

Center for Folklife, History & Cultural Programs

submitted by Todd DeGarmo, Director of the Folklife Center

New Grants & Income

- Capital District Library Council's Cataloging Grant \$2,500
- New York State Council on the Arts-Folk Arts Program \$29,400
- New York State Music Fund \$90,000

Special Collections & Archives

- temporary move to Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs, staffed Mon-Fri, 9 to 4.
- Erica Burke began work as our new archivist/librarian in April.
- 860 titles added (purchased new or donated) to the Holden Reference Collection.
- *Vital Records Index* (births, marriages, deaths) onsite through the NYS Health Department & Archives.
- *Folk Arts Collections* available as traveling displays to SALS member libraries throughout the year.
- preservation & cataloging projects by interns & consultants via NYS Archives and CDLC funds.

Live Music & Storytelling

- *Adesso*, songs in English & Italian, at exhibit reception in February for World Awareness Museum.
- *Only the Message Mattered*, original songs by Bob Warren in April for the 5th annual awards/Women History Month essay contest, at the Wood Theater, co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women.
- storytellers Lale Davidson & Joseph Bruchac in February for the Battenkill Valley Ice Breaker Winter Festival.
- storyteller Bairbre McCarthy in June for Adirondack Day at Queensbury Schools.

Lecture Circuit

- *Indian Camps & Upstate Tourism* by DeGarmo for Queensbury Seniors (April).
- *Library's Renovations* by DeGarmo for NYS Folk Arts Roundtable, Syracuse (May).
- *Using HeritageQuest & Ancestry.com* by Burke for CPL Reference staff (July).
- *Panelist's Advice* by DeGarmo for LARAC's Individual Artist Grant (August).
- *Getting Started with Family History* by Burke for NYSUT, Lake George (October).
- *Folklife Center Research* by Burke for Heritage Hunters, Saratoga Springs (November).
- *Mining Local Archives*, by DeGarmo at the CDCSS conference, Colonie (November).

Kids & Classrooms

- *Guess What I Collect* training sessions to showcase kids' own collections in displays at the Library.
- *Book Boxes* travel to classrooms, home schools, etc.: *Chinese Cultures, India, Backyards, 1776, Navajo, Slavery, Foodways, Dolls, Japan, Keepsakes & Memories, Migration, Extraordinary Women, Iroquois, Rainforest Cultures.*
- *Kids in Archives* a revived program, in partnership with the Children's Department and the Glens Falls City Schools thru a 21st Century Grant, putting archival collections in kids' hands to teach local history.

Music Makers: A Fusion of Classical, Folk & Jazz

- *L'Ensemble* recruited 15 musicians from a variety of genres to perform a 4-part concert series (Sing! Sing! Sing! • Fiddle Fever • Percussion Party • Finale!) for 13 performances in 3 communities attracting over 1,156, and funded by the NYS Music Fund to Folklife Center partnering with SALS and Easton & Long Lake libraries.