

# 2010 Annual Report of the Folklife Center

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## Grants & Income

1. New York State Council on the Art–Folk Arts Program: \$44,426 (1st of 3 years) for general program support of Folk Arts activities.
2. NY Folklore Society Mentoring Grant: \$672 for DeGarmo to consult with curator on interactive exhibitions at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, February 18-20.
3. Capital District Library Council: \$2500 for a consultant to catalog the Fran & Irv Shapiro Folk Music Library.
4. Friends of Crandall Public Library: \$5,065 for portable stage; \$1,530 for special collections on website.
5. Queensbury PTA: \$250 towards a musician for Adirondack Day for the 3rd Grade.

## Archives & Special Collections

1. Reading Room Use
  - a. 2536 Patrons
  - b. 3901 Items Used
  - c. 875 Copies
  - d. 935.25 Volunteer Hours.
2. New Collections
  - Art, Print, Map Collections

Charles Wood portrait (loan?)  
Tom Ryan’s donation of his 7 of his original watercolors of local, historic scenes.  
Rhea Haggart Costello print, *Jack Leadley: An Adirondack Legend*.  
Cate Mandigo print, *Happy Hometown Holidays*.  
Charles Flichbaugh’s donation of 19th century maps (2) & prints (2).  
Lena Luliano’s donation of *A Place for All Seasons* (framed print of CPL).  
Erica Wolfe Burke’s donation of her 9 *Christmas Nativity Puppets*.
  - Manuscript & Research Collections

Glens Falls Hospital Guild Archives.  
Woman’s National Farm & Garden Association Archives.  
Annie Yocum research collection, *Adirondack Cowboys*.  
William Lee Richards research collection (maps, papers).  
Tom Lapham’s donation of Pruyn family DAR applications.  
Additions to DAR local chapter archives.

Additions to Glens Falls Community Theater.

Floyd Dumas' own World War II story.

David Casey donation of Irish genealogy research, postcards & Crockwell mag.

Stephen B. Mischo's donation of O'Leary family history. (12 binders & 1 box).

### Books & Serials

John C. ("Jack") Mannix Magician's Library (361 volumes, 91 videos, 28 DVDs).

Amy Smith's donation of high school yearbooks.

Paul McCarty's donation of high school yearbooks.

Adirondack Community College donation of newspapers & census microfilm.

Antonio & Michelle Cerro's donation of the serial, *Liberty Proclaimer*.

Janet DeLong's donation of 1807 Bible.

Todd DeGarmo's donation of books on sacred, community & Jazz music.

Ballston Spa Library's donation of books on Adirondack subjects.

*Main Street* (newspaper) donation of missing issues.

Lucy Cornwell's donation of Margaret Cornwell materials (ephemera, books).

### Audio-visual Collections

Irv & Fran Shapiro Folk Music Library (11 linear ft of albums, books, papers)

Ann Cornell Folk Music Library (6.5 lin ft albums, 66 books, 1 lin ft serials).

DeGarmo's digital video recordings of *Live! Folklife Concerts* and other.

DeGarmo's digital fieldwork photographs.

Steve Davis' donation of a DVD of *The Visitors* live performance at CPL.

Kevin Ankeny's donation of his film, *Farm Raised*.

## 3. Collection Management

a. CDLC cataloging grant consultant Cindy Maguire added 523 titles (including individual song notation) of the Fran & Irv Shapiro Folk Music Library to SALS/MVLA Polaris Catalog; also added new music book acquisitions.

b. NYSCA consultant Nancy Scheemaker working on various Folklife Collections: converting digital video recording of Live! Folklife Concerts to CD use copies; cataloging new Folk Art; adding items to Folklife Research Collections, etc.

c. Intern (American University) Cassandra Passinault transcribing Holden civil war letters, identifying World War II inductees, and similar projects; intern (SUNY Albany) John Miller making rare book boxes.

d. Volunteers from the Glens Falls Hospital Guild processing their archives; planning display and reception for Fall 2011.

e. Volunteers digitizing Folk Music collections for patron access at iTunes Station.

f. Historic Maps (4) delivered to NE Document Conservation Center for free conservation assessment.

- g. New Vital Records from NYS Archives & Dept of Health added to collection.
- h. Annual *Destruction of Obsolete Library Records* with Board approval.

## **Folklife Gallery**

1. Exhibitions for *Have a Seat in Glens Falls*, summer 2010:
  - a. *This Seat Taken lol*
  - b. *Come Sit a Spell*
  - c. *Stand up. Be heard.*
2. Reception, *Third Thursday Glens Falls Art Walk*, June 17, 90 participants.
3. Reception: *Third Thursday Glens Falls Art Walk*, September 16, 48 participants.
4. Exhibition: World War II and Glens Falls
5. Reception, *Third Thursday Glens Falls Art Walk*, October 21, 50 participants.
6. Display: Folk Art & Folklife Center, internship information for Public History conference hosted by Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, October 1.
7. Exhibition: *Peak to Peak: Verplanck Colvin and the First Years of the Adirondack Survey*, handmade book by Bob Walp of Chester Creek Press, and winner of LARAC Individual Artist Grant,
8. Reception, *Third Thursday Glens Falls Art Walk*, November 18, 90 participants.

## **Music, Storytelling**

1. Swing Peepers in Lake Lovers, a family, inactive concert, Tuesday February 16 (winter vacation week), 1:30 pm in Community Room for 60 participants.
2. New portable stage purchased by the Friends of Crandall Public Library, February.
3. Live! Folklife Concerts, Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 pm in Community Room:
  - a. March 5, Red Haired Strangers, 76 participants.
  - b. March 11, Roadside Blues Band, 140 participants.
  - c. March 18, Siver Family, 145 participants.
  - d. March 25, Mike & Rick (Hair of the Dog), 140 participants.
  - e. April 1, Lissa Schneckenberger, 94 participants.
  - f. April 8, Hungrytown, 131 participants.
  - g. April 15, Bread & Bones, 88 participants.
  - h. April 22, Red Molly, 190+ participants.

4. Women's History Awards, co-hosted by the American Association of University Women, featuring storyteller Jeannine Laverty, and 5th graders reading their winning essays, Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 pm for 108 participants.
5. Batt & Maura Burns, stories & music from County Kerr, Ireland, Thursday, April 29, 7 to 9 pm for 102 participants.
6. Dan Berggren at Adirondack Day for Queensbury third grades, May 27 for 150.
7. Live! Folklife Concerts, Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 pm in Community Room:
  - a. October 21, Fairview Avenue, 81 participants.
  - b. October 28, Red Hen, 105 participants.
  - c. November 4, Dana & Susan Robinson, 90 participants.

## **Workshops & Talks**

1. *Henry Crandall's Catsup Bottle*, an archival workshop collaboration with the Teen Center, Thursday, February 25, 6:30 pm for 28 participants.
2. *Family History 101*, genealogy workshop by Burke, March 6 for 15 participants; and July 10 for 6 participants.
3. *Guess What I Collect*, workshop by DeGarmo in collaboration with the Children's Department, to teach kids how to showcase their collections at the Library, Wednesday, April 7, for 8 participants; and July 20 for 10 participants.
4. *Ancestry Library Edition*, database workshop by Burke, May, for 13 participants.
5. *Managing Historic Photographs*, workshop by NYS Archives Documentary Heritage Program in the Community Room, July 1 for 20 participants.
6. Warren County History Camp, tour of Warren St by Burke, July 14, for 24 participants.
7. *Folk Arts All Around Us*, illustrated talk by DeGarmo for Hamilton County historian's summer series, Indian Lake, July 22, for 6 participants.
8. Folklife Center Orientation: two meetings hosting by DeGarmo & Burke to familiarize Reference Staff with our collections and procedures, August 17, 18.
9. *Women in the Adirondacks*, folk art display for Empire State College's Public History conference, October 1, Saratoga Springs.
10. *Archival Saturdays*, workshops by Burke & DeGarmo for NYS Archives Month:
  - a. October 2, Caring for Family Treasures
  - b. October 9, Clues in Family Photographs

c. October 23, Share Your Photos with Crandall.

11. Saratoga in Bloom, author talk & book signing, November 5, 30 participants.

12. LGRMIF Grant workshop by NYS Archives, December 1, 30 participants.

### **Outreach & Professional Training**

1. DeGarmo: member of the Glens Falls Heritage Hall Committee.

2. DeGarmo: Preserving Digital Audio workshop at Vermont Folklife Center, March 8.

3. DeGarmo: Digitalizing Audio workshop at Capital District Library Council, March 24.

4. Burke: Capital Area Archivists meeting, Troy, April 15.

5. Burke: Google workshop, May 13.

6. DeGarmo: NYS Folk Arts Roundtable, Saratoga Springs, May 19-21.

7. DeGarmo: NYSCA-Folk Arts review panel, with gallery research, June 8-9.

8. Burke: Clues in Historic Photos, NYGBS, NY Public Library, June 18.

9. DeGarmo: consultation on exhibitions, Vermont Folklife Center, June 23.

10. DeGarmo: research associate, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, using Grace Nicholson Papers re: Nell Cunningham Indian Basket Collection, Oct 12-20.

11. Burke: Heritage Hunters annual meeting, Schuylerville, Oct 23.

12. Burke: Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives conference, Harrisburg, PA, Nov 10-13.