



Newsletter

Summer 2021

Welcome Back!!!



*Photos of Sunday, July 4, 2021, Concert
at the lighthouse courtesy of Julia Banfi*

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Summertime, summertime...

Although summer has barely begun, we've already enjoyed the longest day of the year, and for the rest of this summer we lose precious minutes of daylight each and every day. Tick tock, tick tock, time marches on.

But summertime is the season to most enjoy! It's time to play, go to the beach, be on the water, enjoy the warm sun during the day, and cozy bonfires after sundown. Maybe some s'mores, but certainly some home-grown sweet corn, berries, juicy watermelon, and lots of refreshing lemonade!

It's time for outdoor gatherings with friends, relatives and neighbors, picnics, grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, longer walks and front porch talks. After sundown, look for the lightening bugs flittering in the dark at the edge of the woods, and swat at the pesky mosquitos incessantly buzzing in your ears and catching in your hair.

What are your favorite summertime memories and experiences? Whatever they are, now is the time to both recall those past summertime pleasures and repeat your very favorites. At the Sodus Bay Lighthouse, we've been busy displaying the local area's past and retelling many interesting stories of our history and often unknown or forgotten past. As you've read in past newsletter issues, we had a busy year and accomplished a lot to bring you a refreshed and renewed look at our history and its many artifacts. Since reopening on May 28th, we have been busy greeting visitors, finishing new exhibits, preparing for our 10-week Sunday Concert Series, recognizing our Lighthouse Sesquicentennial, restocking the gift shop, manicuring the gardens, hosting beautiful weddings, recruiting and hiring two new lighthouse staff members (more about them later in this newsletter).

On July 4th we enjoyed our biggest event of the summer concert season with Gap Mangione's Big Band entertaining a huge crowd on the lighthouse lawn. It was a picture-perfect day, and as he has for 28 prior years, Gap helped bring out the smiles and tapping toes as he played a wide variety of favorites, appealing to young and old. This special day was surely a tribute to all the people who worked so hard to get us through the difficult year and officially declaring that "The Lighthouse is again open!"

If you haven't already done so, do yourself a favor and plan a visit to the renewed Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum. We think you will enjoy the experience, learn some history you didn't already know, climb the 52 steps to the top of the light tower and see the awesome views from there, and add another smile to your memory bank of happy summer recollections.

Special thanks to the C.H. Stuart Foundation of Newark for their generous grant to SBHS in support of this year's Summer Concert Series and Lighthouse Museum climate control fundraising.

Sodus Bay Historical Society President,
Bill Singer

Lighthouse Hots and Sausages
Photo: Bill Singer



Welcome to New Sodus Bay Lighthouse Staff

Julia Banfi

Julia has joined the Lighthouse Museum as Administrative Assistant. Originally from Seattle, Washington, Julia came east to Upstate New York in 2015 for undergraduate studies at St. Lawrence University. She majored in Art History and Studio Art, with notable coursework in photography, African American Art History, Arts of South Asia, and Art History of Modern Europe.

Julia then went on to earn her Master of Arts in Museum Studies at Syracuse University this past May. Her course work at SU included digital asset management and preservation, fine art curatorship, textile conservation, public learning in museums, museum prep and installation, graphics, and communication. She has held positions as a Gallery Assistant and Gallery Interpreter at the Community Folk Art Center and the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, which she says has helped to prepare her for her new role at the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum.

Julia's mother is an artist, so Julia was immersed in art from a young age. What she loves more than creating art is connecting with the artists and the objects themselves, which is why she decided to pursue a degree in Museum Studies. Julia enjoys learning the ins and outs of how a museum functions, as well as being engaged with the communities surrounding it.

In moving from Seattle to New York State, Julia says, she likes to take risks and not necessarily take the safe route. Her decision to move across the country has been a good one. She decided to stay on the East Coast after college, as many of her friends are from here. "New York has taught me a lot and I will continue to grow here." When asked how New York State apples compare to Washington State apples, Julia replied, "Honestly both are great to me! I will say that upstate New York apple orchards are the best. Apple picking is one of my favorite activities to do in the Fall."

Julia enjoys being near water, walking along the beach and listening to the waves. Working at the lighthouse, Julia has found the sport of sailing of great interest and says she would love to learn to sail. Julia's best friend and little shadow is an Exotic Shorthair she adopted this past December named Ahmya (Ahmi for short). Ahmya means "black rain" in Japanese.

Julia is excited to share memories, develop new conversations, and connect with the Sodus Point community and beyond. We happily welcome her to our team!



Welcome to New Sodus Bay Lighthouse Staff (continued)

Chelsea Koehler

Chelsea Koehler is the new Visitor Services Associate at the Lighthouse Museum. Chelsea is a creative museum lover, committed to fostering curiosity in a positive learning environment. She comes to us with an A.A.S. in Communications at Monroe Community College and a BA in Art at Buffalo State College.

Chelsea's course study included Curatorship, Arts Management, and Museums and Civic Engagement. She has served on a Visual Arts Board and Global Voices Service Learning. She has a great deal of experience in retail operations with various types of businesses, and she has been recognized for her honesty, integrity, and motivation by her co-workers. She has led her staff to perform with peak efficiency and quality, coaching and training team members in daily tasks, quality assurance, and safety protocols.

Chelsea's attention to detail will be a wonderful benefit to the Historical Society, and her interest in researching and developing interactive education programming will help the museum turn a corner toward delivering new and exciting programs in our future. Chelsea enjoys the outdoors and especially finds great connections with nature through kayaking and hiking.



We are truly excited to have Chelsea and Julia on board! Please be sure to stop by the lighthouse museum and say hi to Julia and Chelsea!



Gap Mangione Sunday Concert audience, as seen from atop the lighthouse tower, July 4, 2021. Photo courtesy of Julia Banfi.

BLACK JACK

Norma Stewart, Village and Town of Wolcott Historian

This article originally appeared in the Spring 2021 Wolcott Historical Society Newsletter, the Carriage House Crier. Norma has generously offered to share this article for the SBHS newsletter.

The 18th Amendment came about in the United States from an organized effort of the Temperance Movement and Anti-Saloon League. Even Wolcott had a W.C.T.U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union). Both organizations believed that alcohol contributed to all of society's ills. This belief led the movement to ban the manufacture, sale, distribution, and consumption of alcohol. The amendment was passed in both houses of Congress and ratified by three fourths of the states and went in effect in 1919. A special act was created to enforce it.

In Wolcott this amendment led Dewey Gillette, owner of a restaurant, bar, and billiard emporium to take an action to keep his business afloat. Today this building is known as Foster's. Gillette leased the building from 1923-1925. In 1924, Dewey purchased the building which was occupied by Northern Wayne Electric on the south side of Main Street. When Gillette's lease was up, he moved the business across the street. This building later became Palmer's and today the sign says Ryan's Pub. As there was a bank vault on the main floor, W. B. VanAuken and Cecil Eaton removed it to make room for billiard and lunch tables.

The next stumbling block was to find a way to have a supply of liquor for the bar. Canada didn't have prohibition during this time. So, Gillette commissioned a fast boat to be built and to be known as the BLACK JACK! This craft was built by Cecil Eaton and Clifton Pettit, following a design by Ben B. Wood of Sodus.¹ It was built on the second floor of the Westfall and Fox Garage, which at that time was on the south side of Park Street between the present Bowling Alley and the building which now houses the Wolcott Village Offices and Court Room.

The boat was so large when done that a wall had to be moved to get it to ground level. "This boat is a 30-foot launch, with seven-foot beam, and should attain a speed of at least 40 miles per hour. The motor sold for \$2,400.00, a six-cylinder Scripps to a party or parties in Wolcott. It will be launched in Great Sodus Bay within a month. Much interest has been displayed in the boat locally. It is said it will be used for pleasure cruises on the bay and lake, and some mystery has surrounded its actual ownership, though one man has paid all bills so far."²

The BLACK JACK reportedly cost a tidy sum of \$7000.00! A May 22, 1930, Lake Shore News article reported the craft "is painted and should be ready for launching in a few days. Most boats are spoken of as 'she', but the name of this craft would seem to indicate that it is a *he-boat*."

The Canadians that piloted the booze to and fro across the lake were able to make a good living. The catch – don't get caught by the Coast Guard. More than one "runner" was caught by waves or freezing water, never to be seen again. The runners would use the lighthouse as a navigation aid. There were three lights at Oswego, one at Fair Haven and one at Sodus Point.

The liquor was shipped in glass bottles and burlap bags. When near shore, the cargo was dropped in the water. Men and wagons would be waiting to pick it up. They would signal the runners where to put in, close to shore by lantern. Once picked up, some would be delivered on route to where they were going. Other times the burlap bags would be stowed at the base of the cliffs and picked up later. These pickup points

would be at the end of Brown Road, Wolcott or cliffs at Fair Haven. The smugglers, after dropping their load, would turn the boat around and hi-tail it back to Canada!

The 18th Amendment was repealed on December 5, 1933, by the 21st Amendment. End of an era.

While sorting our archives at the Carriage House Museum, I [Norma] happened upon an essay on Dewey Gillette, written by Charles Oyer in 1954-1955. He interviewed Reginald Crouse, William Clapper, Dr. Demont Oyer, and Josh Palmer. To my knowledge there have never been any photos of the BLACK JACK. It would be interesting to see what this craft looked like. Does anyone have a story to share about this era? Stories about Dewey Gillette or the BLACK JACK? ³

1. Ben. B. Wood, a retired naval architect from Wolcott, NY. designed the Robin Class sailboat for the Sodus Bay Yacht Club to entice younger sailors and designed specifically for Sodus Bay sailing conditions. Lore has it that Wood completed the design while recovering from an accident, which caused him, while lying on his back, to draw up the plans with the aid of mirrors and an overhead drafting board. The Robin was introduced at the SBYC in 1935 and grew to fleet sixteen boats.
2. Lake Shore News. March 27, 1930.
3. Please send any information to:
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Or – mail to Sodus Bay Lighthouse, 7606 North Ontario Street, PO Box 94, Sodus, New York 14555

Interested in this topic? There is more information online.

- **A Rum War on Lake Ontario: Fighting Prohibition's Rum Runners** by James Termotto Sr.
[http://www.portsourcefoundation.net/documents/GreatLakeOnt/A RumWar on LakeOntario Ilo.pdf](http://www.portsourcefoundation.net/documents/GreatLakeOnt/A%20RumWar%20on%20LakeOntario%20Ilo.pdf)
- Interesting Prohibition find in Hamilton, Ontario. Check this out:
<https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/2018/05/18/the-hidden-hamilton-caves-of-a-rum-runner.html>

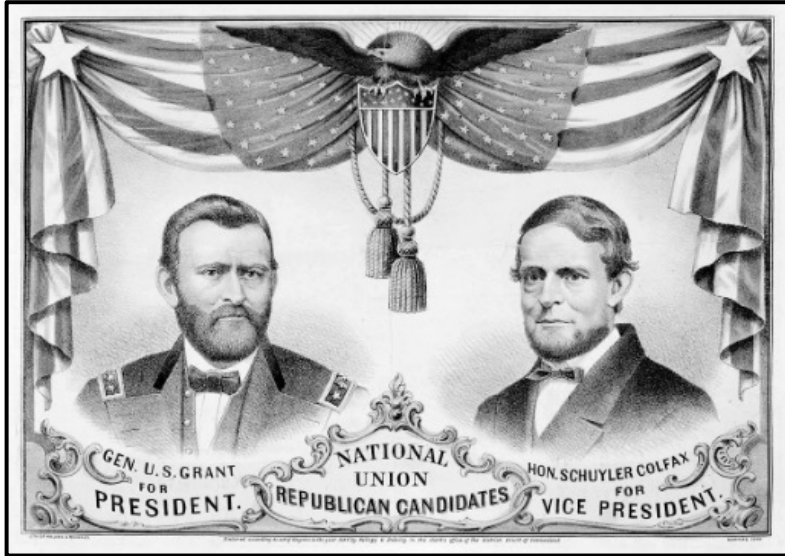


A Sodus Bay rum runner. BLACK WITCH is a 1920's Hacker Craft, owned and restored by Sydney "Bruce" Marsden. BLACK WITCH, used to transport alcohol from Canada to The United States during prohibition, was head-quartered in Sodus Bay, Sodus Point being one of its delivery destinations. More about BLACK WITCH in a future issue of the SBHS Newsletter. To read more about BLACK WITCH and other prohibition information visit: <https://historicsoduspoint.com/memories-2/prohibition/> Photo credit: Kent Smith

1871 Sodus Bay Lighthouse . . . Meanwhile . . .

Rosa Fox, Huron Historian

The Sodus Bay Lighthouse Sesquicentennial fuels curiosity as to what was happening in the nation and locally when this Lake Ontario beacon was constructed. A look back on history during the lighthouse construction years may provide greater understanding of the special place this architectural monument holds.



1868 campaign poster for Ulysses S. Grant and his running mate Schuyler Colfax. Source: Wikimedia

Ulysses S. Grant was U. S. President (1869-1877). General Grant led the Union Armies to victory over the Confederacy during the Civil War (1861-1865). Working to remove all traces of slavery following the Civil War and to integrate newly freed African Americans into the nation's social, political, and labor systems, President Grant and his administration also endeavored to renew the American spirit. This period from 1865 to 1877, called the Reconstruction era, was an important period in United States history - an age of significant transformation in the country. Focus primarily was on rebuilding the southern states so devastated by the war. This was also a time of expansion and development for the entire nation with advancements in transportation, inventions, manufacturing, as well as the growing social, political, and religious ideals.

Some notable national events occurring during the Sodus Bay Lighthouse construction years (1870-1871):

- ◆ January 2, 1870. Construction begins on the Brooklyn Bridge.
- ◆ February 9, 1870. The Weather Bureau of the United States (now known as the National Weather Service) was established, through a bill signed by President Grant. The Bureau's mission: to take "meteorological observations at military stations in the interior of the continent" and elsewhere to send the information to "the northern Great Lakes and the seacoast by telegraph and marine signals" about the approach and force of storms.
- ◆ February 14, 1870. Women in Utah were the first women in the nation to vote - fifty years before the 19th Amendment became law.
- ◆ May 4, 1871. The first Major League Baseball Game was played between the Fort Wayne Kekiongas and the Cleveland Forest Citys in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Fort Wayne defeated Cleveland 2-0 in that game.
- ◆ May 8, 1871. Seneca Falls native, Ezra Sutton, of the Cleveland Forest Citys, hit the first Major League Baseball home run.
- ◆ August 19, 1871. Orville Wright, pioneer aviator was born.



The Peshtigo Fire, on the shores of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. This etching, showing people seeking refuge in the Peshtigo River, 1871. From Harper's Weekly, 1871 Page 1037. Source – Wikimedia.

♦ October 8-10, 1871. The Great Chicago Fire killed approximately 300 people, destroying about 3 square miles of the city, and leaving 100,000 plus residents homeless. The Chicago fire was one of three other fires that broke out on the same day on the shores of Lake Michigan – Holland and Manistee, Michigan, and Peshtigo, Wisconsin. It is estimated that the Peshtigo fire killed as many as 2,500 people, making it the deadliest fire in US history.

Meanwhile . . . locally, Wayne County, set off from Seneca and Ontario Counties in 1823, was a youthful 48 years old. The Erie Canal, completed in 1825, provided a backdrop for accelerated development of industry, transportation, and communication in Wayne County – especially for those towns situated along this water highway. The advent of railroads in Wayne County in 1853 transported people and products to and from the region with a pace unrecognizable.

Steamboat advancements on the Great Lakes provided faster transport of people and goods. These factors woven together in an intricate tapestry of development allowed Sodus Bay to quickly become a destination vacation and commercial hub.

The following local news articles and newsworthy activity provide a flavor of the Sodus Bay region 150 (or so) years ago as the “Old Stone Lighthouse” was being completed.

- ♦ *In the news throughout 1871-1872.* Conceived in 1852, a work in progress through the 1860s, the Sodus Bay & Southern Railroad was intended to provide passenger and freight service between Stanley and Sodus Point. After 20 years of financial and construction delays, operation of the SB&SRR began on July 4th, 1872, and would open the area for commercial and private development. Eventually, the railroad would be taken over and renamed the Northern Central Railroad and would connect with the coal mines of central Pennsylvania. The first coal trestle on Sodus Bay, shipping Pennsylvania coal to ports around Lake Ontario was completed in 1886.
- ♦ *May 25, 1871 (Newark Courier)* Sodus Point – “The new stone lighthouse, a fine building, is fast drawing to completion. A fine vessel is being built down at the wharf and has no doubt been launched by this time. But the people themselves are intent upon the new Railroad upon which they count so much, and which no doubt will do much to advance their interests. The two excellent hotels of the place have been refitting and fixing up until they are now nearly ready for their summer patronage. They expect a great excess over that of last season, and they will no doubt have it. Their prices are very moderate, even low, for houses that only run a few months in a year, and indeed we venture to say that health and pleasure-seekers will get their money's worth better at Sodus Point than at any other place in the State.”
- ♦ *June 30, 1871.* The new “Big Sodus Bay Lighthouse” is completed. A Congressional appropriation of \$14,000 was made July 15, 1870, to rebuild the tower and keeper's dwelling. Not a lot of news about this compared to the railroad and bridge at the head of the bay.
- ♦ *August 10, 1871. (Newark Courier)* “Last Sunday was a lively day at the Point. In the afternoon a party of gentlemen from Lyons managed to get into a quarrel with a party of Sodus boys - and all about a dog. In the game that followed, three or four of each party took a hand, and the Lyons chaps got badly “cleaned out.” . . . In the evening a party of youngsters from Sodus indulged in the luxury of a horse-race; the result of which was a carriage overturned, and a young lady seriously injured. We are sorry to add that the reckless fellows who drove didn't get hurt much. Please inform the Lyons Republican

that more than *thirty bushels* of cherries have been gathered within a mile and a half of Sodus Point the present year. Query: Is Sodus Point in Wayne County or not?"

- ♦ *September 7, 1871. (Newark Courier) LeRoy (Long) Island* – "Mr. B. R. [Benjamin Rush] Lummis ... complains of outrages committed by persons who go to Sodus Point sporting. While he has interdicted the use of "Big Island," he has allowed the public to go upon "Long Island." But even here people cannot do as they ought, since Mr. L. finds that they often annoy his tenants and are not careful to avoid damage. He gives notice that unless he has less trouble there, visitors must leave this island also."
- ♦ *September 14, 1871 - Sodus Bay Bridge* completed sometime before September 1871. First "stable" bridge after many float bridges and ferries since the early 1800s. In the news much of fall of 1871 over local concern for cost and quality of construction.
- ♦ *September 14, 1871. (Newark Courier) Sodus Point* – "We always like to visit this Lake Shore town, not simply because we have so many subscribers and friends there, but because the air is healthful, the scenery interesting, and the people themselves open-hearted and courteous. Sodus Point has splendid natural advantages and offers inducements to capitalists such as few harbor towns can equal. The capacity for shipping is almost unlimited. Though good vacant lots are scarce, there are several offered for sale, and at a moderate price. Of the three railroads now pointing to them, they must certainly have one before long. Give them an outlet and their great resources will be developed immediately. At present things are quiet and peaceful. Mr. D. McNett is building a fine steam yacht which will add greatly to the attractions of the Point. The new lighthouse now completed is a fine structure and with its revolving lamp is well worth a visit. Their new church is moving slowly. All the several generations of Wickhams are still there. We paid them our respects last week and we received some of theirs in return. Long life to them."

If President Ulysses S. Grant were to visit Sodus Bay and most especially the lighthouse built during his presidency, he would find the vision and efforts of his administration were successful. Long Life and Happy Birthday to You, "Old Stone Lighthouse!" Your place in history is secure. May your story, along with the stories and contents you hold, continue to enlighten the American spirit for another 150 years!

*Great (or Big) Sodus Bay
Old Stone Lighthouse
on the Bluff circa 1908 much as it would
have appeared in 1871. Bertha Phillips
Lewis with children Marion and Elmer
pictured at the fence gate. Bertha was
wife of Sodus Bay Lighthouse keeper
(1917-1938) Wilfred Lewis and daughter
of Sodus Bay Lighthouse keeper (1880-
1917) Daniel Phillips
See Spring 2021 Article on
Bertha Phillips Lewis.
Photo: SBHS photo archives*



Wayne County Bicentennial Update



Wayne County Bicentennial Committees Update

🍏 The Bicentennial Float, created and constructed by Town of Rose Supervisor, Dick Lasher and Town of Huron Supervisor and SBHS member, Phil Eygnor made its debut at the Memorial Day Parade in Wolcott. Since then, the float has been making appearances around the county. Look for the float in parades and other events this summer and fall.

🍏 The two-year Bicentennial Calendar (2022 & 2023) filled with historic dates and photos will be ready for purchase soon.

🍏 The *Memories* book committee is collecting stories, poems, and visual arts. You can find information on this project at: <https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Book-of-Memories-1.pdf>.

🍏 Bicentennial Town Committees are visible at local Farmers Markets and other events sharing information about the Wayne County Bicentennial.

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For more information or to schedule a program on the Wayne County Bicentennial – Visit:

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Wayne County is Historic to the Core!



SBHS Committee News

The SBHS Board of Directors has several committees working diligently to assure the “jobs” of the Lighthouse Museum are completed. Many capable hands provide care and maintenance for the grounds, building - inside and out, artifacts and collections, and museum store. Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum visitors experience a historic site of great significance to our region through the lens of beauty, care, education, and conservancy - thanks to the work of these committees.

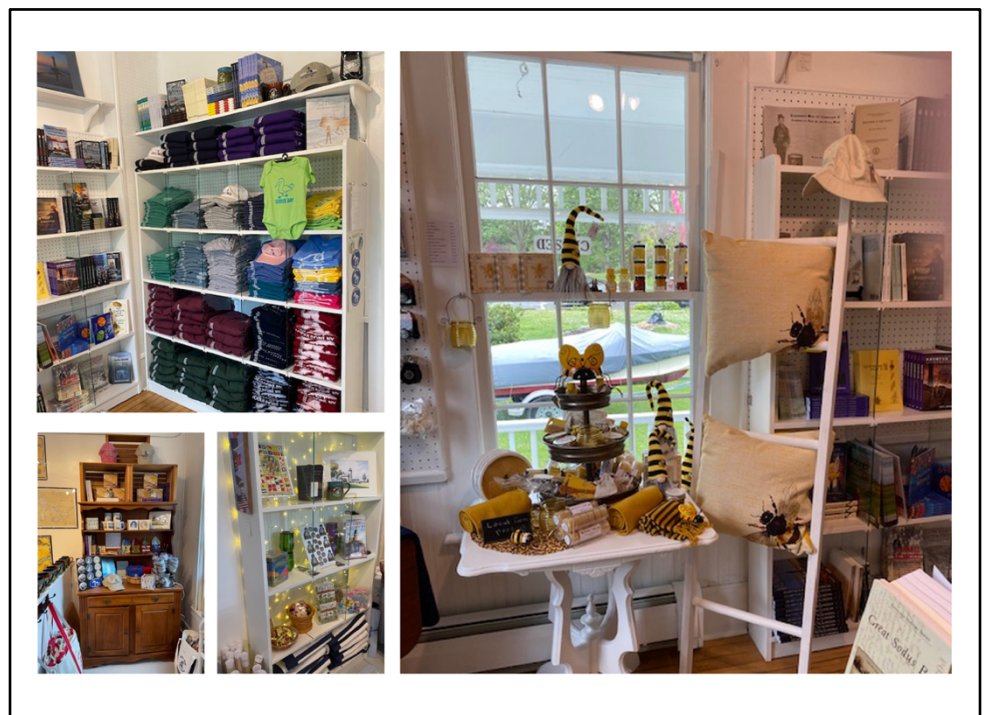
Lighthouse Museum Gift Shop – Mary Quinn, Chair



The Museum Gift Shop is renovated and OPEN for BUSINESS! New items arriving weekly! Stop in to view the expanded inventory and to support our local artists. The Lighthouse Museum Gift Shop will also be participating in the Wayne County Fall Fling 2021.



Thanks to Mary Quinn and Sue Coco for photos.



Curatorial – Martha Lightfoot, Chair

The curatorial committee is excited about the new exhibit changes and display space constructed over the last five months on both floors of the lighthouse. Each committee member has contributed hours of hard work and diligence - creating a bright new look to the lighthouse exhibits. A special thank you to Cory and Howard Potter for their incredible help and hard work organizing the new display areas, as well as their continued effort to make each room an "Aha" moment!

The Chamberlain Room is dedicated to maritime lighthouse memorabilia and lighthouse keepers' tools, which aided the workings of an active lighthouse. There are also photographs of Sodus Bay lighthouse keepers and their families. The Sill Room is also dedicated to lighthouse history. A corner of the Sill Room is devoted to the War of 1812 as an essential milestone for Sodus Point. The Arney Room features recreational activities through the years on Sodus Bay, including swimming, fishing, and baseball (Sodus Point Lakers/Chiefs). Finally, the Ward Room highlights the industry of Sodus Bay and the surrounding area, including the coal trestle, the customs house, the malt house, and apple harvesting.

Two additional exhibit rooms, named the Founders Suite, have been added to the museum's second floor. Boating, boat building, and everything maritime will be the themes of these exhibit spaces. The second-floor hallway currently has a display of old Sodus Bay Charts and will have items from the original cribbing of the break wall that created the numbered streets and lower Wickham Boulevard. There is also a glass display case featuring Maritime items.

The Curatorial Committee continues to organize the third-floor storage area of the lighthouse. Now that the rooms have displays set up, the curatorial committee will be designing placards and appropriate signage and interpretative panels explaining the focus of each of the exhibit spaces and adding items for display.

Volunteer assistance is always welcome. We would be pleased to add new members to the Curatorial Committee to help with the ongoing exhibit and collections work. In addition, we are

actively accepting donations of historical and Maritime items, including photographs, artifacts, and journals of the Sodus Bay area that would enhance our exhibit space and stories. We are excited about revamping the exhibits. We sincerely hope you will visit and enjoy the revitalized, bright, and airy atmosphere at the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum.



Thanks to Julia Banfi for photos.

Membership – Jane Peachey, Chair

Welcome to our new members:

Todd and Jennifer Liebert

Haidee I. Pixie

Betty Pine

Robert and Rebecca Saiff

Frederick Schantz

Laurie Verbridge

David C. Werly

Joan and Kevin Young

And thank you to our newest Life members:

Cynthia and Eric Gentsch.

Life membership is a one-time \$1000.00 payment. You no longer need to renew your membership. Half of this payment is deposited into an endowment account for the long-term viability and financial stability of SBHS. Life members also have their names added to a plaque hung inside the museum.

Are you interested in donating but not ready to become a Life member? Are you already a Life member?

Recently, we've had a few members, one of which is a Life member, elect to donate an amount of their choice on a regular basis using automatic bill pay options available through their financial institution or simply mail us a check on a schedule of their terms. It's a convenient way to donate smaller payments that make a big difference. All donations matter to us and are very much appreciated!

Finally, your interest, involvement and support are what makes this museum and its activities successful. Thank you for your support!

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In addition to our loyal members, the Sodus Bay Historical Society relies on the generous contributions from area businesses and foundations for support. Given the economic toll the COVID-19 virus continues to take on our local businesses this past year, it is important to show your appreciation by supporting these businesses. Their continued support will help the Sodus Bay Historical Society and Lighthouse Museum move forward and continue to make possible future events and activities. Thank you!

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2021 Sodus Bay Lighthouse Concert Season

Sundays July 4- Sept 5, 2021, 2-4 PM

July 4 - Gap Mangione Big Band

With a compliment of three trumpets, three trombones, four saxes, rhythm section and vocalists, enjoy arrangements from the swing era through modern big bands to a cross section of the best in popular music.

July 11 - Letizia & The Z Band

This 5-piece high energy dance band has played from NYC to Canada and the Northeast. They play everything from the standards of the 40's to today's pop favorites.

July 18 - Isreal Hagan & Stroke

Accomplished singer, songwriter, and nine-time SAMMY award winner Isreal Hagan is known for his ability to engage audiences with original music and renditions of oldies.

July 25 – Magical Mystery Tour

An opportunity to perform in a Beatles tribute band drew the band members together in 2001 when they conceived and performed in a chronological revue of Beatles music.

August 1 – Charlie Lindner & The Pickle Mafia

Great pickles and great music! From originals to Nirvana and Ariana - great dance tunes. Forming in 2019 the group has played many shows throughout upstate NY.

August 8 – Matt Chase & Thunder Canyon

Formed in 1993, Matt Chase and Thunder Canyon enjoy the reputation as one of the top “Hot Country” bands in Central NY.

August 15 – The Flyin’ Column

For 45 years The Flyin’ Column has performed Irish, Scottish, and North American folk music at festivals, weddings, and other venues throughout the Northeast and Canada.

August 22 – Joe Whiting Band

Singer and sax player Joe Whiting fronted a seminal rock band on RCA called Jukin’ Bone in the 1970’s. He has toured the world with Savoy Brown and is a Grammy Award nominee.

August 29 – The Jane Mutiny

Singer Sarah Jane Long founded The Jane Mutiny incorporating several styles of music including Jazz, Rock and Blues. Their daring arrangements of great music from Jazz to Funk, and Celtic to Country create their unique sound.

Sept 5 – Music Makers Band

Founded by Eastman School Alumnus and US band veteran “Dick” Otto in 1993, this talented band performs all types of music including Jazz, Swing, Rock and Disco.

Free! - Bring your own chair - Lunch and refreshments available.