

2008 Center for Folklife, History & Cultural Programs

submitted by Todd DeGarmo, Director of the Folklife Center

New Grants & Income

- New York State Council on the Arts–Folk Arts Program \$40,000.
- Quebec Project (NEA & NYSCA) \$11,700.
- NYS Archives–LGRMIF \$ 6,449
- NYSCA–Folk Arts & NY Folklore Society Folk Arts Internship \$5,000.
- Capital District Library Council’s cataloging grant \$2,500

Envoye a Maison! A Franco-American Homecoming

- 4-day, 10-event, 14-artist program to celebrate Quebec’s 400th anniversary with a cultural exchange of music, dance, crafts, food, the building of an outdoor bread oven, & making of a documentary film of its construction, with partners Hubbard Hall, Cambridge Library & Farmers Market, NY (October).

Live Music & Storytelling

- Abenaki storyteller *James Bruchac* in February for the Battenkill Valley Winter Festival (Feb).
- *Kevin & Katie McKrell* (March)
- *Sara Milonvich & Greg Anderson* (March)
- *Santa Cruz River Band* at Wood Theater (April).
- *Mike & Ruthy* (Ungar Merenda) (April).
- *Adesso*, at 6th annual Women History awards with American Assoc of University Women (Apr).
- Storyteller/musician *Peggy Lynn* at Queensbury school’s Adirondack Day (June).
- *Lake George Saxophone* and *Frank Orsini & Friends* played for Opening December 12.

Lecture Circuit

- *Kids in Archives* by Burke & DeGarmo for SALS Youth Services Roundtable (March).
- *Building Bridges* by DeGarmo at Upstate History Alliance/Museum Assoc of NY, Troy (Apr).
- *Life & Legend of Pete Francis* by DeGarmo at Mid-Atlantic American Studies Assoc, Rochester (Apr).
- *Folk at Crandall* by DeGarmo at Mid-Atlantic Folklife Assoc & NYS Roundtable, Cooperstown (Apr).
- *Interactions & Public Gallery* by DeGarmo for NY Archives Conference, Potsdam (May).
- *Building Bridges* by DeGarmo at Conference on NYS History, Skidmore (June).
- *History of NBT Bank Building* by Burke for GF Rotary Club (July) & Lions Club (October).
- *Archives to Enrich Instruction* by Burke for BOCES Upstate NY Teaching American History, (Oct).
- *Adirondack Folk Art* by DeGarmo to Health Care Association of NY, Lake George (October).

Internships

- Rita Colavincenza, one of two folklife graduate students funded statewide by NYSCA/NYFS.
- Caitlin Johnson, State University at Albany library school graduate student.

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.
- *Kids in Archives*, place archival collections in kids’ hands to teach local history.

Special Collections & Archives

- Temporary home at Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs, staffed Mon–Fri, 9 to 4.
- Erica Burke passed the Certified Archivist examinations.
- YMCA Building Display by Burke in temporary Library.
- 261 titles added (purchased new or donated) to the Holden Reference Collection.
- *Vital Records Index* (births, marriages, deaths) onsite through the NYS Health Department & Archives.
- 135 Manuscript Collection descriptions placed on SALS/MVLA catalog.
- Folklife fieldwork audio tapes & 16 mm films of regional interest converted to digital files.
- Holden Reference Collection inventoried & Historic Children’s Book Collection catalogued.
- *Arts & Objects Collections* cataloged & portions accessible on CDLC Digital Collections website.