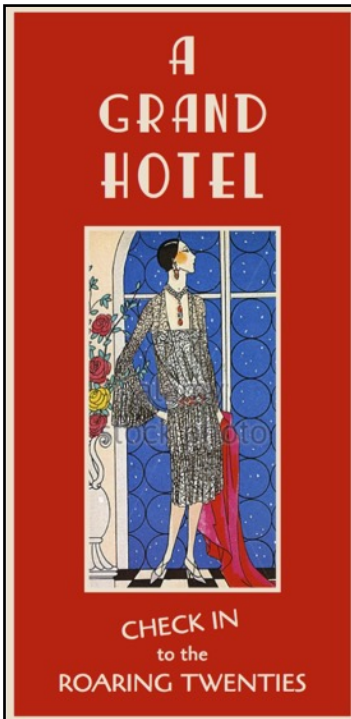


HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE

at the Saranac Laboratory Museum



NEW EXHIBIT: A GRAND HOTEL



Soon we will unveil a new John Black Room exhibition exploring the cultural history of the 1920s through the context of a grand hotel of the era. A Vision Grant from the New York Council for the Humanities Vision Grant is supporting consultation with Pendragon Theatre Costume and Set Designer, Kent Streed.

With Kent's help, the John Black Room will be transformed into a 1920s hotel stage set. Visitors will explore spaces such as a guest room, speakeasy, and ballroom. The grant is also supporting exhibit script review by Molly Berger, Ph.D., author of *Hotel Dreams: Technology, Luxury, and Urban Ambition in America, 1829-1929*.

The exhibit is projected to open in late 2016, celebrating the reopening of the restored Hotel Saranac. The exhibit will incorporate local history, images, historic film footage, and artifacts from other local historic hotels such as Paul Smith's Hotel, the

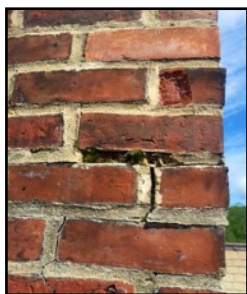


Kent Streed measuring exhibit cases.

Algonquin, the Berkeley, the Grand Union, the St. Regis, the Riverside Inn, and Saranac Inn.

We are seeking 1920s clothing items, accessories, and hotel-related artifacts. Please contact us if you have something you can provide on loan!

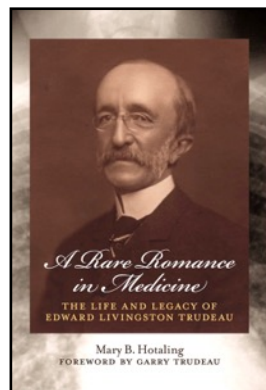
BUILDING REPAIRS



Repairs are scheduled for this spring at the Saranac Laboratory. Masonry work includes repairs to the chimneys. (One chimney, pictured, was damaged by lightning.)

Newman and Holmes will repair front windows. Total project costs are an estimated \$15,000. Please consider a donation to help us care for the lab. See page 4 for more information.

TRUDEAU BOOK



usher this important book of over 320 pages and 90 illustrations through its final stages of production by Adirondack Life.

The new biography of Dr. Trudeau by Mary Hotaling will be released in July! Book donors and subscribers will be invited to a special unveiling party that month, and then the book will be available to purchase. We appreciate your

patience while we

COMING SOON

- ◆ Weekly Wednesday Walking Tours
- ◆ Student Intern interviews starting soon
- ◆ New additions to the "Walk of Fame"

(see page 3 for details)

HISTORY WEBSITE

Be sure to visit our amazing website of local history: localwiki.net/hsl. Click the edit button and add what you know!

OUR MISSION

Historic Saranac Lake is a not-for-profit architectural preservation organization that captures and presents local history from our center at the Saranac Laboratory Museum.

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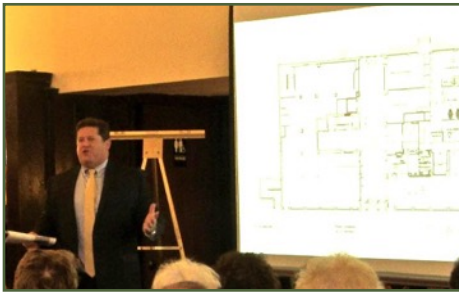
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RECENT HAPPENINGS

**Annual Meeting**

Last fall, we held our Annual Meeting marking our 35th year. Our special guest was Fred Roedel III, Managing Member and CFO of Roedel Companies. Mr. Roedel presented about the Hotel Saranac restoration.

**Preservation Advocacy**

We continue to advocate for rails with trails in the Adirondack rail corridor. We helped coordinate last fall's "Save the Rails" rally and a second annual History Train event. We are thrilled with the recent announcement of the railroad's listing by the Preservation League as one of Seven to Save. Contact us to get involved!

**Special Visitors**

This winter, we enjoyed a visit with staff from the NY Council for the Humanities. The Council's ongoing support has made a great difference in the quality of our programs.

**Winter Carnival Fun**

Subzero temps did not stop us in the parade! Our float honored the ice palace workers as local heroes, and we marched as the "villainous heatwave." Special thanks to Trudeau Institute's Earl Gardner, to Tom Seymour, and to the IPWs, especially Garrett Foster and Dean Baker. We presented our annual winter carnival history slideshow to 5th graders from Bloomingdale and Petrova Elementary schools and hosted a talk by Clarkson University Professor, Dr. Laura Ettinger, "Heroines on Horseback" about the history of nurse midwifery in the U.S. Finally, we wrote a series of articles for the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on "Heroes in History."

**School Outreach**

We hosted a local history day for North Country homeschool students this fall. Pictured above, dressed as Harry S. Truman, is Galen Halasz with his brother Oliver as Dr. E. L. Trudeau. A NYSCA Arts in Education grant supported a 4th grade Medical Marvels comic project with artist Pete Seward, and our annual 7th grade local history, poetry, and art project with author Liza Frenette.

**Special Talks and Tours**

It was a busy fall and winter with many talks and tours. We enjoyed visits from the University of Albany School of Public Health (pictured above), high school BOCES New Visions programs, NCCC Radiology students, and the Wanakeena Ranger school. In March, AARCH and HSL hosted a workshop led by the Preservation League about the League's grant opportunities for nonprofits and municipalities. In April, we presented for the Cabin Fever Sunday Program at the Adirondack Museum about the new Trudeau biography and the Will Rogers film.

**"Hotel Hope" Film**

Last fall, we premiered our new film by Jim Griebisch about Will Rogers Hospital to a packed house. At Saranac Village at Will Rogers, we also unveiled a new interpretive panel showing the Will Rogers statue that once stood in the stairwell. We were honored to host special guest, Todd Vradenburg, Executive Director of the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation. A generous grant from the foundation supported the new film as well as new exhibits at the Saranac Laboratory Museum in 2015.

CURRENT PROJECTS and UPCOMING EVENTS



Summer and Fall Tours

Join us on Wednesdays, June through October, for tours throughout the community. We will offer guided tours of the former Trudeau Sanatorium property, historic downtown, the Cure Cottage Museum (pictured above), and Little Red and the Trudeau Statue. Check our website for details.

Preserving Historic Main Street

HSL is applying to the Preservation League for a Preserve NY grant to support the expansion of the boundaries of the downtown National Register historic district. Extending the historic district will support efforts to revitalize historic main street. HSL is supporting the work of the Local Development Corporation by serving on the grant selection committee for the Main Street revitalization grant.

New Public Programs

Public Programs Coordinator Chessie Monks-Kelly is arranging a series of talks for the coming season. Proposed presenters include TB Scientist Dr. Ian Orme, Dr. Neil Holtzman who is working on a new book on Dr. Norman Bethune, programs sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities, and more. Stay tuned to the events page at www.historicsaranaclake.org for details.

MANY Conference

The Museum Association of NY annual conference will be held in Lake Placid and Tupper Lake, April 17-19. HSL looks forward to welcoming fellow museum professionals to the North Country. We will present at workshops about the Traveling Cure Porch and the HSL wiki website as an innovative models of community engagement.

Walk of Fame

The Village of Saranac Lake's "Walk of Fame" will grow this year with the addition of plaques to commemorate composer Béla Bartók, actress Faye Dunaway, and baseball players Christy Mathewson and Larry Doyle. Plaque unveiling events to honor these special people in local history will be announced soon.



Traveling Cure Porch

HSL submitted a grant to the National Endowment for the Arts to design the Traveling Cure Porch in 2017. Jesse Schwartzberg of Black Mountain Design Build is the designer (pictured above with colleague Leslie Karasin and HSL Public Programs Coordinator Chessie Monks-Kelly). The grant will support oral history project consultation with Jill Breit of Traditional Arts of Upstate NY. The porch will be shared by the community as a mobile history exhibit, artist studio, oral history booth, and more. Stay tuned for news of this exciting project!

Student Interns

Thanks to the Ralph Kelly fund supported by Kay and Marvin Best, we employed high school summer interns last summer, and we look forward to hiring more interns this season. We will interview local sophomores and juniors starting in May. Contact us for more information.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Your membership support is vital to us, and it has benefits for you! Starting in 2016, members will receive a membership card, free museum admission, free admission to many events and tours, and a 10% discount in the museum store. Members who join at the \$100 level and above will also receive benefits at museums around the country through the North American Reciprocal Museum Association. Memberships will last for one year, and members will receive renewal reminders before their membership expires. Please note that these benefits are special for members only. While we very much appreciate your help with appeals for particular needs and our end-of-year annual fund drive, only membership donations earn member benefits. Please feel free to call with any questions. To become a member or renew your membership, please visit historicsaranaclake.org/membership. Thank you for your support!

Saranac Laboratory Museum Improvements

Together, we make history matter! Your donation will help us make \$15,000 in repairs to the Saranac Laboratory this spring and create the new "A Grand Hotel" exhibit. Thank you!

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