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"Our Sixtieth Year"

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This year's series will include:

Collage & Paint Together – A mixed media exploration (Sun. Jan. 26). Students will use photos and other print imagery to become part of their paintings.

Abstraction – Breaking down imagery into its pure form (Sun. Feb. 23) .

Personal Dictionary of Symbols (Sun. March 29) Students will learn to "draw" words and use color as a language.

New Tools – Try out new effects to add to your creative tool box (Sun. April 26). Using layering, stenciling, scraping, stamping and sponging to enhance your oil paintings.

An art show of student art will be mounted at the museum. Tuition for each class is \$55 (Cobblestone Society Members \$50) or all four classes for \$200 (Cobblestone Society Members \$180). Sponsor: Go Art!





One of a Kind Curiosity at Cobblestone Museum



By C.W. Lattin, Cobblestone Society Trustee

If the purpose of a museum is to exhibit the rare, unusual and curious, then the Cobblestone museum at Childs lives up to that standard. The pictured building was moved to the museum in the summer of 1982 and is all of those things, and is indeed one of a kind! Measuring approximately eight foot square, it is entirely made of steel (boiler plate) which is riveted and bolted together, sides, roof, and door. You ask what for? Well then,

here's the interesting story surrounding it.

In the late 1860s, the federal government gave an \$87,000 grant to make improvements at Oak Orchard Harbor. As part of the project, two long piers were built out into Lake Ontario. The western pier had a lighthouse at the very end of it out in the lake. Located on the shore, this steel building was completed in 1871. It originally was made with brick walls on the inside which included steel shelving on three sides and was used for storing lamp oil for the lighthouse beacon. It was completely fireproof and had a ventilator perched on top of its hip roof.

In 1905, due to the River and Harbor Act, maintenance was denied to the harbor facilities and the lighthouse and piers were abandoned. After several years of neglect, waves tore apart the piers and the lighthouse was blown over in the lake during a storm in 1916. However, the little steel building remained. In ensuing years, the Archbald family purchased the property on which the oil storage building stood. Edward Archbald remembered that he and his fatehr moved the steel building to their barnyard where it was used for tool storage. It was at that time that the interior brick walls were removed so it could be moved on a slip boat.

In the Spring of 1982, Edward Archbald, recognizing the historical significance of the building, donated it to the Cobblestone Museum for a curiosity. During late July, it was moved under the engineering skills of Tom Finnefrock, Richard Cook and Donald Ross to its current location at the back lawn of the Cobblestone Church. I think we are very fortunate to have this unusual nautical artifact preserved through the foresight and generosity of Mr. Edward Archbald.

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Supplee House Stands Out On Historic Register





The picturesque Daniel Supplee farmhouse at 4306 Lakemont-Himrod Road in the town of Starkey near Dundee is one of the finest reminders of elegant 19th century rural life. This house was built about 1843 by Daniel Supplee, a prosperous farmer.

It was originally of Greek Revival style but sometime prior to 1876 was remodeled to reflect the more stylish Victorian look. It was constructed from a variety of colored and irregularly shaped cobblestones hauled to the site from the shore of Lake Ontario near Sodus Point.

Supplee knew how to make crops grow. It was not uncommon for him to get a yield of 40 bushels of wheat to the acre. He helped organize and was treasurer of the Dundee Union Agricultural Society that was organized in 1856. For many years they held a fair in October in the days when farming was the life of the community. He was also involved in Democratic politics.

Supplee was born at Himrod on March 14, 1815 and died Oct. 26, 1888. In 1837 he married the former Mary Spink.



She was the daughter of Silas and Mabra Spink and was born in 1819 on the family farm near Himrod. Her father was one of the earliest settlers in the town of Milo, having migrated there from Rhode Island in 1790. The Spinks were Quakers.

The Supplees had two daughters, Frances and Sabelin. So that they might have a musical education, Mr. Supplee purchased from New York one of the first pianos to be owned in this area. As there was no music teacher to be had here, he hired one from a nearby city and had her live with them at the farm to instruct his daughters.

Supplee was also a partner in the drygoods firm of C.P. McLean & Co. in the village of Dundee. He was a member of the local Methodist Episcopal Church.

After his death, Mrs. Supplee continued in the dry goods business for several years, with one of her daughters who had married C.P. McLean. That business failed in 1888.

Subsequent owners of the Supplee farm were George P. Lord, Hugh Hess and N.K. Doan. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

Cobblestone Museum Day at Lures Restaurant—Sat. March 21 (11am-9pm)



Many thanks to our friends at Lures Restaurant in Kendall for offering a repeat of their successful fundraiser for the Cobblestone Museum. Just like last year, all of our friends are invited to dine at Lures on Sat., March 21. Order from the menu and pay for your meal as usual. At the conclusion of the day, Lures will write a check to the museum for a generous percentage of their revenue. It's a true win-win. You eat a great meal and Lures makes a donation to the museum at no extra cost to you.

Lures is located at the Bald Eagle Marina, 1033 Lakeland Beach Road, Kendall.

Be sure to mark your calendars and make your reservation at (585) 548-1020.

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Cobblestone Museum Day at Lures Restaurant in Kendall—Sat. March 21 (11am-9pm)

The Cobblestone Museum joins forces with Lures Restaurant to host our restaurant fundraiser, "Cobblestone Museum Day at Lures." Visit Lures at Bald Eagle Marina, on Sat. March 21 and order from the menu. At the conclusion of your meal, a generous portion of your guest check will be donated to the Cobblestone Museum by the restaurant, at no additional cost to you! **Please make a reservation at (585) 548-1020.**

Corning Museum of Glass Bus Trip – Sat. April 4 (9am-5pm)

Enjoy a full day excursion to Historic Corning and take a guided tour of the Corning Museum of Glass.

Cobblestone Spring Trivia Night – April TBD

Maarit Vaga will be the emcee for the Cobblestone Museum's Trivia Night.

Fundraising Concert II—April 26 (3:00pm-4:30pm)

Help us pack the Cobblestone Church for a reprise free concert featuring our fiddler friends, "Elderberry Jam." A freewill offering will be accepted.

Museum Tours resume by appointment beginning May 1st

Cobblestone Membership Fundraising Dinner—Wed. May 6 (5pm-9pm)

Join us for our third annual Membership Dinner at the Carlton Recreation Center. This signature event will be again catered by Michael Zambito. There will be live and silent auction and several raffles throughout the evening.

Mother/Daughter Tea on Mother's Day—Sun. May 10 (3pm)

Georgia Thomas invites our members and their guests to enjoy a special Mother-Daughter Tea. A short program will be included on the history of Mother's Day. A freewill donation will be accepted.

Progressive Organ Concert (Brockport & Holley)—Sat. May 16 (5pm-9pm)

Our third annual progressive concert and dinner will visit the Morgan Manning House and two historic churches in Holley & Brockport. Our catered dinner will follow. Seating is limited, so call early.

Museum Opens for Tours (Wed.- Sun.) beginning June 3rd

Holley June Fest Parade—Sat. June 6

Be sure to watch for our 60th Anniversary float in this year's parade.

NYS 4H Fashion Show followed by Cobblestone Museum Group Tour—June 6

Our good friends and neighbors from Orleans County Cornell Cooperative 4H Program are hosting their statewide 4H Fashion Show in our Cobblestone Church from 10am – Noon. A group tour of our campus will follow after lunch at Tillman's.

New Exhibit Opening—Sun. June 7 (3pm)

"Historical, Hysterical & Naughty: 1850-1950." As the Victorian era passed into the Roaring Twenties, a market developed for some very unusual novelty pieces. In their time, these miniatures symbolized the casting off of the perceived restraints of the era. Borrowing from the personal collections of Bill Lattin and the late René Schasel, this exhibit will certainly bring a smile to the face of most visitors as personal perceptions of a by-gone era get challenged through this little known, yet entertaining genre.

Albion Strawberry Festival & Parade—June 12 & 13

We will be participating in this great community festival! Stop by the Hot Dog stand on East Bank Street and enjoy a hot dog or hamburger and Coke to benefit the Cobblestone Museum. Be sure to watch for our 60th Anniversary float in the parade on Saturday.

2020 Cobblestone Museum Event Schedule (Continued)

Lyndonville Parade—July 4

It's our 60th Anniversary and we've produced a float to celebrate this accomplishment.

Cobblestone Patriotic Service—Sun. July 5 (11am-3pm) & Celebrating Cobblestone Heritage: Our 60th Anniversary Come out and celebrate our nation's independence with patriotic songs and readings at 11am. At noon we will welcome all of the churches of the community for a fellowship picnic lunch on the side lawn to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. A free-will donation will be received.

Summer Garden Bus Tour—July TBD

Sue Starkweather-Miller is our host for this annual bus trip around Orleans County to look at several spectacular horticultural displays. Be sure to sign up early. This trip is a perennial sell-out.

Civil War Reenactment—July/August TBD

The Lewiston Reenactment Group will portray a Civil War Field Hospital with nurses and surgeons demonstrating skills and medical tools of the time.

Cobblestone Trail Bus Tour III (Sodus)—August TBD

Sue Bonafini will lead our third Cobblestone Bus Tour which will feature visits to cobblestone structures in Sodus.

Museum Tours available by appointment Labor Day—Oct. 31

Orleans County Heritage Festival—Sept. 11-20

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

Old Timer's Fair & Antiques Appraisal—Sat. Sept. 12 (OCHF Event)

Our museum will come alive with artisans and re-enactors as we recreate the feel of Orleans County life in the 19th century. Free Admission. An antique appraisal service is also available for a small fee per item. A Chiavetta Chicken BBQ is taking place on site for dining al fresco or take-out, from 11am until 5pm or sold-out.

Cobblestone Tour of Homes—Sat. Sept. 26 (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.

Fall History Bus Trip (Ganondagan)—Sat. Oct. 10 (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 and tour the facilities at Ganondagan State Historic Site near Canandaigua. The tour includes the Seneca Arts & Cultural Center and the full size replica of a 17th century Seneca Nation Longhouse.

Cobblestone Ghost Walk—Sat. Oct. 17

This year's Ghost Walk will showcase Orleans County happenings at the conclusion of The Civil War.

Holiday Shoppe—Nov. 6, 7, 8 and Dec. 5 (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 cost. Watch our schedule for special times of Christmas music, too.

Cobblestone Society Annual Meeting—Sat. Nov. 14 (Noon-2pm)

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

Medina Parade of Lights—Sat. Nov. 28

It's our 60th Anniversary and we will celebrate with a float in the Medina Parade.

Christmas Tour of Homes: Holley, NY—Sat. Dec. 5 (2pm-7pm)

View some wonderful Christmas displays and open houses in Holley on our fourth annual Christmas Tour of Historic Homes. Again this year, we will feature a self-drive or bus tour option. Mark your calendar today, you won't want to miss this!

Awards Presented at Annual Meeting



The following individuals and businesses were recognized with awards during the Cobblestone Museum's Annual Meeting, front row, from left: Erin Anheier, Proctor Award for leading two big capital projects at the museum; Pat Morrisey, the Donna Rodden Hospitality Award for hosting events on behalf of the museum; Anna Migitskiy, who manages Lures Restaurant in Kendall, which was presented with the New Business Partner award; Grace Kent of Albion, Rufus Bullock Award for outstanding and sustained contributions to the museum.

Back row: Andre Tsyupa, owner of Lures Restaurant, New Business Partner award; Brenda Radzinski, Volunteer of the Year; Andre Migitskiy of Lures Restaurant; Gerard Morrisey, Donna Rodden Award for hospitality; Camilla VanderLinden of the Dunn Martin Fund, Community Partner Award; and Gary Kent of Albion, Rufus Bullock Award.

Elderberry Jam Returns April 26 at 3pm



The Cobblestone Museum Presents:

An Old Time Fiddle Music Concert (II)

Featuring "Elderberry Jam"

Sunday, April 26 at 3pm The Cobblestone Church

A Freewill Offering Will Be Accepted

Thank You to Our Grant Funders for 2019

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

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Donors and More!

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

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Maarit Vaga
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Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who made a donation in response to our Annual Appeal letter for funds to replace the furnace at the Ward House and other ongoing maintenance concerns.

Patricia Kibler-Fries

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The funds from the Annual Appeal this year were earmarked for replacement of the furnace at the Ward House, the need for which was discovered by a contractor following a "no-heat" call in the late fall. The response to this plea was phenomenal! At press time, we have received over \$6,000 for our Capital Fund. The new furnace is now installed and keeping the Ward House heated safely and correctly for the winter. Some of the additional funds received will be used for a new oak exterior door on the west side of the Brick House and other maintenance needs that will be addressed in the spring. Thank you very much for making these improvements possible through your generous gifts!

Third Annual Membership Fundraising Dinner To Be Held May 6th



By Gail Johnson, Membership Secretary and Membership Dinner Chairperson

If you missed the Cobblestone Museum Membership Fundraising Dinner last year, you will not want to make the same mistake this year! Our third annual Membership Dinner will be held Wednesday, May 6 (5-9pm) at the recently remodeled Carlton Recreation Hall. This event promises to be the social event of the year! Last year's dinner was attended by over 100 members and was a huge success. Overall, the event raised almost one-third of the museum's operating budget for the year, and attendees at the dinner came away with some really great bargains.

Doors will open at 5:00 pm with savory appetizers, a cash bar, a silent auction, theme baskets and many other raffles and prizes. A catered buffet by Michael Zambito will be served at 6:15 pm and will include Chicken French and Filet of Sirloin. The main event, a live auction, will follow dinner.

Committee members have been hard at work throughout the year lining up some great raffle and auction items for this year's dinner. A couple of notable items include 10 one-day Disneyworld Park Hopper Tickets and a magnificent Charles R. Sligh Oak Grandfather Clock. (Includes transportation and setup in your home.)

A membership renewal letter along with an invitation to the fundraising dinner will be mailed in early January. You may also use the form on the last page of this newsletter to pay for your membership and purchase tickets to the dinner. We sincerely hope to see everyone there!







This & That





Many thanks to the quartet of musicians who supplied special music for our Christmas Tour of Homes and Holiday Shoppe on Saturday, December 7. Shown are (left) Deborah Magone, Rick Paufve, Snedden Gonsalves, and Jim Bonafini.

(Right) Special thanks to trustee Bill Lattin who purchased and installed a 1940s era Children at Play sign for our District #5 Schoolhouse.

Christmas Past with the Thaine Family

Five to Revive



The historic Hamlet of Childs has been included in this year's class of "Five to Revive" by the Landmark Society of Western New York. The purpose of the designation is to identify opportunities for targeted, strategic revitalization.

Through this effort, Landmark Society staff will work collaboratively with community partners to bring to bear the needed resources and serve as a catalyst for positive change. Throughout 2020 and beyond, Cobblestone Society and Landmark Society leaders, along with concerned community members, will be meeting with town, county and state officials to set priorities and make strategic plans to enhance the historic nature of the hamlet.

A few areas of concern already discussed include reducing the speed limit in the region, adding sidewalks and other pedestrian safety enhancements such as street lighting and interpretive signage. Additional marketing opportunities will also be explored. Community members that would like to assist with this project should contact the Cobblestone Museum at (585) 589-9013 or write director@cobblestonemuseum.org.

The Cobblestone Museum Legacy Society

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.



For many years, it was a tradition to hold a Christmas play at the Cobblestone District #5 School. This scene is reminiscent of one such Christmas celebration in the late 1970s. Shown are Anita Thaine, Mike Thaine, Janice Thaine and Ruth (Thaine) Applegate. Mike Thaine remembers his family spending days stringing popcorn and cranberries each December in preparation for decorating the Christmas tree.

The Cobblestone Schoolhouse was the scene of many Christmas plays during its 103 year history as an active one-room school. A makeshift theater was created by stringing a rope across the width of the classroom and hanging sheets to resemble a playhouse curtain. The audience would be seated in the students' desk area and the aspiring actors would work their craft at the front of the room once the curtain was pulled back to reveal the "set." The sloping floor in the schoolhouse certainly helped guests to get a birds-eye view of the action from any seat in the house.



Spotlight: The 2019 Volunteer of the Year



By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

Trustee Brenda Radzinski earned the title "Volunteer of the Year" as a result of her numerous contributions. She and I sat down recently to discuss highlights of her 2019 involvement at the Museum.

January is her preferred winter month to "hibernate and do quilting." Some of her hand-quilted items are sold at the Museum's Gift Shop, and one quilt was designed and donated to the Live Auction at the Membership Fundraising Dinner last May.

A Master Gardener, she used her expertise to purchase and plant flowers to beautify our campus urns and window boxes at the start of the season. She's been performing this spring ritual for four years, but last year she chose to donate the items as a gift to the Museum.

She's been a Museum docent since 2017, educating guests of all ages, whether walk-in visitors or expected groups. I asked, "Why do you like being a docent, and what's your favorite part of the role?" Brenda shared, "I like people and I like to talk. I love history. It's rewarding to share knowledge with others." She enjoys telling the stories of the bear trap and dog-powered butter churn at Farmers Hall and finds the

body cooler "fascinating" at the Ward House. She tries to imagine how people lived out their lives using the many kitchen gadgets and other household objects on display there, and then talks about them. She adds, "But you never stop learning! Some visitors share insight, especially older guests who may have used these items." Chamber pots and outhouses are prime examples. School tours are her favorite assignments. Brenda notes, "The children are excited and enthusiastic to learn about the past."

She volunteers about twice weekly as a docent from June – Labor Day, but also assists at weddings and special events, such as June's Summer Solstice Soirée III. Her crafting skills led me to choose her to lead the hands-on activities at both 2019 Cobblestone Kids Days at the Museum. As a bonus, she provided some materials for the projects and homebaked cookies for the participants. At September's Old Timer's Fair, she was at the Schoolhouse interpreting the building in 19th c. apparel with a Cross-Stitch Embroidery project, ready to instruct.

Brenda contributed greatly to October's Civil War Ghost Walk. She served as Narrator for the special event, assisted with costumes and props, recruited a few volunteer actors, and the two of us spent many hours for months writing scripts for the cast.

Over 100 visitors stopped in to view her holiday decorations during the Christmas Tour of Historic Homes in December, when she opened her house to ticket holders.

A former social worker, she interacted with the public connected to issues of loss, poverty and poor health. She stated, "When I retired from a job that was very high stress, I thought this would be a good opportunity to do something close to home. I get to have an experience with happy people for enjoyment."

Director Doug and I appreciate Brenda's seasonal involvement with the Museum, and hope that she will inspire others to take that first step in becoming a volunteer.

Corning Museum of Glass- Saturday, April 4



Our first bus trip in 2020 will feature a visit to historic Corning, NY and the Corning Museum of Glass. Our group will be treated to a VIP experience at the museum with special glimpses behind the scenes and much more. Time will be allowed for sightseeing and shopping in and around Corning. As usual, a delicious lunch is always included on Cobblestone Museum bus tours.

Make your reservations early either by phone at (585) 589-9013 or online at cobblestonemuseum.org. The cost for Cobblestone Society members is \$55 and all others are \$60.

Come Experience the Heart of Cobblestone Country!

Registration Form for May 6, 2020 Cobblestone Society & Museum Membership Fundraising Dinner (Return this form by March 6th to receive an entry into our Early Bird Raffle!)

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