



The Cobblestoner



The Art of the Victorian Crazy Quilt—A Virtual Lecture

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By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

I'm very pleased to announce that antique quilt expert, Betsey Telford-Goodwin, 37 years in business as owner of Rocky Mountain Quilts, will share her expertise of antique quilts with our virtual audience on Saturday afternoon, January 27 at 2 pm EST. Launched in Palisade, Colorado, her enterprise relocated to York, Maine in 1997 when she purchased an 18th century home and turned its barn into her shop. She presently employs three women to make custom quilts and undertake restoration projects and adds, "My shop, containing almost 700 antique quilts, is a destination for people from as far away as Australia." Betsey is qualified to provide professional appraisals for antique quilts and is a member of the Antiques Council of America, the Maine Antiques Dealers Assn. (MADA), the New Hampshire Dealers Assn. (NHDA), the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiques (SPNEA).

A native Bostonian, Betsey was educated at the Beaver Country Day School and graduated from UMASS, with the career goal to teach English before her true vocation emerged. Betsey shares, "My passion for quilts started as art pieces...graphic, visually comforting and exquisitely executed. Four mint condition quilts started my business." Her clients needed quilts to be repaired, so she began hand washing and restoring them. From the beginning, she only used same date or older fabrics in her restoration work. After developing a method of restoration, she taught talented hand sewers

this art. "The 1" needle they use is even difficult to thread! There were yard sales and antiques shops where I purchased all the genuine antique fabrics I could find. Traveling back East made it possible to find much needed older fabrics dating back as far as the 18th Century. Also purchased were 'whole cloth' quilts which I would take apart for fabric. Today I have what may be the largest collection of antique fabrics outside a museum in the U.S. Taking apart these quilts enabled me to learn the techniques used in their construction. Yes, I am self-taught. Luckily my education, combined with geographical background, enabled me to educate myself. Of course, over the years I have brain stormed with others in my field, always appreciated and widening my knowledge."

Betsey has been featured at the Paducah International Quilt Show (Ky.), on the Discovery Channel, New England TV shows and in over 30 magazines at home and abroad. In the States, she's participated at The Houston International Quilt Show, the NY 67th Armory Show and dozens more. She's traveled to Japan, the UK and other European destinations to both lecture and sell her remarkable antique quilts.

To set the stage for her presentation, Betsey relayed, "Emblematic of the 4th quarter of the 19th Century Victorian Era is the Victorian Crazy Quilt. This very sophisticated quilt is a symbol of an era when there was no limit to embellishment of one's home or other environment, either indoors or out. Women, who did not have the right to vote, could create textile art that still amazes us today. The vast aspects of these creations will happily be shared."

Betsey and her husband, dedicated webmaster, enjoy running the business out of their New England home. The two are collaborating to provide what's needed for her debut virtual lecture. Register today at the Museum's Events webpage to become part of her first internet audience.

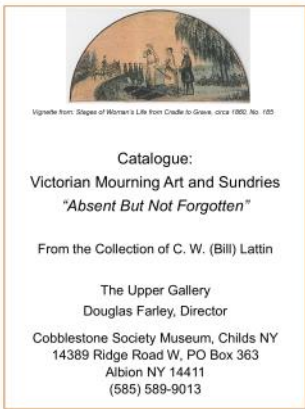


Plan your visit to the Cobblestone Museum!



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Four Exhibits Still Open This Winter



The Cobblestone Museum has traditionally closed our campus and taken a breather during the winter months. This winter we are pleased to announce that four of our changing exhibits will be open for your enjoyment.

The Victorian Mourning Art Exhibit in our Upper Gallery contains over 200 examples of this little known and little understood art form from the Victorian Era. Former museum director, Bill Lattin, is sharing his personal collection of objet d'art, paintings, photographs, hair wreaths, statuary and much more. Come and explore this fascinating exhibit at your leisure and take home a full colored catalog of all 200+ pieces in this exhibit

Another exhibit to enjoy is the Orleans County 19th Century Coverlet Exhibit at the Visitors Center. The Museum's complete collection of over 20 beautiful woven coverlets is on display for your enjoyment. A full color catalog of this collection is also available to use on-site and take home for review at your leisure.

Also in our Visitors Center are two painting exhibits. Tom Zangerle has mounted a wonderful collection of his paintings with many depicting scenes from his travels around the region. We are also pleased to welcome Tom back for year two of his painting classes to be held at the Visitors Center.

Last but not least, is a wonderful exhibit of 19th century paintings by Orleans County artists. Also located in our Visitors Center, this special exhibit is a wonderful addition to enjoy during your planned visit this winter.

All exhibits can be seen by appointment, in a morning or afternoon of your choosing. Just call our director, Doug Farley, at (585) 589-9013 to set up a day and time to stop by. A free-will donation will be gladly received. We are looking forward to your visit!



An example of a 19th century painting currently on exhibit is this Peter B. West oil painting, "Twin Prize Winning Steers," from 1896. The historic photo at right shows Stephen Hallock with his twin steers. On the back it states: "Prize steers bred by Stephen Hallock, Albion, N.Y. and exhibited at State Fair, Syracuse, N.Y. Weight 8040 lbs. Calved August 1881, 12 feet 6 inches long, 14 feet around the chests, 3 feet 2 inches across the hips." The West painting could have been done when the steers were fifteen years old. The painting and photo were donated to the Museum in 2023 by Beryl DeMeyer of Rochester.

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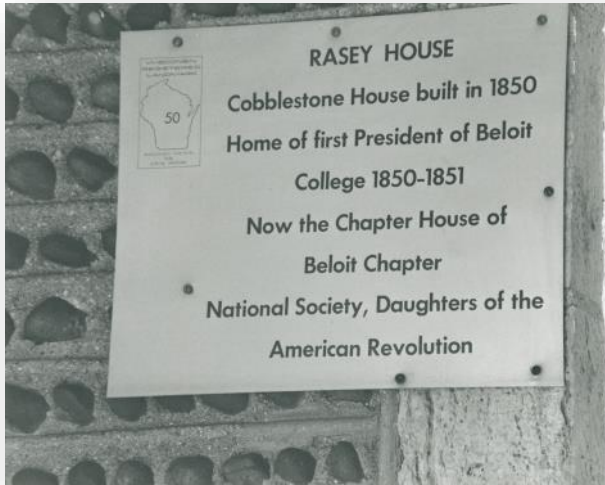
As an additional membership benefit, Patron level and higher levels are recognized in every issue of the Cobblestoner. Members at the Individual and Family levels are recognized in one quarterly issue at the time of payment. Major Donor levels, Heritage and above, are cumulative giving.

Cobblestone Landmarks



By Richard Palmer

Built in 1850, this house at 517 Prospect St., Beloit, Wisconsin, was the residence of the first president of Beloit College. It is a Wisconsin Landmark and one of the finest examples of cobblestone masonry in the state of Wisconsin. It is owned and maintained by the Beloit Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution. There are 26 known cobblestone houses in Wisconsin.



More Cobblestone Landmarks



By Richard Palmer

The Allen-Van Buskirk house on Route 90 just north of the village of Aurora in Cayuga County is an example of the late "Gothic Cottage" cobblestone period, circa 1850. It is constructed of red, water-rounded cobbles. The owner, Dr. M. D. Van Buskirk, is shown in the photo above. A recent photo is included below.



Painting Classes with Tom Zangerle (April 6, 13, & 27)



Retired art instructor Tom Zangerle will conduct three painting classes for interested students of all skill levels. Tom will cover many of the basics such as composition, value, color mixing, materials and the use of photographs to aid in the completion of an oil landscape. Tom noted, "You don't have to have been born with special talents and there are no hidden secrets. All you need is a willingness to learn and try." A list of class supplies will be provided. All classes cost \$25 each (\$20 Museum Members) and are limited to 10 students per class. Register online at CobblestoneMuseum.org or call now at (585) 589-9013.

An exhibit of Tom's paintings will be on display throughout the year, as well as an exhibit of student art following the completion of the classes.



By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

Last year the Holiday Shoppe opened in the Danolds Room (lower level of the church) in July. Our Christmas merchandise sells any month of the year, attracting a high percentage of browsers whenever visitors come to the Museum. I view it as an extension of the Gift Shop. It remained in place throughout the remainder of the year and raised a grand total of \$1,197 for the Cobblestone Museum. In 2024 it will be available to visitors whenever the Museum is open, or by appointment.

The holiday items sold are donations, therefore tax exempt purchases. Goods are either brand new or gently used, largely donated by members of the Cobblestone Society, and priced affordably. A wide assortment of holiday-themed book titles is sold in the Proctor Room, donated by community members through our Used Books operation.

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Holiday Shoppe in the past year by donating products or making purchases. Special thanks to Chris Capurso, Grace Denniston and Deb Deuel for helping staff by performing volunteer duties to create and maintain the Shoppe's attractive appearance for our guests.

Please consider contributing some of your own unwanted Christmas items to replenish or enhance our inventory. Some supporters enjoy buying after-Christmas reduced price merchandise to donate, or hunting for Christmas bargains at yard sales during warm weather months. We will accept donations throughout the Museum's season whenever you or someone you know is ready to donate. Please call ahead at 585-589-9013 to make arrangements.



By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

No doubt you've heard of the total solar eclipse taking place on Monday, April 8 of this year. In Orleans County totality is anticipated between 3:19 and 3:23 pm. It's been reported that because our location lies in the direct path to view this rare event, an estimated 375,000 – 500,000 visitors will come to our area to experience this historical occurrence.

The Cobblestone Museum is hopeful that members of the Cobblestone Society, friends of the Museum and visitors from near and far will consider joining us for some planned events from April 5 – 8, between 10 am and 3pm on Friday – Sunday, and 10 am until the "main event" concludes late Monday afternoon. Plans will be fine-tuned in the weeks ahead, so visit our website's Events page regularly to watch as full details emerge. Here are some preliminary details.

Our S.O.L.A.R. weekend is an acronym to remind you of what's expected. "S" is for shopping. Our Museum's gift shop, Holiday Shoppe and Used Books building will be open for browsing and making purchases. "O" stands for the Olde Tyme Photo opportunity that will be available. Put on some provided bygone era accessories and create a souvenir photo. Children can visit our Cobble the Mouse photo booth, too! "L" is for Learning. Listen to our docents share the history of select campus buildings and hear storytellers share historical accounts from the past. Our exhibit rooms will be open as well so guests can learn about 19th century coverlets of Orleans County and Victorian Mourning Art & Sundries. Blacksmithing demonstrations will take place in the Blacksmith Shop at designated times throughout the weekend. "A" means an auto show will be held on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoon. A variety of classic, antique and sports cars will be parked on our grounds for you to see up close and talk about with their owners. "R" is for refreshments, which will be sold on Monday, Solar Eclipse Day. Pizza by the slice, popcorn, cobblestone candy, and beverages will be sold individually or as part of our S.O.L.A.R. admission package rate for \$25 per person. Regular admission is \$9 per adult guest, \$6 for teens and students with a valid college ID, and children 12 and under enter FREE with an accompanying adult.

Don't miss the chance to register for our February virtual lecture event to hear guest speaker Debra Ross, who will address the solar eclipse as described in greater detail on page 8 of this newsletter. On that same page, I've shared information about our third and final virtual lecture in the winter series.

Award Winners Lauded at the 63rd Cobblestone Society Annual Meeting

By Sue Bonafini, Assistant Director

In 2016, the tradition of providing deserving members of the community with awards to honor noteworthy accomplishments, successes, or partnerships began. Worthy individuals or groups who helped the Museum grow in some way leaving a positive impact were acknowledged. The following award winners received certificates of recognition on November 4, 2023 at the Gaines-Carlton Community Church during the Annual Meeting of the Cobblestone Society.

Outgoing Board of Trustees president, Erin Anheier, received the John Proctor Award, named for the founder of Childs who helped establish the Cobblestone Church. The award is given to someone who goes above and beyond to assist the Cobblestone Museum in an extraordinary manner. During Erin's tenure she brought in \$229,000 to benefit the Museum through written grant proposals and other means. Concerned with historic preservation, she's served on the Buildings & Grounds Committee and aided recognition of the Vagg House and Gaines Basin cobblestone schoolhouse on the National Register of Historic Places. She's fostered the Museum's relationship with the Landmark Society of Western NY.

Ginny Kropf was awarded the Community Partner of the Year award. A seasoned local news reporter, Ginny has been writ-

ing articles about the Museum's many activities and programs over the years, often in advance of events to spark interest. In 2023 she wrote more than a dozen articles to inform and inspire her readers on the Orleans Hub and Lockport Union-Sun & Journal.

The Business Partner of the Year award was presented to Lora Partyka of Partyka Farms in Kendall. Lora has graciously provided financial contributions or goods for several years to support programs held at the Museum. Not a penny was accepted by Lora in exchange for pumpkin seeds and dozens of ears of corn-on-the-cob donated from Partyka Farms to aid the Museum's fundraising activities.

Mary Zangerle was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. A retired librarian, member of the Medina Garden Gals and volunteer since 2016, Mary has worn many hats to fulfill needs related to campus activities. She recently found her niche assisting staff with administrative duties – reorganizing the Resource Library, maintaining some computer records, filing and more. She volunteers year-round, earning on average 50 – 100 hours of service per year.

To refresh your memory, a complete listing follows to chronicle these awards and recipients over the past eight years.

2016

Proctor Award – Georgia Thomas & Patricia “Patty” Blackburn [*Named for the founder of Childs, for selfless efforts to promote the Cobblestone Museum.*] {Cobble the Mouse coloring books}

Business Partner of the Year –Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home / David Mitchell

New Partner of the Year – Brockport History Forum / Robert Braetz (student president) & Emily Maxwell (student VP & secretary) {Halloween Bash fundraiser}

New Partner of the Year – Kim Martillotta – Muscarella {First Friday art shows}

Volunteer of the Year – Shirley Helfer

2017

Proctor Award – Russ Bosch [*Named for the founder of Childs who helped establish the Cobblestone Church. The award is given to someone who goes above and beyond to assist the museum in an extraordinary manner.*]

Business Partner of the Year – Becky Green {new logo}

New Partner of the Year – Sen. Robert Ort

Volunteer of the Year – Judith Spencer

2018

Proctor Award – (Three winners) - Gail Johnson {Initiated Membership Dinner}, Maarit Vaga {Progressive Organ Concert} & Gregory Lawrence

{Cobblestone Info Base}

Community Partner of the Year – Rochester Area Community Foundation / Jennifer Leonard, CEO

Business Partner of the Year – Hurd Orchards / Susan Hurd Machamer & Amy Machamer

Pullman Award – David Mitchell [*Recognizes a generous donation that enhances the collection at the Cobblestone Museum.*] (Pullman couch)

Volunteer of the Year – (Two winners) – Gerard Morrisey, Marty Taber

2019

Proctor Award – Erin Anheier {capital projects}

New Business Partner of the Year – Anna Migitskiy & Andre Tsyupa / Lures Restaurant {20% proceeds shared from one-day restaurant collaboration}

Community Partner of the Year – Camilla VanderLinden / Dunn Martin Fund

Donna Rodden Hospitality Award – [*Recognizes the hosting of events on behalf of the Museum.*] – Patricia & Gerard Morrisey

Rufus Bullock Award – Grace & Gary Kent [*Recognizes outstanding and sustained contributions to the museum.*]

Frances Folsom Cobblestone Board Alumni Award – Susan Starkweather Miller [*Excellence in serving the museum by a former board member.*] {Garden bus trips}

Awards (Continued)

Volunteer of the Year – Brenda Radzinski

2020

Pullman Award – C.W. “Bill” Lattin

Rufus Bullock Award – Roy Bubb

Business Partner of the Year – Robert “Bob” Fisher / Robert M. Fisher Contracting

Volunteer of the Year – Gerard Morrissey

2021

Proctor Award – Toni Plummer

Volunteer of the Year – Gail Johnson

2022

Proctor Award – Richard “Dick” Remley

New Business Partner of the Year – Arlene Taylor, {Visitors Center concept drawings}

Community Partner of the Year – Camilla VanderLinden / Dunn Martin Internship Program

Frances Folsom Cobblestone Board Alumni Award – Patricia Morrissey

2023

Proctor Award – Erin Anheier

Community Partner of the Year – Ginny Kropf {Museum publicity}

Business Partner of the Year – Lora Partyka / Partyka Farms {funding and donation of goods}

Membership Dinner



Committee members and guests at the 2023 Dinner.

It's time to renew your Cobblestone Society membership for 2024. (Memberships paid now will remain in effect until April 30, 2025.) We encourage you to also make plans to join us for our 6th Annual Membership Dinner to be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:00pm at the Carlton Recreation Center.

A catered buffet by Michael Zambito, owner/chef of Zambistro, will include Italian Meatballs and Chicken Picata. A cash bar will be available. We will be offering a live auction, silent auction, and many raffles. A preview of coming events at the Cobblestone Museum for 2024 will also be shared. The dinner this year is priced at cost which is \$42 per person. Please respond by March 31 to be included in a special Early Bird Raffle at the dinner.

The form on the back page of this *Cobblestoner* can be used to renew your membership and request your membership dinner tickets. Thank you!

The Legacy Society: Respect for the Past...Looking to the Future!

The Legacy Society recognizes and honors members and friends who have provided for the Cobblestone Society & Museum by including the Society in their estate and financial plans. Legacy gifts of every amount help ensure the Cobblestone Museum's tradition of promoting life-long learning, and historic preservation will continue for future generations.

Anyone can become a member of the Legacy Society simply by letting us know that you have remembered the Cobblestone Society & Museum in your will or other planned giving arrangement. Gifts can be designated for the Cobblestone Museum's general purposes or restricted to a specific area, such as endowment or preservation. In appreciation of your efforts, Legacy Society members will receive our newsletter, *The Cobblestoner*, which will list their names permanently in the Legacy Society section.

Our donor levels include:

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Thank you for your kind consideration. For more information, please contact Museum Director Doug Farley at 585-589-9013 with any questions you may have. Also, paperwork for the Legacy Society program is available at the Museum.



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Our Eclipse Story (Virtual Presentation)



Writing Western New York's Eclipse Story Together, February 22, 2024 at 7pm.

A Virtual Lecture presented by Debra Ross, Chair of Rochester's Eclipse Task Force, and Co-Chair of the AAS National Solar Eclipse Task Force

Having witnessed 2017's Great American Eclipse in Missouri and understanding its implications for the Rochester area in 2024, Debra started the Rochester Eclipse Task Force. The task force now has over 750 members across many sectors, and the Rochester area has become known as the most engaged U.S. region preparing for totality. After the American Astronomical Society's Solar Eclipse Task force held its meeting in the Rochester region in 2022, Debra was asked to co-chair the National task force to help other communities learn from Rochester's preparations.

Ms. Ross will discuss what's going to happen in our area on April 8, what makes it such a transformational experience, how to experience the eclipse safely, and how everyone should prepare to craft their own eclipse story, making the most of this moment in their own personal history and in Western NY's history. She emphasizes, "Life is about writing your own story and you want this...to be a chapter that you look back on and you talk about for the rest of your life."

She'll also tell the story of how Rochester's Eclipse Task Force has carefully crafted Rochester's eclipse narrative for the past seven years so that it will be a uniquely memorable and positive chapter in Rochester's 21st-century story.

Ms. Ross is the founder and publisher of the community websites KidsOutAndAbout.com and BeyondtheNest.com. This network started in Rochester 23 years ago and now serves 52 regions in the U.S. and Canada, with 15 million visitors per year and 800,000 subscribers to a weekly e-newsletter.

Santa Charles W. Howard Publication



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Do you have a favorite memory of a visit to Charlie Howard's Christmas Park, or perhaps you've heard stories told by parents and grandparents? Here's your chance to order the only complete printed history of the Park with beautiful color photographs to enhance the reading. Order your own copy for only \$15 including US Postal shipping direct to you. The order form is included on the back page of this newsletter.

"The History of Pullman"-A Virtual Lecture



George Pullman, born in Brockton, New York in 1831, revolutionized rail travel through the company he created, the Pullman Palace Car Company.

Guest speaker Andrew Bullen (shown above), resident of Pullman, Illinois and historian, has written extensively about George M. Pullman. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Bullen's undertaken projects for the Pullman House History Project and the Historic Pullman Foundation in Chicago.

He shares that there are five "big" stories of Pullman – George and his family, the Company and its products, the town of Pullman, the people of Pullman, and labor and race issues. Employees of the Company were encouraged to live in the model industrial town of Pullman, now a Chicago neighborhood. His virtual lecture will encompass an overview of these topics, including the complex story of labor and race relations as seen through the lens of the company.

Mark your calendar to join us on Thursday, March 21 at 7 pm EST for a discussion about Mr. Pullman, the Western New York native who once worshiped at our Cobblestone Church, memorialized his parents through the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church in Albion, and created a legacy that remains a part of America's history.



Shown here with director Doug Farley (right) is David Mitchell who donated a rare example of George Pullman's furniture making expertise with this 19th century Pullman couch, manufactured in Albion, NY.

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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We received 53 donations totaling \$24,775. Thank you for the tremendous support for this challenge grant!

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Sheri Egeli
Pat & Bill Eick
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Flashback to the 1960s



The Cobblestone Society Auction was a big event for many years in the 1960s. Originally held at the Cobblestone School on Routes 104 & 279, this photo is from the annual auction in about 1962.

Here we see members of the Cobblestone Society Board showing off consigned items. Left to right: author and historian Howard Pratt, Orleans County Historian Cary Lattin, board member Maurice Wilson, Secretary Bertha Canuteson and her husband Dr. Richard Canuteson.

The Canuteson's son Richard and his wife Rebecca recently joined the Museum at the Heritage Level through a donation to the Thompson-Kast Visitors Center in memory of Bertha and Richard. Bertha Canuteson served as Cobblestone Society board member from 1960-1975.

Cobblestone Museum Events 2024

Victorian Crazy Quilts: (Sat. Jan.27 at 2pm) Virtual Program (Zoom) with globally reputed Antique Quilts Expert, Betsey Telford-Goodwin. (See story page 1.)

Writing Western New York's Eclipse Story Together: (Thurs. Feb. 22 at 7pm) Virtual Program presented by Debra Ross, Chair of Rochester's Eclipse Task Force, and Co-Chair of the AAS National Solar Eclipse Task Force. (See story page 8.)

The History of Pullman—A Virtual Lecture: (Thurs. March 21 at 7pm) Guest speaker Andrew Bullen, resident of Pullman, Illinois and historian, has written extensively about George M. Pullman. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Bullen's undertaken projects for the Pullman House History Project and the Historic Pullman Foundation in Chicago. (See article)

S.O.L.A.R. Eclipse Weekend: (April 5 – 8) Don't get left in the dark! Book your Cobblestone Museum Solar Eclipse Tour NOW! Join us on April 5-8 in anticipation of the Full Solar Eclipse which will take place on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 3:19pm. Sign up for special guided tours of the Cobblestone Museum during the lead up to this historic, once-in-a-lifetime event. Tour participants will receive a complimentary lawn-pass to view the eclipse and special glasses provided by Orleans County Tourism. (See article page 5.)

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.

Painting Classes –Tom Zangerle: (Sat. April 6, 13, 27) – All levels of painters welcome. (See article page 4.)

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.

Annual Membership Dinner: (Wed. May 8) This highlight of our year will be held again at the Carlton Recreation Hall. Delicious buffet catered by Zambistro with live and silent auctions and plenty of raffles and prizes. Tickets can be ordered on the last page of this newsletter.

Progressive Organ Concert: May (TBD) – Albion area churches will be featured in this progressive event.

Museum Tours by appointment for 2024 We will begin on Saturday, May 18 and continue through October. Walk-in tours begin June 1.

Patriotic Service – Cobblestone Church: (Sun. July 7 at 11am) Join us for our annual observance of Independence Day with a program of patriotic readings and music in the Cobblestone Church. 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: (Fri. July 12) (Formerly Summer Solstice Soirée) Shirley Bright-Neeper and Joyce Chizick are heading up this year's Summer Soirée. They've enlisted the help and beautiful gardens of hosts Jim and Connie Fisher, 10193 Millers Road in Lyndonville. The theme is "Back to the Garden: A Mid-Summer Celebration."

Flea Market: (Sat. July 20) Vendors are needed to make this annual event a big success. Call the museum to discuss details at (585) 589-9013.

Tour of Historic Homes – Sept. (TBD) A Cobblestone Museum tradition of self-drive architectural tours continues with a focus this year on buildings in western Orleans County.

Fall Open House: (Sat. Oct. 5) Our campus comes alive with artisans and craftsmen plying their trade in this focus on 19th century life in Orleans County.

Preservation Banquet: (Fri. Oct. 25) Our second 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. TBD) Details to follow.

Simply Christmas II: (Dec. TBA) Featuring charming Christmas traditions, music, readings, carols, and treats. A delightful way to begin the holiday season!

Three Virtual Programs This Winter

Make plans to join us for one, two or all three Zoom presentations!

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Sat. Jan. 27 at 2pm

Writing WNY's Eclipse Story
Thurs. Feb. 22 at 7pm

The History of Pullman
Thurs. March 21 at 7pm

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

\$200,000 Gail Thompson Johnson*	\$10,000 The Baird Foundation	Sibyl & Richard Pilon	Up to \$999 Anonymous	Tom Noon
\$125,000 Kathy & David Kast	Rebecca & Richard Canuteson and family in memory of original board member Bertha and Dr. Richard Canuteson	\$2,000 Anonymous Karen & Mark Bower	Cindy & Bill Applegate Brett Baker Darcy Beeman Jeanette & William Behnke Jean Benson Sandra Brown 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*	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
\$40,000 Elizabeth Dye Curtis Foundation	Lois & Doug Farley Courtenay & Maurice Hoag Gwen Hughson Galen Lewis & The Lewis Family Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes Shirley G. Bright-Neeper and Le Roy E. Neeper	\$1,100 Elinor Sartwell LeClair & Ed LeClaire	Doris F. Antinore Margy & Eric Brown Dr. & Mrs. Donald W. Bishop, Jr. Mary Anne Braunbach Robert Bruning Farm Credit East Bonnie Howlett Linda & Tim Kirby Amy Machamer & Joe Sidonio Ruth Thompson Mathes & John Mathes Diane & Keith Palmer* Toni Plummer Brenda & Mark Radzinski Susan & Michael Thaine in memory of Janice Barnum Thaine Ann & John Raskopf Elaine & Dan Specht Beverly (Gary) Thompson Christine & Ross Thompson Maarit Vaga & Jan Mikael Erakare Jean Woodcock	
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\$21,000 Debby & Jack Batchellor				
\$20,000 Sue & Jim Bonafini				
\$15,000 Gabriella & Lawrence Albanese* Albion Agencies— Jackie & Bill Bixler	\$3,000 Grace & John Denniston			
\$12,500 Dunn Martin Fund— Camilla VanderLinden & Robin MacLeod	\$2,500 Rev. Dr. Don Algeo Anonymous Leigh & Kevin Hamilton Maureen & Paul Marshall Family Clara & Jeff Martin			
				Total Pledges to Date: \$792,304

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Visitors Center Capital Campaign. Please remember to forward any unpaid pledges outstanding for Year Four of the campaign by December 31, 2024.

Thank you again!

Cobblestone Museum 2024 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 \$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, 2025

Individual \$25

Silver \$500 +

Family \$40 +

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 2024 Membership to the Cobblestone Museum \$ _____

I would like to attend the Membership Dinner on May 8 (\$42 each) \$ _____

I would like to purchase _____ copies of the Santa Claus Park book @ \$15 each \$ _____

I want to make a one-time gift for the Thompson-Kast Visitors Center \$ _____

Checks payable to: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

The Cobblestone Society
 P.O. Box 363, Albion, N.Y. 14411 Credit or Debit Card # _____ Exp. _____
 (585) 589-9013 (Credit or debit card required for monthly payments.)