



The Cobblestoner

"A little journal published erratically by the Cobblestone Society bespeaking pertinent projects and events"

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Cobblestone Society to Hold First Annual Membership Dinner-April 25

Beginning in 2018, the Cobblestone Society is establishing a new membership structure and will hold its first annual fundraising Membership Dinner.

The changes to the membership structure will involve all of the current levels of membership including both Annual and Life Members. Beginning this year, all Annual Memberships will run on the calendar year system and will be due on or before the Annual Membership Dinner in April. Anyone who paid their 2017 dues late last year is welcome to call the museum for a pro-rata, reduced amount for your 2018 dues.

Life members are part of a select group of individuals, who at one time realized the value in keeping our cobblestone heritage alive. Your help is needed once again! Our hope is that you will continue your support through an annual donation at the Sustaining level of Patron (\$100), Bronze (\$250), Silver (\$1,000), Gold (\$2,500) or Diamond (\$5,000). Your generosity

will be especially recognized at the Annual Membership Dinner in April, and throughout the year in *The Cobblestoner* newsletter.

The **First Annual Membership Dinner** will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at the Carlton Recreation Hall. Membership Secretary Gail Johnson said doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. A catered buffet by **Chef Michael Zambito, owner of Zambistro** will include Chicken French and Filet of Sirloin.

In addition to the delicious meal and cash bar, we will be offering a live & silent auction, theme baskets and many other raffles. A preview of coming events at the Cobblestone Museum for 2018 will also be shared during the evening.

You can use the form on the last page of this newsletter to pay for your membership and purchase your tickets to the Membership Dinner. Come hungry and go home happy!

2nd Annual Antique Appraisal Fair, Sat. February 10 from 10am-3pm, Tillman's Village Inn



Be sure to mark your calendars and join us at Tillman's Village Inn on Sat. Feb. 10 from 10am-3pm for our second annual Antique Appraisal Fair. We are pleased that noted local antiques apprais-

ers Robin Stelmach from American Unlimited Antiques, and Mark Christopher from Dream Speaker Antiques, will be on hand to offer appraisals of your treasured keepsakes, family heirlooms, paintings, furniture or whatever item has been hiding out in your spare closet. Pricing will continue this year at \$6 per item or five items for \$25. Call the museum to schedule your appointment at (585) 589-9013.

"The Cobbles of Elmira" by Richard Palmer



For many years, the house at 120 W. Washington St. in the village of Bath, Steuben County was claimed to be the southernmost cobbles building in the state. Then, people in Hornell did some research that led to the claim that the magnificent Italianate/ cobbles house at 89 Hill Street was a bit further south than the one in Bath.

Neither is correct. The southernmost cobbles house in New York State seems to be the Judge Hiram Gray house at 15 East Cobbles Street just outside the city limits of Elmira. It was known in its heyday as "The Cobbles." It's less than six miles from the Pennsylvania border. It was built between 1838 and 1840 by Judge Hiram Gray and is the only known cobbles house in Chemung County. The five year restoration project was done by Michael Devlin of Elmira who resides there with his family.

The water-rounded cobbles for the house are said to have been gathered from gravel beds on neighboring farm lands. They are of various colors and sizes. The cobbles were matched in size as close as possible using a board with holes cut in it which was also a custom. The house was built the traditional way, the corner quoins being squared gray limestone blocks.

Editor's note: Many thanks to Cobblestone Society member, Richard Palmer. Be sure to check out Mr. Palmer's blog at cobblestonestructures.blogspot.com.

Top Volunteer & Supporters Honored at Annual Dinner



A good time was had by all at Tillman's Village Inn on November 9th for the Annual Dinner celebration. Awards were presented to Becky Green (left), Business Partner of the Year; Russ Bosch, Proctor Award; and Judith Spencer, Volunteer of the Year. Senator Rob Ort was also present to receive the new Partner of the Year Award.

Maple Syrup Bus Tour-Friday, March 23



Plan now to spend a fun and educational day with your tour bus host, Georgia Thomas, who will give us all a guided tour at various stops along the way as we travel to Angelica, NY to visit the Maple Syrup Museum and enjoy a tall-stack of pancakes at the incredible Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn.

Our tour date is part of Maple Syrup Weekend in NYS, Friday, March 23 Watch our website (cobblestonemuseum.org) for more information on our travel plans and pricing. Remember, museum members have a great discount on our trips and events!



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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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President's Message by Jim Bonafini



We finished 2017 strong with a very successful event, The Christmas Tour of Historic Homes, with nearly 200 visitors. As we begin 2018, the Museum has a full event schedule and an exciting Membership Dinner planned for April. Our members are key to the Museum's future and we hope that many newcomers will join us in support of the mission. The

Museum staff, Board of Trustees and I are committed to continuing the improvements that were started last year, and will strive to create a more robust and sustaining organization. The Cobblestone Museum also continues to build cooperative partnerships with community and government organizations.

Please continue to support all of our hard work by visiting the Museum, attending events and following us on social media.

Sincerely,

Jim Bonafini

President

More Church Window Restoration by Jim Bonafini

As part of The Cobblestone Museum's preservation efforts, we continue to stabilize our buildings for future generations to enjoy. This is made possible by your donations and a grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation. One such project is the restoration of the Cobblestone Church windows.

Many sills (16) have deteriorated to the point of needing replacement. Over the summer, new white oak sills were cut at a local lumber mill and are air drying to prevent cracking. The first one was installed in November (see photos below) and the project will be completed in the spring.



BEFORE



AFTER

2018 Cobblestone Event Schedule

Antique Appraisal Fair-Saturday-February 10, 10am-3pm

Join us at Tillman's Village Inn where local antique appraisers will be on hand to give you valuable information about your family heirlooms, bric-a-brac, painting, old jewelry and much more.

Sunday Painters Art Series-Sunday, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3, 1pm-5pm

The "Sunday Painters' Classes" will be a series of four hands-on art workshops taught by artist, Patricia Greene of Medina. The topics include: Color Theory (Color Harmony using a limited pallet of four colors), Composition (Finding the focal point-"The Star of the Show", Creating Drama (Using darks/lights, soft/sharp, warm/cool), and Learning from the Masters (Studying and copying styles from historical notables). An art show of student art will be mounted at the museum throughout 2018. Tuition for each class is \$40 (Cobblestone Society Members \$35) or all four classes for \$140 (Cobblestone Society Members \$120) Sponsor: Go Art!

Cobblestone Society Maple Syrup Bus Tour-Friday, March 23, 8am-4pm

Local maple sugaring expert, Georgia Thomas, will be our host as we head down to Maple Syrup Country to learn about and enjoy this tasty treat at stops along the way. Save room for a hearty serving of home cooked pancakes and lots of maple syrup.

Membership Fundraising Dinner-Wednesday, April 25, 5:30pm

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-May (TBD)

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

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.

Peony Festival Garden Tour-Saturday, June 2

Sue Starkweather-Miller will lead this bus tour that will visit several beautiful peony gardens, including the Linwood Gardens Tree Peony Festival, located at a National Register property in Linwood, NY.

Historic Trades Fair-Saturday, June 9

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



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 Garden Party Redux-June (Date & Location TBD)

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.

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

Sue Bonafini/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.

Patriotic Service-Sunday, July 1

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, 6pm

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) & July 25 & Aug. 22 (age 10-12), all 1pm-3pm

Various age appropriate activities will be offered in each session.

Cobblestone Society Garden Bus Tour-Saturday, July 21

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, blacksmithing, etc., throughout 2018. Judy Larkin will teach Chair Caning on April 14. 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

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-January

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

Cobblestone Ghost Walk-Sunday, October 7, 1pm-5pm

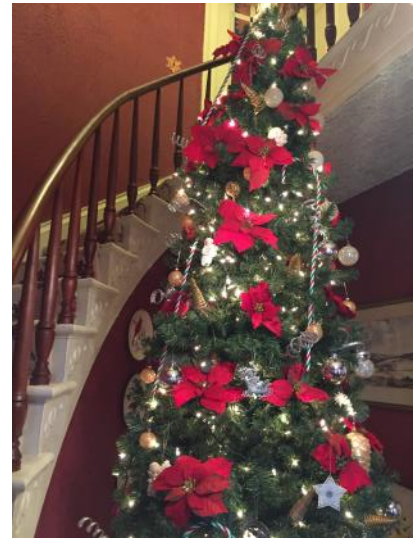
Prepare to be entertained in 19th century style with visits from famous people from Orleans County's past. This is year two for this walking tour favorite of so many people in 2017. A new cast this year includes several new spirits.

Holiday Shoppe-November 2, 3, 4, & Dec. 1, 1pm-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, 2pm-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.



Four Sunday Painters Art Classes with Patricia Greene to be Offered This Year



The "Sunday Painters' Classes" will be a series of four hands-on art workshops taught by representational artist, Patricia Greene of Medina. Pat, a

lifelong art enthusiast, is an art graduate of Buffalo State College and a 2009 GO ART! recipient. The workshops will be held at the Cobblestone Museum on Sunday March 4, April 8, May 6, and June 3, all 1-5pm. The classes are designed to build sequential continuity as students move through the workshops, but students can join at any point in the journey or pick and choose as they see fit.

The genre for the lessons will include: Color Theory (Color Harmony using a limited pallet of four colors), Composition (Finding the focal point-"The Star of the Show," Creating

Drama (Using darks/lights, soft/sharp, warm/cool), and 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 \$45 and non-members will pay \$50. Canvas board, brushes, oil paints, odorless spirits and carry-home box will be provided. An art show of student art with free public admission will be mounted at the museum throughout 2018.

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!



Volunteer Appreciation by Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director



Volunteers and Trustees were invited to join the Director and me in the Proctor Room at the Cobblestone Church on Wednesday, November 15 for an opportunity to socialize and enjoy a light meal together. Invitations advertised this Volunteer Recognition Supper, which was a get-together dedicated to showing our appreciation for the many hours and numerous ways the volunteers had contributed to a successful season at the Cobblestone Museum.

Docent Kim Ball, a newcomer in 2017, proposed a gift idea for presentation at the conclusion of the evening. Her idea of using a decoupage technique to create custom messages on cobblestones was accepted. She gathered the stones from Lake Ontario which she and I personalized with each volunteer's name to honor their service provided during the calendar year.

Each individual in the volunteer pool has his or her own skill set, which leads them to choose from a variety of available assignments, either working directly with the public or behind the scenes. All of the roles they fill are important, and all of our volunteers' contributions are valued.

Unless volunteers are scheduled for assignments during the same time frame, many don't have an opportunity to interact with one another on a regular basis. Since my arrival in 2015, sessions for General Orientation and Volunteer Training have been the accepted times when a large group of volunteers meet. This season, my hope is to offer more social and/or educational opportunities to promote volunteer connections and foster greater camaraderie.

Don't miss your chance to explore volunteer possibilities in 2018. Contact me at volunteers@cobblestonemuseum.org or call 585-589-9013 to discuss how you can get involved and become another AWESOME volunteer on my roster!

Thank you to the following Grant Funders for their continued support:

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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. Also, thanks to those who opened their homes for special tours.

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Special Thanks to our Volunteers for 2017!

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Come Experience the Heart of Cobblestone Country!

Membership Levels	(.....SUSTAINING LEVELS.....)						
	Individual \$25	Family \$40+	Patron \$100+	Bronze \$250+	Silver \$1000+	Gold \$2500+	Diamond \$5000+
Free Admission	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Free Cobblestone 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 at Membership Dinner			X	X	X	X	X
Free Admission for Guests			2	4	All	All	All
Free Admission for Employees				10	100	All	All
2 Free Tickets to Event (s)				X	3	All	All
Free Raffle Tickets at the Membership Dinner				X	X	X	X
Advertisement on Website					X	X	X
Complimentary Table of 8 at Annual Dinner						X	X
Free Raffle Tickets at all Events						X	X
Complimentary Dinner for 2 at Membership Dinner							X

Registration Form for April 25, 2018 Cobblestone Society & Museum Membership Dinner (Return this form by March 1st to receive entry into our Early Bird Raffle!)

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 tickets is
Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Feel free to ask us if you have a question about your membership renewal. (585) 589-9013 or director@cobblestonemuseum.org