



The Cobblestoner



"Come Experience the Heart of Cobblestone Country!"

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"So Much More than a Concert!" - Progressive Organ Concert & Dinner

By Maarit Vaga, Event Chairman

It is impossible to miss the assembly of historic churches around the Albion courthouse square and the beautiful Cobblestone Universalist Church on Rt. 104 in Childs. Therefore, it seems only logical that this would provide an ideal opportunity for a tempting evening of music and food.

The Cobblestone Museum is pleased to present, "So Much More than a Concert," a progressive organ concert and dinner on Saturday, May 12th, which will feature three of our county's churches, or more precisely, their historic organs, and a progressive dinner served along the way.

Music-loving gourmands will gather at the oldest cobblestone church in North America (1834), Cobblestone Universalist Church, to hear the 1904 Estey Reed Organ as demonstrated by Andrew Meier of Medina, NY. As Mr. Meier demonstrates the full melodic function of this unusual instrument, concert attendees will enjoy appetizers and wine while the music carries the listeners back to the early 1900's.

The second stop will be at Christ Church of Al-

bion, where principal organist Darryl Smith of Albion will showcase the 1877 Steer & Turner Pipe Organ, with its original mechanical linkage known as tracker action. The performance will be followed by the main course in the Fellowship Hall, which sits only a few steps from the evening's final destination across the street at the First Baptist Church of Albion. Here the concert culminates with the impressive sounds of the 1925 Moller Pipe Organ under the talented skills of Gary Simboli. The evening is topped off with dessert in the church's dining hall.

The progressive organ concert is designed to give the audience an experience that demonstrates the increasing capabilities of the three organs as guests progress through the tour. The sounds demonstrated by the reed organ at the Universalist Church will be vastly eclipsed by the mellifluousness of the tracker organ at Christ Church, and finally blown-away by the floor-shaking sounds of the double-chambered pipes of the First Baptist organ.

Short presentations at each of the three sites will offer details about the history of the organs and the churches. The organists will each play

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Fire Destroys Junius Cobblestone, by Richard Palmer



This five-bay Greek Revival cobblestone farmhouse at 1229 Birdsey Road in Junius, Seneca County, was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of January 10, 2018. It was on the National Register of Historic Places and was of the 1840s vintage.

This structure was typical of this area, made of rounded multi-colored field cobbles with lime mortared "V" joints. The Victorian era porch was added later. The Greek Revival features of the entrance which are out of sight include square pilasters and half side-lights. It appeared to be nearly identical to the house at 1111 Stone Church Road. The home was owned by Walter and Doris Wolf. No one was injured. Fourteen fire companies responded. The cause was undetermined.

Submitted by Richard Palmer. <http://cobblestonestructures.blogspot.com>

Membership Fundraiser Dinner-April 25



By Gail Johnson, Membership Secretary and Dinner Chair

Excitement is building for our not-to-miss social event of the year being held at the Carlton Recreation Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Come early to socialize, browse through the many raffle, silent auction, and live auction items, and enjoy the cash bar and appetizers. A catered buffet by Zambistro, Medina's ultimate dining experience, will include Chicken French and Filet of Sirloin.

The main event will be the live auction featuring Orleans County Sheriff Randy Bower as auctioneer. Among the items to bid on will be a Spectre 55" class 4K TV (value \$400), Four Disney Park Hopper Passes (value \$650), and a beautiful handmade quilt by Brenda Radzinski (value \$500). Not to be outdone, many Cobblestone volunteers, Board members, and staff will be on hand to conduct a silent auction and five different raffles (Blitz, Money Tree, Early Bird, New Membership, and Theme Basket). Special recognition will be given to our sustaining members.

After attending this first event, the Dinner Committee knows you will be saving your pennies to come to next year's fundraising dinner, too!

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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.

Thank You to our Sustaining Members!

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Calling All Cobblestone Homeowners



By Erin Anheier, Board Member

The Cobblestone Society has a history of organizing annual tours of cobblestone homes and buildings. These have been very popular and successful fund

raisers that help keep our museum open and growing. We are currently in the planning process for a tour to take place on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Would you be willing to support the museum by opening your building for a tour? This is a fun experience which lets you meet people who love cobblestone buildings as they admire your property.

You create the rules for the visit. Tour-goers love to enter the buildings and see your special places, but sometimes it is appropriate to have people only look at the exterior. If you con-

sent to an interior tour, you decide which parts of your home will be open. We like to focus on the architectural and historical aspects of the building.

If you are willing to consider opening your unique site to an organized tour, please let Doug Farley know by phone (585) 589-9013 or email (director@cobblestonemuseum.org.)

Doug can also answer any questions you have about this program. Even if you aren't able to participate this year, but might have an interest in future years, we want to hear from you! We design a tour route that groups buildings in a geographic area, so the route changes every year and depends on who is willing to showcase their property. We hope to hear from you soon!



2018 Cobblestone Event Schedule

Sunday Painters Art Series—Sunday, May 6, & June 3 (1-5pm)

The “Sunday Painters Classes” will be a series of hands-on art workshops taught by artist Patricia Greene of Medina. The topics include: Creating Drama (Using darks/lights, soft/sharp, warm/cool), and Learning from the Masters (Studying and copying styles from historical notables). A show of student art will be mounted at the museum throughout 2018. Tuition for each class is \$45 (Cobblestone Society Members \$40) Sponsor: Go Art!



Membership Fundraising Dinner—Wednesday, April 25 (5:30-9:30pm)

New this year, our first Annual Membership Dinner to be held at The Carlton Recreation Hall catered by Michael Zambito! Enjoy raffles galore and learn about all of the Cobblestone Museum events for the year.

Progressive Organ Concert—Saturday, May 12 (5-9pm)

The “Progressive Organ Concert” will feature three different historic organs in Albion and three amazing musicians, in one awe-inspiring evening concert to be held in progressive fashion beginning at North America’s oldest cobblestone church (1834), and moving on to Christ Episcopal Church and First Baptist Church. Attendees will enjoy a delicious progressive meal along the way. Sponsor: Go Art!

The Outhouse Tour: Here We GO Again! —Friday, May 18 (6-9pm)

Our eight historic outhouses and in-houses will be the star attractions in this repeat of a sell-out from 2017. Learn about these “necessary” structures from the past.

Window Restoration Workshop with WNY Landmark Society—June 12-16

Expert historic window restorer, Steve Jordan, author of “The Window Sash Bible” will conduct a four day hands-on workshop and a 1-day short course on historic window preservation and restoration at the Gaines District #5 Cobblestone Schoolhouse.

Summer Solstice Soirée II-Art in the Arboretum—Wednesday, June 20 (4pm until dark)

What could be a better way to kick-off the summer season than spending an enchanting evening in a beautiful garden setting in Orleans County? Cobblestone Society members and friends are invited to attend the Garden Soiree with a relaxing stroll through a lovely home garden, complete with delicious food, art, and music. Our host location this year is Robin Hill in Lyndonville.



Basic Chair Caning with Judy Larkin—Saturday, June 23 (9am-3pm)

The basic essentials of chair caning will be taught by local artisan, Judy Larkin. Course materials will include all needed tools and an unfinished stool, that students will cane during the class and take home following the completion of the class.

New Life for Cobblestone Treasures Bus Tour—Tuesday, June 26 (8am-5pm)

Sue Bonafini and Doug Farley are your tour guides for this bus tour with planned stops at several businesses that have adaptive reuses for their historic cobblestone buildings.



Historic Trades Fair—Saturday, June 30 (11am-5pm)

The Cobblestone campus springs to life for the start of our 2018 season in style, with artisans at work demonstrating their historic handcrafts and much more. Joining us for the day will be a cadre of soldiers representing the Blue and the Gray from the Civil War.

2018 Cobblestone Event Schedule (Continued)

Patriotic Service—Sunday July 1 (11am-12pm)

Celebrate our nation's Independence Day with style in the 1834 Cobblestone Church. An 11am patriotic service is planned with spirited music, readings and refreshments.

A Day in the Life of a Cobblestone Family—Friday, July 13 (6-9pm)

Guided Group Tour featuring a snapshot of 19th century family life including Father's activities as farmer, Mother's responsibilities in the cobblestone house, children's day at school, and the family's day of rest activities on Sunday.

Cobblestone Camp: Summer Classes for Children—July 18 & Aug. 15 (age 7-9) and July 25 & Aug. 22 (age 10-12), 1-3pm. Various age appropriate activities will be offered in each session.

Cobblestone Society Garden Bus Tour—Saturday, July 21 (Time TBD)

Spend a lovely day traveling with your host, Sue Starkweather-Miller, who will guide you through some of Orleans County's finest home and business gardens.

Historic Trades Workshops (Various)

We will be hosting educational classes for historic trades including: chair caning, printing, foundry, etc., throughout 2018. Judy Larkin will teach Chair Caning on June 23. Others TBD.

Orleans County Heritage Festival—September 7-16

Stay tuned for more great information about this county-wide celebration in September.

Cobblestone Tour of Homes—Saturday, Sept 15 (11am-5pm)

Get up close and personal with cobblestone architecture in this self-drive tour of area cobblestone homes, schools and businesses. Many indoor tours, too.

Sports Widows Series—October 2018 to January 2019

Learn a new craft and enjoy fellowship and educational programs designed especially for your enjoyment on Game Days. Grace Denniston will teach a class, Orleans County Cooking, on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Cobblestone Ghost Walk—Sunday, October 7 (1-5pm)

Prepare to be entertained in 19th century style with visits from famous people from Orleans County's past. This is year two for this walking tour favorite of so many people in 2017. A new cast this year includes several new spirits.

Holiday Shoppe—November 2, 3, 4, & Dec. 1 (1-5pm)

Start your holiday shopping at the Cobblestone Museum with many one-of-a-kind gift items and handcrafts.

Christmas Tour of Historic Homes—Saturday, December 1 (2-7pm)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas on this self-drive tour of local homes that excel in decorating for the holidays. Many indoor tours for your enjoyment.



Letters we like to receive...Let us know if you would like a speaker for your group, too.

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
Men's Breakfast Group



March 11, 2018

Mr. Doug Farley
Cobblestone Museum
14389 Ridge Road West
Albion, New York 14411

Dear Doug,

Thank you for a terrific presentation yesterday for our men's breakfast group. You covered a lot of ground in 45 minutes by giving us a history lesson about cobblestone buildings as well as why this area was perfect for this type of structure. Your presentation was very informative about the buildings, how they were constructed, and about the museum itself. I am sure many of our guys will visit the museum after hearing your story. By your enthusiasm, we could tell that the Cobblestone Museum and the surrounding area have a special meaning for you. As a significant part of our local history, the Museum provides a major role in preserving the past.

Comments afterwards were extremely positive. We enjoyed your PowerPoint presentation and the stories connected with the Museum. Your passion for your work is quite evident. Thank you for sharing your morning with us. Please feel free to join us at any of our breakfasts.

For the men's breakfast and yours truly,

Gary Cantleberry



New Life Bus Tour-June 26



Two of the featured stops on the New Life Bus Tour: (left) former Stone Academy, now Masonic Lodge, Pittsford NY and (right) Campbellstone Antiques in West Bloomfield, NY.

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

Director Doug Farley has chosen the label "New Life Bus Tour" to describe a thoughtfully planned drive through Monroe and Ontario Counties to visit cobblestone structures that have been re-purposed for their modern-day use.

The tour will begin with a stop in Pittsford at the former Stone Academy, a cobblestone school built in 1842, currently a Masonic Lodge. Town Historian Audrey Johnson will share its history.

In Canandaigua, the home once owned by Isaac Parrish is now a B&B, renamed the 1837 Cobblestone Cottage. Campbellstone Antiques in W. Bloomfield is housed in an 1841 cobblestone building, the county's long time insurance company.

Our last stop of the day will bring us to the Tinker Homestead, farm and museum in Henrietta. We will tour the 1830 cobblestone home and barn.

Not far from the cobblestone Pump House in Fishers is Victor's Starbucks, housed in the 1842 cobblestone home of the Bonesteel family. A bag lunch from Allen's Cobblestone Deli with choice of several wraps or sandwiches is included with the cost of your trip. You may also purchase a beverage of choice (on-your-own) at this unique Starbucks location as you enjoy your bagged lunch on site.

Mark your calendar today to join us on Tuesday, June 26 for this very special educational daytrip outing, from 8am – 5pm. Doug and I are anxious to look inside these historic cobblestone gems along with you and meet the current owners and others who are maintaining these buildings today.

Space is limited so reserve your seat early. Cobblestone Members are \$45 and non-members are \$50. Reservations will be accepted by phone at (585) 589.9013 or online at cobblestonemuseum.org.

The Outhouse Tour—No. 2: "Here We GO Again!"



Come out and enjoy Round Two of one of our favorite tours with even more interesting facts and artifacts this year.

What: The Outhouse Tour—No. 2: "Here We GO Again!"

Date: Friday, May 18 Time: 6pm

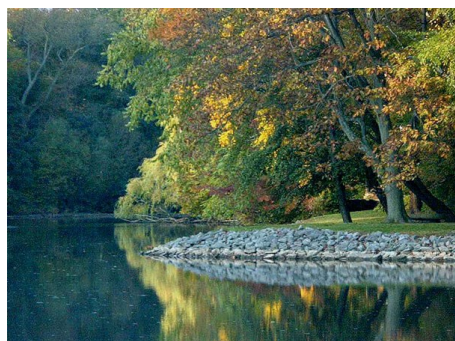
Cost: \$5 members, \$7 non-members, Kids 12 & Under Free

Reservations: (585) 589-9013 or cobblestonemuseum.org

Special thanks to our members & friends who have made donations to the Cobblestone Society since our last Cobblestoner. Many people kindly donated materials, finances, in-kind services, or artifacts to help the Museum continue to grow.

Albion Ace Hardware	Darien Lake Family Fun Center	In Memory of Lyle G. Johnson	Scott Schickling, CPA
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Mark Bower	The Golden Comb	Anita Platt	Tillman's Village Inn
Shirley Bright-Neeper	Sandy Heise	Toni Plummer	Village House Inn
Al Capurso & Family	Ho-Jack's Bar & Grill	Brenda Radzinski	Walt Disney World Co.
Mark Christopher	Tim Hortons, Albion	Dick & Kim Remley	Waters Autobody & Paint
	Gail Johnson	Tom Rivers	
		Christine Sartwell	

Summer Solstice Soirée II-Art in the Arboretum, Wed. June 20th



By Shirley Bright-Neeper, Board Member

Those of you who attended last year's Summer Solstice Soirée know what a wonderful experience it was. We invite you and your guests to mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 20th (4pm until dark). The event will be held at Robin Hill in Lyndonville.

Doug Pratt is excited to host "Art in the Arboretum." The historic property has many rare and unusual trees that will make you want to stroll the grounds. Again this year we are planning garden tours, music and artists and their art. Wine and light refreshments will be served. We suggest a \$10 donation to benefit the Cobblestone Museum. Start your invitation list today and mark your calendar.

Save-the-Date: Historic Trades Fair 2018, Saturday, June 30



The Historic Trades Fair was one of our most popular events in 2018. The genesis for the one-day artisans fair came together very quickly last year. Expect improvements and expanded offerings this year, including some new trades and crafts, as well as more costumed re-enactors in each of our buildings. We are planning to offer a selection of foods for sale at this June event.

Should Your Home Be On the National Register of Historic Places?

By Erin Anheier, Board Member

What does it mean to have a property on the State and National Registers of Historic Places? Why would you want to do it? These are questions that are sometimes addressed to the staff at the Cobblestone Museum. In conversation we discover there are a lot of misconceptions about the Register. Let's try to answer the frequently asked questions and clear up some misconceptions. We hope this piques your interest; you can get more detailed information at <https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register>.

First of all, what are the Registers? The State and National Registers are "the official lists of properties significant in our history and worthy of preservation. The registers are actively used by individuals, organizations, and all levels of government to promote planning, economic development, tourism, education, and an increased appreciation of our heritage."

What are the criteria to be listed? Generally, a structure will be at least 50 years old. It will possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It will be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or be associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Does every cobblestone building qualify? Frankly, no. But many, if not most, do. Qualification is largely dependent on condition and rarity. There are substantially more cobblestone houses than religious, commercial, educational or agricultural buildings. Therefore, the houses are held to a somewhat higher standard of integrity.

What does it cost? Nothing! But, to be realistic, it requires an investment of time in research and writing the nom-

ination. While you can hire professionals to do this work, it can also be done by the homeowner quite successfully. The staff of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will work with you through the process. By doing this, you will learn about the history of your home and become able to point out its unique features.

What are the advantages? First of all, you have the right to feel quite a bit of pride! It is also a way to document your property's history and significance for future generations. You will be helping to foster awareness of your community's history and installing pride in our historic structures. And,

you will likely qualify for tax credits for **rehabilitation** of your home.

Did you say tax credits?

The New York State Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program is administered by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Places (OPRHP). Through this program rehabilitation work may qualify for a tax incentive. The credit will cover 20% of qualified

rehabilitation costs of structures, up to a credit value of \$50,000.00. Houses must be an owner-occupied residential structure and be individually listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, or a contributing building in a historic district that is listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places. In addition, the house needs to be located in an eligible census tract. All work must be approved by OPRHP prior to start of construction. For more information go to: <https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs>.

But does it mean I can't do what I want with my house?

No, being on the Registers places no restrictions on private owners of registered properties. Private property owners may sell, alter or dispose of their property as they wish. Some local governments do place restrictions on what homeowners can do to their historic properties. This is more likely in metropolitan areas rather than rural areas. Such governments may, or may not, use Register status to determine a property is historically significant.



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Progressive Organ Concert (Con't.)

Progressive Organ Concert & Dinner (Continued from page 1)

about 30 minute recitals to demonstrate the full melodic range of the instruments, along with one common piece, which would have been typical of each church's service in the time period, to contrast the difference in sound and sonority.

In addition to our wonderful architectural heritage, we are blessed with outstanding musicians in Orleans County. Born and raised in Medina, Andrew Meier graduated from Medina High School in 1997, and graduated magna cum laude in political science from the University of Rochester in 2001, and cum laude from the Syracuse University College of Law in 2004. As partner at the law firm Webster, Schubel, & Meier, LLP, Andrew rounds out his work week as the organist at Trinity Lutheran and First Presbyterian churches in Medina.

Christ Church of Albion's organist, Darryl Smith, is an Albion native and a graduate of Houghton College with a Bachelor of Science in Church Ministries. She currently serves as the Administrative Secretary to the President of Roberts Wesleyan College.

Graduate of SUNY Geneseo, Gary Simboli is an award-winning music teacher at Albion High School and organist at the First Baptist Church in Albion.

Joining this stellar cast of musicians will be guest soloists, including soprano Aleka Schmidt, the pastor of First Baptist Church, who will be performing with Gary Simboli.

Tickets for the May 12th "Progressive Organ Concert" are \$30 each or 2 for \$50, and are available by calling the Cobblestone Museum at (585) 589-9013 or online at cobblestonemuseum.org.

This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by GO ART!



Peony Garden Tour –June 2nd



By Sue Starkweather-Miller, Tour Leader

Is there anything better than the look and smell of peonies in June? Join Sue Starkweather-Miller on a journey to view collections of beautiful peonies in two historic locations!

Our trip begins at 8:45am as we leave from the Cobblestone Museum parking lot and travel in comfort via *My Cowboy's* air-conditioned motor coach. We will enjoy homemade "cobble-scones" and coffee during the ride.

Our first stop will take us on a guided tour of Linwood Gardens' Tree Peony Festival. These private gardens are on the National Register of Historic Places. They are only open during the Festival and host a distinguished collection of Japanese and American tree peonies. After our tour, we will enjoy a light lunch (on the premises) catered by Sweet Arts Bakery.

After lunch we will travel to Palmiter's Garden Nursery, specializing in peonies. Feel free to admire and/or purchase peonies as well as view their gardens.

We will venture to Rochester where we will enjoy a private tour of the stunning Ellwanger Gardens, a living museum. The Gardens were once owned by famed 19th century horticulturist George Ellwanger and are now cared for and maintained by the Landmark Society. Ellwanger donated part of his land to form Highland Park.

Our last stop will take us to Sara's Garden Center in Brockport. There we can make purchases of peonies, annuals and perennials or just admire the extensive gardens and stone structures before we return to the Cobblestone Museum.



Peony Garden Tour

Date: June 2nd Time: 8:45am – 5pm

Cost: \$60 members, \$65 non-members

Included: Transportation in a comfortable, air-conditioned motor coach; cobble-scones and coffee; admission and tour of Linwood Gardens; garden lunch; stops at garden nurseries; admission and tour of Ellwanger Gardens; snacks along the way, and raffles at the completion of the tour.

Reservations: (585) 589-9013 or cobblestonemuseum.org

Orleans County pioneer history is the inspiration for young adult novel "The Beloved Wild"



Author Melissa Ostrom

By Diane Palmer, VP Development

When we think of American pioneer life, most of us think of Laura Ingalls Wilder's stories of frontier life on the prairies and the wagon train adventures of the Oregon trail. But in the decades before Americans migrated to the mid and far west, pioneers were settling Orleans County. Local author Melissa Ostrom began to learn about the history of Orleans County by reading the firsthand accounts of pioneers in Arad Thomas' *Pioneer History of Orleans County*,

New York. It was these fascinating stories that inspired Melissa to write her first novel, *The Beloved Wild*.

Like the experiences of Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family on the Midwestern Prairies, Melissa read of the hardship, sickness, and misfortune that befell many Orleans County pioneers. What Melissa noticed was different, however, was the physical landscape settlers faced in western New York. The land west of the Genesee River near Lake Ontario, was largely wooded and dense with trees, which presented unique challenges for settlers. It took several years to cut down trees and clear the forest before they could cultivate the land for their

crops. Pioneers procured what they needed from their surroundings and the first homes of the settlers were primitive log structures.

Most of the settlers were from New England and Melissa's story begins there as well. Sixteen-year-old Harriet Submit Winter courageously decides to leave the comforts of home in New Hampshire to journey with her brother Gideon to begin a new life in the wilderness of western New York. The protagonist of the story is a feisty one, the plot is an adventure, but the setting is ours.

Please join us for "A Talk with the Author" at 7 pm on Thursday, April 26 in the Curtis Room of the Hoag Library to learn more about how the history of the Orleans County settlers inspired Melissa to write her debut novel. Tom Rivers of the Orleans Hub will facilitate a discussion with Melissa, she will read from *The Beloved Wild* and will be available to sign books. We are pleased to co-sponsor this event with the Hoag Library, the Orleans Chapter DAR, and the Orleans County Historical Association. You won't want to miss it!



Director's Report—April 2018



By Doug Farley, Director

Spring is a great season of renewal as signs of new life spring up and take shape. The Cobblestone Museum is no exception as excitement builds for the new season. I have been working throughout the "off-season" to make sure 2018 will be a great year for the Cobblestone Society & Museum.

Planning is ongoing to bring over 20 scheduled events to life this year. Each event offers a different historical perspective into local history.

I'm pleased by another great addition this year, costumed reenactors will be added to many of our special tours, offering a unique living-history experience.

Speaking of tours, I'm pleased to let you know that we have had many groups that have already contacted us for advance reservations for group tours this summer. Word of mouth continues to be one of our best sources of advertisement, so be sure to spread the word about all that is happening here.

I'm also pleased that hard work is paying off and we are starting out 2018 on a sound financial footing. We've been successful with several grants including one of the largest grants

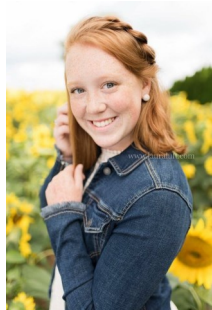
offered this year by Go Art! - Genesee Orleans Regional Arts.

Our membership base is also increasing as we prepare for our first annual Membership Fundraising Dinner on April 25. This event is billed as the social event of the season. Please make sure to get your reservation form in soon. (A copy of the form is included on the last page of this newsletter.)

I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for the Cobblestone Museum in the recent on-line contest conducted by New York State Council of the Arts (NYSCA). We were fortunate to be one of seven New York institutions that were selected by NYSCA to take part in a contest to select the site for one of their upcoming conferences. The purpose of the conference is to offer valuable insight into new trends that are shaping the museum industry. While we didn't win the contest, we garnered about 1,300 votes which put us in second place behind some pretty "big hitters," including Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University, that came in first place.

As editor for the Cobblestoner, I hope you enjoy the diversity of articles that have been collected for our Spring 2018 edition. Please feel free to suggest new topics for upcoming editions, too.

Museum Intern Hailey Bader



Hi, my name is Hailey Bader. I am a high school senior at Albion High School. I have been given an opportunity to intern with The Cobblestone Museum to further my experience with marketing a business in a small town. Learning the many skills of owning a business and getting the word around about your contents is one of the hardest components of

being an owner. I have been fortunate to learn some great skills from the director, Doug Farley, and assistant director, Sue Bonafini. I have learned everything from keeping materials organized, mailing letters to individuals in our community, creating flyers to hang up around town, using social media, and much more. I am thankful for this connection and to be a part of this wonderful organization to show my community the importance of our history.

In my near future, I am excited and proud to say that I will be pursuing my education at either Nazareth College, The College at Brockport, or Niagara University. My goal is to double major in dance studies and marketing. From the moment I stepped onto the dance floor as a young child, I knew that my future would forever include the sense of illuminating happiness that I felt that day. As I started my college search, the most important feature of an institute of higher learning is to allow me to continue my education along with pursuing dance studies. Finding the perfect dance program is very important to me. My dream is that one day I will establish my very own dance studio and teach children how to dance. I hope that I can teach them to love the art just as much as I do.

A Few Openings Left for Sunday Art Classes

We have room for a few more students in our remaining two Sunday Painters Art Classes taught by Pat Greene of Medina.

- May 6, Creating Drama (Using darks/lights, soft/sharp, warm/cool), and
- June 3, Learning from the Masters (Studying and copying styles from historical notables).

Each student will complete a painting to take home at the end of each lesson. Class size is limited so enroll early at cobblestonemuseum.org or call (585) 589-9013. The cost for Cobblestone Society members is \$40 and non-members will pay \$45. Canvas board, brushes, oil paints, odorless spirits and carry-home box will be provided.

President's Message-April 2018



By Jim Bonafini, President

The year 2018 will prove to be an important one for the Cobblestone Society & Museum. To keep up the momentum, we need leaders, volunteers and supporters.

Our Board of Trustees provides leadership, the stimu-

lus to sustain needed improvements and strategic direction for the Museum. We have a great group of people who share in the vision of the organization.

In addition to providing the necessary leadership, members of the Board actively participate on various committees, volunteer as docents or lend a helping hand at various Museum events.

Currently, there are two openings on the Board of Trustees. We have a vacancy for a Trustee to serve through the end of the calendar year, and the important office of Treasurer must be filled. The Treasurer provides financial oversight for museum operations and sits on the Finance Committee. If you know anyone with a passion for preservation and local history, especially someone who possesses financial expertise, please contact me (jim.bonafini@cobblestonemuseum.org) or any member of the Board of Trustees. The current roster appears on the second page of this newsletter.

As our Museum expands in its scope and activity, we will need more individuals with the time and talents needed to keep up the momentum. As you might imagine, our growing organization needs people possessing various skills. It is not just for history buffs. Our programs and projects might need actors, photographers, graphic designers, web masters, videographers, instructors and in general, creative and capable people.

If you know anyone who would like to lend a helping hand, please invite them to join us as a member. Then, invite them to our first annual Membership Fundraising Dinner on April 25th. This dinner promises to deliver us the reward of financial support.

I appreciate all the enthusiastic support given by our members, the community, and dedicated volunteers.

Historic Wood Window REPAIR SEMINAR

Hands-on training in the restoration and repair of historic wood windows from noted window specialist and author of *The Window Sash Bible*, Steve Jordan.

 Our work site will be the c. 1850 one-room schoolhouse at the Cobblestone Museum in Childs, NY.



You'll learn how to:

- Work safely with lead paint
- Evaluate windows for repair
- Strip & paint wood windows
- Cut & install glass
- Glaze window sash
- And more!

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intensive
seminar
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1-day
introductory
seminar
June 16

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This project is in part funded by the Historic
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Come Experience the Heart of Cobblestone Country!

Registration Form for April 25, 2018 Cobblestone Society & Museum Membership Dinner

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address _____

_____ I will be attending the Membership Dinner

_____ I can't attend, but have enclosed my Membership Donation to support the Cobblestone Society

_____ I will donate items to the Membership Fundraising Dinner (Antiques, Artwork, Gift Certificate, etc.)

_____ I am a new member _____ I am renewing _____ I am a life member

_____ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

Membership Category

_____ Individual	\$25	_____ Silver	\$1,000 +	\$ _____
_____ Family	\$40 +	_____ Gold	\$2,500 +	
_____ Patron	\$100 +	_____ Diamond	\$5,000 +	
_____ Bronze	\$250 +			

_____ Dinner (s) @ \$30 per dinner \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks payable to:
The Cobblestone Society
P.O. Box 363, Albion, N.Y. 14411
(585) 589-9013

The last date to purchase dinner tickets is
Wednesday, April 18, 2018.