



## COURTHOUSE EVENTS

*Save the Dates!*

For further information contact the Courthouse office 518-854-7053.

**Thursday March 18<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 pm**  
Courthouse History Lecture Series  
**LOCAL HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL HOUSE STYLES**  
Lecture by Marcia Reiss

**Friday March 26<sup>TH</sup> 7 pm**  
**Saturday March 27<sup>TH</sup> 7 pm**  
**Sunday March 28<sup>TH</sup> 2 pm**  
**STEEL MAGNOLIAS**  
in the courtroom  
Robert Harling's heartwarming play about the bonds of friendship

**Friday April 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Preview 5 pm, Auction 6 pm**  
**SLATED FOR SALEM ART AUCTION**  
Local artists & art students paint on slate

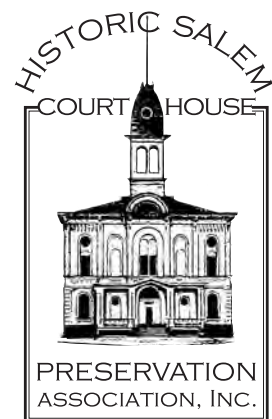


**Saturday April 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Sunday April 11<sup>TH</sup> 10 am until noon**  
**TALENT TRIALS AUDITIONS**  
in the Courtroom

**SUNDAYS 3 pm**  
**April 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**May 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**June 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS**  
in the Courtroom  
under the direction of Dan Shulman

**Saturday June 5<sup>TH</sup> 7 pm**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TALENT TRIALS**  
at the Fort Salem Theater

**Saturday July 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Sunday July 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AL FRESCO WEEKEND**  
Come celebrate our agricultural heritage!



518-854-7053  
P.O. Box 140  
Salem, NY 12865

**THE COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER IS OPEN:**

Monday-Friday  
9 AM-1PM

*Visitors are always welcomed!*

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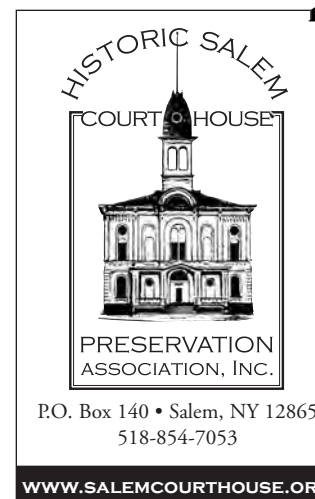
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## THE SALEM

*New format! Spring catalog of programs & workshops included!*

March 2010

# Courthouse Chronicle



## LARAC GRANT BRINGS MUSIC TO THE COURTHOUSE



On Sundays this spring, music lovers will want to set aside some time to enjoy chamber music in the CCC Courtroom. Our partnership with Daniel Shulman of Shushan, an accomplished musician and conductor educated at Juilliard, Dartmouth and Columbia, has led to a schedule of three concerts. Joining Mr. Shulman (piano) are Robert Dan (viola), Ronald Feldman (cello), Ronald Gorevic (viola), Shem Guibbory (violin), Nathaniel Parke (cello), and Kaori Washiyama (violin). These concerts will include a wonderful selection of music from Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and Schumann for us to enjoy at **3 pm on April 18<sup>TH</sup>, May 16<sup>TH</sup>, and June 13<sup>TH</sup>**. Tickets are \$20 each or \$45 for subscription. Contact the Courthouse now to reserve a seat!

This event is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, a state agency, administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. One of eleven organizations to seek funding for 2010 through the Arts Initiative Program, CCC was awarded the full amount requested, \$2038, to bring this exciting new program to us.

## SLATED FOR SALEM

There is much excitement over the second art-based fund raiser scheduled for **Friday, April 9<sup>TH</sup>**. As with "The Sap is Running" last March, "Slated for Salem" is extending a challenge to local artists to produce a unique piece of art to be sold at auction. This year, 10 talented students from Susan Frisbee's elementary classes at Salem Central School along with students from Randall North's high school painting and drawing classes have been invited to participate. The students have enthusiastically welcomed the chance to sell their art alongside noted artists of the region. Evergreen Slate of Granville has generously donated 50 slates which will be used for the project. As with last year, noted auctioneer, Ron Seifert will be on hand to call the auction which will commence in the Courtroom at 6 pm with a preview at 5 pm. The beautifully enhanced slates will also be available for preview in the Courtroom the week of April 5<sup>TH</sup>. Make sure to circle April 9<sup>TH</sup> on your calendar and join your friends at the Courthouse Community Center for an enjoyable evening.



Successful 2009 art auction, "The Sap is Running" in the Courtroom



The creative force behind *Steel Magnolias*.

## STEEL MAGNOLIAS

*Steel Magnolias*, Robert Harling's poignant and heart warming play about the strong bonds of friendship will be presented by the Footlighters in the Courtroom on **Friday, March 26<sup>TH</sup> and Saturday, March 27<sup>TH</sup> at 7 pm and Sunday, March 28<sup>TH</sup> at 2 pm**. Pictured are Producer, Jenn Borntraeger, Director, Siri Allison and powerful cast, Shelly Dean, Jill Little, Patty Mansmith, Sue O'Keefe, Sara Rogers and Mary Skelly. Tickets are available and may be reserved by calling 518-54-7053.

## AL FRESCO 2010

**TICKETS GO ON SALE**

Al Fresco tickets will go on sale on Monday, June 7<sup>TH</sup> at 9 am sharp – *More information on page 2*  
mark your calendars!

# AL FRESCO 2010



Al Fresco's Volunteer Servers

## COME TO THE ACCLAIMED AL FRESCO WEEKEND

Plans for the Eighth Annual Al Fresco Weekend, to be held on the Courthouse grounds **July 24<sup>TH</sup> and 25<sup>TH</sup>**, are well underway. This celebration of Salem's agricultural heritage, CCC's major fund raiser each year, also serves to inform the public about the use of locally-produced food.

Chairs Bob Akland, Donna Farringer, and Dottie Schneider are working on the Al Fresco Dinner, to be served Saturday evening at 5:30 pm. Four hundred tickets are available at \$50 each. Charlie Burd and Donna Farringer, Chairs of the Chef's Brunch, are excited about partnering with Cornell University as they plan for this Sunday event. Held from 12 noon - 2 pm on Sunday, 300 tickets are available at \$25 each.



Dedicated Kitchen Crew

Since this event is very popular, we recommend that you purchase tickets early. They go on sale 9 am, Monday, June 7th.



Happy Diners

## COURTHOUSE RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATIONS

### ENRICHMENT FOR CHILDREN

The Courthouse Community Center gratefully acknowledges the receipt of two generous donations to support their children's enrichment programs. On March 4, the Shoppe Off Broadway presented a \$5,000 check and on March 8, a \$1,250 check was received from the Stewart's Holiday Match program. Thank you to our friends whose support allows the continuation of wonderful free programs for children!

### \$50,000 DONATION!!!!

A donor has contributed \$50,000 in memory of Bob Benn. When plans are finalized, the money will be used to restore the old Grand Jury Room for art and craft sessions and to finish the second floor entrance to the courtroom. Careful consideration will be given to preservation practices in restoring these rooms. Kudos go to Bob Akland and Bill Clary for all their work in the planning process. Look for further news about this project.

The memory of Bob Benn continues to play a vital role in the progress of the Courthouse. We salute our good friend for his ongoing "force" in making the Courthouse a true community project.



## A SPECIAL THANKS TO COURTHOUSE FRIENDS

When Jim Garland and Richard Parks of Salem offered to purchase two nine foot pre-lit Wesley pine Christmas trees and donate a wonderful assortment of their own tree ornaments to the Courthouse, we were thrilled. Dottie St. Onge, along with a team of loyal volunteers, put the trees up and decorated them for the public to enjoy. Thank you for your kindness and generosity, Jim and Richard.

## HISTORY IS ALIVE AT THE COURTHOUSE

Preservation Architect Jack Waite had been scheduled to speak on March 4<sup>TH</sup> but his work necessitated travel from the immediate area. Dan Wilson of the John G. Waite Associates made a power point presentation about contemporary historic preservation practices which were illustrated by a number of case studies representing historic sites on a national level. Some new perspectives about the preservation of our Courthouse resulted from the comparisons with other projects. We thank Dan for his insight about our project and for the many hours he has spent at the Courthouse in developing project plans.

On March 11<sup>TH</sup>, Michael Russert, noted Civil War historian residing in the Cambridge area, shared his knowledge about the impact of the Battle of Gettysburg upon the Edward McPherson Farm. Mike's enthusiasm and interesting style brought to life the restoration of a farm much like our own local farms in the 19<sup>TH</sup> century.

The last lecture will take place on **Thursday of this week, March 18<sup>TH</sup>, at 7:30 pm.** Marcia Reiss, educator and author of several architectural books, will focus upon the architecture of houses in southern Washington County.



## HSCPA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

who joined between September 2009 & February 2010:

Holly and Ida Armstrong

Ed and Kathleen Bond

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**HISTORIC SALEM COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC.** Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2010

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HSCPA, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation chartered by New York State.

Donations are fully tax-deductible.

Your **yearly membership** adds to the growing base of public support. It helps pay for this project, and entitles members over 16 one vote in the annual election of the association's board of directors.

**VOLUNTEER!**

*Please contact me when help is needed.*

*The skills I'd like to offer are listed on the back...*

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

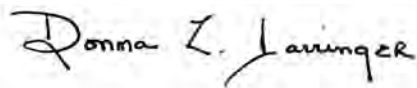
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Do you notice something new about the Spring 2010 edition of the *The Salem Courthouse Chronicle*? It has merged with the quarterly catalog which offers exciting programs at the Courthouse Community Center. The combined publication will be mailed 4 times each year providing up to the minute details. The catalog "centerfold" will have a separate color for easy identification and may be removed and posted for quick reference. The combined publication will streamline the duplicated effort and conserve mailing costs.

Also of note in this edition is the posting of new Board Members. Julie Moline, Sue Keyes and Robert Sellar have graciously agreed to serve on the 2010 Board replacing outgoing members, Jack Phillips, Karen Fronhofer and Bruce Ferguson. Jack Phillips served the Courthouse as President in 2004 and 2005 and held a position on the Board until the end of 2009. His wisdom and guidance have been a great asset to our organization and have helped us achieve many key goals including substantial funding from an EPF Grant and legislative grants. Bruce Ferguson has been a strong advocate of the Courthouse and has served on every Board since the initial Board was convened in 2002. Bruce also served as the first Treasurer, a position he held until the end of 2007. His support and influence have been instrumental in the continued growth and expansion of the organization, and he was most pleased

to see a long held desire come to fruition with the production of *Inherit the Wind* in the courtroom last fall. Karen Fronhofer joined the Board in 2008 providing valuable insight as the mother of young children. Her guidance influenced many of the exceptional programs offered to area children. The HSCPA Board is grateful to these inspiring individuals for their many contributions and dedication to the mission.

Change occurs in many different forms and is carried out in many ways. At the Courthouse Community Center, we are constantly seeking new approaches to serve the needs of the public while providing stimulating and entertaining programs and events. There is great excitement about the chamber music concert series being offered for the first time in the courtroom this spring. There is also a great "buzz" surrounding Al Fresco this year with the welcome assistance from the famous Cornell University Dining School whose chefs will create and oversee the preparation of new offerings on the menu. Change is good and always welcome here at the CCC! Please join the excitement and help us continue to expand the amazing initiative started back in 2002.



Donna Z. Farringer

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Donna Farringer  
**PROGRAM COORDINATOR/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Gail Bearup

### HSCPA OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## COMMUNITY GARDEN AT THE COURTHOUSE

The Courthouse Community Garden was an instant hit in 2009, its debut year, drawing interest from kids in the Salem Lunch & Learning Program (pictured here with State Assemblyman Tony Jordan) and providing fresh produce to the Salem Food Bank. The CCG Advisory Team meets monthly to plan this year's plantings, which will again feature herbs, vegetables, flowers and berries.

**Interested in volunteering this summer?**  
**Please contact us at (518) 854-7053.**

## 2009 ANNUAL APPEAL

It is with sincere thanks that the generous donors who supported the Courthouse in 2009 are acknowledged. The continued interest of these donors enables the many worthwhile endeavors at the Courthouse Community Center to continue.

Judy & Greg Aidala	Catherine Crank	Ellen & Gerrit Kouwenhoven	JoAnn & Bill Rose
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Warren Cardwell	Jackie Keren	Penelope Poor	Ann & Tim Whalen
Xavier Carroll	Sue Keyes	Kristen Preble	Mary Ellen Williams
Sara Jane & Al Cormier	Reginald Killmer II	Marcia & Charles Reiss	Tauno Wirkki
	Barbara & Ken Knutsen	Dolores Romack	Jerry & Joe Zerilli



Herb Perkins, HSCPA Vice President gives the chair lift a trial run.

## CHAIR LIFT EASES ACCESS TO OUR COURTROOM

A generous grant from the Washington County Home for Aged Women has allowed us to install a chair lift in the CCC

lobby. By gaining access to the second floor Courtroom, more community members have an opportunity to enjoy activities and events held at the Community Center.

The Easylift Stairlift Company, a family-owned business from Latham with a reputation for providing exceptional service, installed the chairlift. Owner of the company, Terry Farrigan is well aware of the many beneficial programs offered at our Community Center. Once she realized more funds were needed to complete the project, she generously contributed \$1,000 to make up the difference.

We are very grateful that the Washington County Home for Aged Women and the Easylift Stairlift Company have helped us make this much needed improvement.

## VIRTUAL TOUR OF COURTHOUSE & JAIL

Salem photographer Tom McMorris and his wife Jean have produced an informative guided tour of the Courthouse and Jail on DVD.

The video had its debut during the opening reception for Al Cormier's new Salem History Exhibit in the great hall on Thursday, March 4<sup>TH</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Copies are for sale at the Courthouse.

Narrating a script he wrote with information supplied by Al Cormier, Tom takes the viewer on a tour of the Courthouse and Jail, relating their history, architectural details, and the work of the Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Association.

The 6 minute 30 second video tour is on a continual loop so it can be used as an exhibit tool during special events.

Tom has owned and operated McMorris Photo for over 37 years. His web site at [www.mcmorrisphoto.com](http://www.mcmorrisphoto.com) includes local news and sports photos and videos, a community bulletin board, and links to web sites of area libraries and schools.



## CLUE

**CLUE: A Display of Salem History** is a fun and educational exhibit of old photographs, maps, books, documents, and other artifacts. This interactive display is available to all in the Great Hall during Salem Courthouse Community Center hours until **March 31<sup>ST</sup>**.

Become a sleuth and test your local history awareness. A clue for each of the 40 items may help you come up with the answers. If frustration sets in, answers are available on the back of the exhibit program. We look forward to seeing you!

A most enjoyable grand opening was held on March 4<sup>TH</sup> with Al Cormier, Town and Village Historian, graciously sharing his wisdom and answering questions. Many thanks go to Al and Gail Bearup for coordinating this intriguing display of Salem's history.



Front row: Vocalist Rebecca Butler, Drummer Jack McChesney. Back row: Self-accompanied vocalist Aaron Butler, and Boys 'R' Us barber-shop quartet with Bill Hooegeveen, Steve Prehoda, Paul Labas, Scott Varley.

## TRYOUTS FOR TALENT TRIALS

Auditions for the Seventh Annual Talent Trials will be held **Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11**, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Courthouse. Anyone wishing to audition or having scheduling conflicts should contact Dan Garfinkel at 854-9777 or Donna Farringer at the Courthouse.

The Talent Trials will be **Saturday, June 5<sup>TH</sup>, at 7 pm** at Fort Salem Theater. Contestants will be divided into youth, teen, and adult categories. The winner of each group will receive a performance development scholarship with Jay Kerr of the Fort Salem Theater, a former vocal instructor and musical theater writer in Manhattan.

Dr. Dan Garfinkel will once again be emcee and there will be special performances from last year's winners; Rebecca Butler, Jack McChesney, Aaron Butler, and Boys 'R' Us barbershop quartet with Bill Hooegeveen, Steve Prehoda, Paul Labas, and Scott Varley.



## OLD-FASHIONED SING-ALONG

The entertaining Moreau County Fun Band will be at the Courthouse once again on **Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm**. Seniors are welcome to join us for an old-fashioned sing-along with a reception to follow. There is no admission fee for this event.



The Shoppe Off Broadway is basking in the glow of a successful season in 2009. Due to the strength of continued donations from the community, the Shoppe met its objectives and even went beyond what was anticipated. As a result, many youth programs were supported in Salem. The Courthouse received funding which underwrote numerous youth programs and offered events at no charge. Other beneficiaries included the Salem Food Pantry, the Salem Festival Chorus and funding for a scholarship for a graduating Salem student. The Shoppe is grateful to the community for its continued support and the many dedicated volunteers. New Shoppe volunteers include Tiny Dunigan, Arlene Coldwell, Mary Emma Campbell and Pat Phillips. For information, please call 518-854-9090 and remember to "Shop the Shoppe"!



## BKI NEWS

The Battenkill Kitchen is pleased to announce the newest member of their family. Trish Kozal, a Shushan resident, was hired in January as the first BKI Manager – a paid part-time position. As Manager, Trish will be the main contact person for the kitchen and will be responsible for coordinating the 10 producers who currently use the facility. Anyone wishing to book time in the kitchen should contact Trish at 518-854-3032. She will gladly explain the BKI procedures to any potential producers and provide a tour of the kitchen.

The BKI will be offering two valuable workshops in association with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in May. On **Friday, May 21<sup>ST</sup> from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm** at Proudfit Hall, there will be a "Recipe to Market" workshop for individuals wishing to start a food manufacturing business. On **Saturday, May 22<sup>ND</sup> from 8:30 until 4 pm** in the Battenkill Kitchen, there will be a "Good Manufacturing Practices for the Production of Acidified ( Pickled ) Foods" workshop to provide practical training. Interested parties must register before May 14<sup>TH</sup>, and there is a fee of \$50 for each workshop. Contact Trish at the number provided above for additional information or to register.

## Courthouse Corner

WITH IRENE BALDWIN



### BILL EBERLE

*Man of Many Talents & Friend to the Courthouse*

Eighty-three year old Bill Eberle didn't flinch when the writer made the suggestion we climb the many stairs to the attic to check out the old bell that will eventually be placed at the top of the Courthouse. Ducking carefully so as not to bump our

heads, we each took the opportunity to pull the bell's rope and listen to its resonant ringing.

Bill was the first Courthouse President back in 2002 and has remained interested and involved in the building's restoration and rebirth. Eberle's thirty-five years as a patent attorney in New York City have been helpful in many aspects of his association with the Historic Courthouse.

Bill grew up in the western New York farming community of Lyndonville, a place similar to Salem. In 1975 the Eberle family, which includes wife Barbara, as well as three sons, a daughter, and now four grandchildren, settled into their farm, the old Collins' place on Scott's Lake Road. The Eberles soon became very fond of Salem. "We share the same values," said Bill. "The people here are agriculturally involved and good folks."

Bill disliked the idea of the Courthouse building being abandoned to the elements. He recognized that Salem needed a center for activities. "The Courthouse Community Center has more than exceeded my expectations for being accepted and supported by the community," said Bill.

Throughout his life, Bill has been a hiker. He and his wife spent their honeymoon camping in a pup tent on many sites along the eastern seaboard. Bill told the story of how he and Barbara met. His Cornell roommate's girlfriend had a sister... but all that is history! Bill's love and tender care for his wife is evident and inspiring.

Bill's avid interest in genealogy has uncovered many interesting items about his family. He learned that his great, great, grandfather on his mother's side lost an arm in battle during the Civil War. That didn't stop this ancestor from buying 100 acres in Steuben County on the southern tier, clearing it, and bringing a bride home to be his partner.

An interest in Scottish culture led Bill to mastering the art of bagpiping. Eberle found it challenging to learn how to play and maintain perfect pitch. He and his son Andrew spent two idyllic weeks touring the Scottish countryside together.

Bill's family knows how important the Courthouse and its success are to him. Daughter Beth sends a donation in his name each year on her father's birthday.