

Introducing Deborah Brundage, Cobblestone director

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I was fortunate to have had the pleasure of visiting your museum over the years. It wasn't until I traveled beyond the Rochester area that I began to understand how special cobblestone buildings truly are. I've seen the Cobblestone Society Museum grow through the years and I would be honored to be a part of that continued expansion.

The Cobblestone Society will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a celebration at 4 p.m. Saturday in the historic Cobblestone Church in Childs. The hour-long program will include a historical overview of the museum, music, greetings from elected officials and the introduction of Deborah Brundage, who will become the director/curator of the Cobblestone Museum on Nov. 1.

An invitation is extended to all for this celebration.

As museum director having started working there in 1971, I decided three



Deborah Brundage
Director/curator
of the Cobblestone
Museum

years ago that now would be the best time to hand over the reins. The search committee headed by David Hemingway has done a remarkable job in its selection of Brundage. She was unanimously approved by the board of trustees at its September meeting.

Perhaps the best source of Brundage's background can be gleaned from her letter of application.

Here follows an excerpt: "I have spent the past 10 years working in museums in various capacities and would welcome the opportunity to continue moving the Cobblestone Society Museum in a successful future. I am an experienced educator and I realize the importance of keeping a unique piece of local history alive for people of all ages.

"Growing up in Webster,

"I believe that my experiences at The Farmer's Museum have helped to prepare me for the challenges that the executive director would face. Over the years I have created a variety of programs that have

appealed to a wide range of audiences. I have managed a staff of museum teachers and have collaborated with colleagues in all departments, resulting in many successful events. I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees and

the staff at the Cobblestone Society Museum to ensure that an important piece of American history survives for future generations to enjoy."

At 6 p.m. Nov. 11, the Cobblestone Society will hold its annual meeting at

the Village Inn in Albion. During this meeting, Brundage will tell about her background and express her ideas about future development at the Cobblestone Museum.

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