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The Cobblestoner



"Come Experience the Heart of Cobblestone Country!"

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This year's Cobblestone Tour of Homes features ten stops including Cobblehurst in Hartland (left) and the newly remodeled Wilson House Restaurant in Wilson (right).

Cobblestone Tour of Homes—Sat. Sept. 28th

The longstanding tradition of the Cobblestone Society to offer an annual Cobblestone Tour of Homes continues with a great lineup of ten stops planned for the tour on Saturday, September 28th. This year's tour features cobblestone homes and buildings around Western Orleans and Eastern Niagara Counties.

Owners of many of the homes featured are allowing guests to tour the interior of their homes.. A map and tour booklet containing historical information on each home will be distributed to ticket holders.

Self-Drive Tickets are available at the Museum or online at CobblestoneMuseum.org. Ticket prices are \$15 for Cobblestone Society Members and \$20 for non-members. A planned bus tour option is now completely full but we have plenty of self-drive tickets available.

Following the conclusion of your tour, you are welcome to extend your stay at the Wilson House Restaurant to enjoy dinner on your own.

Additional information is available online or by calling 585.589.9013.

The tour includes:

- The Ward House (c.1836), Childs Owner: The Cobblestone Museum
- Lake/Hurd House (1846), Albion Owner: Patricia & Peter Hurd
- Arthur Barnes Art Studio (1841), Medina Owner: Arthur Barnes
- Stewart/Ciechanowicz House (1830s), Medina

Owner: Margaret Ciechanowicz

Cobblehurst (c.1836), Gasport

Owner: Victor Monter

- Hartland Schoolhouse #10 (1845), Gasport Owner: Hartland Historical Society
- Babcock House Museum (1848), Barker Owner: Town of Somerset
- Morgan Johnson/Schwarzmueller House (1844-45), Wilson

Owner: Anton & Arlene Schwarzmueller

Morse/Gallaher House (1845), Wilson

Owner: Francis Gallaher

Wilson House Restaurant/Luther Wilson (1844), Wilson

Owner: Mike & Loretta White and Sons

Cobblestone Museum-Old Timer's Fair

Saturday, September 14, 2019: 11am - 5pm





Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ

11:30am-2:30pm





Join us for a full day of fun and educational demonstrations at the Cobblestone Museum featuring heritage artists plying their 19th century trades! Activities throughout our seven building museum campus.





- Blacksmithing, basket weaving, print shop, and much more.
- Three cobblestone buildings open for guided tours.
- · Learn about herbs and visit the 1840s Kitchen Garden.
- See the display of agricultural equipment from the 1800s.
- · Schedule of activities available at the gift shop.
- Come experience the heart of cobblestone country!





- Sat. Sept. 14—11:30am-2:30pm
- · Chicken BBQ-Dine-in or take-out
- Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ pre-sale tickets available on our website or at the museum
- · Limited tickets available at the event
- Presale tickets \$10 / Day of event \$12
- · Presale dinners held until 2pm



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The Orleans County Heritage Festival is a county-wide celebration of historical and cultural attractions. Participants will deepen their appreciation of our region's ...

Priceless People • Places • Organizations • Historical Assets

The 4th Annual Orleans County Heritage Festival has something for every history lover and more. Over 15 events will showcase historical assets around the county. Be sure to mark your calendars and make plans to visit all of the sites.

Daily: Sept. 6-15

◆ 10am-noon & 7pm-9pm, Genealogy with Holly at the Hoag Library, Albion. Sept 6-15.

Fri. Sept. 6

1 pm. Albion Rocks, Gazebo on the Erie Canal at Platt St.
 Paint rocks with an Orleans County theme.

Sat. Sept. 7

- ◆ 11am. Company F Memorial Statue Dedication, Medina at the Armory/YMCA. Reception following dedication.
- 1pm & 2pm. Medina Railroad Museum with historical skits set in 1905.
- 1-3pm. Rudely Stamp'd Performance at GCC, Medina, "Now We Stand By Each Other Always," an engaging conversation between U.S. Grant and W. T. Sherman. Bring lawn chairs.
- 1pm. Cobblestone Kids Day, Cobblestone Museum, Childs. Kids receive a Cobble the Museum Mouse Coloring Book read aloud by its illustrator. Cobble the Mouse craft activity. (\$5)

Sun. Sept 8

♦ 2-5pm. Town of Murray & Village of Holley Museum of Lo-

cal History. View Holley's Halloween Bell cast in 1894.

 6pm. Tour of Hillside Cemetery, Holley. County Historian Matt Ballard and Melissa Ierlan lead this tour.

Mon. Sept 9

◆ 7pm. Roswell Burrows Lecture at the Hoag Library presented by Ian Mowatt, Town of Albion Historian.

Wed. Sept. 11

- ◆ 12:30pm. Heritage Fruit Farm Luncheon & Orchard Tour, Hurd Orchard, Holley. \$\$ Reservations required.
- 7pm. Forensic Anthropology, Modern History & Honoring our Dead, by Dr. Ann Bunch, at GCC, Medina Campus.

Thurs. Sept. 12

- 7pm. Yates Community Library in Lyndonville welcomes local author Melissa Ostrom.
- ◆ 7pm. "Trivial Tales" by Bill Lattin at the Hoag Library.

Fri. Sept. 13

8pm. Murder & Mayhem Tour, Torch-lit in downtown Albion, led by Matt Ballard.

Sat. Sept. 14

 11am –4pm. Old Timer's Fair and Chiavetta's BBQ at the Cobblestone Museum, Childs. Free admission to the museum with 19th century artisans at work.

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2019 Cobblestone Museum Event Schedule

Museum tours available by appointment only after Labor Day.

Orleans County Heritage Festival—Sept. 6-15

A celebration of the storied history of Orleans County celebrated by many different partners throughout the county. Watch our website for details as they develop.

Old Timer's Fair—Sat. Sept. 14. (11am-5pm)

Our museum will come alive with artisans and re-enactors as we recreate the feel of Orleans County life in the 19th century. A chicken BBQ is available for dining all fresco or take out.

Cobblestone Tour of Homes—Sat. Sept. 28. (11am-4pm)

Our annual Cobblestone Tour will branch out to several fine examples located in western Orleans County and eastern Niagara County. Self-drive tour available. (Bus option is full.)

Civil War Ghost Walk—Sat. Oct. 19 (Noon-5:30pm)

Visit the historic buildings on our campus where you will "meet" some spirited apparitions from Orleans County's past. Dubby's Wood Fired Pizza will offer open hearth pizza cooked fresh to order.

Fall Foliage Bus Trip—Sat. Oct. 12 (9am-4pm)

A narrated tour of area cobblestone homes will accompany the short drive to "Finger Lakes Country" where we will check out the fantastic fall foliage while riding to the top of Bristol Mountain via ski lift. Enjoy lunch at the top of the mountain.

Holiday Shoppe—Nov. 1, 2 & 3 and Dec. 7 (1-5pm)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas as we once again turn our gift shop into a Christmas Wonderland of decorations and gifts at incredibly low prices.

East Aurora Experience Bus Trip—Sat. Nov. 2 (9am-5pm)

Join us as we travel to visit historic East Aurora, with a guided tour of the Roycroft Campus, a National Historic Landmark District, made famous for its world-renowned 19th century craftsmanship. The Roycroft Museum is included in your guided tour. Then, dine at the Roycroft Inn with a sumptuous lunch which includes your personal selection from a choice of three delicious entrées and dessert. Following lunch. there will still be plenty of time for downtown shopping at Vidler's and much more. Seating is limited so get your reservation in early. The cost for Cobblestone Museum members is \$60 and \$65 for all others.

Cobblestone Society Annual Meeting—Saturday, Nov. 9 (12:30-2:30pm)

The annual business meeting of the Cobblestone Society will be preceded by a luncheon. Location: Tillman's Village Inn

Christmas Tour of Homes—Saturday Dec. 7 (2-7pm)

View some wonderful Christmas displays at houses on our Third Annual Christmas Tour of Homes which will feature a self-drive or bus tour option. Mark your calendar today, you won't want to miss this!

Thank you for attending our events!





Stop by our gift shop to see two new items with our Cobblestone Logo.

We have a good assortment of sizes of the new burgundy polo shirts, and with NY's upcoming ban on plastic bags, our new canvas totes can help you in many ways!

"The East Aurora Experience" Bus Trip



Join us on Saturday, Nov. 2nd for the "East Aurora Experience," as we travel by comfortable motor coach to visit historic East Aurora, NY. Along the way, our tour leader, Toni Plummer, will have raffles and treats, including a gift card for Vidler's 5 & 10, which is one of our stops on our "East Aurora Experience."

Upon arrival we will take a guided tour of the Roycroft Campus, a National Historic Landmark District, made famous for its world-renowned 19th century craftsmanship. The Roycroft Museum is included in your guided tour. Then, dine at the Roycroft Inn with a sumptuous lunch which includes your personal selection from a choice of three delicious entrées and homemade apple crisp for dessert.

Seating is limited so get your reservation in early. The cost for Cobblestone Museum members is \$60 and \$65 for all others. Reservations are available at (585) 589-9013 or CobblestoneMuseum.org.

Fall Foliage Excursion to Bristol Mountain



Calling all leaf peepers, get ready for a spectacular visit to Bristol Mountain in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region. Following a comfortable motor coach ride we will board the chair lift to enjoy a leisurely ride to the top of the mountain. Canandaigua Lake is clearly visible from the summit. The view will be breathtaking! Our trip includes a catered lunch by the fine culinary staff at the NYS Bristol Mountain Ski Resort.

Also while at the top of the mountain, we can watch the thrill-seekers who enjoy the Zip Line and other aerial adventures among the top of the trees.

The full price for Cobblestone Museum members is \$50 and \$55 for those who are not yet members.

Seating is limited, so make your reservations online at CobblestoneMuseum.org or by phone at (585) 589-9013.

Thank You to Our Grant Funders for 2019

The following organizations have provided \$64,681 in grant funding for 2019 projects:

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By Erin Anheier, VP/Development

The Cobblestone Society is very happy to announce that the Rochester Area Community Foundation has once again come to our aid in helping to fund important repairs to our historic buildings. We have just received word that we will be receiving \$17,810 towards our continuing project on the restoration of Farmers Hall. This grant brings the total contribution from RACF over the last three years to \$64,000. What remarkable support! These funds will be used to replace damaged wooden trim on the building, matching the profiles of the original wood. It will also allow us to add half round gutters to the building to move rainwater away from the foundation piers. Maintaining our buildings is an ongoing, and often expensive necessity to keep them open and serving the public. We truly appreciate the financial support that RACF continues to show us.

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Orleans County Heritage Festival Schedule

Sun. Sept. 15

- 1pm. Medina Sandstone Soc. Hall of Fame, City Hall, Medina. Visit the Hall of Fame Display and learn about the awardees.
- 1pm-5pm. Medina Sandstone Bus Tour, county-wide tour narrated by retired historian Bill Lattin. \$\$ Reservations required.
- 4:30pm. Concert at St. John's Episcopal Church, Medina. See the Church built in the middle of the street as listed in Ripley's Believe it or Not.



By Erin Anheier, VP/Development

It continues to be a busy year for the B&G Committee. In addition to numerous projects that the committee members have accomplished themselves, they oversee the work of contractors who perform more complex projects to maintain our historic buildings.

2019 has seen the completion of masonry repairs to our 1849 Cobblestone Schoolhouse, part of the National Historic Landmark District. The schoolhouse also received a new roof and had the wooden trim work painted. Windows have also been restored. Yet to be completed is the repair to the roof around the dome of the bell tower and some new landscaping behind the building, both of which we hope to see prior to the snow flying.

Farmers Hall had new collar ties installed in the attic and joist hangers installed beneath the building. In September, you will see a contractor install new supporting piers beneath the building. These projects address structural issues identified by the study done by Bero Architecture in 2018. The project will continue with restoring trim and installing gutters as soon as contractors are available.

We hope you have noticed our new signs! We are happy that we now have consistent signage which includes our new logo. There is a new custom lantern atop the post in front of the church. The Brick House, the location of the Society's office, is sporting a new custom made front door. The shutters on the Brick House windows are also being refreshed. And, we hope that the Book Store building, which once served as a voting place in Hamlin, will wear a new roof this year.

Most of this work would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers and the financial support we were able to obtain in grants from the Rochester Area Community Foundation and the Elisabeth Dye Curtis Fund. We thank them all for the support!

Donors and More!

Special thanks to our members & friends who have made donations to the Cobblestone Society since our last issue of *The Cobblestoner*. Many people kindly opened their home for a tour, donated items, finances, in-kind services, or artifacts to help the Museum continue to grow.

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Civil War Ghost Walk—October 19 from 12-5:30pm (Last Tour Departs at 4pm)



Make plans to join us for the Civil War Ghost Walk on October 19th, as we step back in time to October 19, 1862 and look at Orleans County at the time of the Civil War.

The Ghost Walk is a walking tour that plays out in the buildings 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, Ghost Walk guests will "meet" apparitions of such notables as newspaper editor Horace Greeley, who once owned the Museum's cobblestone parsonage and penned "The Prayer of Twenty Millions," in which he scolded Abraham Lincoln for the way he was conducting the War Between the States. Mr. Lincoln will be on hand to offer his equal-time rebuttal.

Our gentle spirits will enlighten you about the Civil War and its local effects as you travel throughout the museum campus in 90-minute guided walking tours.

This year we are pleased to partner with Dubby's Wood Fired Pizza to offer open-hearth pizza cooked fresh on our site.

Pre-order your tickets today. Save even more by ordering your pizza in advance along with your tour.

Pre-sale:

Day of Event:

Adult Tour plus Pizza

Adult Tour plus Pizza \$16:

\$14;

Adult Tour Only \$6; Adult Tour Only \$8;

Kids Tour (age 3-12) \$3;

Kids Tour (age 3-12) \$3;

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Looking Back in Time



This cobblestone house above was built by Jeremiah Gates Palmer in 1831 at what is now the intersection of Sheldon and Lyons Roads in the town of Mendon, Monroe county.

The photo above was taken about 1883. (Photo credit: Richard Palmer) From left are Palmer's daughter, Fannie; sons, Charles and Frank, his wife, Nellie, dog, Bess, son George, and Jeremiah himself holding his horses, Ned and Doll, who lived to be 32 and 33 years old respectively. It was demolished in the 1940s. On the right is all that remained of the house in the 1960s from files of the Cobblestone Society. (Photo credit: Gerda Peterich)



Cobblestone Kids Day—August 13, 2019





(Left) Volunteer Kim Charron welcomes visitors to the 1834 Cobblestone Universalist Church as the Victorian Lady, sharing its history. (Right) Trustee Brenda Radzinski leads the group during a handkerchief doll-making activity, which were toys commonly brought to church services during the Civil War era. If dropped, this soft doll would create little or no noise.

The Cobblestone Museum Legacy Society

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



The Legacy Society recognizes and honors friends who have provided for the Cobblestone Society & Museum by including the Society in their estate and financial plans. Legacy gifts of every amount help ensure that the Cobblestone Mu-

seum's tradition of promoting life-long learning through innovative programs, exhibitions and collections continues for future generations.

Anyone can become a member of the Legacy Society simply by letting us know that they have remembered the Cobblestone Society & Museum in their will or other planned giving arrangement. You are eligible for membership in the Legacy Society if you:

- Include the Museum in your will or living trust
- Designate the Museum as a beneficiary of your retirement plan
- Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity
- Designate the Museum as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy
- Designate the Museum as a beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust

Gifts can be designated for the Cobblestone Museum's general purposes or restricted to a specific area, such as endowment or preservation. In appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the Museum, Legacy Society members will receive our newsletter, *The Cobblestoner*, which will list their names permanently in the Legacy Society section.

For additional information about membership in the Legacy Society or to discuss a potential planned gift, please contact Douglas Farley, Museum Director, at direc-tor@cobblestonemuseum.org or call 585.589.9013. All inquiries are confidential and without obligation.

Christmas Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 7 (2-7pm)

Ten Exciting Stops!

Self-Drive or Bus Tour Option

Reserve Your Tour Soon!

New Rewards Card for Volunteers

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director



I'm very happy to announce that a NEW Restaurant Rewards Card will be awarded to Cobblestone Museum volunteers who serve a minimum of 50 hours during the 2019

season. Three local restaurants have agreed to partner with the Cobblestone Museum to allow an additional perk for our most dedicated volunteers.

Card holders may choose to dine at these establishments once or multiple times, but the rewards card must be presented to enjoy the benefit. Through Dec. 30, volunteers can dine at Ho-Jack's Bar & Grill or Village House Restaurant to receive a 10% discount on their bill. Some exclusions apply. With the purchase of an entrée at Tillman's Village Inn, a volunteer can enjoy a FREE dessert.

There are currently four volunteers who have earned the Restaurant Rewards Card, and I am confident that many more will receive this honor before the end of the calendar year. I hope that next season this program will continue with the cooperation of local restaurants or businesses.

All volunteers are eligible to receive 10% savings on Gift Shop purchases at the Museum and free bottled water while fulfilling assignments. If you or someone you know would like to pursue volunteer opportunities at the Cobblestone Museum, please contact me at volunteers@cobblestonemuseum.org or 585-589-9013.

On the Road to Recovery!



Cobblestone Trustee Al Capurso stopped by to say hello after completing surgery for a medical condition. More surgery is expected and we are hoping for a full recovery!

From the Desk of Cobblestone Blogger—Richard Palmer (cobblestonestructures.blogspot.com)





Kudos to Richard Palmer of Syracuse who has continued his quest to photo-document all-things-cobblestone and has logged thousands of miles on his car while looking for cob-

blestone structures all across the state. In addition, he is a collector of old images, too, as demonstrated here by two he recently submitted to our Cobblestone Resource Center.

Volunteers and More Needed for Civil War Ghost Walk

By Assistant Director, Sue Bonafini



Our Civil War Ghost Walk on Saturday, October 19 requires MANY volunteer actors (speaking and nonspeaking roles) and a large team of individuals to assist in many different areas for our special event. Actors should plan to be available between 11 am until possibly 6 pm, based on tours provided that day. Some vol-

unteers will come and go to fulfill their roles during that time frame.

Four or more tour guides will escort tour groups along the event route, providing narration along the way. This dialog will be read from a script and does not require any memorization. Guides will receive training to understand expectations.

Scripts are still being developed for our 90-minute event, but some lead roles are "ghosts" of Abraham Lincoln and Horace Greeley, while others are fictional characters based on Orleans County history, such as two local soldiers, their brides-to-be, and a wedding officiant. The Civil War Ghost Walk will conclude with a double wedding service at the church. A good number of roles will be cast with both male and female actors of all ages. Teens or young adults are preferred to fill the roles of the wedding couples. Actors who speak will ideally memorize their brief lines. Action will take place inside buildings or at locations throughout the campus. Student actors, preferably ages eight - 12, will portray characters at our one-room schoolhouse or historic church. We need MANY "extras" in the church for the wedding or moving about the grounds.

Some behind-the-scenes roles include parking and Gift Shop attendants, security monitors, safety/crossing guards, props, costumes and make-up crews. Interested in a volunteer role? Contact me to discuss roles at (585) 589-9013 or volunteers@cobblestonemuseum.org.



COSTUMES WANTED!

Do you have an article of clothing in your closet that might be a perfect accessory for a Civil War-era "ghost" to wear? We'll explore some local resources to find costumes for our players, but we welcome loans for our performers to wear. Suitable donations also will be accepted and perhaps stored for future Ghost Walk or Living History events.

Sewing volunteers need your unwanted buttons, especially those that are shiny gold, wooden, or have an old-fashioned appearance. Do you have any fabric to donate? Plain cotton, linen-type, wool blends, velvet, silk or seer-sucker are appropriate to the Victorian era, as long it's not too modern or bright. Solid colors are preferred. Raw cotton, linen or hemp fabric is ideal. Medium weight white cotton for aprons and mob caps, petticoats and slips would be useful.

Contact Sue Bonafini at volunteers@cobblestonemuseum.org or 585-589-9013.

Derek Maxfield to Present on Ulysses S. Grant at the Annual Meeting Luncheon



Please join us for our Annual Meeting Luncheon to be held on Saturday, November 9th at 12:30pm at Tillman's Village Inn, 14369 Ridge Road W, Albion. Our luncheon will be followed by a brief business meeting (agenda on website) and recognition of those contributors and volunteers who have helped make our 2019 season successful. Our guest speak-

er is Derek Maxfield, Associate Professor of History at Genesee Community College, who will present, "Getting to know Ulysses S. Grant." We will also present our newest marketing video, entitled "Our Cobblestone Heritage."

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 each and reservations are required no later than November 1st.

This year's buffet selections are:

Served Fresh Green Salad & Dressing

Bread & Rolls

Pulled Pork

Chicken French

Vegetable Lasagna

Garlic Roasted Potatoes

Mixed Vegetable Blend

Coffee & Tea Service

Cupcakes from The Bread Basket Bakery in Medina

Annual Meeting Luncheon Registration—November 9, 2019 at 12:30pm

Name(s)			
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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I/we will be attending the 2019 Annual Meeting	Luncheon at 12:30pm on Saturda	y, Nov. 9 at Ti	llman's Village Inn
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Checks payable to: The Cobblestone Society P.O. Box 363, Albion, N.Y. 14411 (585) 589-9013 The last date to purchase luncheon tickets is November 1, 2019