bartók Cabin
- 4th Wed: Little Red & Trudeau Statue

See page 3 for a complete listing of summer events.

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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In the News

“HISTORY MATTERS” SEMINARS



This May, we hosted a new seminar series featuring the recent past. The three talks on the history of the APA, home-

stead in the Adirondacks, and the Olympics were hosted in collaboration with Paul Smith's College. Pictured above, Jack LaDuke, Jim Rogers, and Howard Riley share stories about the Olympic games in Lake Placid. The title for the series is inspired by our new tagline, “Making History Matter.” We thank Karen Davidson and Pete Seward for all their work on the design of Historic Saranac Lake's new logo, which is also featured on our newly designed website.

PRESERVATION LEAGUE WORKSHOP



About 50 North Country homeowners attended a workshop on the rehabilitation tax credit this spring. The Preservation

League of New York State presented the workshop to help homeowners take advantage of a tax credit for repairs to older buildings. Pictured above, Erin Tobin, Regional Director of Technical and Grant Programs for Eastern, NY, reviewed the basic guidelines of the program and answered questions about the application process for homeowners. Information will also be available for owners of commercial properties.

GRANTS RECEIVED

We are grateful for recent support received from the Joan and Joseph Fernandez Foundation, the Stewarts Foundation, and the Arts Council for the Northern Adirondacks. We also raised a record \$15,000 with our spring membership drive. Over 70 new members joined this year. Contributions of all sizes came in to match an anonymous gift of \$5,000. **Thank you!**

NEW WALKING TOUR BROCHURE



A new walking tour brochure of historic downtown Saranac Lake is ready for summer visitors. The brochure features a hand drawn map by Jim Hotaling that highlights 24 historic sites of interest. The map is printed in cooperation with the Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and will be made available around town. The map and site descriptions will also be printed on the flip side of a new map of downtown businesses printed by the Adirondack Daily Enterprise to be made available at the Union Depot.

CAROUSEL COLLABORATION

Historic Saranac Lake recently loaned one of our two computer kiosks to the beautiful new Adirondack Carousel. Visitors to the carousel will have the opportunity to view any of three history films that are on the kiosks, and will be able to access the wiki website.

WINTER CARNIVAL PARADE



This year we joined with Trudeau Institute to march in the winter carnival parade, winning a prize for our category.

Thank you to the many volunteers that pitched in to make it such a success.

NATIONAL REGISTER PROJECT

This spring we began assisting owners of historic homes to apply for listing on the National Register under the existing Cure Cottage theme. We recently submitted a grant application to the NY Preservation League that would support the creation of a National Register district in the Helen Hill neighborhood, and we will begin the project in the fall if the grant is received. Contact us to find out more about the National Register and the preservation tax credit or to purchase a plaque for your National Register home.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

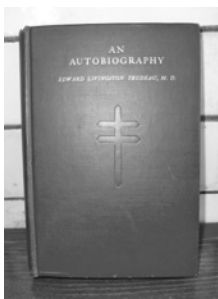
LAB ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT



Our boiler dates from 1950, inefficiently burned 2,250 gallons in oil last winter, and is threatening to break down. This fall we will remove existing asbestos and install a new boiler, at the same time making other energy efficiency improvements such as adding insulating window panels. We are seeking a matching grant from NY State Council on the Arts for the project, with a total cost of approximately \$20,000.

Please consider making a contribution to the Lab Energy Efficiency Project in order to safeguard the building and the future of Saranac Lake's museum.

E. L. TRUDEAU AUTOBIOGRAPHY



Mary Hotaling and Caroline Welsh are working to prepare An Autobiography by Edward Livingston Trudeau, M.D. (1916) for co-publication by Historic Saranac Lake and Trudeau Institute. The new version will be larger in size and enhanced with interpretive essays, endnotes, illustrations and photographs,

Trudeau timeline and family tree. The new book will extend to new audiences the powerful example of the indomitable spirit of Dr. E. L. Trudeau.

What is a wiki?

A wiki is any website whose users can modify its content. "Wiki" is an Hawaiian word meaning "quick." The HSL wiki is open to contributions and monitored by local history experts. It is hosted by wikispot.org, a nonprofit, member-

STUDENT INTERNS



This summer, we look forward to working with two summer interns, supported by the Ralph Kelly fund founded by Kay and Marvin Best, and other generous contributions. Libby Clark is a recent graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and intends to pursue a graduate degree in museum studies. A native of Saranac Lake and the great granddaughter of guide Herb Clark, Libby

will bring invaluable insights into how we can better inspire and connect with the younger generation. Jenny Marotto, is a graduate student in Cornell University's Department of City and Regional Planning. The interns will be not only a great benefit to Historic Saranac Lake, but this is also an excellent opportunity for two young people to gain valuable work experience and develop a commitment to our community and history.

SUMMER EVENTS

- July 2: Cure Cottage Cooking Demonstration
- "Historic Motion Pictures of Saranac Lake's Past," presented at 7:30pm on July 2 at Saranac Village at Will Roger's and July 8 in the Cantwell Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library
- Loon Lake Live Concerts: June 30, August 6, August 13
- August 4: 5th Annual Show & Sale at Union Depot.

Stay tuned to our events page at historicsaranaclake.org for news of more summer events.

HOW THE WIKI WORKS

The HSL wiki website, our online encyclopedia of over 5,000 pages of local history, is building our collective knowledge of local history and making a difference in our schools. In April, a teacher called the HSL office for help. Teaching about FDR's New Deal, she was seeking information on WPA programs in Saranac Lake to use in her lesson that morning. A quick search of "New Deal" on the wiki brought up information and photos about local WPA projects such as the construction of the Lake Flower dam in 1938 and WPA murals painted by local artist, Amy Jones (pictured here.)

The teacher was able to bring her lesson quickly to life by connecting students to our local history.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to help this summer by:

- greeting museum visitors
- helping with our collection inventory project
- greeting and guiding visitors arriving at the Union Depot.

Please contact Amy or Libby at HSL if you can help!



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