

# NEWS & EVENTS



**THE FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HULETT'S LANDING** is a community group dedicated to preserving the history of our local area through collections and programs. This newsletter is our way of keeping our members and interested folks aware of our activities. We hope you enjoy it and want to join us in the planned activities. We each have a deep and enduring commitment to the Lake and its History and welcome your interest, donations, and ideas.

## Don't Miss this Summer's Events!

THE SUMMER 2009 PROGRAM

**T**HIS WILL BE OUR BUSIEST SUMMER EVER, WITH LOTS OF OFFERINGS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SOON-TO-BE MEMBERS. We have terrific speakers in July and August: the very engaging **Paul Saenger**, Captain of the Carillon, will talk at 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 19 at the Mountain Grove Memorial Church and share AMAZING information about Dresden and Whitehall. Did you know both Harry Houdini and W. C. Fields played at the "World of Motion" Theater? We always love to have programs that feature long-time Hulett's families and we are so lucky to have **Marian Knight** and **Ginny Lyons** share the history of the Knight family who have lived on Meadow Point since before the turn of the last century. They'll speak on Friday, August 21, also at the church at 7:00 PM

You are all invited to a **Cocktail Party** on Wednesday, July 15, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, to inaugurate the old firehouse as our official home, with vintage Hulett's scenes on display to kick off our new gallery space. Plus enjoy a musical **FHHL Fundraiser** the evening of July 25 at the Casino, featuring the great, Celtic band *Road to Galway* and Hulett's own singer, the fabulous Betsy Straton, performing. Read all about it in these pages!

### A Celtic Music Fundraiser, July 25 at the Casino!

Come support the FHHL (and patronize the newly renovated Casino) by enjoying the rollicking music of the Celtic band, *Road to Galway*, and hearing Hulett's singer Betsy Straton. It will be a terrific night!

Read all the details on Page 6



A picture of a Rutland Railroad train wrecked in 1921 crossing a drawbridge north of Whitehall. From the collection of our Sunday, July 19 speaker, Captain Paul Saenger.

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## A Letter from The President



Dear Members and Friends,

The Friends of Historic Hulett's Landing have become the official tenants of the old Firehouse and we invite you to a Wine and Cheese Reception from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on July 15 to inaugurate our new FHHL Gallery Space. On display will be a collection of charming scenes of old Hulett's. We decided to accept the very generous proposal from the Volunteer Fire Company to allow us to use the building in return for minimal maintenance costs such as insurance and utilities. We felt it an opportunity that would be lost if the building were demolished. We will also be providing enhanced space for the Guild Library and for other community activities. There will be a small children's area that will have scaled down bookshelves and age-appropriate books (donations desired). We want to encourage the community, including summer renters, to use the building, library, and museum at normal hours or at other hours by arrangement.

The larger space will be used to exhibit the materials we have, some larger pho-

We have a new  
home! Visit the  
old firehouse and  
see the changes!

tographic reproductions of items such as blow-ups of historic postcards from the collection of Judy Haggett, some reproductions of the historic Detroit Publishing Company photographs from the Library of Congress archives and other sources, as well as vintage images from residents of Hulett's.

The firehouse is in the process of getting a beauty makeover, with interior painting, new shelving and displays, a new entrance at the back of the building and landscaping to make access to the building much easier than it has been in the past. We will have a couple of volunteer work days (look at the Post Office and Community Bulletin Board for dates) to deal with setting up displays, hanging materials, minor landscaping, and other small tasks that are readily within what a volunteer group can do in a few hours.

We hope you'll participate this summer in all the activities we have planned.

Best,

**Jim McMaster**



## Become a Member Today to Enjoy the Benefits of FHHL

The organization depends on membership dollars to provide our programs.

Please fill out the membership form (below) today, our goal is have at least 250 members and eventually allow members to renew via a secure payment system on [www.HistoricHulett's.org](http://www.HistoricHulett's.org). Make sure to include your e-mail address.

### THE FHHL ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HULETT'S LANDING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FHHL GALLERY (THE OLD FIREHOUSE) MONDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 9:30AM.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND, AS WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

THERE WILL BE A TRUSTEES MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING.

## Become a Member Today!

The costs are very small to become a member but provide great program benefits. Annual Membership for Individuals is \$10/year. Family membership is \$20/year, and includes two adults and all children. Sustaining members are \$50/year.

Membership will include admission charges for our regular summer programs.

When you return this form, be sure to indicate your preferred membership level and include a check payable to **Friends of Historic Hulett's Landing**. Remember, many employers have matching gift programs.

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# www.HistoricHuletts.org

## Please Help Make it a Great Resource

Our website is up and running at [www.HistoricHuletts.org](http://www.HistoricHuletts.org). Please stop and take a look. Visitors can see the calendar of special events and speakers throughout the summer and learn more about the mission of our organization and the benefits of membership. We also provide information about past talks on the history of Hulett's Landing and this region of Lake George.

In addition, it is intended to be digital collection, a repository of historically relevant documents, memoirs, photographs, newspaper articles and memorabilia. We hope that with an attractive and well-organized digital collection we will grow as a resource to the community.



*What do you have that we could scan and include in our digital archives on the web?*

Every family is encouraged to make Family Folders online and share copies of their local memorabilia, family history, images and documents. The site makes it very easy to upload new material so the site can grow as we do.

What do you have that we could scan and include in the digital archives? Let us know by calling our Webmaster, Anne Adler, at 499-2639



### OUR GALLERY AND LIBRARY HOURS

OUR HOURS are from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from July 1 through Labor Day at the old Firehouse. We have a gallery show of vintage photographs and illustrations of Huletts landing and we are planning a small children's area that will have scaled down bookshelves and age appropriate books (donations desired). In addition, we are installing additional shelves for books to allow the Guild Library to expand its collection.

### FHHL CHILDRENS' PROGRAM

Finally, we are in the process of developing a children's program of projects and activities in Huletts, led by museum professionals, that will be both fun and educational. Watch out for details on the community bulletin board on a Fort Ticonderoga Children's Program in July in the old firehouse. Moms get a break and kids can learn about their local heritage. Email [lucindafh@yahoo.com](mailto:lucindafh@yahoo.com) with questions.

T H E S U M M E R 2 0 0 9 P R O G R A M

Captain Paul is a renowned story-teller who pilots the 60-foot luxury vessel the "Carillon," a replica of a 1920's Thousand Island's cruise boat that leaves

**CAPTAIN PAUL SAENGER**

*Sunday, July 19*

Whitehall on Monday afternoons in the summer. His passengers get the benefit of his

encyclopedic knowledge of the stories anchored on the shoreline of Dresden and Whitehall. Learn about the difference between the new and old canal, the most eccentric characters of the last century and the original purpose of familiar buildings, such as one you would be startled to learn served as an armory in the War of 1812. We'll be treated to highlights from his rare picture collection, including one of the railroad tracks that went out into Lake Champlain 300 feet



The Knight family in the early 1900's



Captain Paul Saenger

simply to allow trains to turn around and head back through Whitehall. The 7:00 PM talk at the Mountain Grove Memorial Church on Sunday, July 19 is free for FHHL members and \$5 for non-members.



“Meadow Point” as we know it began as true wish fulfillment. In 1893 Mr. William Proctor Ferguson offered to buy his wife anything she wanted, and she replied that all she wanted was “Meadow Point.” Her daughter, Emma Adele, who married Dr. George Winthrop Knight, lived in “Craigdarroch” named for a castle in Scotland and made sure

**THE KNIGHTS OF MEADOW POINT**

*Friday, August 21*

that all her grandchildren had a part of the point on which to build a home. Marian Knight and Ginny

Lyons are going to show vintage pictures of this long-lasting family compound that is an integral part of historic Huletts Landing and share stories of the many branches of the family that descend from Dr. and Mrs. Knight’s extended family. They will be speaking at the Mountain Grove Memorial Church at 7:00 PM on Friday, August 21. The program is free for FHHL members and \$5 for non-members.



Dr George and Emma Adele Ferguson Knight, circa 1940

## 2 0 0 9 H I G H L I G H T S

The Casino will be reserved for an FHHL audience between 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM and ticket holders can enjoy the show for whatever length of time they want while the Casino offers its regular menu and cash bar. Tickets are \$10 (advance purchase, \$12 at the door. Kids under 12 are \$5 and under six, free ) and are available at the Casino anytime, at the old firehouse during Gallery and Library hours (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays). Call Sylvia Lawler (518-756-2631) with questions or to buy tickets if you are not in Huletts. The Albany-based band, *Road to Galway* plays traditional music from Ireland, Scotland,

Wales, and North America, ranging from evocative slow airs to jigs, hornpipes, and reels, presented with ready wit that makes every performance a lot of fun. Performing are guitarist Chuck Valentine, Alex Lawler on mandolin and banjo, Sandy Decker on flute and accordion, Bill Decker on bass guitar, and Bob Assini on bodhran (the Irish hand drum). Huletts' lovely singer Betsy Straton will open the sets.



The Celtic quintet, *Road to Galway*.

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