

Frontenac Historical Society and Museum

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Excitement About Potential Support Through DRI Program!



The Frontenac Historical Society & Museum is embarking on our most ambitious project yet – an effort which will protect our building and collection while also making our facility more comfortable and accessible for our visitors, our guests, our volunteers, and our donors. We think of this project as our great leap forward and we very much hope you will want to join us to enhance and improve our participation in village life.

You may have read about a 10-million dollar Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant that was received by the villages of Cayuga, Union Springs, and Aurora. We are applying for a portion of that grant to help us accomplish the following objectives:

Improve the exterior appearance of our building resulting in increased visitors and tourism and attendance through enhanced lighting, improved acoustics, and attractive signage.

Protect the vulnerable and valuable collection of local artifacts of the towns of Ledyard, Aurelius, Fleming, Springport and the Village of Union Springs through improved temperature and humidity control.

Secure the safety and comfort of all visitors and volunteers by the addition of air conditioning, enhanced lighting to ensure safe entry and egress from the building.

Increase security by replacing and upgrading windows.

Reduce carbon footprint with energy efficient windows and installation of air conditioning.

Reduce potential for basement flooding and mold incursion by grading and paving of the driveway to direct rainwater and snow melt away from the building's foundation.

These upgrades and improvements will cost more than any other project we have attempted, and we cannot count on the DRI grant for all that money. Indeed, our success in seeking DRI funding is likely to be enhanced by raising funds from other sources, thereby demonstrating the enthusiasm and commitment of our board and the community for this project.

Currently we are in the process of obtaining firm estimates on the work to be done. For this reason, we cannot detail our specific costs just yet, but we believe the total project will come to about \$210,000. We are just beginning our funding campaign but are very hopeful we can raise about one tenth or \$21,000 from other sources to augment the major funding we hope to receive from the DRI grant.

Your donation and assistance for the Frontenac would mean so much to us and we would be both pleased and honored with your support at this critical starting point for what we expect will be a project to propel us into a much more inclusive and energetic future of exhibits and programs to provide education and enjoyment to our visitors.

We ask that you please note DRI on your contribution so that it may properly be recorded. Thank you for your contributions in the past, and in anticipation of your continuing partnership now and into the future.

Oh No! Christmas in July? HELP!

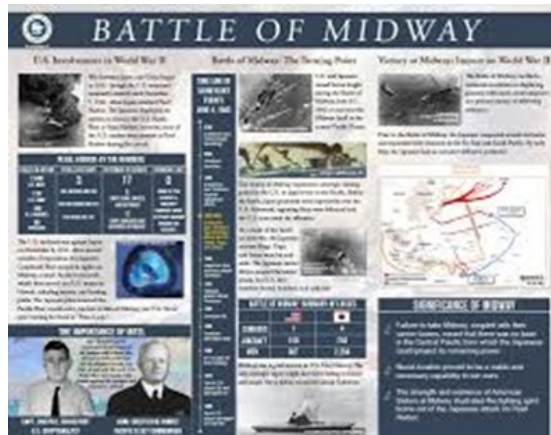
No, we're not Hallmark and this is not a Hallmark commercial, but we are planning our annual Christmas tree at the Agricultural Museum this December, and we need your help now. An idea from a Hallmark Christmas movie is behind our plan for the 2024 tree. The movie is *Mystery on Mistletoe Lane* that involves secrets in an old house and saving the local historical society from demise. The story included a community event in which local families brought snapshots of their own Christmases to decorate the community Christmas Tree.



The Frontenac Museum has been recognized for our consistent connection to the nature of our organization, which is history, in the themes of the trees we exhibit. Last year it was local architecture, the year before lake history, and the year before that, historical markers in the area. The idea of a tree decorated with historic family pictures at Christmas fits right in with that concept. We now have the advantage of technology, so we don't have to have people bring a picture to the museum. Instead, we are asking our constituents to submit pictures of family Christmas pictures from previous decades via email, text messages via phone, Facebook, or any other option available. Send several. You can even bring them to the museum when we are open, and we will make a copy for you. We are particularly interested in pictures from the 1940's to 1980's. Pictures of family groups, individuals, or events like school and church plays—mostly informal pictures, even of individuals. Please label the pictures as to date and the names. And please visit the Agricultural Museum during the 2024 Holiday Season. It is a wonderful way to add history to your family tradition. Please visit...and vote for our tree!



COLLECTION OF WWII INFORMATIONAL POSTERS FINDS A NEW HOME



While cleaning and organizing the basement area earlier this year, the Museum's curating team came across a sizable bundle of posters related to World War II. After some discussion, it was decided that these fascinating posters would fare better in an environment with room for display to an audience with an interest in military history.

A few weeks later, Curator Jen Soucy stopped at the Office of Donations at the Syracuse VA Hospital and inquired as to their interest in the posters. She is happy to report that the VA Hospital was delighted to get them and have pledged to either display them in Syracuse or pass them along to a more suitable facility.

Help the Frontenac Museum Meet Its DRI Goal of \$21,000

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail Gifts to Frontenac Museum, PO Box 338, Union Springs, NY 13160 OR access our website: www.frontenacmuseum.org and donate thru PayPal.

Remember to put "DRI contribution" on your check or note so it can be properly recorded.

The Frontenac Museum is a qualified not-for-profit 501C(3) organization and your contribution may be tax deductible.

**Frontenac Historical Society & Museum
2023 Annual Membership Meeting
August 18, 2024 at 6:30pm**

The annual membership meeting to receive the President's report and Treasurer's financial report will be held at the museum located at 178 Cayuga Street, Union Springs. The meeting will start at 6:30pm prior to the August 18th program *Tales of Lake Salvage* which will begin at 7pm.

Potential new board members and current members agreeing to another 3-year term will be voted upon, and if elected will immediately be sworn into office. Potential members are: Claire Morehouse, Patty Myska and Bud Shattuck. Current board members for re-election are BJ Bellen, Jean Lanning, Eric Rosenkrans and Karen Shockey.

Your attendance is appreciated.

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