



The Cobblestoner



Join us for the Fall Foliage Trip to Hammondsport (Wed. Oct. 21)

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Make plans to join us on Wed. Oct. 21 for our Fall Foliage Road Trip to Hammondsport, NY. Our first stop is the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum. Bearing the name of Hammondsport's favorite son, the Museum is dedicated to the memory of pioneer aviator, Glenn Curtiss. The museum contains a priceless collection relating to early aviation, cycling and regional history. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Museum's amazing collection.

Our next stop will be lunch at the Bully Hill Restaurant, at the top of the hill overlooking Keuka Lake, decked out in its autumn splendor. You can order from the menu and the cost for lunch is on your own.

Following a leisurely meal, we will tour the Bully Hill Winery and enjoy the Finger Lakes Wine Museum.

Our last stop of the day before heading home will include time for shopping in the many quaint shops in downtown Hammondsport.

Pricing for this trip is either Drive-On-Your-Own or transportation provided. The cost for lunch is on your own with both plans.

Seating is limited so don't delay. Reservations and payments can be made on the museum's website: CobblestoneMuseum.org or calling (585) 589-9013.



QR Code for Bully Hill Winery Restaurant Menu



In Memory of Dr. Paul A. Young



Dr. Paul A. Young Ed.D, was an avid supporter of Western New York heritage. Along with Dr. Frank Bajer (who was the Education Director at the time) at the Buffalo Museum of Science, Paul led guided tours in the 1980's from Buffalo to the Cobblestone Museum in Albion.

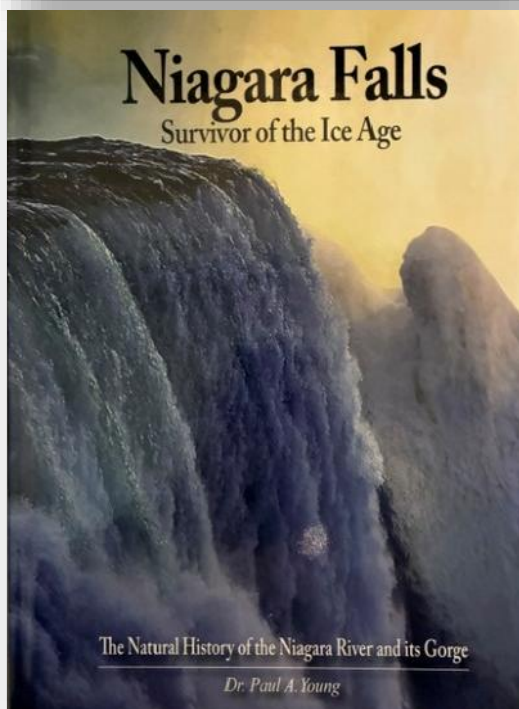
Paul was a professor at Canisius University for 42 years with dedicated interest in science. He also wrote a book on Niagara Falls highlighting the history of the Niagara Gorge.

Paul's proudest achievements in education include having graduated with a BS from Buffalo State, a Masters in Education from Canisius College, and his Ed.D in Science Education from the University of Georgia. He served in the Navy for six years as an officer aboard the USS Genesee, and taught in several area schools while completing his degrees, including teaching in Georgia. He taught in the Education Department of Canisius College for 40 years, having been chairperson for several terms.

Paul was also project director and obtained grants for many programs that teamed teachers with the Museum of Science. He also authored a book, *Niagara Falls Survivor of the Ice Age*. He was a member of many related educational associations, involved in numerous community activities, and a recipient of the Kenneth L. Koessler Distinguished Faculty Award for excellence in teaching as well as a professor emeritus

from Canisius College. He was loved by many colleagues and students. His latest activity was to honor his great-grandfather, Joseph Young, who was a member of the Civil War 21st Infantry out of Buffalo, and he was active in the Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War.

Paul and his wife Veronica had been members of the Cobblestone Society & Museum for many years. Veronica recently made a sustaining gift in Paul's memory to the Museum's Challenge Grant.



Niagara Falls Survivor of the Ice Age

The Natural History of the Niagara River and its Gorge
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Your Chance To Win A Hand Painted Stool



Stop by the Museum Gift Shop to purchase your tickets for a chance to win one of two hand painted stools, by local artist Lori Laine. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The stools are on display at the Gift Shop until the drawing at the Annual Meeting on November 14. You can also purchase tickets using the form on the last page of this newsletter. We will place your entries into the drawing for you.



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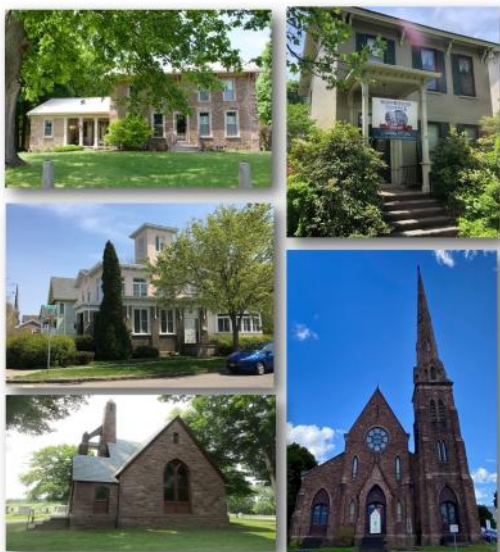
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As an additional membership benefit, Patron level and higher levels are recognized in every issue of the Cobblestoner. Members at the Individual and Family levels are recognized in one quarterly issue at the time of payment.

Five Sites To Receive Preservation Awards



Five awards are being presented this year to businesses and individuals who have exhibited exemplary care and upkeep on their historic properties. Those receiving awards are:

- Albion Agencies, Bill & Jackie Bixler, 20 N Main St, Albion
- Margaret Ciechanowicz, cobblestone homeowner, 12387 Ridge Rd, Medina
- Maple Crest, Rollin Hellner, owner, 503 Prospect St, Medina
- First Presbyterian Church, Courthouse Square, Albion
- Hillside Cemetery Chapel, Route 237 & S Holley Rd, Town of Clarendon

Join us at the Orleans County Historic Preservation Awards Banquet, to be held on Friday, October 30 at 6pm at White Birch Golf Course Banquet Center in Lyndonville, NY. A delicious buffet meal will be served, catered by White Birch restaurant staff. Our keynote speaker will be Brenda Tremblay, WXXI morning host.

Reservations are required and are available online at CobblestoneMuseum.org or by calling (585) 589-9013.

Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom

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Revolutionary War Veterans Buried in Orleans County

May 2026



Researched by students Luci Borello and Sutton Sanders
CARL I. BERGERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (Albion, NY)

The Cobblestone Museum is pleased to announce the publication of *Revolutionary War Veterans Buried in Orleans County*, researched by Luci Borello and Sutton Sanders, assisted by Tim Archer, advisor, Carl I. Bergerson Middle School, Albion. This 40 page full color publication contains burial information on 65 proven burials of Revolutionary War veterans in Orleans County cemeteries. It is believed others are buried here, but cannot be proven.

Orleans County has 80 cemeteries. Most of them are considered "closed" to new burials, so the students reported that finding veterans was difficult. Ultimately, they found that over 30 cemeteries had Revolutionary War veteran burials.

The students also applied for, received and installed, four historic roadside markers from the Pomeroy Foundation. In addition, several Middle School students helped paint four old historic markers located in the county.

Special thanks was extended to many individuals and groups, but especially the Orleans County Daughters of the American Revolution who provided funding for the publication.

This new publication is available in the Cobblestone Museum Gift Shop, or can be ordered on the Museum's website or simply use the order form on the back page of this newsletter.

Summer Soirée Recap



Family members of Beverly Winters gather at "Celebration of Summer" to reflect on her memory.

By Shirley Bright-Neeper

Our "Celebration of Summer" garden party was an affair to remember. The gardens of Beth Carpenter Dorf and husband Rick were exquisite. Beth's paintings, veggie garden and flower fields were perfection. The Very She-She Shed was ready for guests. Joyce Chizick and Kathy Kage had prepared many wonderful sweet and savory treats. Doreen Wilson and Sandra Fenton worked to assemble canapés and serve guests. Wine was chilled. Gail Johnson and Chris Capurso were prepared to greet guests. Georgia Thomas had set up a beautiful tea and lemonade table

with delicious cookies and treats.

Many people were registered to attend. (We greatly appreciate those who paid in advance and those who came and made their donations in spite of the weather.) Mike Grammatico was there to play music so many were anticipating. Our Cobblestone Director Doug Farley was standing tall directing parking. At 3:48pm the wind began to blow and tent canopies were strained. Our party tent did not move and served as a safe harbor. And then the rain came down. The radar showed a couple of hours of heavy rain, wind and possible thunder storms. Yet through it all we partied on in the tent using tea glasses for wine as the wine glasses were yards away under the food shelter. Lemonade and iced tea kept the non-wine drinkers hydrated.

In the rain, Gary Wilson, Sandra Fenton, Doreen Wilson and others quickly carried treats from the food tent to the larger tent, dodging pouring rain. Guests arrived. Some texted from the parking lot, "we are here but we are leaving." Others saw the radar and turned away or stayed home. Who could blame them? Around 6 pm the rain stopped. Some guests strolled the beautiful grounds. There was food aplenty.

Thank you to the family and friends of Beverly Winters who contributed \$1200 to our Cobblestone Museum soirée in her memory.

It was an affair to remember. Our volunteers are the best. Through wind and rain and stormy skies, we laughed and persevered.

Heartfelt thanks to all.—See you next year.!

Shirley

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Major Donor amounts are cumulative giving, and names are listed in each issue of "Cobblestoner." Donations totaling \$5,000 are required to begin participation, with a 5-year pledge to complete funding. This program includes many donor benefits. Details are listed on the Museum's website.

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Thank you for giving this program some thought. You may restrict your estate gift to the permanently restricted Cobblestone Society endowment fund. On the other hand, you may not want to restrict your estate gift but would prefer to specify an interest in maintaining and preserving some aspect of the Museum.

Grants

We are very thankful for the financial support received through grants. We wholeheartedly acknowledge and thank the following organizations for their support received in 2025 and 2026.

Dunn Martin Foundation (Summer Interns) \$9,000—2025 and \$12,000—2026.

NYS Council of the Arts (Museum Program) \$40,000—2025 and \$25,000—2026.

NYS Council of the Arts (Capital Improvement Program) \$716,000 for Visitors Center—2025-2027, \$63,200 for National Historic Landmark Church Window Restoration—2026

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Ralph Wilson, Jr. Foundation \$15,000—2025 and \$13,500—2026

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Community Foundation (Rochester) \$25,000—2024/2025

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Road Trip Recap—Wayne County



By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

Twenty-something members and friends of the Cobblestone Museum alike enjoyed a memorable outing to Wayne County on April 21. Some chose to self-drive and others were chauffeured by Trustee Larry Albanese in a rental van.

Special thanks to Walworth Town Historian and member Gene Bavis who took the lead and paved the way for our entry into the following cobblestone structures, where we met various speakers to share some history with our group: Williamson Baptist Church, Wallington District #8 Schoolhouse, Roe Schoolhouse (c. 1824) and Hale Blacksmith Shop (octagonal building). Lunch at the Original Candy Kitchen (est. 1890) in Williamson was on our itinerary and most if not all of us bought their specialty candy, too! Cobblestone ruins next door to the diner and optional drives to view the Alton Methodist Church and the Landmark Society's Five to Revive house in Newark completed the offerings for our day trippers.

District #10—Palmyra



There are many cobblestone school houses in central and western New York. This is District 1 at 4060 Armington Road at the corner of busy State Route 21 running between Manchester and Palmyra. It originally was known as District 10 and was constructed of fieldstone in 1846. It was used as a school until the 1930s when many of these one-room schools gave way to central school districts. (Contributed by Richard Palmer)

Cobblestone Landmarks

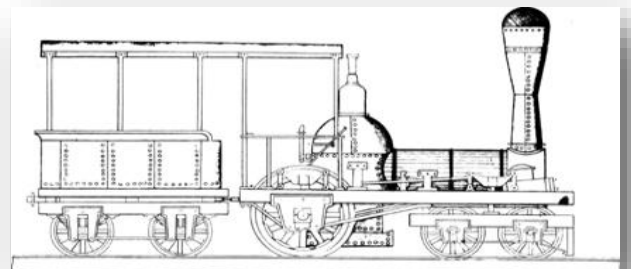


By Richard Palmer

Said to be the oldest railroad building in the state, this old cobblestone structure at Fishers, built in the spring of 1845, is preserved as a historic landmark through the efforts of the Rochester Historical Society.

In the days when the cobblestone pumphouse on the Auburn branch at Fishers was built, the train that ran by it was drawn by a wood-burning locomotive called the "Young Lion," shown below. The track went only from Rochester to Canandaigua and the trip took more than three hours, the locomotive zipping along at the snappy pace of 10 miles an hour. That was in 1841.

The old pumphouse was doomed to be demolished but was saved largely through the efforts of J. Sheldon Fisher, a well known local historian. The Auburn (Rail) Road through here was abandoned in 1960.



Drawing presented to the Rochester Historical Society by the New York Central Railroad. Furnished by Richard Palmer.

Architectural Tour—Sat. Oct. 3



Save the date of Sat. October 3 for this year's Architectural Tour (formerly Tour of Homes) when we will visit six homes and businesses in Eastern Niagara County. The list of sites is still being confirmed but we know now that we are visiting Appleton Hall in Barker (now Mar-Jim Manor), Alton & Arlene Schwarzmuller's cobblestone home in Wilson and several other stops. The Schwarzmuller's will showcase their 270 degree wooden staircase in their front entrance (shown above) among other amenities, such as an interesting door-bell feature, original to the house.

We will also visit the Van Horn Mansion in Newfane (shown below). First built by the Van Horn Family in 1823, it's a cultural and historical centerpiece for the Town of Newfane, and offers looks at life around the Victorian age. The Van Horn family contributed immensely to the growth of the area, and their surname has been honored on streets, buildings, and more. Their home was the first brick building in town, and has had many redesigns throughout its life.

The tour sites will be arranged to help limit your drive time between stops. All the details will be included in a carry-along publication that will explain the history of the six stops on the tour. Tickets are available online, by phone, or use the form on the back page of this newsletter.



Save The Date—Fall Open House (Oct. 17)



This year's Open House will be held on Saturday, October 17, 10am – 3pm. Our buildings will be accessible free of charge, and visiting artisans will be on campus to demonstrate their skills and craftsmanship. Docents will be inside our buildings to share history with visitors. Our trades buildings (Blacksmith, Print & Harness Shops) will each have at least one artisan

on duty with demonstrations throughout the day, and other artisans will be located throughout the campus. See chair caning, weaving, lace-making, and more! Try making butter with former trustee Georgia Thomas at Farmers Hall (shown above).

The Food Tent will offer Italian Sausage Hoagie plates with potato chips and a pickle spear between 11am – 2pm. The presale price is \$10. Meals will be \$12 that day. Contact us at 585/589-9013 to reserve your meal (s) in advance or order using the form on back page of this newsletter.

Odyssey Scavenger Tour (Sept. 17)

The Museum Odyssey Scavenger Tour to take place on September 19

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

The Cobblestone Society & Museum and the Oak Orchard Lighthouse Museum are collaborating for the Odyssey tour on Saturday, September 19 between 10am and 4pm. Visit each museum by donation to participate in the Scavenger Hunt. Begin at either location. Paperwork with Scavenger Hunt questions/answers will be surrendered at the end of the quest at the second location. Individuals who successfully answer the questions will be eligible for a prize.

Two drawings will be held at 4pm at each location for four lucky winners. Prize winners will receive an Oak Orchard Lighthouse Mug filled with Cobblestone Candy (like M&Ms). Winners will be contacted by phone with pickup instructions if they are not present when the drawings take place.

All visitors who take a tour at the Cobblestone Museum will receive a free coloring book with illustrations suitable for children or adults. Standard full campus tours will be offered at 10:30 and 1:30 as usual. Special tours of the National Historic Landmark cobblestone buildings will be offered each hour throughout the day.

A docent will be on duty at the **Lighthouse Museum** for tours throughout the event. Questions? Call 585/589-9013 or visit our Events page at CobblestoneMuseum.org for details.

Where Are They Now?



Lyssa Strong & Andrew Jones exchanging vows at their wedding ceremony.

A Bridal Couple Returns

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

On September 24, 2016, there was an autumn wedding at our Cobblestone Church. Lyssa Strong married Andrew Jones. Their 10th wedding anniversary is drawing near! They chose a



The Jones family during their recent visit to the Cobblestone Museum. Sadie & Henry are shown with their parents.



Jonathan "Jon" Price, PhD

Our Former Intern Earns his PhD

When I was hired in 2015 as an employee of the Museum, Jonathan Price began volunteering that summer after his June graduation from Kendall Jr./Sr. High School. While completing his undergraduate degree in history at Grove City College, Jon continued to work at the museum during the summers between semesters, first as a volunteer docent and eventually as a summer intern in 2018 and 2019. In the years following his time at the museum, Jon relocated to Rhode Island to attend graduate school at Brown University, graduating with his PhD in Assyriology in May 2026. Though his focus has now shifted to ancient civilizations, Jon is grateful for the opportunity he had to "get his hands dirty" with local history at the Cobblestone Museum (as Bill Lattin advised, and Jon fondly recalls). Jon loves to stop by the Museum whenever he's back in the area.



Save the Date—Cobblestone Society Annual Meeting (Sat. Nov. 14)



Be sure to mark your calendar to save the date for the Cobblestone Society's Annual Meeting. The luncheon/business meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14 at the Gaines Carlton Community Church. The ladies of the church are

planning a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Our business meeting will include a treasurer's report and election of officers and trustees. Our keynote speaker will be Todd Bensley, a history teacher from Medina, who will discuss the changes that have taken place in Boxwood Cemetery over the years that apply to many cemeteries.

Donors and More!

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

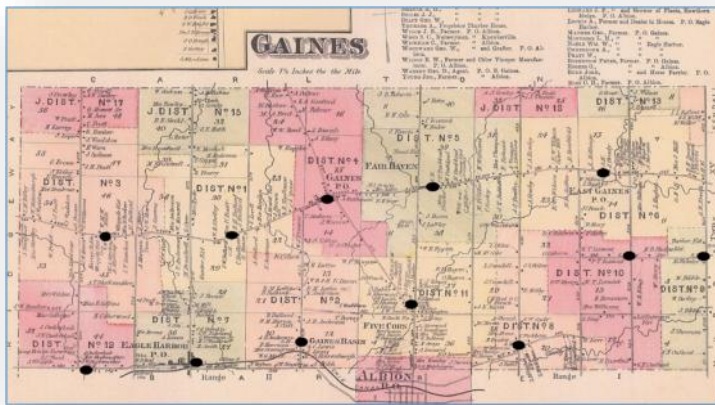
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Reminder: We are happy to receive White Elephant and Holiday Shoppe donations throughout the year.

Annual Appeal Challenge

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Early Education In The Town of Gaines (Part 2)



(Editors Note: Over the next several issues of Cobblestoner we will look at the 12 District Schools that were located in the Town of Gaines in the 19th and early 20th centuries.)

The fond memories of thousands of former country school students like Janice Barnum Thaine or teachers like Ruth Thaine Applegate, can never be completely retold. Everyone has their own special set of recollections and friendships made. Janice Thaine recalled:

"I remember the school picnics, the field trips that really were trips to a field, the entertainments provided to parents and the community at each holiday, and especially Christmas. I enjoyed the baseball games, the state tests that came twice a year from Albany and we had to pass in order to be promoted. I remember the teacher asking us to behave whenever the District Superintendent appeared at the door. I like sharing my school lunches, making May flower baskets, tipping over neighborhood outhouses on Halloween, riding our bikes, roller skating or walking to and from school each day or hanging around outside the school while our parents attended the Annual School Meeting, hoping to find out if the present teacher might be replaced next year. We also tried to get everyone to write in our autograph book, working in the school newspaper and of course, above all, doing our assigned lessons! All of this was done under the watchful eye and loving care of the

one room schoolhouse teacher."

If you were to take a tour today and look for all twelve school houses in the Town of Gaines you could still find eleven. Some have stood the test of time very well, and some are just shadows of by-gone glory. Only one (District #6) is completely gone. Still standing, District #1 School is a cobblestone building, located next to the former Frenchy's Appliance store at 13592 Ridge Road. The class photo for 1924-25 is shown.



Front Row: Lilian Lacey, Louis Hollenbeck, Augustus (Gus) Watts, Harold Rush, Linwood Watts, Pauline Hollenbeck, Luther Rush, John Lacey.

Back Row: Morris Hollenbeck, LaVerne Morrison, Gordon Wakefield, Frieda Hollenbeck (Hobbs), Helen Rush (Brust), Clara Hall (Rorick), Teacher; Mary Watts, Grace Neal (Draper).

Cobblestone Museum Events 2026

Art Exhibit—Tom Zangerle: (Ongoing) In conjunction with Mr. Zangerle's painting classes, Tom has mounted an exhibit of his paintings at the Visitors Center. Visit during Museum hours or call for an appointment.

Art Exhibit—19th Century Orleans County Painters: (Ongoing) Bill Lattin has put together an outstanding exhibit of 19th century paintings at the Thompson-Kast Visitors Center.

Historic Coverlets: (Ongoing) An exhibit of over 20 historic 19th century coverlets is on display at the Visitors Center. Visit during Museum hours or call for an appointment to see this display from the Museum's own collection. A full color catalog detailing each coverlet is available by donation.

Victorian Mourning Art Exhibition with Color Catalog: (Ongoing) Join us to view an exhibition of over 200 examples of mourning art objects and images that have been loaned from the personal collection of retired art educator and Museum director Bill Lattin. Bill installed this exhibit in late 2022 in our Upper Gallery and recently added over 20 new pieces.

John Rogers Statuary Exhibition with Color Catalogs (Ongoing) Plan a visit to take in this exhibit of over 20 pieces of 19th century statuary made popular by artist John Rogers, a sculptor for the everyday American household.

Museum Tours in 2026: (May 16 – Sept. 30) Reservations will be accepted for our docent-led tours, now offered by appointment at 10:30 and 1:30, Tuesday - Saturday. By appointment or walk-in tours will be offered during the height of the season, between 10 am and 2 pm, June 1st through August 30th.

Museum Odyssey Scavenger Tour (Sat. Sept. 19) Join us from 10am-4pm as we partner with the Oak Orchard Light-house Museum to celebrate a day of joint tours and activities including an exciting, family-friendly scavenger hunt. Free-will donations appreciated.

Tour of Historic Homes – (Oct. 3) A full range of different architectural styles and building materials will be featured. The tour package includes a customized catalog of interesting and informative details for each of the tour stops, and maps to help guide you along your route. Most of the sites are offering full indoor tours.

Fall Open House: (Sat. Oct. 17) Our campus comes alive with artisans and craftsmen plying their trade in this focus on 19th century life in Orleans County. Come and spend the day, complimentary admission. An Italian Sausage Hoagie lunch option is planned.

Fall Foliage Road Trip to Hammondsport (Wed. Oct. 21 at 8am): We have planned a full day excursion to enjoy the foliage with stops at the Glenn Curtiss Airplane Museum, Bully Hill Winery and Restaurant and the Finger Lakes Wine Museum. Of course we will save time for shopping at the quaint shops in Hammondsport.. Register online or call the museum for self-drive or van transportation pricing.

Preservation Awards Banquet: (Fri. Oct. 30) Our fourth annual banquet will be held at White Birch Golf Course. Join us to celebrate local residents and business owners who have demonstrated their commitment to architectural preservation.

Annual Meeting: (Nov. 14) Our luncheon will be followed by a brief business meeting with election of officers and trustees and recognition of those contributors and volunteers who have helped make our 2026 season successful.

Simply Christmas IV: (Dec. 5) We will be gathering at the Cobblestone Church for "Simply Christmas" on Saturday, December 5th at 11am, for this year's program to usher in the holiday season. Following the program, light refreshments will be served in the Proctor Room as you browse the Holiday Shoppe that is bursting with treasures and stocking stuffers. Come share the warmth and joy of Christmas with us! Free-will offerings gladly received.

Orleans County Historical Association (OCHA) Summer Events

Talks: Gaines Basin Schoolhouse, 3286 Gaines Basin Rd, Albion at 7pm.

Aug. 26—"Songs & Stories of the Erie Canal" with Don Dwyer

Sept. 30—"The Burned Over District Part II—"The Fire Was Not Easily Extinguished" by Doug Miller

Oct. 28—"Neat Stuff From The Hoag Library" with Dee Robinson

Cemetery Tours: Every Sunday in August at 6pm.

Aug. 2—Maple Ridge Cemetery, 12055 Maple Ridge Rd. (Rt. 31A), Shelby, Catherine Cooper, Orleans County Historian

Aug. 9—Boxwood Cemetery, 3735 N. Gravel Rd, Medina, Todd Bensley, Village of Medina Historian

Aug. 16—Beechwood Cemetery, 1523 W. Kendall Rd. at Woodchuck Alley, Lydia Richardson, Kendall Historian with Dave Gaudioso and Bill Lattin

Aug. 23—Otter Creek Cemetery, 13252 Ridge Rd, Gaines, Adrienne Kirby, Gaines Historian

Aug. 30—Mt. Albion Cemetery, Rt 31, Albion, Sue Starkweather Miller, Village of Albion Historian with Bill Lattin, Retired County Historian

Patriotic Program Recap



We had many positive comments following this year's celebration of America 250 on Sunday, July 5th. For those who were not able to at-

tend, you may wish to take advantage of the online video recording on our website: cobblestonemuseum.org/our-video-page.

Five Year Capital Pledge Drive for the Thompson-Kast Visitors Center

\$252,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	Cindy & Bill Applegate	Tom Noon
Gail Thompson Johnson*	The Baird Foundation	Anonymous	Brett Baker	Lorraine Oakley
	Rebecca & Richard Canuteson and family in memory of original board member Bertha and Dr. Richard Canuteson	Karen & Mark Bower	Darcy Beeman	Guinevere & Alan Panek
\$152,000		\$1,100	Jeanette & William Behnke	William Pilon
Kathy (David) Kast		Elinor Sartwell LeClair & Ed LeClaire	Jean Benson	Eloise & Chuck Puls
\$40,000	Lois & Doug Farley		Sandra Brown	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Radzinski
Elizabeth Dye Curtis Foundation	Courtenay & Maurice Hoag	\$1,000	Joyce Chizick	Mariana Rhoades
	Gwen Hughson	Doris F. Antinore	Kathleen Clarke	Rush's Vegetables
\$30,000	Galen Lewis & The Lewis Family	Margy & Eric Brown	Kathleen Danley in memory of John G. Peters	Marti & Brad Ryan
Roy Bubb	Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes	Dr. & Mrs. Donald W. Bishop, Jr.	Richard Dunham	Susanne & Don Sack
\$25,000	Shirley G. Bright-Neeper & Le Roy E. Neeper	Mary Anne Braunbach	Barbara Filipiak	Daniel W. Schiavone, DDS
Erin Anheier & Russ Bosch	Kim & Dick Remley	Robert Bruning	Diana Flow	Jean Shervin
Orleans Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution	Christine Sartwell	Farm Credit East	Gail Foss	Jane & Neal Smith
Patricia & Peter Hurd	Brad (Patricia) Shelp	Bonnie Howlett	Linda Fraser	Joann Smith
Ingrid (Roger) LaMont		Linda & Tim Kirby	Linda Fuller	Kathleen M. Smith
John Nipher	\$5,000	Amy Machamer & Joe Sidonio	Sylvia Goodstine	Kyle Somerville
	Rita Burrell	Ruth Thompson Mathes & John Mathes	Harriette Greaser	Clark Stritzel
\$21,000	Andrew W. Meier	Diane & Keith Palmer*	James P. Harold	Marty Taber
Debby & Jack Batchellor	Betty Sue & Fred Miller	Toni Plummer	Cynthia Howk	Mark Tillman
	Scott & Janet Schickling	Brenda & Mark Radzinski	Michael Kaye	Kay VanNostrand
\$20,000	Gerard (Patricia) Morrisey	Susan & Michael Thaine in memory of Janice Barnum Thaine	Linda Kozubal	Diane Ecker
Sue & Jim Bonafini		Ann & John Raskopf	Edna Kriner-Kirby & Bruce Kirby	Wadsworth & Donald E. Wadsworth
	\$3,000	Elaine & Dan Specht	Wendy & Dennis Kirby	Mary Jean Welser & Marty Schlabach
\$15,000	Grace & John Denniston	Beverly (Gary) Thompson	Kludt Farms	Loretta Tomasino
Gabriella & Lawrence Albanese*		Christine & Ross Thompson	Allen Lackey	Beatrice Young
Albion Agencies—Jackie & Bill Bixler	\$2,500	Maarit Vaga & Jan Mikael Erakare	Allison Lattin	* Denotes Life Member
	Rev. Dr. Don Algeo	Jean Woodcock	C. W. Lattin*	
\$12,500	Anonymous		Jana Laxa (David Sturges)	Total Pledges to Date:
Dunn Martin Fund—Camilla VanderLinden & Robin MacLeod	Maureen & Paul Marshall Family	Up to \$999	Gail & Nathan Lyman	\$1,630,717
	Clara & Jeff Martin	Anonymous	Susan & Jerome Machamer	
	Sibyl & Richard Pilon	Sandra Andrews	Judy & Donald Manley	
			Janice Mann-Beech	
			Catherine D. Moore	
			Susan Mull	
			Janet & Peter Nixon	

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Visitors Center Capital Campaign. We look forward to beginning construction this spring.

Thank you again!

Cobblestone Museum 2026 Membership & More!

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address (Please print) _____

_____ I am a new member _____ I am renewing _____ I am a Life Member

_____ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities. _____ I prefer an electronic newsletter.

Membership Levels	(.....SUSTAINING LEVELS.....)						
	Individual \$30	Family \$50+	Patron \$100+	Bronze \$250+	Silver \$500+	Gold \$1000+	Diamond \$2500+
Free Admission	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Free Cobblestoner Newsletter	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Discounts on Events & Tours	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10% Discount in Gift Shop	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Advance Notice of Events	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Use of Resource Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cobblestone Perks	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Recognition in Newsletter	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Recognition in every Newsletter			X	X	X	X	X
Recognition at Membership Dinner			X	X	X	X	X
Free Admission for Guests			2	4	All	All	All
Free Raffle Tickets at the Membership Dinner				X	X	X	X
One Free Ticket to Event (s)					1	2	4
Advertisement on Website					X	X	X
Complimentary Lunch for Two at Annual Meeting						X	X
Free Raffle Tickets at all Events						X	X
Complimentary Dinner for Two at Membership Dinner							X

Membership Category (All levels except Individual include two people.) Through April 30, 2027

_____ Individual \$30

_____ Silver \$500 +

_____ Family \$50 +

_____ Silver (10 Payments of \$50 per month)

_____ Patron \$100 +

_____ Gold \$1,000 +

_____ Bronze \$250 +

_____ Gold (10 Payments of \$100 per month)

_____ Bronze (10 Payments of \$25 per month)

_____ Diamond \$2,500+

_____ Diamond (10 Payments of \$250 per month)

I would like to remit my 2026 Membership to the Cobblestone Museum \$ _____

I would like to purchase *Revolutionary War Veterans* @\$15 including shipping \$ _____

I would like to purchase Painted Stool raffle tickets @\$5 each or 3 for \$10 \$ _____

I would like to purchase _____ tickets for Tour of Homes on Oct. 3 @\$20 Members/\$25 Others \$ _____

I would like to purchase _____ tickets for Italian Sausage Hoagie Lunch on Sat. Oct. 17 @\$10 \$ _____

I would like to purchase *Architecture Destroyed* @\$15 incl. shipping \$ _____

I would like to purchase *Historic Markers* @\$19.95 incl. shipping \$ _____

I want to make a one-time donation for the Thompson-Kast Visitors Center \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to: Cobblestone Society & Museum, PO Box 363, Albion NY 14411 (585) 589-9013

Credit or Debit Card # _____ Exp. _____ CVV _____

(Credit or debit card required for monthly payments.)

_____ Please use my membership payment towards any matching grant opportunities.