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NEW HANCOCK HOUSE EXHIBIT

The Hancock House, at the Monument, in Ticonderoga will exhibit "Hudson River School Artists: Lake George, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondacks" from June 22 through July 31 in the Harmon Art Gallery.

Residents and summer visitors alike will have an opportunity to view our beautiful region through the eyes of nineteenth-century American painters. Featured will be noted Hudson River School artists William Hart, Arthur Fitzwilliam Tait, Aaron Draper Shattuck, William Rickarby Miller, Frank Anderson, John Bunyan Bristol, Edmund C. Coates, John Henry Hill and others. The six-week exhibit brings together beautiful works that feature scenes of Lake George, Lake Champlain, and the surrounding Adirondack Mountains. Black Mountain, Tongue Mountain, Sabbath Day Point, the Keene Valley, the Ausable River, Lake Champlain, and Long Lake served as inspiration for these important American artists.

The guest curator for this exhibit is Stuart Cartwright of Cartwright Fine Art in Wayland, MA. Mr. Cartwright, a longtime summer resident of Hague, says, "I'm very excited to bring these beautiful paintings to the Lake this summer. We found a few surprises including a magnificent John Bunyan Bristol and two John Henry Hill watercolors that jump off the paper even after 140 years."

He notes that an unprecedented number of fine works featuring Adirondack scenes have appeared on the New York and Boston art markets. This is due in some measure to the exhibition "Painting Lake George" at The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls. Bringing major art works to Ticonderoga from galleries in New York City and Boston, Mr. Cartwright hopes to extend the enthusiasm for the Hudson River School artists from Glens Falls to the Northern Lake George and Lake Champlain regions.

The Ticonderoga museum is open from Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no cost to enter the museum, but visitors are encouraged to make a donation to the Ticonderoga Historical Society. Additional information about the exhibit may be found at <www.thehancockhouse.org>.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers are desperately needed for Meals on Wheels. If you have a few hours to spare once a week to deliver meals to our friends and neighbors in Hague, we would love to hear from you. Two of our devoted drivers have had to leave the program and we need to replace them as soon as possible. Contact Jane Crammond at 543-8054 for more information.

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild has two events scheduled for late June.

On June 26, members will treat the public to "Sundaes on Sunday," a chance to create your own fantastic combination of sauces for ice cream and enjoy the treat before enjoying music, playing games, having your face painted or your caricature drawn. The price is \$5 per person and the event will be held from 2-4pm under the Festival Guild tent on the Town Green on Montcalm St.

On June 28 at 7:30PM, the annual Gospel Hymn Sing will be held. Local choirs will share their music, the audience will participate, and the program will conclude with the traditional Battle Hymn of the Republic. This event is free to all and a basket will be passed for contributions.

The regular concert season starts on July 5 at 8PM under the tent with "The Brits" presenting Beatles music who will also perform for the free Children's Arts Trek at 10:30AM on July 6. Tickets for the Tuesday concert are \$10.

On July 12 and 13, "Simple Gifts" will take the stage for the concert and Arts Trek. This duo from Pennsylvania will sing folk music from around the world using eleven instruments.

July 19 will bring "Alien Folklife", an Albany-area couple, to Ticonderoga with their humorous songs and melodious ballads. The July 20 Arts Trek will feature "The Lost Dragon" performed by the Puppet People, with rod puppets, a 7 foot dragon and a life-sized knight. This story addresses the issues of stereotyping, diversity, and friendships.

For further info, call the Guild office at 585-6716.

HAGUE SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Award luncheon for Warren County's Contributing Senior of the Year, Janet Hoffay, was held at Echo Lake Lodge in Warrensburg with 200 in attendance and a cheering section for Janet of 21 proud family members & friends. Hague Supervisor Dan Belden and his wife, Janice, both Senior Club Members, were there. and Dan was seated at the head table with other County & Town Officials along with the Honorees. Dan's speech was filled with many warm accolades for Janet & framed awards were given to her from NY State, Warren County & the Town of Hague. Certainly, this was a day Janet Hoffay will always remember.

May's "Swinging Senior" luncheon catered by Burleigh's Cafe was enjoyed by many. Our monthly business meeting was filled with final plans for the Memorial Day Celebration. All those Seniors wearing red sweatshirts with the white H's at the parade on Saturday were Club Members doing their share to give Hague their "Day to Remember". These Seniors deserve a pat on the back and big "Thank You".

Also in May we celebrated the birthday of Marguerite West, one of our "Elite 90's Club" members, and presented her with flowers & a cake (which we all shared, of course). At the same time, we celebrated as a Club, Janet Hoffay's recent County Senior Award. Member, Chip Devenger presented Janet with an award from Silver Bay Association & the Club presented her with flowers, a photo album & a cake (yes, that too was shared by all)! It was a fun gathering.

June's meeting will be Tuesday, June 28th, 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Guest Speaker will be Lynn Osterberg of The Alzheimer's Association NENY. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us. Also, we will be making plans for our August Picnic and for our fall outing.

Just a reminder - The Seniors always have the Welcome Mat out for new members. We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month (except in July) and anyone 55+ may join - the annual membership is \$5.00. Hope to see you soon. mp.

NEW BUSINESS VENTURE

On Tuesday, June 7th, about 50 people attended the grand opening of the Hague satellite real estate office of the Ticonderoga Century 21 with refreshments hosted by Countryside Mortgage. Jacob Stephan, Century 21 Chief Operating Officer, came from the state of Washington to cut the red ribbon.

Joan Miller has opened this new office in the downtown area in the space formerly used as a bagel shop and ice-cream store. In addition to real estate, Mrs. Miller is using the building for an antique shop. Known as "The Millers, Antiques and Gifts", she is featuring Ruth Rumney paintings, many items for ladies of the Red Hat Society, depression glass and other collectibles.

Mrs. Miller plans to keep both the real estate office and the antique shop open year round. The summer hours will be daily from 9am to 5 pm. For further information, call 543-6001.

SEEN ABOUT TOWN

The distinguished members of the "Old Men's Philosophical Society" have been sighted having their regular morning coffee and discussion at the Uptown Store. Perhaps as the weather improves, they will be seen on the tennis court, golf course or out on the Lake sailing!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE WINNERS

The Family Funfest at the Town Beach was a success with ongoing music followed by the 63-Unit Parade with great bands, Memorial Jeeps, Shriners, clowns, mini horses, classic cars, and impressive float themes. Special thanks to the judges Joyce Barker, The Martin Agency; Craig Lonergan, Lonergan's Antiques; and Dr. John McDonald, Ti Superintendent of Schools and to the Parade Announcer & "All Day Music Man" Steve Pelkey, WOKO Radio.

The winners of the Memorial Day Parade float contest were "The Locust Inn B&B" by The Dunns & Ginns for the Most Creative; "Abe Lincoln" by The DeFrancos for the Most Patriotic; "Youth in America" by the Mannings & Troops for Best Youth Presentation; and "Adirondack Leisure" by The Hague Senior Citizens Club for Best in Parade. Honorable Mention/Adult went to the "Statue of Liberty" by The Rotary Club and Honorable Mention/Youth went to the Hague Fish & Game Club.

After the parade, the Memorial Service was held in the Town Park beginning with a welcome from Supervisor Dan Belden. Following his remarks was the guest speaker, Nelson Waters with "Remembering Memorial Day" coupled with Debbie Reid singing her own composition "Go To Sleep My Weary Soldier." Prayers were led by Sr. Fran Huselbeck & Rev. Jim Scudder, Words of Dedication were given by Frank Koenig, American Legion & Chris Swinton, Hague Fire Chief and the drum roll was presented by the Fort Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps.

Madeline Pelkey, Hague Senior Citizen President and Chairwoman of the Parade Committee, thanks all who supported, participated or helped in any way with Hague's Memorial Day Celebration including The Town of Hague, Hague Chamber of Commerce, NLG Rotary Club, The Kiwanis Club, Stewarts Shops, Walmart, Ti Dollar Store & many private donors.

Special thanks also go to Hague VFD for capping the day's celebration with their popular old fashioned chicken barbecue.

Special events in Hague over the Fourth of July weekend start with an Art Show (featuring Marianne Kuhn, Jim Craner, Jerry Shelton and Jim O'Toole) at Hague Creek Antiques from 7 - 9 PM on Friday, July 1st sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the Hague Fish & Game Club will hold a Flea Market from 9 AM - 5 PM at the Clubhouse off West Hague Road and a Chicken Barbecue from 1 - 8 PM.

Then on Sunday, July 3rd, the Chamber will present "Elvis in the Park" at the Town Beach at 8 PM followed by a fireworks spectacular over the water hosted by the Town of Hague starting at 9:30 PM.

WITH THE CHAMBER

The Hague Chamber of Commerce has elected new officers and made plans for an active year. The Co-Presidents are Karen Laundree and David Dunn, the treasurer is Sal Santaniello, co-secretaries are Carol Pittman and Carolyn Dunn, and the County liaison is Mark Martucci.

The May meeting featured Paul Kaza, head of the firm hired by Warren County to market and promote the county. Paul and his director of public relations, Rachel Carter, gave an update on steps being taken at the county level and made suggestions on ways to promote Hague. Paul mentioned that you "can never have too much photography" and to that end the Chamber will soon be initiating a photo contest.

The Chamber is encouraging any community member interested in helping promote the community and support the work of the Chamber to become an Associate Member for a yearly fee of \$25. The Chamber meets at 7 pm at the Community Center on the third Monday of each month.

During July the Chamber will hold a Mixer/Monthly meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, July 18th at the Northern Lake George Resort, Lakeshore Drive, Silver Bay. This get-together will be an open session for networking among business owners and associate members including a short (15 - 20 min) business meeting.

In addition to the Fourth of July events, the Chamber will also be sponsoring the annual Hague Antiques Fair from 10 AM - 4 PM on Saturday and Sunday, July 16th and 17th at the Hague Community Center.

TICONDEROGA REUNION

The Ticonderoga Alumni Association is sponsoring the second All-Alumni Reunion Weekend Extravaganza, this summer on July 29th-31st. Many activities are scheduled for this weekend including an art show, local tours of the town and school, boat trips, athletic tournaments, and entertainment in the park. Look for the schedule of events in the Times of Ti or on <www.ticonderogaalumni.com>.

Grace Memorial Chapel in Sabbath Day Point, which first held services in 1885, has announced its summer schedule. All services begin at 10am. On June 26 the first service for this season will be conducted by The Rev. Peter Durkee, Retired: United Presbyterian Church, Olmsteadville, NY. Subsequent services in July will be held by The Rev. Robert B. Marr, Retired: United Church of Christ, Suffolk, VA on July 3; Dr. John Paterson, Retired: United Presbyterian Church, Barre, VT on July 10; The Rev. Bruce Tamlyn, Chaplain, Silver Bay Association on July 17; and Dr. Thornton Penfield, Retired Professor of English, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA on July 24.

On Saturday, July 16, the Silver Bay String Quartet will perform in Grace Memorial Chapel at 8PM. The public is invited to attend. A free will donation will be accepted.

TICONDEROGA TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Town Wide Lawn & Garage Sale," to be held on July 2nd and 3rd. They will produce and distribute a map and pamphlet to highlight the locations of those who wish to list their sale. Listings are \$5.00, which will cover printing and distribution costs. Information must be submitted to the Chamber's 94 Montcalm Street office by Friday, June 10th. For more details, call Jean Wood at 585-7895 or Tabitha Wood at 585-9172, or the Ti Chamber at 585-6619.

WILDERNESS EXPLORATION TRIPS

The Cornell University Cooperative Extension 4-H Program is conducting two, three-day Wilderness Exploration trips which are open to both 4-H and non 4-H youth. The first trip scheduled July 19-21 is for 9-11 year olds and cost is \$12.00 per participant.

The second trip scheduled July 6-8 is for 12-15 year olds and cost for this trip is \$28.00 per participant.

The trips are well chaperoned and are under the leadership of an experienced Adirondack Guide with certification as an Advanced Wilderness First Aide. To pre-register, or for more information, contact the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Education Center, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885 Phone 623-3291 or 668-4881. Register by 7/1/05.

TOWN OF HAGUE GARAGE SALE

The Town of Hague is sponsoring a townwide garage sale on August 6, 2005 from 10AM - 4:30PM. Maps to locations of sales will be provided at the Community Center, Visitor Center and local businesses. To be a part of this program and to be listed on the map, please call 543-6161 by July 7, 2005. NO FEE IS REQUIRED.

The Catholic Community of Hague will hold a Giant Garage Sale Saturday and Sunday, July 16,17 from 8-2. They will be offering a wide range from books to appliances, household items, furniture to tents, everything and anything but clothing. For information or pickup call the DeLarms at 543-6444 or the LaCourses at 585-6236.

SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING - 5/24/05

Chairman David Swanson opened the meeting at 3:05 pm with Rolly Allen, Pam Peterson, John Brown, Cathy Clark and Tim Costello present and Peter Foster absent.

The Planning Board recommended to the Zoning Board of Appeals approval of a variance by PHELPS (43.5-2-38), Dock Rd, Hamlet and added the following conditions to their site plan approval: 1) No new construction shall occur over the water or beyond the mean high water mark. 2) The increase in height shall be no more than 7 feet from the existing height and the total height shall not be more than 36 feet. 3) The ridge line of the new construction shall be perpendicular to the road as per the plans submitted. 4) Because of its lakeside location, the owner is encouraged to use an earth tone finish on the outside of the house. 5) The environmental concerns shall be taken care of to the satisfaction of the ZEO.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/26/05

Chairman Robert Goetsch and members Bruce Clark, Mary Lou Doulin, Martin Fitzgerald, George Ianson, Tina King and Bill Pittman were present.

PHELPS (43.5-2-38), Dock Rd, TR-1.

The applicant wishes to add a second story above the existing house. Although the proposed addition will be further back from the Lake than the existing portion of the house, and will be entirely within the footprint of the existing house, it will be within the required 50 foot shoreline setback and within the required side setback dimensions. Applicant has scaled back the additional square footage and the height from what was submitted in the original application.

The new height is 36 ft from the lowest point on the ground to the highest point on the house. This is an additional height of 7 ft from the previous 29 ft. but lower than the original plans first submitted to the Planning Board. The new plans address a concern by the APA. The new structure will come up to about the level of the road. There will be a reverse gable so the roofline will be perpendicular to the road rather than parallel.

The existing building occupies 57% of the land which is no change. The dirt road is owned by the Town but their property goes up to Rt. 9N (Lakeshore Drive).

The ZBA must consider the following questions when granting a variance. a. Will an undesirable change be produced in the character of the neighborhood or to the detriment of nearby properties? b. Can the benefit sought by the applicant be achieved by some method feasible to the applicant other than an area variance? c. Is the requested variance substantial? d. Will the proposed variance have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district? e. Is the alleged difficulty self-created?

The members were divided on whether or not the criteria for a variance was met. The variance was approved 4-3 with yes votes from Ianson, Pittman, Fitzgerald and Goetsch and no votes from Doulin, Clark and King.

PLANNING BOARD - 6/2/05

Chairman Swanson and members Rolly Allen, Tim Costello, Pam Peterson and Cathy Clark were present and Peter Foster and John Brown were absent.

SUBDIVISION: BENEDUCE (42-1-23.1), Dodd Hill Rd, TR-1

The applicant wishes to subdivide his property into a major 11-lot subdivision. Discussion continued on the sketch plan review of the proposal.

Along Dodd Hill Road driveways should be placed in order to improve the sight distance. A suggestion was made that 100 ft on either side of the 1100 ft stream at the back of the large lot to be retained by Mr. Beneduce be left open to the residents of the sub-division as a recreation or non-development area. There is an alternate provision for a monetary amount which would have to be recommended by the Planning Board and then established by the Town Board. There continue to be questions on the part of the ZEO and Boards as to the exact nature of this provision and definitions contained in it.

Rolly Allen suggested that the only tree clearing done should be that necessary for building the houses. ZEO Bailey interpreted that once the lots are created "we are out of the subdivision regulations and into zoning and there is no such requirement in zoning for tree preservation except along the shoreline." Mr. Allen felt that whether it is a requirement or not, this is the time to come to an agreement with the developer to put in deed restrictions.

The Board approved (5-0) the sketch plan with the following suggestions:

- 1) 100 ft on either side of the brook (stream) be set aside for open space
- 2) No development on lots 1 & 2 beyond the stone wall
- 3) Restrictions on cutting on each lot

SUBDIVISION: RAGOT (42.20-1-6), Lakeshore Drive (across from Cape Cod), TR-2

Robert Ragot appeared to continue the sketch plan review of a proposal submitted in February to subdivide a 7.73 acre parcel (which is currently in the Cape Cod Association) into 4 lots - 3 of 1.1 acres and the other of 4.43 acres.

The Board discussed some of their observations at a site visit. There was much concern about the lot with the very steep slope, the flooding area and the design of the lots. There remains a landlocked building (owned by Korot) on the property which needs to be given access to Lakeshore Drive. A question was raised as to the inclusion of the common road in the 1.1 acres. Mr. Ragot will resubmit his sketch plan considering the comments and with a clear definition of the egress for the 3 lots.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: HINES (26.14-1-5), Friends Point, South, TR-1

The applicant was given approval for minor modifications to the roofline of the existing house and modification to the existing entrance.

ZONING CHANGE: MAIARO (42-1-9), Decker Hill Rd. (25.4-1-41), Fitzgerald Rd. OC-2

The applicant has requested a change in zoning within the Special Commercial Use Zone to be a consistent 2.9 acres. A letter was received from APA indicating such a change may be possible. The APA would have to hold a Public Hearing and send notices to all affected parties. It would be subject to the SEQRA review as a Type 1 project. The lead agency would be the APA with the Town as the sponsor.

The Town Board will have to make the decision but asked the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board felt that to make all the properties in the commercial zone have the same requirement probably makes sense, that other landowners affected by the change should be consulted, the issue of costs should be considered and the Town should hold a public hearing before submitting the proposal to the APA.

Under new business, Cathy Clark asked about the need for Planning Board approval for change of use for any new commercial ventures in the hamlet. ZEO Bailey needs to have a way to be made aware of these issues. Ms. Clark also reiterated her request that proposals be given to the Planning Board in a timely fashion in order to minimize the number of meetings that are necessary. Councilman Gladu suggested that they work on a process modification according to a plan that ZEO Bailey has submitted to Chairman Swanson.

Under other business, Councilman Gladu handed out a document "Parkland Requirements for Major Subdivisions". He suggested that the Planning Board has to put together a definition and set of criteria for the recreational needs of the Town which can be used as a comparison for subdivision requests. The zoning code seems to be driven by the "incomprehensible comprehensive plan" and it was suggested that the problem is larger than just recreation and needs to be addressed by the Town.

BICENTENNIAL FALLS IN TICONDEROGA



photo by Bruce Clark

All members were present including Supervisor Dan Belden, and Councilmen Bob Patchett, Dick Gladu, Lu Megow and Rudy Meola.

After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held for Pat Duell Frasier.

During the Privilege of the floor, Donna Van Wirt lamented that there was "no community effort to bring people together (and that there) was fighting over little issues ... when we should be working together."

Tom LaPointe expressed concern about the enforcement of the junkyard law. He mentioned one property that had been cited but had yet to clean up the area and that an oil tank was being drained there. Town Justice Knott has granted delays which has extended the time for enforcement. He would like to see the property cleaned up and has offered to help but it seemed that it would be delayed now until August. The Board agreed to have ZEO Bailey contact the DEC to look at the suspect liquid.

A Public Hearing was held on a proposal from the Planning Board and ZEO to eliminate the word "attics" from the definition of square footage in the zoning code. The code currently allows a lawful nonconforming structure to be enlarged up to 25% of its existing square footage. The Board later tabled the proposal until they get additional information as to why it is needed and what effect it would have for the Town or for the property owner.

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu reported that the equalization rate will be 97% but based on sales this year, it may be only 85% next year so another revaluation may have to be considered. It was clarified from a previous meeting that a NY State land assessment increase of \$16,507,450 was left off the school district tax roles for the 2004 - 2005 school year. This omission resulted in the district tax payers in Hague and Ticonderoga paying \$165,783.66 more for that period. That money (\$165,783.66), was treated as a fund balance revenue transfer from 2004 - 2005 and used to offset the tax levy for the whole school district for the 2005 - 2006 school year.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - Councilman Megow reported that the water problem in the Community Center will be taken care of next month and approval was given for \$1500 for needed dehumidifiers and fans.

Highway - Don Smith, Highway Superintendent reported that the equipment inventory is complete and a video inventory is needed for the insurance company. He noted that all the roads that were done last year were holding in the current rainy weather. The Board acknowledged the good job the Highway department did in helping with the repairs to the pier at the Town Boat launch.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - The Board received a written report from the ZEO. A motion to hire a temporary assistant to cover the ZEO's office for 1/2 day when he was "out in the field" was supported by Gladu and Belden but opposed by Megow, Patchett and Meola who questioned the necessity and wanted a report from the Personnel committee.

Town Park/Beautification - Councilman Meola reported that there was still a need for summer staff due to a change in staff plans.

Youth- Councilman Meola reported that 10 Hague youth will participate in the Silver Bay program.

Under unfinished business, the Board

1. Decided to "solicit indication of interest from persons who already do it (serve papers)."
2. Heard a verbal report from Councilmen Gladu and Patchett on the subdivision requirements for parkland and recreation land. The discussion went in several directions and (apparently) a committee was appointed to continue the research and submit a written report.
3. Approved a bid from Peter Reale to install streetlights.
4. Approved the employment of Mr. Dufault to water the downtown flowers.

Under communications, the Board

1. Acknowledged receipt of an inquiry about the sewer being a different system than what was voted on. A response indicated that the Board approved any changes.
2. Acknowledged receipt of an inquiry about the closing of the transfer station on Sundays (except July and August).

Under new business, the Board

1. Heard a sewer extension update report.
2. Approved \$4900 for landfill post closure environmental monitoring services.
3. Approved resolution #49 accepting additional occupancy tax revenue.
4. Approved resolution #50 on sewer use EDU changes.
5. Approved attendance for two for water quality conference in August.
6. Approved a town wide garage sale for 8/16/05.
7. Approved a request for bed tax monies of \$3000 for the Chamber of Commerce for marketing and a computer for the visitor center.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Belden reported that he voted in the majority in opposition to the addition to the Warren County jail.



Ethel Andrus, Town Historian

photo by Judy Stock

For official minutes and other items of Town interest, see the website at <townofhague.org>

When the Hague Community Center was constructed in 1989 on the site of the former Hague Central School, the Town of Hague set aside space for an historical room. Under the care of the long-time historian, Clifton West, the historical room grew into a museum. Mr. West presided over the museum on a daily basis until his death in July 2001.

Because the one room dedicated to the museum is not adequate to display and house the collection in a proper preservation manner, efforts have been made at various times to address this shortcoming. In May 2004 the Hague Town Board hired a consultant to work with a committee of local residents to review the current state of the museum. It was instantly clear that the collection could not be adequately displayed much less expanded until more space was available. The committee also determined that the museum needed to expand its holdings in order to offer a broader interpretation of community history.

At a public meeting held in early July 2004, participants described the type of facility they would like for their museum. They agreed that it should be a multi-use facility, combining museum and program activity space with a library and research room in an inviting, comfortable atmosphere. This kind of facility is desperately needed in Hague. Currently Hague has no cultural facility of any kind and this additional resource space would fill this void and provide the opportunity to display many of the wonderful old photographs and artifacts pertaining to Hague's history.

The museum committee drafted a mission statement and organized a Board of Trustees to administer the museum. The Museum Board of Trustees has written, and the Town Board approved, a set of by-laws. It was agreed that the museum would grow into a cultural center for the town that would make its residents proud, offer its young people meaningful access to Hague history and provide entertaining activities for summer visitors as well as winter programs for year-round residents.

The Hague Town Board budgeted public funds for a building project and hired Richard E. Jones Associates, Architects, to design an addition to the present Community Building for the Clifton West Hague Museum. The additional space provides for an historian's office and workroom, museum storage space and exhibition space.

The Hague Town Board has shown their support of this project with a commitment of funds over the past several years, and Supervisor Dan Belden has written to Betty Little, John E. Sweeney, Teresa Sayward, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Charles E. Schumer seeking their support. Now we look to you, the citizens of Hague, for your support. In order for this project to become a reality additional funds are needed. In 2007 Hague will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. Having the Clifton West Hague Museum in appropriate housing where meaningful exhibits of the Town of Hague's history could be displayed would be such a significant part of that celebration. In order for this project to be accomplished \$150,000 must be raised. The museum Board of Trustees (Jerry Crammond, Sheri DeLarm, Gale Halm, Rudy Meola, Lauren Parlin, Sharon Reynolds, Richard M. Strum and Ethel Andrus, ex officio) invites you to become part of this worthwhile project. Contributions (checks made out to the Town of Hague) may be sent to Clifton West Hague Museum, Town of Hague, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

BORN: A daughter, Eliza Anne, on April 17, 2005 to Kathleen (Crabbs) and John Clark, Hillsborough, NC. Proud grandparents (for the fifth time!) are Ed and Mary Crabbs of Hague and Fredericksburg, Va.

MARRIED: Lindsey Anne Frasier, daughter of Mr & Mrs. Richard Frasier, Hague, to Michael Edward Mydlarz, Jr., Ticonderoga, on May 28, 2005 at the Diamond Point Community Church. Reception was held following the ceremony at The Lodge at Echo Lake in Warrensburg.

DIED: Patricia Mae Duell Frasier, 65, former resident of Hague, in Glens Falls on June 8, 2005. She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley Frasier in 1974. She is survived by seven children, fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: For Ruth Bohnet Keller Mirtl Jenkins on Saturday, July 2, 2005 at 11AM at Grace Memorial Chapel, Sabbath Day Point. Following the service all are invited for lunch at Stonehedge.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Vinnie and Mina Jones of Hague on the accomplishments of their grand- daughters, whose parents are Dr. & Mrs. Vincent Jones of Tenafly, NJ. Kohar just graduated from Yale and will intern at Middlesex Hospital in Connecticut. Persephone, now a Pediatrician, is at Harvard on a Fellowship studying Behavior and Development.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Santo Sapienza, son of Geraldine Wood, Ticonderoga and Danielle Ryan, daughter of Ronald and Diane Ryan, Ticonderoga on achieving the rank of valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2005 at Ticonderoga High School.

MOVED: Ed and Bessie Yaw of West Hague Rd, Hague have moved and would enjoy hearing from friends at Warren County Residence Hall, Rm 14, 353 Schroom River Rd, Warrensburg, NY 12885.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Hague students John Breitenbach, Wyatt Peterson, Akashia Swinton, and Kacheena Trudeau were inducted into the Black Watch Chapter of National Honor Society on May 9, 2005:

To be eligible for consideration for NHS, Ticonderoga students must have an 88 cumulative average. A faculty selection committee, selected by the principal, meets to select students who have demonstrated character, service and leadership to the school. Ticonderoga High faculty and administration take the responsibility for selection very seriously and are proud of its students' accomplishments.

ABARE EARNS AWARD

Ashley Abare of Hague, a sophomore at St. Lawrence University, has been presented with the APO Outstanding Leadership and Service Award at Moving-Up Day ceremonies. This award is presented to an APO officer who has made significant contributions to the organization and the community.

The following Hague students have been listed on the fifth marking period honor roll.

Grade 12: First Honors: Aren Laundree, Maureen Palait ; **Second Honors:** Danielle Connors, Joshua Frasier.

Grade 11 - First Honors: Sarah Bissell; **Second Honors:** Andrew Trombley.

Grade 10: - First Honors: John Breitenbach, Akashia Swinton, Kacheena Trudeau; **Second Honors:** Janine Best, Brittney Haran, Kelly McCoy.

Grade 9 - First Honors: Samantha Abare; **Second Honors:** Alanna Swinton.

MARCELLA SEMBRICH OPERA MUSEUM

The Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum in Bolton Landing will present Highlights of Seagle Colony's 2005 shows at 1:30 PM Wednesday, June 29. The performance features singers from Seagle Music Colony in Schroom Lake. Cost is \$7; \$5 for museum members.

The museum will present London-based pianist Simon Mulligan in concert at 7PM on Wednesday, July 6. Cost is \$15 and reservations are suggested.

The museum is open daily from 10AM to 12:30 PM and from 2 to 5:30PM through Sept. 15. The museum, once the studio of coloratura opera singer, Marcella Sembrich, features memorabilia from her era including fine art she collected, her costumes and music. The museum is located one-half mile south of Bolton's commercial district. Admission is by donation. For information on Sembrich call 644-9839 or visit <www.operamuseum.org> and on the Seagle Colony call 532-7875 or visit <www.seaglecolony.com>.

NEWS FROM THE LGA

The Lake George Association(LGA) will be offering its popular, award-winning Floating Classroom program to the public this summer on Wednesdays in July and August from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The LGA's Floating Classroom is in its 14th season, and taught lake science to 1,230 participants last year. The program takes place on the water in a covered cruise boat, which allows it to be presented in rain or shine. The cost is \$15 per person. Space is limited, so reservations are required.

The LGA is also looking for volunteers for its Stream Team Program. Volunteers become a part of a Stream Team for the stream of their choice and work together to gather information and to monitor the streams of the Lake George Basin. The approximate time commitment is 1-3 hours per project, 1-3 times a year. Some additional training for stream clean-ups and other projects may take place on the day of the event. The LGA supplies all equipment and data sheets. A training session will be held on Wednesday, June 29th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The LGA Education and Outreach programs provide information relevant to protecting and improving the Lake George Basin. By offering many family-friendly programs, the LGA is emphasizing that stewardship of the watershed is the responsibility of everyone who resides and recreates there, regardless of age. Four "Family Programs" are offered in August and "Lake Talks" are Tuesday evenings from July 12th through August 16th.

For more information on any of these programs, contact Karin Badey at LGA office by phone 668-3558 or email: educator@lakegeorgeassociation.org. 6/05

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: THERE IS HOPE! by Christine Ianson

Close to fifty people attended a free educational lecture at The Hague Community Center on May 26 sponsored by The Dan Padula Educational Series which brings speakers on health care issues to our local and regional community.

Robert Berrick, PA, of the Ticonderoga Health Center, President of the Dan Padula Memorial Fund and close friend of the late Dan Padula, introduced the speaker, Elizabeth Smith-Boivin, MS. "We are less than ten years away from having this thing licked," was the good news Ms. Smith-Boivin, Director of The Anne B. Goldberg Alzheimer's Center and The Neuroscience Advanced Imaging Resource Center at Albany Medical Center, brought to her audience. She spoke about the four stages of Alzheimer's Disease and the importance of obtaining an accurate and early diagnosis. MCI (Minimal Cognitive Impairment) is memory loss that happens as we age. For example, a woman doing something in the kitchen realizes that she needs something from the pantry downstairs. When she opens the pantry door and sees all the cans and packages, she can't remember what she needed. She goes back upstairs, where she sees a "cue"—some object in the kitchen that triggers or "cues" her to remember what it is she needs. This kind of forgetting is not a symptom of Alzheimer's. It's minimal cognitive impairment. And it's normal.

Boivin explained that Alzheimer's Disease is a form of Dementia. But Dementia covers a whole syndrome of symptoms including those found in Alzheimer's patients. Confusion, memory loss, personality changes, language problems, space and time problems, and tremors--any of these symptoms can also be caused by sixty-five other diseases, including post-stroke Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, and brain tumors. With treatment, these related forms of Dementia are "reversible". They can improve and get better. With Alzheimer's disease, Boivin explained, the disease can only get worse. As Alzheimer's Disease progresses, "The brain breaks incrementally—a little bit at a time." Losing the ability to store a new memory happens in the early, first stage of Alzheimer's. This first stage lasts from four to six years.

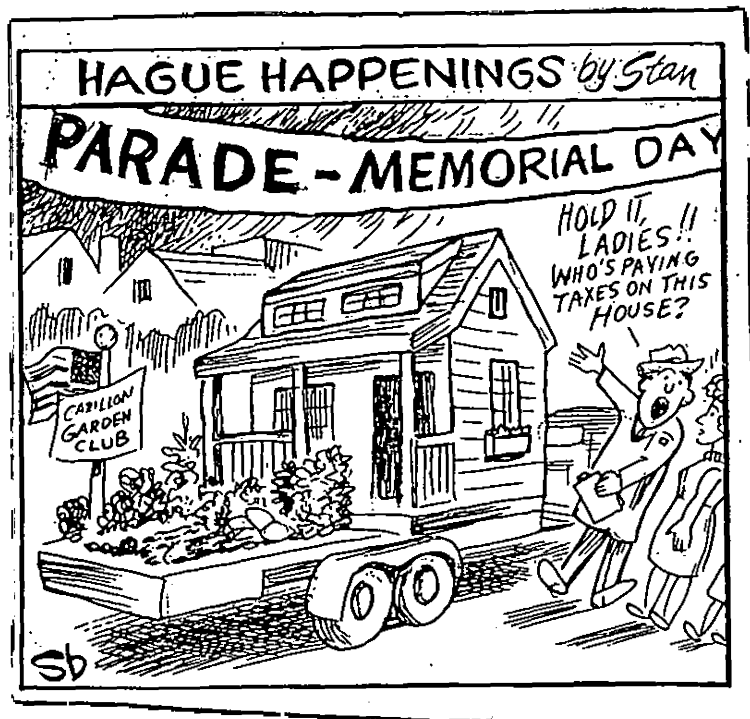
At the second stage, the brain loses "executive function" and lacks ability to "figure it out." Now forgetting is more than a problem of processing. The most recent memory is forgotten but old memories are retained. This stage lasts between two to four years.

The third stage involves difficulty with language. The word won't come forward. Familiar names are mixed up. The word that you want to say comes out as the wrong word and has a different meaning.

At the fourth and last stage, the chemical changes in the brain have progressed a lot further and cause sadness, depression and behavioral changes. At this stage a person may become suspicious and have trouble orienting to time and place. The person may get lost and not find his way home. Finally, he can no longer recognize family members or manage daily activities like taking a bath, going to the toilet, or eating.

Even though cognitive abilities are breaking down, physical health may remain strong. Early detection and treatment are critically important since medication can combat the brain's chemicals and keep it from progressing to a later stage. It's important for a patient to continue taking the medication (eg. *Aricept*) because even though it can't make one better, it's keeping the disease from progressing to a later stage. It's also advised to keep the mind active with hobbies, music, reading, painting, doing crossword puzzles--anything enjoyable.

Contact The Alzheimer's Association's (800-272-3900) or the Ann B. Goldberg Alzheimer's Resource Center at AMC (518-262-0800) for help or information.



NATURE NEWS

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by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

Up and Down Lake George

I got a very nice note from George Singer last month regarding my article on the Cook Mt. Preserve, and in it he points out that I had made an error, "Abercrombie went **down** Lake George to Ft. Ticonderoga and apples were shipped **up** Lake Champlain to the Hudson River as both are north flowing lakes." He is absolutely correct, and although this is something that I know, it is just not how I think in terms of travel up and down the lake from my north to south perspective. When I think about traveling from Lake George Village to Ticonderoga, I feel like I am traveling up the lake and that is just how it came out in my writing. How is it that this lake flows north?

The Lake George Basin began its formation over 1.6 billion years ago by faults in the earth's crust. There is a fault running down the eastern side of the lake where the bed of the lake has slipped down on the west side of the fault. On the east side of the fault the mountains remained at the same elevation or rose up forming mountains along the eastern shore. Another fault occurred along the western side of the lake forming the western shoreline. There are two more faults on either side of the Tongue Mountain Range and another that runs from Northwest Bay south along the shoreline through Lake George Village. Thus, a sunken basin was formed.

However, the lake was not a lake at this time, but actually two rivers. One flowed south out of Northwest Bay into the present day Hudson River, the other flowed north from the Narrows into present day Lake Champlain. Soon the climate cooled and glaciers covered the northeast with several successions of ice sheets that bulldozed, scraped and crushed the surface soils and rocks, gouging out river valleys and carrying these materials across the surface creating a new landscape as they advanced and receded.

Today's Lake George was formed as the last glacier receded about 10,000 years ago. The ice sheet paused at the southern end of the lake, leaving behind a moraine of boulders, stone and sand forming a dam in the river just north of Glens Falls. The ice sheet paused again at the north end of the lake creating a smaller dam, resulting in the basin we have today. As the glacier departed it left behind ice to help fill the basin with water as it melted and along with precipitation and contributions from the brooks, streams and springs in and around the lake, the basin filled. Not a closed basin, the dam at the southern end of the lake is higher in elevation than the dam at the north, making the northern end the place for the overflow to escape and a spillway of the LaChute River in Ticonderoga. The water then drops down into Lake Champlain (created in a similar fashion), then further north to the St. Lawrence Seaway and eventually finds its way to the Atlantic Ocean!

We can see evidence of the materials left behind by the glaciers all along the shoreline of the lake. The smooth ledges and cliffs dropping down to the water's edge, huge boulders perched on the shore and piles of stones seemingly dumped from nowhere as the ice sheet paused in its retreat, all mark a time in geological history revealed to us if we take the time to notice. And remember, if you are traveling from Lake George Village to Ticonderoga in your car you are going **up** the lake, but if you are in a boat you are traveling **down** the lake.

WEATHER NOTES

by Mary Lou Doulin

"June is in the land" the poet Amy Levy says. "There shall be sunlight, scent of roses, warm mists of summer rain and music in the running stream." The first three days we had some of that and now we have so much more. The reality has been that May was cooler than normal, daytime temperatures 50 to 60 degrees and nighttime 30 to 40 degrees, but there was ample sunshine for the first three weeks of May. The first five days of June were just as the above poet said; all the delights of spring abounded. Then the rains came, along with tornado and severe storm watches and warnings on the 6th of June. The thunder and lightning returned on the 9th and temperatures climbed into the 90's with oppressive humidity. The thunder storms were of the lingering variety and often continued through the nights.

There is a Japanese proverb which states "Big trees provoke the pride of winds." Although the meaning was intended to be metaphorical, it could be taken quite literally throughout the frequent storms we experienced in Hague, as trees fell close to homes. We began to get a break from the heat and humidity on Wednesday, the 16th of June but the rains continued and even got heavier. The flash flood watches returned as heavy downpours continued. Parts of Rt. 9 north of us were closed due to dirt and boulders. Four lanes on the northway near Bolton Landing were closed due to a massive landslide. Here in Hague, McCoy and Battle Hill Roads got washed out.

The Hague Brook was wild Wednesday night also. The normally placid, clear bubbling brook became a raging river of brown with white caps that pulled rocks, trees and other materials downstream with a thunderous roar and a bad scent. Water reached some lawns and basements along the way. It was dazzling to witness. Locals say that it was not as bad as the two floods that occurred in the late 1940's and 70's. Power outages were ongoing. On Father's Day weekend the good weather started to return and we hope it will remain so!



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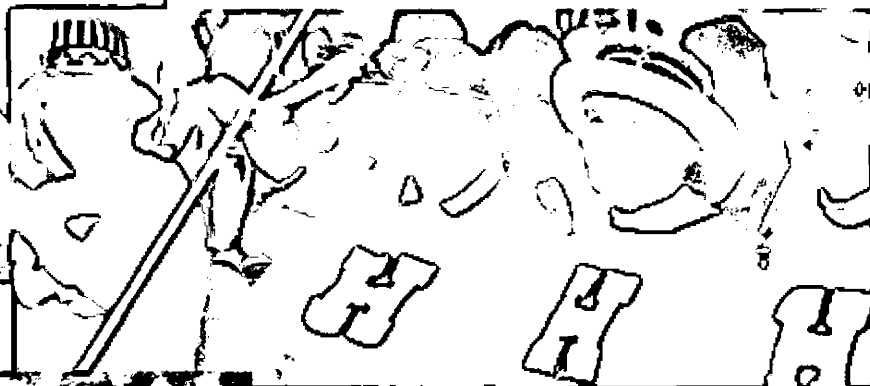
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- 16 2-4pm TFG Sundae Party (p. 1)
- 28 1:30pm Senior Citizens Mtg. (p. 2)
- 28 7:30pm TFG Gospel sing (p. 1)

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- 1 7-9pm Art Show (p. 3)
- 2 9am-5pm Flea Market (p. 3)
- 2 1 - 8 pm Chicken Barbecue (p. 3)
- 3 8 - 10 Events in Park (see flyer)
- 7 7pm Planning Board
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