



The Cobblestoner



Join us for A Mid-Summer Celebration!

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Celebrating Summer

"Flowers, Friends & Fantasies"

Thursday, July 9th • 4pm until dark

To benefit The Cobblestone Society Museum • Rain or Shine



You are cordially invited to a Mid-Summer Celebration in the garden of Beth Carpenter Dorf & Rick Dorf, 10436 Lakeshore Rd., Lyndonville NY

Garden Tours • Music • Refreshments

Stroll through the Gardens

Wine and light refreshments will be served.

Suggested Donation \$10

Reservations strongly suggested.

CobblestoneMuseum.org or call the Cobblestone Museum at 585-589-9013

Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 9 (4pm 'til dusk) to attend the Cobblestone Museum Garden Soiree: "Flowers Friends & Fantasies"

Gather your friends and join us for our midsummer celebration at the home of Beth Carpenter Dorf and husband Rick Dorf, 10436 Lakeshore Drive, Lyndonville, NY.

When you enter the garden you will note an artist's touch. Beth's flower gardens, kitchen garden and Very "She" She Shed explode with color, texture and creativity. From the Barn Quilt to the Starry Starry Night painting, the talent of the gardener glows with unique features. The vegetable garden is beautiful and highly productive. Rick's strawberry field and potato patch yields so much he built a selling shed for produce. Of course, it is a delightful structure.

The garden features a cutting garden and a wildflower meadow. Beth is extremely knowledgeable and loves to share tips and her research. Joyce Chizick and friends will be serving delicious food fancies for light refreshment. There will be music and wine.

The Cobblestone Museum is grateful to the family of Beverly Winters of Medina, NY who passed recently. She requested memorials be made to the Cobblestone Garden Soiree. Beverly was a member of the Garden Gals Garden

Club and a gardener extraordinaire. She was also an accomplished floral designer. The Cobblestone Museum is honored to dedicate this year's event in her memory.

A suggested donation of \$10 will be given to the Cobblestone Society in support of preservation of our unique campus. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Contact the museum online at CobblestoneMuseum.org or by phone (585) 589-9013. Parking on site is available. A golf cart will be available for anyone needing assistance.



Membership Dinner Recap-May 13



(Left) Chris Capurso (co-chair) and Mollie Radzinski display the beautiful handmade quilt donated by Brenda Radzinski. (Right) Doris Antinore enjoys the lovely hanging basket donated by Bruce Schmidt and Lynne Johnson. Photo courtesy Ginny Kropf.

By Gail Johnson, Membership Dinner Chair

A BIG THANK YOU to Christine Capurso, Kim Charron, Mike & Krys Elam, Doug Farley, Sylvia Goodstine, Gail Johnson, Sheila McAtee, Brenda Radzinski, and Mark Scarborough who methodically arranged the Carlton Rec Hall within a three-hour time frame.

Over 85 members attended the eighth annual Membership Fundraising Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Thanks go out to all of the committee who worked so hard that evening to put on this well-organized event. They are: Larry Albanese, Auctioneer, Jean Benson, Christine Capurso, Co-chair, Grace Denniston, Krys Elam, Doug Farley, Sylvia Goodstine, Gail Johnson, Chair, Ruth Mathes, Sheila McAtee, Shirley Bright-Neeper, Brenda and Mollie Radzinski, Mark Scarborough, Mike Schmackpfeffer, Arlene Taylor, Camilla VanderLinden, Maarit Vaga, and Sandra Walter.

Sixty ticket holders were in the Early Bird drawing. To qualify for this raffle, you had to have paid for your tickets by March 31st. Our gross income for this event was \$35,873. This includes memberships, dinners, and donations (\$30,268), and the auction, silent auction and raffles (\$5,605). The live auction brought in \$3,210, the silent auction \$1,340, the basket raffle \$640, the money tree raffle \$460, and the split club raffle \$255. Our net income was \$31,216.48 after expenses.

A special thank you is extended to our sustaining members. Our DIAMOND members include Larry Albanese, Margaret Ciechanowicz, and Gail Johnson. GOLD members are Roy Bubb, Peter and Patricia Hurd, Ingrid LaMont, John Nipher, and Christine Sartwell. SILVER members include Lois and Doug Farley, Gail Foss, David Mitchell, LeRoy and Shirley Bright-Neeper, Dick and Kim Remley, Maarit Vaga and Jan-Mikael Erakare, and Del Young. BRONZE members are Bill and Jackie Bixler/Albion Agencies, Mike and Krys Elam, Sylvia Goodstine, Susan Howard, Betty Sue and Fred Miller, Marissa and Pat Olles, Diana Kay Reed, Joanne Smith, Marty Taber, and Mary and Tom Zangerie. Also, Scott Schickling, CPA, CFP of Medina underwrote the entire cost of the Carlton Recreation Hall rental for the evening. The cost and preparation of the appetizers for the evening were donated by Grace Denniston and Sandra Walter. Brenda Radzinski of Albion underwrote the cost of the sheet cake and Doreen Wilson of Albion provided table coverings.

And to all the members who donated items for the auctions and raffles, a big thank you. We had some unusual and valuable items in the auction such as an antique washing machine donated by Carol Benson-Hopkins of Lyndonville and a 30 gallon crock donated by Ingrid LaMont of Albion. One of the best-selling auction items was a beautiful joy filled handmade quilt donated by Brenda Radzinski of Albion.

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Walworth Academy (Wayne County) Was Constructed of Cobblestone



Original Walworth Academy building is on the right. Photo taken 1906.

Contributed by Richard Palmer (Our Cobblestone Heritage)

The original Walworth Academy was legally incorporated as a private corporation by an act of the New York State Legislature on May 12, 1841 and was to accept both male and female students. Its capital stock was \$2,500 with the privilege of increasing it to \$5,000, in \$10 shares. The original trustees were Jonathan Boynton, Amos Turner, Elias Knapp, Louis McLouth, John Lawrence, Lewis Eddy, John McLouth, Benjamin Hill and Vaniah Yeomans.

A year later, a school was constructed of cobblestone at a cost of \$4,000 on Academy Street. Stones were hauled from Lake Ontario. Most of this money was paid for through the sale of stock in the Walworth Academy; each share of stock cost \$10.00 and entitled the holder to one vote in the corporation. The building was divided into two departments with a qualified teacher in each area, accommodating a total of 100 students. Professor E. B. Wadsworth was the first principal.

The Academy was similar to a high school. Entry requirement was a preliminary certificate, which was equivalent to an eighth grade education. Many of the Academy students boarded at the school or with families in town. A practice of "basket-boarding" was a common procedure and enabled many students to live cheaper than the \$2 a week for room and board. Students who lived nearby walked, rode horseback, or drove a carriage – depending on the time of year and distance. Many students walked five or six miles one way to attend school.

A nine-member board of trustees managed the property and concerns of the corporation. Tuition payments were used to defray the expenses of the institution, most of which involved payment of salaries. The principal of the Academy received a yearly salary of about \$800, while teachers were paid about

\$400 a year. The preceptress (the female instructor) received only half the amount paid to the principal. The tuition also paid for fuel and other expenses, which averaged around \$49.22 a year.

The most noted principal was Susan Cleveland Yeomans, sister of President Grover Cleveland, who came here in 1870. Another noted principal was J. Carlton Norris, who taught there from 1874 to 1885. He so endeared himself to his students that a Norris Students' Association was created in 1922. It was decided to form an alumni group of former Norris students. They annually held a reunion to reminisce about their days spent in the pursuit of education at Walworth Academy under the "dynamic personality of J. Carlton Norris." The last reunion was held in 1948.

In July 1972 Charles Tuttle and Robert Wignall, president and treasurer respectively of the Norris Organization, presented a check for \$2,697.82 to the Walworth-Seely Public Library. This amount was to be used to reduce the indebtedness for the library's addition and was given in memory of sponsors and students of Walworth Academy 1840-1903.

The Second Academy

In 1856, a committee was elected by the trustees to consider the subject of enlarging the Academy. It was agreed that an additional academic building should be added the coming year. In 1857 a three-story brick structure was erected to the east of the first Academy. The new "Walworth Academy and Wayne County Female Academy" cost about \$8,000. The principal was C. H. Dann. The older building was then used as a boarding home and residence for the principal. The classical course offered at the Academy prepared the student for any college in the United States.

In 1877 the original Academy was sold to the Patrons of Husbandry (Walworth Grange #289) and used by them as a Grange Hall. The second floor was remodeled into meeting rooms and a few years later the first floor was made into a dining room and kitchen. The grounds of the old Academy, combined with those of the new Academy, were ample for outdoor exercise of students and were well shaded with maple, elm, and locust trees.

The cost of the apparatus to equip this school totaled \$800. The academic department was certified by the University of the State of New York as the Walworth Union Free School in 1903. Three years later the school received certification as a senior school. In 1912 it received certification as a high school. The first graduating class was in June 1912.

Razing the Schools

The Academy continued with little change until 1929, when voters in District No. 1 approved a bond issue of \$80,000 to build a new school building. In March 1930, the old Academy buildings were demolished. Classes were temporarily held in the Grange Hall on Main Street. This was the former Pacific Hotel. The new Walworth School opened on September 8, 1930, with an enrollment of 182 students. For 50 years it served this area well until it was closed in 1980. It was demolished in 2014.

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David Hawley

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

Orleans/Curtiss Foundation \$8,800—2025 and \$6,000—2026

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Flea Market 2026 To Be Held On June 20



Ed Shorey of Albion sells a collection of vintage and new fishing lures, which he said were popular with the crowd at the flea market. This 2022 photo is courtesy of Orleans Hub.

By Sue Bonafini, Asst. Director

Our Flea Market returns on Saturday, June 20 between 9 am and 3 pm. Mark your calendar today so you won't miss this fundraising event! Ample free parking is available along the grounds of our Thompson-Kast Visitors Center, across the road from the Cobblestone Church. I fully expect to see the campus come alive with visitors, vendors and bargain hunters!

Vendors will sell their merchandise on the lawns around the church and nearby Ward House. Small businesses, groups, organizations and individuals are welcome to request a vendor's application to sell. At press time, we're expecting sellers with household and holiday goods, collectibles, antiques, jewelry, a variety of merchandise hand-crafted from deer antlers,

garden art, diamond art, wood and yarn crafts, baby items, workshop items, glassware, clothing, and loads of BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!

Our Used Book sale building has received two significant donations of books from an estate sale and an adult literacy organization. We're going to place all these books on display during the Flea Market for bibliophiles, bookworms or casual readers to purchase. There are titles from a wide array of genres, fiction and non-fiction. Books are available for young readers. Christmas books are found in our Holiday Shoppe, which is bursting with Christmas-themed merchandise at highly affordable prices. Are you a Santa, angel, or snowman collector? Do you collect Dept. 56 Snowbabies? Need replacement lights, wrapping paper, holiday cards, ornaments, or holiday décor of all sorts? Looking for a Christmas mug, holiday pillow, stocking, or stocking stuffer? Stop in and see what we have for sale. Merchandise is either brand new or gently used and all donated by members and friends of the Museum. There will be assorted merchandise sold at White Elephant tables to benefit the Cobblestone Museum.

The Food Tent will feature Red Osier Beef-on-Weck with choice of roll, potato salad, baked beans, and pickle spear from 11 am until 2pm or sold out. The pre-sale price is \$12 or \$14 that day. Call 585-589-9013 to reserve your meal ticket.

Remember that our Holiday Shoppe and Gift Shop are open during regular Museum hours if you can't make it to our event on June 20. We accept holiday-themed donations throughout the year if you would like to part with any Christmas decorations that you have enjoyed over the years, or if you stumble upon some Christmas in July sales!

America 250—Patriotic Program—Sunday, July 5 (11am)



Mark your calendars for a special America 250 Celebration at our National Historic Landmark Cobblestone Church on Sun. July 5. We are planning a festive program of patriotic songs, readings and much more, themed to highlight our nation's Semi-quincentennial. Bill Lattin is providing a key-note address explaining the historic significance of Liberty Poles, and how the Museum's Liberty Pole was dedicated on our campus.

Summer Intern Collin Capurso will be offering selected readings from Thomas Payne and other patriots. Of course, we will ask our guests to join in singing several historic melodies that will add to the occasion.

Following the Patriotic Program, a picnic lunch will be enjoyed in the side lawn. Guests are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to pass. Hotdogs and beverages will be provided.

Asst. Director Sue Bonafini and Summer Intern Casey Starkweather are providing information about the four signers of the Declaration of Independence from New York State. How and why did they decide to sign the document? What led them to that decision? What were the ramifications of their actions? For all of these answers and more, be sure to join us on July 5.



Thank You, Brenda & Garden Gals!



We offer special thanks to some of our unsung heroes, Brenda Radzinski and the Medina Garden Gals.

Brenda's efforts are seen everywhere around our campus! For several years Master Gardener Brenda Radzinski has mainly been responsible for planting our several urns and window boxes with beautiful annual plants. In addition to donating all of the plants and labor, Brenda serves on our board of trustees. Thank you, Brenda!!

Speaking of gardens, we would also like to thank the Medina Garden Gals for their tireless assistance maintaining our Kitchen Herb Garden located behind our National Historic Landmark Ward House. Thanks again to all of our volunteer gardeners.

Name SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these masonry terms historically connected to Cobblestone Museum properties.

1. TNLILE

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2. WLTORE

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3. NQOUI

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4. RCUEOS

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5. KLSEA

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Answers on Page 8

OC Historic Marker Booklet



We are pleased to present the newly released book, "Historic Markers of Orleans County, NY," compiled by Catherine Cooper, County Historian. Catherine suggests you consider purchasing a copy of this informative booklet to keep in your car to have handy when you pull off to the side of the road to view the over 100 markers located on county highways. She said, "Historic Markers serve as guide marks along the way."

This book is available for purchase in our gift shop for \$15 or by mail using the form on the back page of this newsletter.

Looking Back



Ruth Thaine Applegate (right) and her sister-in-law Janice Barnum Thaine (left) enjoy a candid moment during one of many "Christmas Plays" celebrated at the District #5 Cobblestone School at the Cobblestone Museum. Photo circa 1980.



Summer Interns Collin Capurso (Left) and Casey Starkweather (Right) at work in the gift shop.

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

Director Doug and I were overjoyed to learn that two of our past interns were eager to spend the 2026 season with us following their college graduations in May. Collin Capurso is with us for his third season, and Casey Starkweather is here for her first experience as a summer intern, having served as an intern during the fall semester of 2025 to earn college

credit as a volunteer. Each of these young adults relayed the following.

Collin Capurso, a recent alumnus of SUNY Geneseo, holds a bachelor's degree in history and certifications as a social studies teacher. Following this season at the museum, he intends to embark on a master's degree and pursue a career as an educator within the local school districts. Having dedicated two previous summers as an intern at the Cobblestone Museum, Collin was eager to return to deepen his connection with the local community, bolster his passion for history, and continue his ongoing project of oral history interviews. These interviews aim to preserve, disseminate, and document the legacies and narratives of prominent figures in the region. As an intern, Collin delights in imparting historical knowledge and fostering connections as a tour guide, uniting individuals through the sharing of insight and memory—facilitated through the various exhibits and buildings among the museum's campus.

Casey Starkweather earned a degree in history from SUNY Brockport and is interested to work at a museum. She plans to eventually pursue a higher degree to possibly become a curator, but she is focusing on exploring her options one step at a time. She returned to the Cobblestone Museum because she genuinely enjoyed her previous opportunity with us. She shared that she said to herself one day while walking between the campus buildings that she could imagine working in this type of setting for the rest of her life. She most enjoys interacting with the visitors. She believes that most people who come to the museum want to be here, which means they are engaged and willing to learn. She likes meeting those guests who want to learn and finds it rewarding to be the one to provide that information and grow their curiosity.

Dunn Martin grant funding for our summer internship program is highly valued and we appreciate the generosity of its donors Camilla VanderLinden and Robin MacLeod.

SCRAMBLE Answers (From Page 6)

Contributed by C. W. Lattin—Continued from Page 6

1. **LINTEL**...A horizontal stone above a window or door.
2. **TROWEL**...A flat pointed mason's tool used in applying mortar to a wall under construction.
3. **QUOIN**...A quarried block of stone used at the corners of cobblestone buildings.
4. **COURSE**...A row of neatly laid horizontal cobblestones

5. **SLAKE**...To slake quicklime, i.e. to add water to dissolve lime into sludge for soft lime mortar.



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.

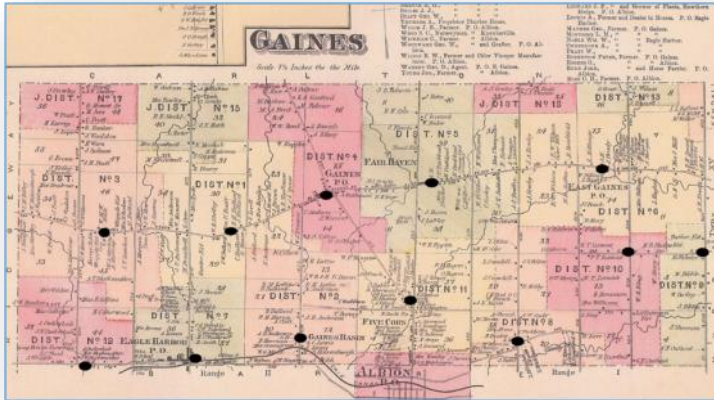
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Updates To Our Salute To Volunteers For 2025

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

In the Spring 2026 Edition of *The Cobblestoner*, Angel Gonzalez was listed with an incorrect surname and Kim Fuller was inadvertently omitted from the list. My apologies.

Early Education In The Town of Gaines



(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.)

As families began to settle in the Town of Gaines, the need to educate their children was close to the top of the list of things "to-do." By 1813, a decision was reached to organize a school. It was further agreed that Orrin Gleason would teach the children in a 12' log building on the Gates property near the corner of Eagle Harbor Road and the Ridge. A short while later, another school was opened at the Belmont property between Gaines and Childs to accommodate the children living in that area. More and more people moved into the town and an ongoing concern was to provide schools to accommodate the children who arrived with their parents. A rule of thumb was a student shouldn't have to walk more than a mile each way, to and from school. The schools were at first, very simple, sometimes just log cabins, some without such "niceties" as an outhouse. The schools used a slightly different system than used today to raise funds to pay the teacher and provide fuel for heating; a tax was placed on the families whose children used the schools.

By the mid-19th century these early crude buildings had been replaced by more substantial structures, some of which are still in existence today. Eventually 12 school districts were established in the Town of Gaines. The northern portion of Gaines was serviced by school districts in the Town of Carlton including Districts 12, 13, 15 and 17. In total, six of the 12 schools in Gaines were built with cobblestone, a statistic that appears to be unmatched by any other township. Five of the original six cobblestone schools are still in existence today.

In the early 20th century, New York State had by then established the standards that pertained to all schools in the state. Local residents lost much of their self-determination as to what was taught or how funds would be raised, with the burden of taxation now spread out over all property owners in a district, not just the families of students attending the schools.



Beginning in the 1920s, the 12 small school districts in the town were closed, one by one as "centralization" took place. By 1953, the Albion Central School District was complete and the small districts were eliminated. A few of the old school buildings remained active as part of the larger Albion Central District. The last of the "hangers-on" was the former Eagle Harbor #7, shown above in

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.

The Wonderful World of Depression Glass (Recorded) Join us for a recorded presentation by members of the Depression Glass Club of Greater Rochester. Reservations are available on our website Events Page or call (585) 589-9013.

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.

Flea Market: (Sat. June 20) A multitude of vendors are anticipated for this year's annual event. A Red Osier Beef-on-Weck lunch option is available. Presale tickets available on our website or by phone (585) 589-9013.

Patriotic Program – Cobblestone Church: (Sun. July 5 at 11am) Join us for our annual observance of Independence Day with a program of patriotic readings and music in the Cob-

blestone Church as we celebrate our nation's 250th Anniversary. A good old-fashioned potluck picnic will follow on the side lawn. Bring along a lawn chair and dish to pass. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

A Mid-Summer Celebration: (Thurs. July 9) (Formerly Summer Solstice Soirée) Shirley Bright-Neeper and Joyce Chizick are heading up this year's Summer Soirée at the gardens of Betty Carpenter Dorf & Ron Dorf of Lyndonville. Spend a relaxing evening in the garden with wine, music and light refreshments.

Cursive Writing Workshop (Aug. TBD) Raymond Santoro leads this series of classes that will assist students in learning to read and write the cursive written alphabet. Students entering grade 4-adults are welcome.

Tour of Historic Homes – (Sept. TBD) A full range of different architectural styles and building materials will be featured. The tour package includes a customized catalog of interesting and informative information on 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. A lunch option is planned.

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.

June 24—"The Haudenosaunee Perspective of NY 250" with Terry Abrams

July 29—"Soldiers Who Served in The Revolution from Orleans County" with Tim Archer

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 Gaudio 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

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

\$252,000 Gail Thompson Johnson*	\$10,000 The Baird Foundation Rebecca & Richard Canuteson and family in memory of original board member Bertha and Dr. Richard Canuteson	Sibyl & Richard Pilon	Up to \$999 Anonymous Sandra Andrews Cindy & Bill Applegate Brett Baker Darcy Beeman Jeanette & William Behnke Jean Benson Sandra Brown Joyce Chizick Kathleen Clarke Kathleen Danley in memory of John G. Peters Richard Dunham Barbara Filipiak Diana Flow Gail Foss Linda Fraser Linda Fuller Sylvia Goodstine Harriette Greaser James P. Harold Cynthia Howk Michael Kaye Linda Kozubal Edna Kriner-Kirby & Bruce Kirby Wendy & Dennis Kirby Kludt Farms Allen Lackey Allison Lattin C. W. Lattin* Jana Laxa (David Sturges) Gail & Nathan Lyman Susan & Jerome Machamer Judy & Donald Manley Janice Mann-Beech	Catherine D. Moore Susan Mull Janet & Peter Nixon Tom Noon Lorraine Oakley Guinevere & Alan Panek William Pilon Eloise & Chuck Puls Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Radzinski Mariana Rhoades Rush's Vegetables Marti & Brad Ryan Susanne & Don Sack Daniel W. Schiavone, DDS Jean Shervin Jane & Neal Smith Joann Smith Kathleen M. Smith Kyle Somerville Clark Stritzel Marty Taber Mark Tillman— Tillman's Village Inn Kay VanNostrand Diane Ecker Wadsworth & Donald E. Wadsworth Mary Jean Welser & Marty Schlabach Loretta Tomasino Beatrice Young * Denotes Life Member
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\$20,000 Sue & Jim Bonafini	\$3,000 Grace & John Denniston			
\$15,000 Gabriella & Lawrence Albanese* Albion Agencies— Jackie & Bill Bixler	\$2,500 Rev. Dr. Don Algeo Anonymous Leigh & Kevin Hamilton Maureen & Paul Marshall Family Clara & Jeff Martin			
\$12,500 Dunn Martin Fund— Camilla VanderLinden & Robin MacLeod				
				Total Pledges to Date: \$1,630,647

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 Summer Soiree tickets for July 9 (\$10 Donation or other amount) \$ _____

I would like to pre-order Beef-on-Weck tickets for June 20 (\$12 each presale) \$ _____

I would like to purchase the Erie Canal Book @\$15 including shipping \$ _____

I would like to order the Santa Claus School/Christmas Park Book @\$15 incl. shipping \$ _____

I would like to order "Architecture Destroyed" @\$19.95 incl. shipping \$ _____

I would like to order "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

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