

UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 8 ~ 29

ART EXHIBIT

Capturing Time Passing: Oils by Stu Eichel



SEPTEMBER 22
FRIDAY 7-8:30 PM

LIVE! FOLKLIFE CONCERT FREE

Heron Valley



An energy fueled, traditional band from Scotland with roots in Scottish and Irish traditional song and piping tunes.

OCTOBER 4, 11, 18

WEDNESDAYS 5:30-7 PM FREE

Reading/Discussion

OCT. 25 Potluck

Supper (see front panel)



OCTOBER 5 THURSDAY
5:30 PM FREE

GARDEN POTLUCK MIXER

A gathering to enjoy the lush space, talk about next year's vision, and reserve your plot for 2024!



EVENT DETAILS & TICKETS AT:

★ 518.854.7053 ★ www.SalemCourthouse.org ★ 58 East Broadway • Courthouse hours: Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 10 AM - 1 PM or by appt.

OCTOBER 6* ~ 28

* EXHIBIT OPENING

FRIDAY 5-7:30 PM

A Color Fest in Oil: As Rose Klebes Sees It



OCTOBER 7

SATURDAY 3-7 PM ★

BEER & BRATS FEST

(Tickets: \$30, \$35 at the "door" -see front panel)

OCTOBER 20

FRIDAY 7-8:30 PM

LIVE! FOLKLIFE CONCERT FREE



Maire Ni Chathasaigh & Chris Newman

The celebrated partnership of "one of the UK's most staggering & influential acoustic guitarists" with "the doyenne of Irish harpers" will bring a breathtaking blend of traditional Irish music, hot jazz, bluegrass, & baroque, spiced with striking new compositions.

OCTOBER 28 SATURDAY 3-6 PM

TRUNKS & TREATS

includes a Barn Dance with Jays DJ Service, food (purchase snacks, drinks & Salem Rotary sausage), treats from creative trunk displays with a prize for "Crowd Favorite." Salem PTA will host family games. Books in Kids' Hands & the Salem Food Pantry will be accepting what you can donate. Please call ★ to host a trunk.



NOVEMBER 1 WED. 5 PM

STORY COURT

Dinner will be served prior to the talk. Longtime residents will share their memories in a presentation moderated by Al Cormier and courtesy of Judy Flagg held in the Archive Room in the Historic Salem Courthouse. RSVP to 518-854-7053



NOVEMBER 25

SATURDAY 10 AM-2 PM

HOLIDAY MARKET

Stock up on handcrafted holiday gifts & decor by local artisans! Call ★ by 10/1 to be a vendor.

DECEMBER 9 SATURDAY 5-6 PM

LOVE & LIGHT

Memorial Tree Lighting

Gathering to commemorate loved ones. Bring an ornament to the Community Tree of Peace or call ★ to reserve your remembrance tree to decorate. Light refreshments.



DECEMBER 9 SATURDAY 10:30-NOON ★

ARTWORK ON SLATE

Create your own decorative artwork on slate! Using a simple system of patterns you design, create your own artwork with strong house paint that will make your slate artwork suitable for a gift or for your own outdoor or indoor creation. Proceeds benefit the Courthouse.



FALL 2023 NEWS from the

HISTORIC SALEM COURTHOUSE



Opening Old Doors to New Opportunities

The Serious Side of Food

The Historic Salem Courthouse is partnering with Humanities NY through a generous grant to offer a free, 4-part fall Reading/Discussion Series (5:30-7 PM Wednesdays 10/4, 11, 18, 25)– with books provided. The series examines a topic critical to us all– FOOD!– covering what we produce and consume, "healthy" eating, human labor needed to produce food, and the politics of food. Participants should commit to completing and discussing the readings, attending sessions and contributing to the 10/25 potluck supper. Kyle West, Director of Fort Salem Theater, will facilitate the series. ★



8th Annual Beer & Brats Fest

will take place on Saturday, October 7th from 3-7 PM with unlimited samples of incredible micro-brews and a choice of local food included in the ticket price. Last year's popular band, Simple Beggars, provides the music and WEQX radio station will do a live feed at the event. There will be cornhole, wine and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks for purchase, and a basket raffle. Please plan to donate at the entry gate to #soSalem to support neighbors experiencing crises. ★



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What's Happened in 2023- So Far!



World-performing musicians, pianist Daniel Shulman and his wife, violinist Kaori Washiyama, presented three classical chamber music concerts in the courtroom this spring. The concerts were always a transcendent experience enhanced by the historical and musical background Shulman presented in introducing the music. They were joined by accomplished guest musicians. Audiences of 25 to 30 people turned out to take advantage of each concert.



The Shoppe's mission beyond offering fantastic bargains to treasure hunters is "to support activities that would provide a solid, worthwhile experience for the children and their families that would otherwise be unavailable."

The Shoppe donated \$10,000 to support the 5-week Lunch, Learn + Play program. Another \$10,000 covered the expenses for new, durable tents to provide cover for LL+P, the July 4th Carnival and other Courthouse community activities. The Shoppe supported scholarships for Salem graduates, field trips, supplies for teachers and students, and the Girls on the Run program. Since inception, the Shoppe has given over \$300,000 to support the Salem community.



The Great Hall Gallery hosted 6 exhibits so far this year starting with Jade Miner, a recent college graduate who displayed her amazing computer-generated creations. The February Quilt Show created a sense of warmth on a grand scale, as did

Randy Squires' natural arrangements. Susie Kane Kettlewell's show of compelling abstracts was well attended and brought in over \$1500 to benefit the courthouse. Gabi Moore's LL+P students were proud to see their creations on display in the hall at the Courthouse. Penelope Poor's family tribute to her inspired work generously donated all sales to the Courthouse for a total of \$5100 for 2023 so far.



This year's online auction of donated items from artwork to local business and services gift cards to antiques and more broke all records bringing in over \$13,000! Thanks to all who donated and all who shopped!



Great leadership, a creative cook, awesome new tents, a big physical education grant, a thriving Theater Camp, and a huge art show made the free LL+P a brilliant 6 hours/day experience for 170 K-9 area youth and 16 high school and college-aged counselors employed!

Alexis Keenan and Tanya Carney led the way as Co-Directors. As always, Kim Gariepy provided continuity. Heidi McCauliffe managed the LL+P Garden. Stacey Riche made yummy and fun lunches. The "Let's Get Physical" grant from the Washington County Youth Bureau provided new sports, dance, yoga and hiking. Gabi Moore's art program filled the Courthouse with an exhibit dedicated to students' art. Fort Salem Theater's LL+P production of "The Little Mermaid" blew us away! Thanks to EVERYONE for your support!



Ending Salem's annual July 4th parade at a carnival at the Courthouse is the start of a new and festive tradition!!! The visiting German orchestra kicked off the evening on the Courthouse steps while Jay's DJ service kept folks dancing even in the rain! New games like Flickin' Chicken and Racing Cows mixed with old favorites like the Dime Pitch, Cake Walk and Dunk Booth. A bounce house, double water slide, exotic fortune teller, Bob Yarborough Magic complete with balloon animals, face painting, a vintage hand-carved popcorn cart, sno-cones and other foods were among the fun and interesting offerings that filled the Courthouse campus and entertained the huge crowd that flocked there from Main Street to join the festivities. The event pulled in over \$5,500 from the sale of game tickets and brought scores of new faces to the Courthouse among the over 500 participants.



Summer 2023 in the Battenkill Kitchen was BUSY. Under the guidance of Stacy Riche, The Kitchen became "Food Central," serving 110-120 lunches and snacks per day, Monday through Friday to the Lunch, Learn and Play participants. Yes, there was

a budget for the food, but there were also gracious donors: Michael Nolan's Dairy Farm, donating 16 lbs. of beef; Jim and Karen Sheldon donating 8 lbs. cheddar cheese and butter; and Jennifer Baylor donating 12 lbs. beef.

In July, The Kitchen also became the hub for the annual Al Fresco Dinner. In August there is a steady use of the certified Kitchen by 12 renters, producing Tomato Salsa, jams and jellies, BBQ sauce, quiches, soup broth, and dried mushrooms for the area farmers markets.



The Courthouse Community Garden is in full bloom! This year's revamp created 24 plots using volunteer-power and no-till methods to fight weeds and build healthy soil. These plots were cultivated by 13 gardeners with diverse plantings of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Pumpkins planted by Salem's 4th graders are on track for October's Trunks & Treats, and the Food Pantry plots produced enough (so far!) for four deliveries of organic onions, kale, scallions, dill, chard, and the pantry's most requested vegetable - green beans. Harvesting will continue through the fall so please join us in the garden on October 5 at 5:30 pm for a potluck and mixer to enjoy the lush space, talk about next year's vision, and reserve your plot for 2024!



As part of a grant secured by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner for the ongoing preservation and renovation of the Historic Salem Courthouse, Albany Master craftsman Eugene Lugowski repaired the cracks and holes in the ceiling plaster in the courtroom. Other parts of the grant have made the heating system more efficient, repaired brickwork, and replaced a roof that connects the Jail to the Courthouse. Future plans are to make improvements to the Great Hall, where many exhibits and gatherings take place.



Nearly 200 guests enjoyed a perfect evening at Al Fresco 2023, the Courthouse's major fundraiser. Chef Michael Mahar and a team of dedicated volunteers prepared a delicious meal including many favorite items, from foods provided by local farms Juniper Hill, Benard Farms, Owl Wood, and Hand Melon Farm. Noosh'Anna's gorgeous hors d'oeuvres table and a beautiful wine and beer cart also graced the grounds. Entertainment was provided by the David Cuite Jazz Trio, plus youth performers from *Little Mermaid Jr.*, and a tribute to Ralph Lee, the late founder of Mettawee River Theater Company, for his gift of many years of the magical performances by his massive puppets. This year's annual dinner netted \$20,000!

The Historic Salem Courthouse partnered with other entities to host these community activities:

- ✳ Ca. 25 attendees enjoyed each of 3 Story Court events which started with a free supper. Longtime Salem area residents then shared their recollections and experiences of living in the area.
- ✳ Hope and Healing of Hudson Falls, NY provided Narcan training.
- ✳ Attendance: 20 for a Community Conversations discussion on the subject of Democracy. Sponsoring this event facilitated the receipt of a grant from Humanities NY for the upcoming series, *Serious Side of Food* (see front panel).
- ✳ The Shoppe Off Broadway sponsored a concert by the Zucchini Brothers and a Goat Soap Workshop and Bath Bomb Workshop for kids.
- ✳ Glens Falls National Bank in partnership with Herzog Law Firm and Washington County Sheriffs department presented an educational program about Fraud.

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