

HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2019 SPEAKER SERIES

By Howard Schaffer, Program Committee

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 7 PM - HADLEY-LUZERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHRIS CAROLA, AUTHOR & AP REPORTER

“THE SARATOGIAN WHO CHANGED WWII HISTORY”

Associated Press Reporter Chris Carola tells the story of U.S. Army Lieutenant Jack Wilpers, a Saratogian who found himself making global headlines just days after WW II ended. Wilpers was part of an Army Intelligence Unit that captured Japanese Prime Minister Hikedji Tojo and brought him to justice. Carola will discuss the very human story of how he convinced Wilpers to talk about this significant turn of events for the first time, 65 years after it happened.



Lt. Jack Wilpers



Mark Bodnar

SATURDAY, MAY 4, NOON - LONGHORN RESTAURANT (RESERVATIONS REQD. SEE PG 2)

MARK BODNAR, AUTHOR & HISTORIAN

“A FATEFUL INVITATION: LINCOLN’S ASSASSINATION”

Join Local Historian, Author and Colonie Historical Society President Mark Bodnar who will appear at the Historical Society's 46th Annual Anniversary luncheon as guest speaker. Bodnar will discuss the riveting story of John Wilke's Booth final victims: Henry & Clara Rathbone, Albany residents who were guests of the Lincolns, who sat with them in Ford's Theater on the fateful night of April 14, 1865. As the last ones who spoke with Lincoln, their lives played out with countless challenges which followed them through their own final days.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 7 PM - HADLEY-LUZERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

JIM LIEBERUM, DIRECTOR, WARREN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

“PRESERVING OUR ADIRONDACK LAKES”

Preserving our Adirondacks lakes has become more challenging over the past decade. Development, pollution, invasive species and overuse has led to both challenges and discoveries. The Warren County Soil and Water District team, driven by Jim Lieberum, has been intimately involved in preserving our watershed, addressing environmental issues before they become problematic and utilizing new technologies through state and local governments to address environmental/aquatic and land use threats.



Jim Lieberum



Dr. Daniel Way

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 7 PM - HADLEY-LUZERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DR. DANIEL WAY, RETIRED PHYSICIAN, AUTHOR AND PHOTOGRAPHER

“WE WERE THERE” - STORIES FROM THE ADK’S GREATEST GENERATION

Stories of Adirondackers who served at the Battle of Iwo Jima and the war front will be the topic of Dr. Daniel Way, whose writings focus on first person interviews throughout the last five decades. During the doctor's year of practicing locally, he encountered countless WW II Vets who witnessed close-up and personal the battles of war, the destruction and the many heroic stories which must be told and remembered.

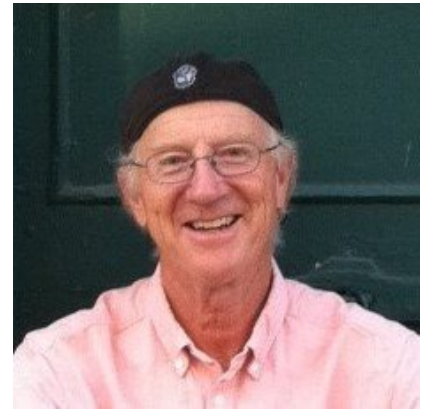
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 7 PM - HADLEY-LUZERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STEPHEN ENGLEHART, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADIRONDACK ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

“PRESERVING OUR ADIRONDACK ARCHITECTURE”

Through a lifetime of education, advocacy, teaching and leadership, Adirondack Architectural Heritage is led by Executive Director Stephen Englehart, who with a lifetime mission, is working to preserve the historic architecture of the Adirondack Park. The organization was formed during an effort to save Camp Santanoni, an *Adirondack Great Camp*, from being torn down when the land it was on was added to the New York State Forest Preserve. The effort was successful and Stephen Englehart has been working on saving and preserving countless historic sites ever since.

Stephen Englehart



Patricia Nugent

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 7 PM - HADLEY TOWN HALL

PATRICIA NUGENT, AUTHOR

“LIFTING UP WOMEN’S VOICES FROM OUR PAST”

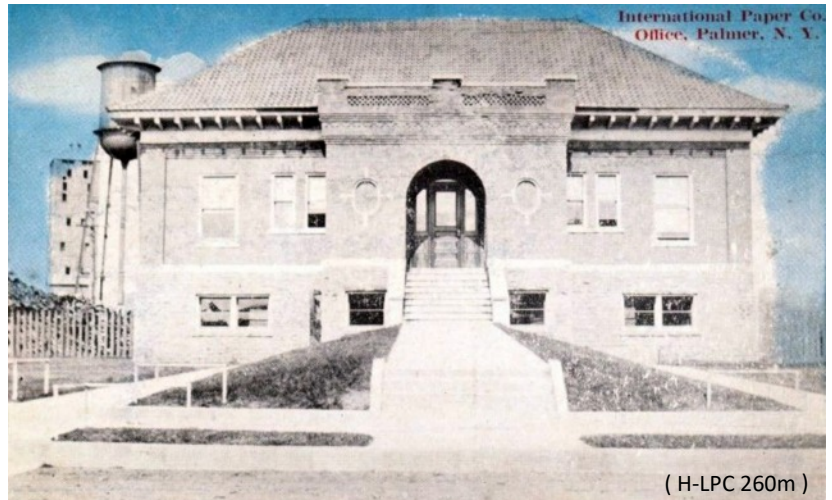
Patricia Nugent, Author of “Before they were our Mothers”, discusses the role of women in our society during times of challenges and before Rosie the Riveter. The book was conceived when the author realized, at her mother’s funeral, that she knew very little about her mother’s life before her mother was a mother. This journal takes a look at the universal themes which threads the lives of women of long ago: arranged marriages, the role of faith and religion, healing and medical advances along with poverty and prejudice.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 7 PM - HADLEY-LUZERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

STEPHEN CERNEK, PHD IN AMERICAN HISTORY

“THE PAPER INDUSTRY’S CELEBRATED HISTORY IN THE ADIRONDACKS”

The world can thank the innovative people of the Adirondacks, for countless innovations which brought us the paper we know and may take-for-granted today. Paper Historian, Dr. Stephen Cernek, is leading the creation of the Hudson River Mill Museum Project to commemorate our role in papermaking and its influence on the world. Cernek is working to convert the former International Paper building into a museum with local, regional and international support. He will discuss the early pioneers of papermaking and their influence on American industry.



International Paper Company office, Palmer, N.Y.

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Thank you!