



The Cobblestoner

"A little journal published erratically by the Cobblestone Society bespeaking pertinent projects and events"

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Cobblestone Tour of Homes Returns-Saturday, September 30th

The Cobblestone Society is pleased to announce the return of the Cobblestone Tour of Homes, planned this year for Saturday, September 30th from 11am-4pm. This annual tradition flourished for over 30 years and was a mainstay on the Cobblestone Society's calendar of events.

Event planners are lining up about 8 stops on this year's self-drive tour that features cobblestone homes and buildings around Orleans County. Cobblestone architecture flourished from about 1820 until the end of the Civil War and over 900 structures were built in New York State during that time. Orleans County can proudly boast 100 of that number. The emphasis of the Cobblestone Home Tour is a focus on cobblestone masonry and its many forms of expression. Owners of several of the homes featured in the tour are graciously allow-

ing ticket holders to tour the interior of their homes. This behind-the-scene glimpse of home interiors is a favorite of previous attendees and will certainly be a highlight of this tour, too.

Those taking part in the tour are invited to set their own pace and visit sites throughout the day. A map and tour booklet containing historical information on each of the cobblestone buildings will be distributed to ticket holders. Tickets for the Cobblestone Tour of Homes are available at the Cobblestone Society, 14389 Ridge Road West, Albion, or online at cobblestonemuseum.org. Ticket prices are \$15 for Cobblestone Society Members and \$20 for non-members. A special "two-for" ticket option would cover two people at a cost of \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Additional information is available online or by calling 585.589.9013.

Your Chance to Win a Hand Painted Stool



We have two unique, hand-painted stools to raffle (tickets on sale now). The stools were transformed into works-of-art by Past President and Life Member, Susan Rudnicky. One is painted glossy black with a "Garden of Strawberries" covering the seat and tumbling down the legs. The second, slightly taller stool, is painted blue with a Spring Garden of daffodils covering the surface. These "Works of Art" are on display in the Museum Gift Shop during regular hours, tickets: \$1 each or ten for \$5. Tickets are on sale until the drawing at the Annual Meeting, November 9th.

Cobble the Mouse Finger Puppets: Designer in the Spotlight



It's time to reveal the creative talent behind our adorable Cobble finger puppets, developed last season to accompany the launch of the *Cobble the Museum Mouse* coloring and story book. Albion resident Shirley Farone was approached by Trustee Grace Kent to design the 3-inch felt finger puppets to represent the Cobblestone Museum's mascot. Each handmade mouse is sewn with attention to detail, including its rosy pink nose and inner ears.

Shirley has engaged in craft activities since she was a 4-year-old, crediting relaxation and pleasure as her motivation to stick with it. She confesses to an obsession with Beatrix Potter and gets her ideas for creating mice and other animals from the author's characters.

Thanks to Shirley's handiwork, Cobble is now hiding in buildings throughout the complex as the target of a scavenger hunt activity for our youthful visitors. Each felt mouse holds a bright red heart to capture attention.

Also, Cobble the Mouse bookmarks were designed by Shirley, with a very long tail to mark a reader's stopping point. Cobble the Mouse finger puppets and other related items are sold at the Museum's Gift Shop. Finger puppets can also be purchased with or without a coloring book at our website's Store (www.cobblestonemuseum.org) or at The Book Shoppe in Medina, thanks to our partnership with owner Sue Phillips.

Cobblestone Society Quilt Show-October 1st



The Cobblestone Society Quilt Show is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st from 12 - 4 pm at the Cobblestone Church. In the past we have featured antique quilts and coverlets. This year we will focus on "newer" works of textile art in quilts and such. The emphasis is on the works of local and regional crafters. We are pleased to be presenting the quilts of Janet Root, a local premier quilt artist and Cobblestone Life Member. This includes her most recent "Clothes Pin Dollies" quilt (never before displayed). We will also display a unique creation by local quilter, Hope Telovsky Stirk, which she affectionately calls the "Jesus Quilt."

If you have completed a piece that you would like to share (so others may enjoy your creation), please let us know so we can coordinate the details with you. The other categories we will present include traditional designs, both hand and machine quilted. There is also a division for the work of younger quilters under 18 years of age. Wall hangings featuring any and all categories are also welcome.

The Proctor Room will be used to display and sell a variety of crafts with an emphasis on textile creations. If you are a crafter and would like to sell some of your creations, please contact us so we can arrange table space for you. We look forward to your visit to the show, and bring a friend to share the experience.

For more information contact Patricia.morrissey@yahoo.com or (home phone) 585-589-6628.

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The Legacy Society - Providing for the Cobblestone Museum's Future



The Legacy Society recognizes friends who have provided for the Cobblestone Society by including the Society in their estate and financial plans.

For additional information about membership in the Legacy Society or to discuss a potential planned gift, please contact Douglas Farley, Museum Director. All inquiries are confidential and without obligation.

Holiday Shoppe Coming in November



Mark your calendars to visit the Cobblestone Museum's Holiday Shoppe at the lower level of the Cobblestone Church on November 3, 4 and 5 from 1-5 pm. We will transform the Gift Shop to become a festive showroom with lights, music, and of course, a Christmas tree.

Come browse our selection of seasonal Christmas merchandise, including a large assortment of tree ornaments. There will be a variety of Used Books for sale, including a section featuring holiday titles. Regular merchandise from our Gift Shop inventory will also be available. Need a stocking stuffer? Why not purchase a Cobblestone Museum Gift Certificate to be redeemed for admissions or Gift Shop items. A one-year membership also makes a great holiday gift.

We will gladly accept donations to sell in the Holiday Shoppe, especially handmade items, which are quite popular with our customers. Because our storage space is limited, we would appreciate receiving any donations between Oct. 18 and 29, during regular operating hours.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED...all that's missing is "U"

Contact Sue Bonafini, Volunteer Coordinator, if you would like to hear about volunteer opportunities available at the Cobblestone Museum. Work behind-the-scenes or engage with the public. Flexible hours to fit your own schedule, training provided. Send an email to volunteers@cobblestonemuseum.org or call 585-589-9013.



Save-the Date: Annual Dinner Meeting-Nov. 9th

Mark your calendar today! The Cobblestone Society's Annual Meeting & Dinner will be held at Tillman's Village Inn on **Thursday, November 9, 2017**. The meal will include a buffet with carving station and a special dessert. There will be a guest speaker this year in addition to the annual business meeting, elections and an awards ceremony.



Akeley Fox Event-September 16th



The Cobblestone Society is pleased to "welcome home" its restored red fox mounted by Carl Akeley. A native of Clarendon, New York, Akeley established himself as one of the most influential taxidermists in the history of the United States. His major works exist in museums throughout the country including the Akeley Hall of African Mammals in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

The red fox was mounted by Akeley at the age of 16 and was procured for him by Francis Harling of Albion. The mounted fox diorama represents one of Akeley's earliest works still existing in Orleans County. This amazing diorama was donated to the museum in 1979 by John Seager, great-grandson of Francis Harling, in memory of his parents Agnes Harling Seager and John Seager.

The Museum worked with taxidermist and conservator George Dante of Wildlife Preservations in New Jersey alongside two conservators from the American Museum of Natural History to have the piece fully restored to its original beauty.

A reception with the Clarendon Historical Society will take place at the 1834 Cobblestone Church on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 5 PM.



Many thanks to our new and renewing members since our last issue of *The Cobblestoner*.

Individual

Marilyn "Sue" Baker
Laura Gardner
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NYS Sen. Rob Ort delivers a "check" for \$10,000 from NYS Dept. of Education to Cobblestone Board President Jim Bonafini and Director Doug Farley.

Round Jug School



This round schoolhouse called "The Round Jug School," was located on McIvor Road in the town of Phelps, Ontario County. Another one, Round Cobblestone District 19 School, was once located at the top and west side of Whiskey Hill Road. It was later replaced by a brick structure, now gone. (Phelps Historical Society photo with thanks to Richard Palmer, Cobblestone Sleuth. Visit: cobblestonestructures.blogspot.com)

President's Message

Well into our season, The Cobblestone Museum has been very active in a number of areas. Our major renovation projects are either finished or nearing completion. These include Ward House repairs, Church painting and terrace rebuilding (funded by Rochester Area Community Foundation grant), school bell carriage replacement and the 1830 Outhouse restoration.

We have enjoyed many successful events and programs with more scheduled for the coming months. The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers are extremely proud of the progress we have made so far this year. We hope that the community will keep an eye on the Cobblestone Museum for exciting events, programs and activities that celebrate the heritage of Orleans County!

Jim Bonafini
President
Board of Trustees



COBBLESTONE MUSEUM GHOST WALK

OCTOBER 8, 2017 from 1-5 pm



Join us as we step back in time on Sunday, October 8th for the Cobblestone Museum Ghost Walk and visit several "ghosts" connected to the Cobblestone Museum's past. Tour guides will lead you through a walking tour of 10 different locations on the Museum's campus, including a cobblestone schoolhouse, the oldest cobblestone church in North America, and a cobblestone parsonage, all National Historic Landmarks. Along the way guests will "meet" apparitions of such notables as newspaper editor Horace Greeley, who once owned the Cobblestone Parsonage; railroad sleeping car inventor George Pullman, who attended the Cobblestone Church; and Grace Bedell, who encouraged President Lincoln to grow his iconic beard. Over twenty such reincarnations are planned to make the visit truly remarkable.



Visitors will also learn about the history of cobblestone structures and view many of the Museum's collections. Event organizer Sue Starkweather Miller said, "This is my 9th year of ghost tours and this one is all new. We're looking for

two dozen playful 'souls' to fill the 'spirited' roles and a good handful of energetic tour guides to lead guests through about a dozen planned sightings." The Cobblestone Museum Ghost Tour is included in the NYS Haunted History Trail for 2017.

Tours begin every half hour beginning at 1pm and will last about 90 minutes. The final tour will set out from the lower level of the Cobblestone Church at 4pm. The event will be held drizzle or shine, so be prepared. A half mile of walking is required so comfortable shoes are a must. The tour also includes several steps, so it is not fully accessible. The cost for the Ghost Walk is \$10 for adults and \$7 for Cobblestone Society Members. Kids 12 and under are \$5 and those under 2 are free. Pre-registration guarantees a spot on one of 7 tours departing on the half-hour. Registration can be made in person, by phone at 589-9013, or online at cobblestonemuseum.org. Walk-ins on October 8 will be accommodated in any open slots remaining.

Christmas Tour of Homes-Dec. 2nd



Home tours have been a popular event for the Museum and we are pleased to announce that we will be offering our first Christmas Tour of Homes. The tour, 11 am to 4 pm on Saturday, December 2nd, will feature 8 historic homes and buildings along the Rt. 98 corridor in the Albion area.

Enjoy the rich heritage of our region by touring 19th- century homes in a variety of architectural styles, including Victorian, Queen Anne, East Lake Victorian, cobblestone, Greek Revival, and country farmhouse- all decorated for the holidays!



The Cobblestone Museum joins in a county-wide celebration of Orleans County History to be held September 8-17. Stop by the museum to pick up your free copy of the schedule listing all of the planned activities. Join us on the two September weekends for special activities including a free family cobblestone art project—making your own model cobblestone home!

2017 Cobblestone Event Schedule

Orleans County Heritage Festival Activities at the Cobblestone Museum - September 9, 10 & 16, 17

Experience family fun on both weekends of the Festival, complete with a Cobblestone Scavenger Hunt and a hands-on cobblestone art project for kids. Remember our new admission policy: Kids are free with accompanying adults! See website for full details.

Akeley Fox Celebration-Saturday, September 16, 5pm

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Cobblestone Tour of Homes- Saturday, September 30, 11am-4pm

An old tradition is back for 2017, The Tour of Homes is a self-drive tour of ten Orleans County Cobblestone buildings, with many open-houses to be enjoyed along the way. Admission is \$15 per ticket for members, \$20 non-members. A Two-Person Ticket is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Story Hour with Children's Author Gerry Stafford, Saturday-Oct. 7, 11am

Gerry Stafford will share some of her experience and read from her story, “Young Canaller,” about life on the Erie Canal. All are free for this great family event.

Cobblestone Country Quilt Show & Local Artisan Craft Sale-Sun., Oct. 1

Shop for the holidays at this special event, which will feature quilts created by local quilters and crafts made by local artisans! Special Quilt Show admission of \$5. Shop local!

Cobblestone Ghost Walk-Sun., Oct. 8, 1-5pm (Last Tour Begins at 4pm)

Be prepared to meet fascinating local characters of the past; such as John Proctor (known as “Paul Revere of the Ridge”) and famous abolitionist Horace Greeley, and others on this Ghost Walk! Tours every 30 minutes from the Cobblestone Church. \$10/person (Members \$7). Space is limited! Must pre-register by calling (585) 589-9013 soon!

Holiday Shoppe in our Gift Shop-November 3-5, 1-5pm

Start your Christmas shopping with Cobble the Museum Mouse at the Gift Shop. Many great seasonal items will be in stock and ready for purchase. While shopping; be sure to enjoy a complimentary Cobble Cookie!

The Cobblestone Society Annual Meeting-November 9

Calling all Cobblestone Society Members, be sure to mark your calendars for our Annual Dinner Meeting to be held this year at Tillman's Village Inn on November 9.

Christmas Tour of Historic Homes-Sat., Dec. 2, 11am-4pm

Make plans to join us for this fantastic self-drive tour of historic homes bedecked and bedazzled in holiday splendor. Many open houses will be included and the tour features many different types of building construction. Admission is \$15 per ticket for members, \$20 non-members. A Two-Person Ticket is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.



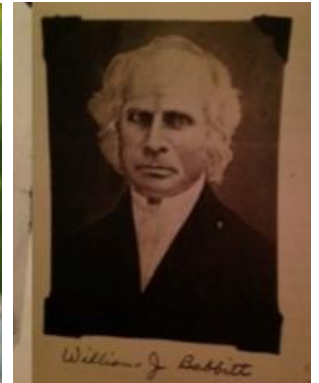
A Huge Thank You to our Donors!

"I've been so happy to have been able to thank so many of you for your generous donations to your Cobblestone Museum."...Grace Denniston, Corresponding Secretary.

(We apologize in advance if we have left anyone off the list. Please let us know so we can correct this oversight in our next issue.)

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Della's Chocolates	Grace & Gary Kent	David Reamsnyder	Wegmans
			Paul & Veronica Young

William Babbitt Bell Rededicated at Cobblestone School-August 19th



Eight descendants of the Hon. Wm. Babbitt, Superintendent of Gaines Cobblestone School, gathered with 65 friends of the Cobblestone Society for the official ringing of the Babbitt school bell, after many years of silence. Gaines Town Historian and Cobblestone Society Trustee Al Capurso was pleased to welcome family members and honored guests.

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