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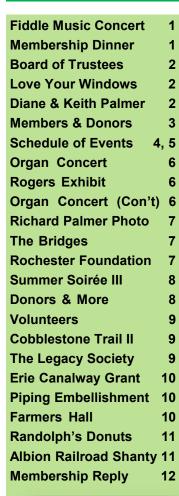


# The Cobblestoner



### "Come Experience the Heart of Cobblestone Country!"

#### In This Issue









#### "Elderberry Jam" to Provide Benefit Concert at Cobblestone Church

#### Join us on Sunday, April 14 at 3pm

"Elderberry Jam" is a group of talented regional musicians who will entertain the assembly gathered at the 1834 Cobblestone Church on the campus of the Cobblestone Museum, on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. Don't miss this toetapping free concert! Enjoy waltzes, rags, polkas, jigs and reels, bluegrass and some "good"

old fiddle tunes," during this lively musical event. Fiddles, guitars, a banjo, a hammered dulcimer, a mandolin and a bass will deliver nonstop enjoyment for 75-90 minutes. Guaranteed fun for all ages!

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Cobblestone Museum.

#### 2nd Annual Membership Fundraising Dinner—Wed. May 1



The 2nd Annual Cobblestone Membership Fundraising Dinner will be held at the Carlton Recreation Center on Wednesday, May 1 from 5-9pm. The Dinner Committee, led by Gail Johnson, has planned another fun-filled evening of raffles, prizes, live and silent auctions, and a delicious buffet catered by Mike Zambito, owner of Zambistro's Restaurant.

Anyone who attended last year's event is sure to recommend the experience. The deadline to submit your reservation is Friday, April 26, so be sure to get your response form in soon. (A reply form is included on the back page of this newsletter.)

#### Love Your Historic Windows

By Erin Anheier, V.P. Development



What a pleasure to see National Grid recently debunk the myth that replacing windows is the best way to insulate a house. They point out there are more cost effective solutions such as sealing air leaks or adding insulation. As preservationists, we love historic buildings and appreciate the beauty of their well-thought-out window design and placement. We know that the wood of historic windows exceeds the quality of what is currently available.

Historic wooden windows were designed to last "forever." The Museum's 1834 church still has functioning windows. You would be hard-pressed to find replacement windows with even a 20 year warranty, many are just five years. You will surely be replacing the replacements before you have recouped their cost in energy savings.

Windows are a character defining element of any architecture. Change the windows and any building will look "wrong." Buildings that would otherwise qualify for the National Register of Historic Places (and therefore tax credits for rehabilitation) have been rejected due to replacement windows. Replacements usually have less glass surface than originals because they are fitted inside the original framing, or worse, the framing is changed and the new windows are the wrong size or proportion.

If your historic house still has its original windows, rejoice! Are they drafty or in need of paint? Don't fret. Replacing caulk and weather stripping will stop the drafts. Painting is an easy project – just don't paint them shut! Cracked or broken panes can be replaced. Historic windows can be restored by a skilled contractor or the average homeowner. These are inexpensive repairs. Last year we held a workshop to educate people on the maintenance of historic windows. Our expert, Steve Jordan, stated that in decades of experience, he has rarely seen a pre-1940 window that could not be restored.

If you have historic windows, treasure them and maintain them – they add beauty and value to your property.

#### Greetings from Washington, D.C.

#### By Diane Palmer

Hello friends! We now have a wonderful view of the Washington National Cathedral, a beautiful landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We are having fun exploring D.C., but miss our Albion community! Even though we have moved we will remain connected to the Cobblestone Museum. Be on the lookout for our new video that will introduce visitors to the Museum. I am working with Drew and Megan Davidson to see this project to completion.

Missing you all!

Diane Palmer (and Keith, of course!)

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#### **Exhibit of Rogers Groups**





Two examples of Rogers Groups that will be highlighted in the new exhibit opening in May, 2019. (Left) "Checkers at the Farm," 1875, Plaster. (Right) "Is It So Nominated in the Bond," 1880, depicts a scene from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice."

During the 2019 season, a special exhibit of Rogers Groups will be on display in the Danolds Room at the Cobblestone Museum. John Rogers (1829-1904) became known during his long career as "the people's sculptor." Before the Civil War, sculpture was largely patronized by the very rich. Hand carved marble works of art and cast bronze statues were very expensive. By contrast, Rogers sculpted in more affordable plaster and painted the color of putty to hide dust. His genre subjects, often with an element of humor, appealed to the middle class. These could be ordered by catalogue and

shipped in wooden boxes packed with saw dust and a small bottle of paint if a touch-up was needed.

These published groups were sold for around \$15 each or about \$450 in today's dollars. Between 1859 and 1893, John Rogers sculpted 80 different subjects. These were cast at his New York shop where there were 25 employees. It is estimated he sold over 80,000 groups. By the 1880s it seemed that families that did not have a John Rogers Group were not conforming to the times. Even Abraham Lincoln and Gen. George Custer were known to own Rogers Groups. It was said of him at the time that "no American sculptor has remotely approached Rogers in popularity!"

There were of course others who tried to copy Rogers' work but these competitors never achieved the quality of detail or acclaim that Rogers did. But by the 1890s, their faddish appeal was on the wane. However, by the 1930s, renewed interest came about and Rogers Groups became highly sought -after by antique collectors.

Cobblestone trustee Bill Lattin will curate and share his collection of Rogers Groups and photographs in this seasonal exhibit. Plans are underway as of this writing to repaint the Danolds Room a more suitable color to enhance the exhibit. An opening reception will take place in May when Lattin will give a brief talk and explanation of Rogers' background and statuary.

#### Progressive Organ Concert II: "So Much More Than a Concert" - Saturday, May 11 at 4:30pm



By Aaron Grabowski

On Saturday May 11, we will take a journey in tastes and sounds to three different Village of Medina churches. The first stop is Trinity Lutheran, which has a 1960s three manual Holt-kamp organ nearly complete from its original specification, when it was originally installed in its first home in the chapel of the Episcopal Cathedral in Cincinnati, Ohio. This organ was built in the Neo-Baroque style fashionable of mid-1950 to 1980. This style emulated the European ideal of the late 17th to the mid-18th century style of organ building of the times. Not unlike the Victorian concept of what a Gothic church might look like, the Neo-Baroque style was an approximation if the actual style, colorful reeds and bright upper work that gives a Neo-Baroque its unique flavor and brightness. It almost sounds like we are talking about a wine!! (Wine and appetizers will be enjoyed at Trinity Lutheran.)

The next stop on our journey is St. Mary's Roman Catholic

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#### 2019 Cobblestone Museum Event Schedule

#### Sunday Painters Art Classes with Pat Greene—April 28 (1-4pm)

Local artist Pat Greene will teach the last class of her series of four painting classes in 2019 for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. We also encourage families to contact us for special pricing. The lesson for the April 28 class is "Drapery: Understanding the Effects." An art show of student art will be mounted at the museum. Tuition for each class is \$50 (Cobblestone Society Members \$45) Sponsor: Go Art!

#### "Elderbery Jam" Fiddlers Fundraising Concert—Sun. April 14 (3-4:30pm)

Join us for a special musical treat performed in our Cobblestone Church. "Elderberry Jam," a talented troupe of local musicians, will perform a benefit concert for the Cobblestone Museum. A free-will offering will be accepted.

#### Museum Tours resume by appointment on May 1

#### Cobblestone Membership Fundraising Dinner – Wed. May 1 (5-9pm)

Join us for our second annual Membership Dinner at the newly remodeled Carlton Recreation Center. This signature event will be catered again by Michael Zambito. Live and silent auction and several raffles throughout the evening. (See details on Page 1 and Registration Form on Page 12.)

#### Progressive Organ Concert (Medina)—Sat. May 11 (4:30-9pm)

Our second annual progressive concert and dinner will visit three historic churches in Medina. The concerts will be held in progressive fashion at St. Mary's RC Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and St. John's Episcopal Church. Our delicious meal, served at St. Mary's, will be catered by the award winning Zambistro Restaurant. Appetizers and wine will be shared at Trinity and dessert will be enjoyed at St. John's. Seating limited to the first 200 ticket holders.

#### Cobblestone Trail Bus Tour II—Sat. May 18 (9am-4pm)

Our second Cobblestone Bus Tour will feature visits to cobblestone structures in Monroe and Wayne counties, with tours of the Alling Coverlet and Hoffman Clock Museums with a lunch stop included.

#### Museum Opens for Daily Tours beginning on Saturday, June 1

#### A Day in the Life Tour—June 1 (12-4pm)

Opening day at the Cobblestone Museum will feature a Living History tour with costumed re-enactors and heritage demonstrations.

#### Albion Strawberry Festival—June 6 & 7

We will be participating in this great community festival! Stop by our Hot Dog Stand on East Bank Street and enjoy a hot dog and Coke to benefit the Cobblestone Museum.

#### Summer Solstice Soirée III—A Celtic Celebration—Wednesday, June 19 (4pm-dark)

Enjoy an evening of music, art and much more for our third annual Summer Solstice Soirée. This year's hosts are Bruce and Edna Kirby, 3120 Densmore Road, Albion. A \$10 donation in advance (\$12 day of event) secures your evening of food, wine & entertainment set amidst a garden splendor in Orleans County.

#### Cobblestone Patriotic Service—Sun. July 7 (11am-1pm)

Come out and celebrate our nation's independence with patriotic songs and readings, followed by a hot dog picnic lunch on the side lawn. A free-will donation will be received.

#### Cobblestone Camp—Dates TBD

Again this year, we will welcome our younger audience to participate in many age appropriate activities.

#### Summer Garden Bus Tour—July 20 (9am-4pm)

Sue Starkweather-Miller is our host for this annual bus trip around the county to look at several spectacular horticultural displays. Save-the-date, you won't want to miss this fun trip.

#### Orleans County Fair—July 22-27

The Cobblestone Museum joins forces with Orleans County Historical Association to present an information booth at the Orleans County Fair. Stop by the Merchant's Building and say hi!

#### Antique Shopping Bus Trip—Sat. Aug. 10 (9am-4pm)

Come and explore some really great antique shops around WNY and leave the driving to a seasoned professional.

#### 2019 Cobblestone Museum Event Schedule-Early Preview (Continued from Page 4)

#### 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 Timers 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 al-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 Niagara County. Self-drive and bus tour options are available.

#### Cobblestone Ghost Walk—Sat. Oct. 19 (Noon-5pm)

Visit the historic buildings on our campus where you will "meet" some spirited apparitions from Orleans County's past. Luncheon featuring healthy food options from Sourced Market Eatery in Medina will be available.

#### 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.

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

The annual business meeting of the Cobblestone Society will be preceded by a luncheon. Location TBD.

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

View some wonderful Christmas displays and open 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!

#### Progressive Organ Concert II (Continued)

#### (Continued from page 4)

Church. The building is a fine example of late Victorian Gothic architecture wherein an early 20th century organ was installed. The organ was originally installed to support the Latin Mass celebrated at the time. The organ fell into disrepair and parts of it were sold for pennies on the dollar sometime in the 1960s. In 2010, the writer of this article endeavored to start rebuilding the organ. The project, still in progress, has taken on a life of its own. It will be one of the largest if not the largest organs in Orleans County with three manuals and approximately 54 ranks of pipes. It emulates the mid-18th century French and German classical style of fully developed foundational pipes and bold and assertive reeds with clear sounds. (The delightful music enjoyed at St. Mary's will be supplemented by a delicious dinner prepared and served by Zambistro.)

The last stop is to historic St. John's Episcopal Church -- the "church in the middle of the road." The organ was originally a good example of late Victorian style organ building made by the Hook and Hasting firm of Massachusetts. Sometime in the late 1950s (I'm not sure exactly when) the Buffalo, NY firm of Herman Schlicker rebuilt the instrument to give it a somewhat Neo- Baroque sound and specification. This is the smallest organ in our tour with two manuals and 18 ranks over a somewhat quiet disposition that pleases the pallet. It will have a nice finish to our dining experience! (The dessert course will be enjoyed at St. John's at the conclusion of the evening.) Tickets for the Progressive Organ Concert II are available at the Cobblestone Museum or online at cobblestonemuseum.org. Single tickets are \$40 and two tickets are \$75.



This nicely maintained cobblestone house at 8412 Emerick Road, Town of Lysander, Onondaga County, was built in 1850 at a settlement once known as Hortontown by Elias Cox. Cox's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Marshall Bradway, recalled it took three days to transport a load of stone used to build it, by ox cart from Lake Ontario, a distance of 24 miles. It is of Greek Revival architecture.

(Photo courtesy of Richard Palmer.)

#### Rochester Area Community Foundation Vitality Grant



Special thanks to Rochester Area Community Foundation for their Vitality Preservation Grant. Here, mason Brian Daddis, begins the important task of making structural repairs in the basement of the Cobblestone Schoolhouse. Brian also conducted two hands-on Mortar Workshops for area masons and owners of historic homes.

# OFFICIAL OPENING

OF

## NEW BRIDGE

Roosevelt Highway-U. S. 18



#### THE BRIDGES

CARLTON, N. Y.

WEDNESDAY, August 18, 1937



(Top) The dedication of the new steel bridge over Oak Orchard Creek was a full-day celebration in 1937. Copies of the complete program are now available in our Museum Gift Shop. An original covered bridge at the same scene was removed in 1911. (Lower photo-Cobblestone Museum archive)

#### 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 donated items, finances, in-kind services, or artifacts to help the Museum continue to grow.

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Save-the-Date: Summer Solstice Soirée III: "A Celtic Celebration" on June 19th

# Summer Solstice Soirée III A Celtic Celebration

Wednesday, June 19th • 4pm until dark To benefit The Cobblestone Society Museum • Rain or Shine















You are cordially invited to a Summer Solstice Celebration in the garden of Bruce & Edna Kirby, 3120 Densmore Road, Albion NY 14411

Garden Tours • Artists & Their Art • Music • Tales

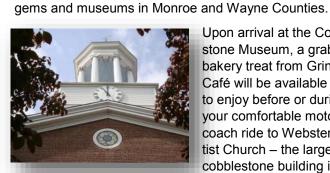
Many artists will have works available for sale.

Wine and light refreshments will be served.

Pre-Sale Tickets \$10 / At Event \$12

Tickets available at Cobblestone Museum, 14389 Ridge Rd W (Albion), call (585)589-9013, www.CobblestoneMuseum.org, Kirby's Farm Market (Brockport), Rusty Relics (Holley) & The Book Shoppe (Medina.) Questions: Call the Cobblestone Museum 585-589-9013

## Cobblestone Trail Bus Trip II Is This Your Year to Volunteer? Wayne & Monroe Counties—May 18 By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director Are you a cobblestone aficionado or history lover? Do you have a fascination with antique guilts, coverlets, or clocks and timepieces? Then you'll want to reserve your seat today to join Cobblestone Museum staff for an exciting 9am -4pm road trip on Saturday, May 18, exploring cobblestone



Upon arrival at the Cobblestone Museum, a grab 'n go bakery treat from Grinds Café will be available for you to enjoy before or during your comfortable motor coach ride to Webster Baptist Church – the largest cobblestone building in the

U.S. still being used for its original purpose. In Palmyra, we'll take in the view from the home at the Martin Harris Farm, built of cobblestones hauled from Lake Ontario's shoreline.



We'll be greeted by Director Bonnie Hays at the Alling Coverlet Museum, which features the largest collection of American hand-woven coverlets in the U.S. It takes more than six years to rotate their

public displays! Take a self-guided tour of the collections or browse their gift shop before enjoying lunch steps away at Muddy Waters Café and Bistro, overlooking the Historic Erie Canal.



After lunch we head to Newark, another canal town, stopping at the Hoffman Clock Museum. Chris Clemens of Exploring NY describes, "... a fun, somewhat quirky stop -off, ... a fascinating glimpse into New York

and the clockmakers that once practiced their craft here..." A final pitstop at the Cobblestone Starbucks in Victor, will allow passengers a chance to purchase an optional snack or beverage for the return trip to our starting point.

\$50 for Cobblestone Society members, or \$55 for nonmembers, will cover all transportation, admission fees, and food costs. Reserve early to avoid disappointment, seats are limited. Visit CobblestoneMuseum.org or call 585-589-9013 for additional information or reservations.

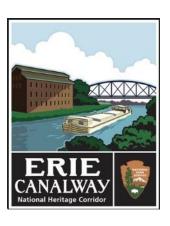




The Legacy Society - Providing for the Cobblestone Museum's Future

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.

#### Erie Canalway Honors Cobblestone Museum



The Cobblestone Museum is pleased to announce the receipt of an Event & Festival Sponsorship Grant from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor for our "Old Timers Fair," to be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2019. This sponsorship is one of only 28 awards that are being presented statewide in 2019 for events and festivals that highlight cultural heritage within the

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Erie Canalway travelers and regional tourists will be invited to enjoy "Old Timers Fair" activities throughout our historic campus. Costumed docents will lead tours throughout the day and explain how the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 created the impetus for local farmers to leave behind their pioneer log cabins, and build the amazing architectural structures that comprise the Cobblestone National Historic Landmark District today.

#### Farmers Hall Repairs Underway



Constructed in 1855 in the Greek Revival style, Farmers Hall served Kendall as a Universalist Church for several decades. In the 1870s, the German Lutherans became owners of the building and used it for services. It

later became Kendall's Town Hall and served that purpose until a new facility was constructed.

In 1978, the building was given to the museum. CETA workers dismantled the building and reconstructed it on a parcel of land given to the museum by Mrs. Neva Murray. It now functions as an exhibition hall for 19th and early 20th century farming implements.

In 2018, a Structural Evaluation conducted by Bero Architecture uncovered several hidden (and not so hidden) issues that have crept up since Farmers Hall was reassembled on-site in 1978. Large among those issues were shifting foundation piers, and a separation and inadequacy in the rafters and ceiling beams that allowed the outer walls to start to lean outward.

These issues are currently being addressed through the help of the Curtis Foundation that provided a grant to begin these repairs.

#### "Piping" in Genesee County



Everything looks pretty "normal" at this beautiful cobblestone home located at 9295 Fargo Road in Stafford. But, a closer look at the mortar embellishment in the lower photo illustrates a fairly rare form of cobblestone masonry called "piping."

This handiwork is thought to be the trademark of Giles Miner, who was a prominent farmer in the Town of Stafford, Genesee County, in the 1840s. Known as the Miner House, this cobblestone treasure originally had a companion smokehouse as seen on the left side of the upper photo. (Photo courtesy Richard Palmer)





#### **Cobblestone Donuts**



Old timers still remember making the trek to Niagara County to purchase some of Mrs. Clayton Randolph's "Cobblestone" Donuts. For several decades this dedicated baker made fresh fry cakes every day in her charming Cobblestone house at 8472 Ridge Road in the Town of Hartland. (Pictured below.)

Many folks stopped by while commuting on the Ridge, and even more made a special trip to acquire these famous fry cakes. The only disappointment would be to arrive too late in the day and Mrs. Randolph would be "sold-out."

Built in the 1830s by Washington Chaplin, this simple story-and-a-half farmhouse with red sandstone quoins, had two wood frame additions over the years. The covered porch provided the entryway to Mrs. Randolph's donut shop.



#### Railroad Shanty



The Cobblestone Museum has a great collection of ancillary buildings and structures that help "round-out" its collection of historic architecture. One such building is the Flagman's Shanty, formerly located at the Clinton Street Railroad crossing in the Village of Albion. It serves as reminder of our early transportation heritage when flagmen were needed to protect many local intersections in a day and age before modern crossing arms and lights.

The Flagman's Shanty was a gift to the Museum in the early 1980s by Marie Costello who gave the structure in memory of her sister, Mrs. Angeline Epke. During the early years at the Museum, the shanty served as the home of the Cobblestone Café for outdoor events like the Old Timers Fair. From within, a great assortment of home-made pies were cut and served to many a hungry fairgoer.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee gave the Flagman's Shanty some much needed TLC last year. The preservation work included new roofing shingles, complete exterior repainting, and rebuilding the historic spire at the peak of the hip roof.



#### Come Experience the Heart of Cobblestone Country!

# Registration Form for May 1, 2019 Cobblestone Society & Museum Membership Fundraising 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. \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer an electronic copy of the newsletter. **Membership Category** \_\_\_\_ Silver \$1,000 + Individual \$25+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Gold \$2,500 + \_\_\_\_ Family \$40 + \_\_\_\_ Patron \$100 + Diamond \$5,000 + Bronze \$250 + Dinner (s) @ \$30 Per Dinner TOTAL ENCLOSED Checks payable to: The last date to purchase tickets is Friday, April 26, 2019. The Cobblestone Society P.O. Box 363, Albion, N.Y. 14411 Feel free to contact us if you have a question about your membership at (585) 589-9013 or director@cobblestonemuseum.org.