



The Cobblestoner



Local Artist Patricia Greene Presents Painting Classes

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Local artist Patricia Greene will present three painting classes in 2022 pertaining to landscape elements in oil painting. The classes include:

• **Painting the Winterscape (Jan. 30)** - Students will learn the intricacies of color in a winterscape. The effects of light and shadow on

snow and color harmony will be taught to fine tune the specific nature of a snowy scene.

• **Painting a Nocturne (Feb. 27)** - Students will learn to create a night scene with a focus on values and tonal subtleties. Works by Whistler, Frederick Remington and contemporary artists will be viewed and discussed to show the wide range of expression that exist in this genre.

• **Painting a Cloudscape (March 27)** - Students will learn the impact of sky painting and the effects of various cloud formations. By creating volume and distance with emphasis on color theory, skies can be dynamic subject matter in themselves.

All three classes will be held from 10am—1pm at Patricia's studio, The Quiet Eye, 121 E Center St, Medina. Cost for each class is \$45 including materials which Patricia will provide. Please register to reserve your space at (585) 589-9013.

First Friday Trivia Night Series—Jan. 7 and Feb. 4



By Maarit Vaga, Cobblestone Society & Museum Trustee

The game is afoot on First Fridays at the Cobblestone Museum Visitors Center! Bring your fun-loving friends and brainy neighbors along to Trivia Nights on Friday, January 7th and February 4 at 7pm.

Three rounds of ten questions each will challenge your collective knowledge and clever reasoning – sometimes the answer might be staring you right in the face! Each team will have an answer sheet to record their best guesses.

The correct answers and current scores will be announced between rounds. At the end of the evening, the champion team will be de-

clared and heralded with great foofaraw and ballyhoo. Concoct a nom de guerre as the winning team's name will be recorded on an envy-inducing trophy displayed at the Visitors Center.

Teams of any size are welcome to play but only teams of four or less players are eligible to compete for the trophy and great prizes, courtesy of Zambistro.

Space is limited so reserve your spot now: \$15 individual admission includes a beverage and savory treats. Additional drinks & delectable desserts are available for purchase. To reserve a table, call: 585-589-9013. All proceeds benefit the Cobblestone Museum and we gratefully acknowledge Zambistro's generous sponsorship of this series.



Cobblestone Visitors Center



The Cobblestone Society & Museum has an exciting new plan laid out for the future! With the purchase of the historic circa 1830 brick home (formerly known as Fair Haven Treasures) directly across from the Cobblestone Museum, we look forward to expanding our community engagement through the addition of a Cobblestone Visitors Center to our campus of historic buildings.

Now that the purchase of the building is complete, we are moving on to the next phase as we pursue a course of architectural planning that will help us determine building layout and design.

Dick Remley, Cobblestone Society VP/Finance and Visitors Center Fundraising Chair, is pleased to report that our current campaign has received five year pledges and contributions totaling over \$575,000 and nearly 80% of our campaign goal of \$750,000. Many thanks to 90+ contributors to date, and thank you in advance for those whose future contributions will help us reach and exceed our goal.

If you are willing to help us make this project a reality, a Donation Form is included with the Membership Form on the back page of this issue of *Cobblestoner* or give us a call today at (585) 589-9013 to discuss this exciting project.

Thank you for your continued support of the Cobblestone Museum!

Respectfully yours,

Dick Remley, Fundraising Committee, Chair

Landmark Society Stewardship Awards



The Cobblestone Society & Museum was recently honored as a recipient of a 2021 Stewardship Award presented by the Landmark Society of WNY for the ongoing care and preservation of its National Historic Landmark cobblestone buildings.

The group also honored former longtime director, Bill Lattin, with the Jean France Special Achievement Award for accomplishments over a lengthy period of time. The awards were presented in an online Zoom event held on Sunday, December 12th.

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Membership Dinner Recap



By Gail Johnson, Membership Dinner Co-Chair

Eighty-three members attended the third annual Membership Fundraising Dinner on Wednesday, September 15th. Everyone agreed that a good time was had by all. The auction brought \$2,830, the silent auction \$1,510, and the three raffles \$1,465 for a total of \$5,805. A special thank you is extended to Roy Bubb of Holley who underwrote 34 dinners in order to cut down on our expenses. Also, Scott Schickling, CPA, CFP of Medina underwrote the entire cost of the Carlton Recreation Hall rental for the evening. Brenda Radzinski of Albion underwrote the cost of the sheet cake for the dinner and Doreen Wilson of Albion underwrote the table covering used for the dinner.

A big thank you is also extended to all of the members who donated items to be sold at the dinner. Of special note was a beautiful grandfather clock donated by Kim Charron of Kent, a fire painting on clay vase donated by Roy Bubb of Holley, two beautiful framed paintings donated by Amy Engert of Holley, a framed original oil painting donated by Tom Zangerle of Medina, a cobblestone] sampler quilt donated by Brenda Radzinski of Albion, a Sessions steeple clock donated by Erin Anheier and Russ Bosch of Holley, and two puppets from Jakarta, Indonesia donated by the late Betsy Balzona of Rochester. The item that attracted the most attention in the auction was a Turf Pro Lawn Service gift certificate donated by Jake Stinson of Albion. This item went for \$200 above the fair market value.

Adding a Cobblestone Wall



Have you ever considered adding a cobblestone wall to your modern house? Mason, Paul Briggs of Ithaca, specializes in historic masonry and offers this suggestion.

"The cost to build a cobblestone house would be not too prohibitive if the core was built in concrete block or or even wood frame and a veneer put over it. The veneer should be at least 4 inches thick with plenty of ties. There is a 1-1/2 story cobblestone house on Ridge Road a few mile west of the Hamlet of Gaines that I am confident was built as a veneer over wood frame. They used cut nails as the ties. Even shelves of wood at intervals up the inside of the wall work can stiffen and shore up a thin cobblestone wall. Wood walls with thinner stone veneer show up everywhere and single layer brick veneer has been used for over 100 years. If there was a way to cut cobbles quickly and cheaply to two inches, then panels could be manufactured and competently installed; though craftsmen would have to do the proper mortar. It would cost about \$5,000 to do the face of a one story 3-bay house."

Closer to home, the Cobblestone Museum's National Landmark Cobblestone School (shown above) is constructed with a veneer of lake-washed cobbles over a wood frame.

In Memoriam—Donald Ross (1920-2021)



The Cobblestone Society is saddened by the passing of a Life Member, Don Ross, on December 6, 2021. Don was born on May 21, 1920 in Medina and lived to be 101 years old.

In addition to his Life Membership, Don served the Cobblestone Society for many years as President, Financial Advisor and Treasurer. During his time on the Cobblestone Society

Board, Don efficiently managed the organization's investment and insurance accounts.

Don and his wife Bernie were frequently seen at many Cobblestone Museum events throughout the years. Don is seen at right attending the Dedication of the Museum's Liberty Pole in July 1982.



Donors and More!

Many 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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ter to support the Cobblestone Society as your charity of choice. After that, it is all handled automatically. Amazon cuts a check for the Cobblestone Society each month for all of the contributions collected.

Another additional source of support comes from Upstate Bottle Return sites throughout Orleans and Monroe counties. Drop off your bottles and cans at one of their many convenient locations and Upstate Bottle Return will donate the full proceeds to the Cobblestone Museum. No need to handle the messy returns.

Potter District #5 Cobblestone “Round Jug” Schoolhouse



The round cobblestone school house in Potter lasted 83 years. Colorized photograph circa 1910. (Yates County History Center collection). Photo courtesy Richard Palmer.

By Karen Crandall. Co-editor of the Cobblestone Infobase

On a sunlit October afternoon amid the picturesque rolling hills with their now colorful long views, I headed down to Middlesex in Yates County where Elaine Hilton and her husband Jim were awaiting me. Both have long family roots in this area of Yates County and were about to help me in my research of the Potter District #5 Schoolhouse. It had succumbed to a fire in 1920 — 100 years ago. In fact, Elaine was about to share with me a first-hand account of the long-gone “cobblestone jug schoolhouse.” How was this possible?

Elaine is secretary of the Middlesex Heritage Group. Her mother, Sophia Voorhees Emerson, was just 10 years old at the time of the fire. Nonetheless, as an adult she had clear memory of the schoolhouse and her days spent there as a very young student. What’s more, so did many of her friends. Later in life she set out to document the schoolhouse in book form. She assembled school records and pictures, and she did interviews with fellow students educated in the odd round

building. She took an interesting tack in writing it: she narrates from the perspective of the school door. The opening paragraphs begin:

“My life as a school door was spent as a part of a round schoolroom, which was round, because the building itself was one round room. I was a heavy, heavy wooden door made by a carpenter.”

The 30-page book is comprehensive in its scope. It includes a drawing of the interior layout and has an extensive description of the seating arrangements, the high windows positioned so students couldn’t peer out, even a mention of the outhouses out back. There are also a couple pages of sometimes entertaining snippet-comments from those students of long ago. It is a remarkable rare find!

Because this book was never intended to be published, just a small handful of copies were made. Elaine and her sister, Scarlett Emerson, have graciously donated one of them to the Cobblestone Society Museum.

Elaine and Jim spent the entire afternoon with me. They had all the information assembled, including original photographs and newspaper clippings. Like many others in this largely rural area, both are from old families who settled in the area in the 1800s. Their expansive knowledge about the history and the life and times of people in those days served to enhance the documentation that laid before me across the tables.

The Middlesex Heritage Group is located in the Middlesex Town Hall. It is comprised of a small group of volunteers dedicated to protecting and preserving the historical records of their community and surrounding area. They are doing an outstanding job of it!

I extend my sincere thanks to Elaine and Jim Hilton for treating me to a fine afternoon in their picturesque community of Middlesex, NY.

2022 Virtual Programs

The success of last season’s debut Virtual Lecture via the Zoom platform has led to a two-part series of lectures scheduled for Spring 2022. The focus will be on blacksmith Joseph Vagg and his wife, Nellie. These programs will take place on two Tuesday evenings in April from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. Limited seating will be available to view these lectures at the Cobblestone Church. Full registration details will be announced in the next *Cobblestoner*.

Guest speaker and blacksmith Jonathan Bernard will discuss the history of blacksmithing, revealing the importance of Mr. Vagg’s livelihood for the residents of Childs and neighboring towns. Nellie Vagg, devoted wife to Joe, was a strong supporter of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union. Guest speaker Lori Osborne, Director of the Frances Willard House Museum and Executive Director of the Center for Women’s History and Leadership in Evanston, Ill. will share a presentation focused on the history of the WCTU and its connection to

Frances Willard, native daughter of Churchville, NY.



Joseph and Nellie Vagg, shown above left, on the celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary in 1948. Frances Willard, above right, co-founder of WCTU, late 1800s.

4th Annual Membership Dinner—Wed. May 11, 2022 (5-9pm)



By Gail Johnson, Membership Secretary and Membership Dinner Co-Chairperson

If you missed the Cobblestone Museum Membership Dinner this year, you will not want to make the same mistake next year! Our fourth annual Membership Dinner will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2022 (5-9pm) at the Carlton Recreation Hall. This event promises to be the social event of the year! The event is one of our largest fundraisers and many attendees at the Membership Dinner come away with some really great prizes.

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, owner and chef at Zambistro, will be served at 6:15 pm and will include

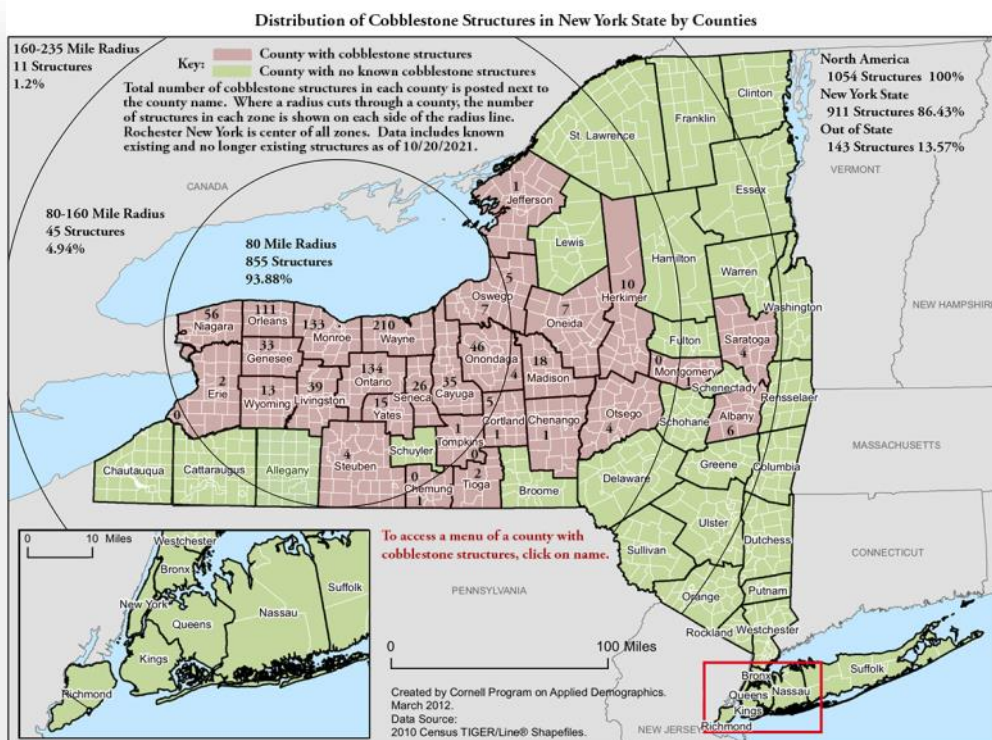
Chicken French and Filet of Sirloin. The main event, a live auction, will follow dinner.

Committee members work throughout the year lining up some great raffle and auction items for this year's dinner. Speaking of which, we are pleased that many of you have provided auction items in the past, and we hope that even more of you can assist with items for this year, too. You can call the Museum at (585) 589-9013 to arrange for pick up.

A membership renewal letter along with an invitation to the dinner will be mailed in early January. You may also use the form on the last page of this newsletter to pay for your 2022 membership and purchase tickets to the dinner. We sincerely hope to see everyone there!



Interactive Map Added to Cobblestone Infobase



Cobblestone Infobase creator and editor, Greg Lawrence, has added an interactive map to the Online Infobase to provide an additional research tool. Online viewers can click on any particular county for more information about every cobblestone structure in that county. The map also visually answers the question that is often asked, "How many cobblestone buildings are located within a certain distance of Rochester NY?" Those viewing this newsletter online are welcome to click on the map at right, or [click here](#) to view the Interactive Map. Those reading a hard copy of this issue of *Cobblestoner* who would like to use the interactive feature should type the web address below into their web browser.

<https://www.cobblestonemuseum.org/CobblestoneStructuresCatalog/County%20Name%20Map%20Links.htm>

Cobblestone Museum Events 2022

First Friday Trivia Nights—Friday, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4
Join us at the Cobblestone Visitors Center as we kick off a new series of First Friday Events at our newest venue.



Painting Classes with Pat Greene—Jan. 30, Feb. 26 & March 26 (10am-1pm)
Local artist Patricia Greene will present three painting classes in 2022 pertaining to landscape elements in oil painting. The classes include:

- ◆ Painting the Winterscape (Jan. 30)
- ◆ Painting a Nocturne (Feb. 27)
- ◆ Painting a Cloudscape (March 27)

All three classes will be held from 10am—1pm at Patricia's studio, The Quiet Eye, 121 E Center St, Medina. Cost for each class is \$45 including materials which Patricia will provide. Please register to reserve your space at (585) 589-9013.



History of Blacksmithing—Tuesday, April 5 (7:00 – 8:15 pm)
Join us for a virtual lecture with guest speaker and blacksmith Jonathan Bernard. The focus of the presentation will be the history of blacksmithing and Mr.

Joseph Vagg, of Childs, NY.

WCTU, Frances Willard and Nellie Vagg—April 26 (7:00 – 8:15 pm)

Virtual Lecture with guest speaker Lori Osborne of the Frances Willard House Museum. The focus of the presentation will be on the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Frances Willard, and Mrs. Nellie Vagg of Childs, NY.



Victorian Mourning Art Exhibit—Spring 2022
An exhibit to showcase mourning art prominent in the late 19th century in America is currently on exhibit in the Proctor Room. Many pieces from the Museum collection are featured, including objects that display the motifs of angels, wreaths, pillows and lambs. One of the most unique artifacts is a beautiful tombstone donated to the Museum by the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester that depicts a stand of weeping willows and an obelisk pointing to

heaven.

Music of the 1920s – April/May 2021 TBD
Step back into the 1920s at the Vagg House and enjoy listen-

ing to popular music from the 1920s on an Edison Victrola and an upright player piano.



Cobblestone Membership Fundraising Dinner—Wed., May 11 (5-9pm)
Join us for our fourth Membership Dinner at the Carlton Recreation Center. This signature event will be catered again by Michael Zambito. There will be live and silent auctions and several raffles throughout the evening. Tickets can be purchased using the form on the back page of this *Cobblestoner*.

Cobblestone Tour of Homes—May/June TBD (If permitted by health guidelines)
The Cobblestone Tour will visit several fine cobblestone buildings located in Orleans County and Niagara County.



Summer Solstice Soirée at Raven Ridge—Wed. June 22
A celebration of art and nature in the beautiful gardens at Raven Ridge in Medina. Plein-air artists will be painting in the beautiful garden setting. A cadre of musicians will entertain amongst the many flowering trees and statuary. Modest donations will be gladly accepted.

Cobblestone Patriotic Service—Sun. July 3 (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.



Fall Open House—Sept./Oct. 2022 TBD
Our museum will come alive with artisans and re-enactors as a Weidner Chicken BBQ is taking place on-site for dining al fresco (if permitted) or take-out, from 11am until sold-out.

Ghost Walk—October TBD
The Cobblestone Campus steps back in time to the post-Civil War Period with actors in period costumes who explain the losses experienced by the community.



Holiday Shoppe—TBD
Visit the lower level of the Cobblestone Church for a huge selection of Christmas decorations and gift possibilities at affordable prices. Sold while supplies last.

2021 Annual Award Winners



Cobblestone Society Membership Secretary Gail Johnson receives the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award from Sue Bonafini

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

The Proctor Award is given annually to someone who goes above and beyond to assist the Museum in an extraordinary manner. This year's recipient, Trustee Toni Plummer, was praised by Trustee Brenda Radzinski at the November 6th meeting, where she described Toni's contributions that led to her selection. Described as someone with an understanding that the Museum should both "educate as well as entertain," Toni spearheaded activities on both fronts. She arranged outings for Board members to visit other museums to learn how they've navigated issues that are relevant to the Cobblestone Museum's future goals and growth. Her idea of hosting future Ladies Luncheons at the Vagg House led to a successful trial run this past fall, with help from some fellow trustees. Brenda gave a nod to Toni's past efforts organizing the ever-popular Christmas Tour of Homes, a pre-COVID holiday favorite.

Toni led the Marketing Committee and recommended a number of products to sell in the Museum's gift shop last season, especially through partnership with regional vendors. Merle's

maple products, Laura's honey, and Watt Farms jellies and jams were added to the merchandise inventory, along with a variety of teas, kitchen items and soaps. Toni's own handiwork supplied some handmade soaps and unique jewelry to be sold. She plans to continue implementing her creative suggestions when a new gift shop is opened within the future Cobblestone Visitors Center.

Toni also served on the Nominating, Personnel and Strategic Planning Committees in the past year, as well as filling the annual opening for a designated trustee to serve on the Executive Committee.

I presented the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award to Gail Johnson. Earning over 160 volunteer service hours since January, she assumes year-round commitment as a volunteer beyond her duties as Membership Secretary, an Executive Board position. She works tirelessly behind-the-scenes as head of the Membership Dinner Committee to complete necessary work for the event's success. She interacts with businesses and private donors to secure auction items. Each component of the evening, including registration tickets, bid slips and more, meets her vision for this important fundraiser and most often touches her hands before it reaches yours. Her work began for the 2022 Membership Dinner just days after the 2021 event was held.

As in recent years, Gail spent hours preparing envelopes for all bulk mailing projects before joining a small team of volunteers to complete the steps required so that correspondence is ready to send.

Gail has become the go-to volunteer when an individual is needed to sell or collect tickets at events. At the fall Open House, she sold both BBQ meal tickets and Antiques Appraisal appointments all day after accepting the invitation to fill that key role.

She also served on the Strategic Planning and Welcome Center Committees, advancing the support of donors for the latter.

These two women certainly deserve the accolades and recognition that their awards afford.

Director's Report



By Doug Farley, Director

Dealing with all of the delays and cancellations surrounding the national pandemic has caused every organization to change the way they do business, and the Cobblestone Museum is no exception. With declining on site visitation since early 2020, we have had to find other ways to reach out and engage with our members and the visiting public.

One of those new ways has been through a series of articles we've titled "Historic Childs." Originally created to help promote the Hamlet of Childs as a "Five to Revive" selection from the Landmark Society of WNY, I originally thought that we'd be fortunate to come up with eight or ten articles. Well, to date we've published 64 weekly articles on various aspects of local history,

in and around Gaines and the Hamlet of Childs. Many thanks to Tom Rivers and the "Orleans Hub" for publishing each of these informative essays. Tom originally suggested we write these articles with a heavy presence of photographs from the Museum's collection as well as photos from other local historians including Catherine Cooper, Orleans County Historian; and Adrienne Kirby, Town of Gaines Historian.

If you have not been reading the "Historic Childs" series and would like to catch up, we have archived the articles on the Museum's website, CobblestoneMuseum.org. If you're reading this online, you can click the link above to be redirected. Those viewing a hardcopy newsletter should open your phone or computer browser to CobblestoneMuseum.org and click the "Resources" tab, followed by "Five to Revive." The articles are presented there in chronological order.

Five Year Capital Pledge Drive for the Cobblestone Visitors Center

\$200,000

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The Legacy Society—Planned Giving Providing for the Cobblestone Museum's Future



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Anyone can become a member of the Legacy Society simply by letting us know that they have remembered the Cobblestone Society & Museum in their will or other planned giving arrangement. For additional information about membership in the Legacy Society or to discuss a potential planned gift, please contact Douglas Farley, Museum Director at 585.589.9013 or email director@cobblestonemuseum.org. All inquiries are confidential and without obligation.

Legacy Opportunities In Our New Visitors Center



Shared Building Name	\$125,000	Thompson Family
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Large Meeting Room (New)	\$75,000	Gail Thompson Johnson
Orleans County History Room	\$30,000	Roy Bubb
Kitchen/With Fireplace	\$25,000	John Nipher
Reception Desk	\$25,000	Patricia & Peter Hurd
First Floor Room (North West)	\$25,000	Ingrid & Roger LaMont
First Floor Room (South West)	\$25,000	Orleans County DAR
Second Floor (North West)	\$20,000	Curtis Foundation
Second Floor Rooms	\$20,000	3 Available
Side Entrance	\$20,000	Curtis Foundation
Stairway	\$15,000	Gabriella & Lawrence Albanese
Meeting Room (Lower Level)	\$15,000	Jackie & Bill Bixler-Albion Agency
Entry on Major Donor Plaque	\$10,000	Available

With the successful purchase of the neighboring Burke property, the Cobblestone Society and Museum has identified a number of Legacy Opportunities for interested donors to name rooms in our new Cobblestone Visitors Center in honor of their family or loved ones. These opportunities are available starting at \$10,000 for an entry on the Major Donor Plaque and culminating at \$125,000 for a shared naming opportunity for the building. Altogether there are 15 such opportunities and eleven donors have already stepped forward to accept these room assignments.

To join this program, we would ask you to complete a five year Pledge Card explaining how and when your future payments will be made.

If you feel you have an interest in naming the building, we currently have one donor interested in splitting the opportunity with another donor so that two family names could be used to name the building.

All of these opportunities are on a first-come basis, so your swift attention to this program is strongly encouraged. If you have an interest in this Legacy Program we'd be happy to walk you through the details. Contact Doug Farley at your convenience at (585) 589-9013.



Looking Back

This photo shows a portion of the 1981 Cobblestone Signature Quilt and (front) Mark Tillman and Bill Lattin, (back) Josephine Howard, Bev Leigh, and Marcia Hart.

The Signature Quilt was created as a fundraiser and is now displayed at Tillman's Village Inn.



Seeking Sponsors

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to come forward as sponsors of the 2022 Virtual Lecture series to provide funding for guest speakers. Sponsors will be provided complimentary links to both scheduled programs, receive free publicity in print form whenever possible, and special recognition during the programs. Contact Sue Bonafini at: volunteers@cobblestonemuseum.org or 585-589-9013 for more information.

Cobblestone Museum Membership

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.

_____ I would like to donate an auction item for the Membership Dinner on May 11.

Membership Levels	(.....SUSTAINING LEVELS.....)						
	Individual \$25	Family \$40+	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, 2023

_____ Individual \$25

_____ Family \$40 +

_____ Patron \$100 +

_____ Bronze \$250 +

_____ Bronze (10 Payments of \$25 per month)

_____ Silver \$500 +

_____ Silver (10 Payments of \$50 per month)

_____ Gold \$1,000 +

_____ Gold (10 Payments of \$100 per month)

_____ Diamond \$2,500+

_____ Diamond (10 Payments of \$250 per month)

I want to make a five year pledge of support for the Cobblestone Visitors Center. (Contact Me:) Yes / No

I want to make a one time gift for the Cobblestone Visitors Center \$ _____

I want to purchase _____ Membership Dinner Ticket(s) at \$35 Each \$ _____

Checks payable to: _____ **Total Enclosed** \$ _____

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