



HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE

at the Saranac Laboratory Museum

A LIFE IN HATS

A new John Black Room exhibit featuring the hats of Ursula Trudeau



In June we will unveil a new exhibit celebrating the evocative hats of local icon, Ursula Trudeau. The exhibit will be curated by Diane Leifheit. Ursula holds a special place in our community as a highly accomplished artist and a strong supporter of many local institutions. She is well known for her lovely hats, many of which are works of art in their own right. Ursula is the widow of Dr. Frank Trudeau, whose grandfather, Dr. E. L. Trudeau, founded the Saranac Laboratory for the study of TB in 1894. Now, some 120 years later, it is particularly fitting that the lab's first art exhibit carry the Trudeau name.

Behind every hat, there is a story!

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

In January, we hosted an oral history training session for over twenty volunteers. Cornell University Anthropologist, Adam Dewbury, shared his knowledge about conducting interviews and demonstrated the latest recording technology. Adam and his wife Andrea Audi have generously donated three state-of-the-art recording pens which will simplify the process of capturing and cataloging oral histories. Our volunteers will be conducting interviews, and information will be posted on our online archive at hsl.wikispot.org.



Stemming from our oral history project, we recently began contributing a new short column to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise entitled, "Living History." The articles feature community members of any age, highlighting the ways that their families have contributed to community life in past times. The purpose is to raise interest in the history of the Saranac Lake area and connect stories to people that we see around town every day. We believe that by building an interest in each other and our common history, we are building a stronger community. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer for the oral history project or nominate a person to be featured in a Living History column.

COMING EVENTS

- Second Wednesdays: Downtown Walking Tour
 - March 22: Middle School Drama Day
 - April 17: Bartók High School Project
 - Thursdays in May: History Matters Seminar Series:
 - April 26: Daffest Tour to the Bartók Cabin
 - May 4: Daffest Tour of Pine Ridge Cemetery
 - May 26: Ceremony to honor Herbert K. Clark
 - July 6: Martha Reben Day
 - August 8: Church Street History Day
- see page 3 for more info.

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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WINTER HAPPENINGS



WINTER CARNIVAL PARADE

We teamed up with Trudeau Institute for a great showing in this year's Winter Carnival Parade, portraying Albert Einstein's historic visit in 1941, when a young Don Duso rescued Einstein after his sailboat capsized on Lower Saranac Lake. Our thanks go especially to Earl Gardner, Trudeau Institute driver and all-around helper; Skip Outcalt for building the float with the help of John O'Neil; Jim Griebisch for the music; and Fogarty's Marina for the boat. Thank you to our young Don Dusos, Louis Catania and Nils Pedersen, and thanks to the dancing Einsteins: Susan and Glenn Arnold, Lorraine Kelley, Ruth Chasolen, Dick Harvey, Fred Schwarz, Marc Wanner, Judy Rush, Chris Brescia, Jim Meade, Caroline Welsh, Rose Bartiss, Kathleen Lanzer, Natalie Orman, Libby Clark, and Amy Catania.

NORWEGIAN SAILORS

We had a full house for our gathering to remember the Norwegian Sailors. We thank Natalie Leduc for leading the presentation, and for all of her work over the years to gather stories and memorabilia relating to the sailors. We also thank Sandy Hayes and Tug and Marla Duffy, who contributed stories and photos from John Pedersen; Priscilla Goss, who shared the story of Helen Bell Larsen; and Cecile McKently, who worked as a tray girl at the McCabe Cottage. We were especially grateful for the attendance and contributions of Raymond Ausen. Mr. Ausen shared his memories of growing up in Norway during wartime. Program Manager Libby Clark prepared display boards for the gathering, which remain on display at the Saranac Laboratory Museum through the spring. Please visit our wiki website at hsl.wikispot.org/Norwegian_Sailors to see our growing collection of photos, letters, and stories pertaining to Saranac Lake's Norwegian sailors.



SCHOOL OUTREACH

In February, we kicked off our second annual 7th grade local history project, supported by NYSCA. Photographer Mark Kurtz, writer Liza Frenette, and actors from Pendragon Theatre are leading students in an exploration of local history through photography, creative writing, and drama. The grant supported over \$500 in new cameras for the middle school. The public is invited to attend a presentation of short plays and photography on March 22 at the Saranac Lake Middle School. Our school outreach program is made possible by the Ralph Kelly fund and Kay and Marvin Best, and generous support from the Knox Family Foundation.

GRANTS RECEIVED

New York State Council on the Arts Funding

We thank NYSCA and the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature for the following grants:

- ◆ A three year contract of \$9,000 annually in general operating support from the architecture and design program.
- ◆ A \$2,500 arts in education grant.
- ◆ A matching grant of \$13,546 for the boiler replacement.

Boiler Project

The NYSCA grant was matched with generous support. We thank Nancy and Ed Murphy and the Downs/Neely families for lead gifts, and local businesses / organizations: Bionique Testing Labs, Adirondack Surgical Group, Fortune Studio, Bear Essentials, Little Italy, Pink, Post Office Pharmacy, The Doctor's Inn, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, American Express Foundation, Carcuzzi Car Care Center, and the Evergreen Fund of the Adirondack Community Trust.

John Black Room Improvements

An anonymous donation is supporting improvements to the John Black Room exhibits. New case lighting will enhance exhibit visibility. Plans are underway to install a reading nook by the fireplace -- which will be made functional again -- so that HSL members may enjoy the space during certain hours in the fall and winter.

We are close to our Annual Fund Goal!

We have raised over \$11,500 towards our 2012-13 annual fund goal of \$15,000. Thank you to the many friends and members who have supported the fund, which provides needed operating support!

COMING EVENTS

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

Join us on the second Wednesday of each month for the Downtown Walking Tour. Meet at the Riverside Park Bandshell at 10:30 am. The tour ends at the Saranac Laboratory Museum. Meet, snow or shine! \$5 per person, free of cost for members and children.

HIGH SCHOOL BARTOK WORKSHOP

On April 17, the Hyperion String Quartet will lead workshops on the music of Béla Bartók for Saranac Lake high school music students. Students of teachers Keith Kogut and Drew Benware will learn about the great composer's work and the time he spent in Saranac Lake. This program is made possible by the Jody Sandhaus-Malinverni Memorial Fund, in celebration of Jody's great love for Saranac Lake.

SECOND ANNUAL SEMINAR SERIES

This year the series is in collaboration with the Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society and supported by the New York Council on the Humanities. The talks begin at 7:00 pm, and are free and open to the public.

- May 9: "Hunting Camp Culture" In the John Black Room, 89 Church St., Saranac Lake.
- May 16: "The Art of Guideboat Building" – with Chris Woodward in the Hanmer Boat Shop, Lake Street. Reservations required. Call 891-4606.
- May 23: "Clara's Rib: a true story of a young girl growing up in a TB hospital" – a presentation and book signing by Anne Raina in the John Black Room.
- May 30: "Common Threads: Adirondack Quilts Tell Their Stories" – presented by Hallie Bond at the Lake Placid History Museum, Lake Placid.

DAFFEST TOURS

- Friday, April 26: Meet at the Riverside Bandshell at 1:00 pm for a walking tour to the Bartók Cabin. \$5/person, free for members of Historic Saranac Lake.
- Saturday, May 4: Daffest Tour of Pine Ridge Cemetery by Bob Seidenstein. 11:00 am. \$5/person to benefit the Pine Ridge Cemetery Association.

UPCOMING HARPER'S ARTICLE ON BARTOK

An upcoming edition of *Harper's Magazine* will contain a lengthy essay by Jay Kirk titled "Bartók's Monster." As part of his research last summer, the author visited the Bartók cabin and interviewed pianist and music historian George Pappastavrou. Mr. Kirk explains that the essay's title refers to the gramophone Bartók hauled around Transylvania to record peasant music. The peasants nick-named the device "Szörnyeteg" ("Monster" in Hungarian). Stay tuned for news of the article's release date!

NATIONAL REGISTER PROJECT

Supported by a Preserve New York grant, the project to nominate Helen Hill neighborhood to the National Register of Historic Places is underway. We are contracting with Adirondack Architectural Heritage for their expertise. Once listed on the National Register, homes will be eligible for the New York State Rehabilitation Tax Credit, covering 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs up to a credit value of \$50,000.

HERB CLARK MEMORIAL

On Sunday, May 26, the Adirondack Forty-Sixers will pay tribute to the first 46er Herbert K. Clark with a ceremony and unveiling of a memorial stone at his gravesite. The public is invited to attend the ceremony at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Saranac Lake at 10:00 am. In case of rain the ceremony will be held at the Cantwell room at the Saranac Lake Free Library.

Pictured: the first 46ers, George Marshall and Herbert Clark (on right).



CHURCH STREET HISTORY DAY

We look forward to Church Street History Day on August 8, celebrating the rich history of Church Street. Stay tuned for news of an afternoon of tours and presentations at Saranac Lake's historic churches. Contact us to get involved!

SUMMER BOOK SIGNINGS

Book signing presentations are tentatively planned for this summer with Patricia Reiss Brooks, author of *Mountain Shadows* and Jim Murphy and Alison Blank, authors of *Invincible Microbe: TB and the Neverending Search for a Cure*. See our online events page for details.

EL TRUDEAU AUTOBIOGRAPHY UPDATE

Progress continues on the book's republication in expanded form. Adirondack Life Magazine presented an estimate for printing, and we await their cost for design and manuscript preparation. Mary Hotaling has prepared a pre-final list of images and their location and submitted it to Adirondack Life. We have a manuscript completion schedule in place with benchmarks and deadlines. Amy Catania and Caroline Welsh are discussing and researching funding strategies.

Saranac Lake History Matters!

Membership and annual fund support allows us to build our future by honoring our past. Thank you!

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Please consider making a gift to the **HSL Endowment**, a permanent fund at the Adirondack Community Trust that supports our independence, quality and continuity in the region. Contact Amy Catania at 518-891-4606 for more information.



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