

FRONTENAC HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM



Spring 2018



GRAND OPENING OF THE SUMMER PROGRAM SERIES
May 20, 2018 ~1pm-4pm
OPEN HOUSE



Please join us for the 2018 season opening event at the Frontenac Museum as we honor and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

Greeters will be dressed in period attire as they welcome you. A continuous showing of WWI information and pictures will be provided by Professor John Lamphere of Cayuga Community College. Displays to commemorate the 100th anniversary will be throughout the Museum. A scavenger hunt for children and adults will be a great way to learn about the museum and its contents. World War I period music will be provided. The newest exhibit on the Hamlet of Mapleton will be a sure stop on your visit, as well as viewing the many artworks by local artists along the corridor walls. The remainder of the exhibit rooms will be open, including Native American artifacts, war memorabilia, former pharmacy cures and information. Doctors will be in each of the five exhibit areas to answer questions and point out interesting pieces. And finally, enjoy refreshments with friends and neighbors!

LOOK AT OUR NUMBERS!

The Museum is Open from May 20th to October 20th this year. The open hours are 1 to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. It is a wonderful time to visit the Museum and view exhibits and local historical information. There are many rooms to visit including the Union Springs Room, the School Room, the War Room, and the Native American Room. The hallways are replete with beautiful paintings from local artists and the Community room has many exciting displays as well.

Last year the Museum welcomed almost 350 visitors to the Museum exhibits and its Lecture Series. Volunteers partnered with Union Springs Schools to participate in "Read Across America" and to introduce students to "Old Fashioned Games". "Read Across America" is sponsored by Kohl's Department Store.

Volunteers are the backbone of maintaining the Museum and last year gave over 1,000 hours to maintain the property and the exhibits. Our Board of Directors has 17 volunteers who give much in terms of hours, ideas and direction to continuously improve the Museum. If you are interested in history, we would like to have you join us either as a Board Director or volunteer.

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Call the Museum at 315-889-7273 and share your interest with us. Examples of help are water flowers in the spring, assist with spring cleaning, help with exhibits, assist with outside property maintenance. Or, let us know your special interest or talent.

Keeping the Museum open and refreshed comes with support from you, our members. Please renew your membership if you have not done so already or increase your voluntary contribution so that continuing repairs and exhibits can be funded. Currently, we have three grants requested and we await their response and support. The Village of Union Springs and the Town of Springport support the Museum and we are considered a tourist stop on the Cayuga County Heritage Trail entitled "Odd, Quirky & Offbeat".

Our Program Series starts on **May 20th** with an **OPEN HOUSE**. Come and see who we are and what we do to continue maintaining the history of our area.



JOIN US!

Join the interesting and exciting events that take place at the Frontenac and send in your membership for 2018. If you would like to make a special or memorial gift, contact the Museum at (315) 889-7273.

Membership Levels (please circle one)

Basic Individual One-Year Membership	\$10
Basic Family One-Year Membership	\$15
Bronze Level Community Activist	\$25
Silver Level Community Leader	\$50
Gold Level Community Angel	\$75
Platinum Level Community Star	\$100
Special Donation in memory of:	

Please create my/our membership in the Frontenac Historical Society for 2018.

Name: _____
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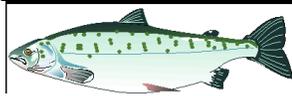
Make checks payable to Frontenac Historical Society and Museum and mail to PO Box 338, Union Springs, NY 13160.

The Frontenac is a qualified not-for-profit 501©(3) organization, and contributions may be tax deductible.

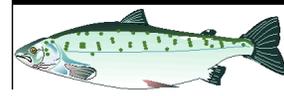
The membership Year runs from January 1st to December 31st, 2018.

DOUG'S FISH FRY IS COMING

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well-known Doug's Fish Fry will be in in front of the gazebo on **July 2nd** to Frontenac Museum. At the same



Union benefit time,

the Board will be sponsoring a bake sale and raffle to generate additional funds to support the Museum. However, we need members who are willing to bake and bring their delicacy to the sale. MacKenzie Childs has generously donated a special gift for our raffle and here is a chance to own one of their beautiful products. Our table will be set up beside the Fish Fry van and staffed by volunteer members. Come to purchase a fish fry and a delicious baked good for dessert. Looking forward to seeing you!

JULY 14TH CHICKEN BBQ

A chicken BBQ will be held on **July 14th** in front of Trinity United Church of Christ. The Museum receives the funds from the sale after food expenses have been recovered. The Union Springs Lion's Club is generous to several non-profit organizations in the community by organizing, setting up and grilling the chicken for the BBQ's throughout the summer season. The Museum is grateful for this opportunity. Museum members will be "on the line" serving chicken, potatoes, baked beans and rolls. Please come and enjoy this summer treat!

THANK YOU—TOWN OF SPRINGPORT!

The Town of Springport recently discovered several historic documents in their vault. The Springport Board and Jennifer Schenck and Tiffany Potter, from the Town Office, recognized the importance of these documents and reached out to the Frontenac Museum to determine our interest. As a result, we are now in possession of the following: (1) Book of Chattel Mortgages covering the years 1887-1942. (2) Two bound books of the Overseer of the Poor. (3) 1865 Civil War Record. (4) 1939 map of Frontenac Island. (5) Maps of the six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. (6) 1859 map of Cayuga County. (7) Map of Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. (8) Updated physical map of Cayuga County. It is our honor to preserve these items and make them accessible to the public.

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!

Would you consider giving an afternoon of your time on Saturday or Sunday to open the Museum to visitors? The Museum is open from 1-4pm every weekend from mid-May to mid-October. Docents or guides are needed to assure residents and tourists can view the attractive displays. You do not need knowledge of local history; however, you are certainly welcome to share any information or anecdotes you might know about our community or the exhibits. If visitors have a question about the displays, donating items or genealogy, you need only to take their contact information and leave a note and someone will get back to the individual within one to two weeks.

Orientation with another docent will be planned, and you are encouraged to bring a friend with you if you wish. This truly is an interesting and rewarding experience. Just one afternoon of your time would be appreciated. To volunteer or for information, please call the Museum at 889-7273 and leave your name and number. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this wonderful opportunity.

DID YOU KNOW?

On July 18, 1930, NYS Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt decided to tour the Barge Canal System on his yacht. He began his journey in Albany and sailed the length of the Barge Canal and Cayuga Lake on his way to Ithaca.

The governor stopped at Cayuga Lake State Park, where he addressed a crowd of about 2,000 people. Throngs of people visited the Pavilion's dance floor and porches. Police officers sought to keep the audience back from the surrounding veranda, fearing the structure might collapse!

People on this side of the lake hoped to catch a glimpse of Mr. Roosevelt's yacht. The original plan called for his yacht to come close to shore, where the governor would be welcomed with a speech by the mayor of Union Springs and the presentation of flowers, etc. Unfortunately, due to the shallowness of the water, the yacht could not approach the shoreline. Therefore, Bob "Doc" Doremus, a teenager at the time, was quickly appointed to take Mayor Harry S. Clark, Margaret Bradley, and other local dignitaries in Mrs. Bradley's boat to dock near Frontenac Island, where the governor's yacht had dropped anchor. Bob steered the boat to the island and tied up alongside Mr. Roosevelt's vessel. Mrs. Roosevelt came up on deck and graciously accepted the flowers and a platter of Mrs. Bradley's prized date nut bread. The Roosevelts were delighted with the gifts from the people of Union Springs. The Roosevelts' sons came up on deck, too, and visited with Bob. They asked if there was good fishing in the lake and what one might expect to catch. Then the Roosevelt party continued south and landed at Aurora, where many people from Union Springs had driven in their cars, hoping to catch a closer look at the governor.

MARGARET BRADLEY'S DATE NUT BREAD RECIPE

Makes one loaf.



- 1 c. chopped dates
- 1 c. boiling water (or the juice of an orange, if desired)
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 T. butter
- ¾ c. white sugar
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 egg, separated
- Pinch of salt
- 1¾ c. sifted white flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- ¾ c. chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Line the bottom of a 9 ½" loaf pan with waxed paper or parchment paper. In a medium mixing bowl, pour boiling water over the chopped dates. Stir in baking soda, let stand for 5 minutes. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Stir in vanilla, beaten egg yolk and salt. Stir in flour, baking powder, walnuts and dates. Mix well. Turn batter into lined loaf pan. [Sprinkle with white sugar, if desired.] Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes to one hour. Carefully remove from the pan and lay on its side on a cooling rack.

WANTED:

The Museum requests gently used cabinets for the basement area. Also, there has been a request for outdated phonebooks.

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