

# STAN BURDICK CARTOON COLLECTION

## OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECT

<b>Repository:</b>	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
<b>Creator:</b>	Stan Burdick
<b>Title:</b>	Stan Burdick Cartoon Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1999, 2005
<b>Abstract:</b>	Two cartoons by Stan Burdick: "A Huff and Puff" and "How to Make a Mayor Smile"
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 framed pictures
<b>Identification:</b>	Art & Artifacts: Art

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Stan Burdick (1925 – 2015), the cartoonist, was born in Rhode Island and grew up in Rhode Island and New York. For many years he worked as a travelling square dance caller, and with his wife, Cathie, published and edited *American Square Dance Magazine*. After retiring from the magazine business, Burdick became more involved in drawing editorial cartoons, which appeared in the *Times of Ti* (Ticonderoga, NY), the *Post-Star* (Glens Falls, NY) and the *Press Republican* (Plattsburgh, NY). He founded the Cartoon Museum, first in Hague and later in Ticonderoga, before donating his collection to the Toonseum in Pittsburgh, PA, in 2009. He was one of the founders of the Northern Lake George Rotary, and organizer of the Ticonderoga Stamp Club. He and Cathie were married in the Silver Bay Chapel (Hague, NY) in 1955, and retired to a cottage at Silver Bay in 1991.

Glens Falls Mayor Robert A. Regan (Republican), who grew up in Binghamton, served two consecutive four-year terms, from 1998 to 2005. He received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from SUNY Geneseo and a law degree from Albany Law School. Before serving as mayor, Regan was assistant counsel to the New York State Health Committee, and he later served as counsel to state Sen. Ronald Stafford. Regan also served on the Glens Falls Urban Renewal Agency Board and was Assistant City Attorney. He is married to Amy Bartlett, a lawyer.

Christine McDonald served as Director of Crandall Public Library from 1979 to 2012. McDonald led two campaigns to enlarge the Crandall Library, as well as the

(successful) campaign to create a library taxing district: hence the name change to Crandall **Public** Library. Although the building campaign satirized in Burdick's cartoon "A Huff and Puff" did not come to fruition, McDonald successfully piloted a later plan which resulted in the library expansion completed in December of 2008.

## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Politics  
Cartoons

**Places:** Glens Falls (Warren) NY  
Silver Bay, Hague (Warren) NY  
Ticonderoga (Essex) NY  
Crandall Public Library (Glens Falls)

**Important People:** Mayor Bob Regan  
Stan Burdick (1925 – 2015)  
Christine McDonald

**Form/Genre:** Two-dimensional non-projected media

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Preferred Citation:** Stan Burdick Cartoon Collection  
Folklife Center  
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

**Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Erica Wolfe Burke and Pamela Reed, October 2017

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S)

### 1. How to Make a Mayor Smile: Focus on Downtown Development (2005)

This is an original, colored, political cartoon of Mayor Bob Regan of Glens Falls, NY. The Mayor's face is in the center of the drawing with sketches and clip art of his projects radiating around him. Dimensions: 13 ½ " wide by 10 ½ " inside matte. Frame dimensions 21" by 17". Stan Burdick, the cartoonist has signed the picture just above the drawn border line. "BURDICK – POSTSTAR" is written inside the border line on the right edge of the picture. The picture is drawn on white paper and colored with

colored pens and or pencils. There are small clip art pictures pasted onto the paper and colored. The frame is a plain black metal, and the matte is rose-colored.

## **2. A Huff and Puff (Political Cartoon of Christine McDonald, Director of Crandall Public Library) (1999)**

The image is 10 inches by 13.5 inches. A cartoon drawing of Christine McDonald, Crandall Library Directory is in the lower right corner. She is blowing up a balloon, within which is a building labelled "Expansion Plans/Crandall Public Library". In the lower left corner is a man with a pin reaching toward the balloon. He is labelled Critics + naysayers. This proposal was rejected by the voters. However, Ms McDonald presided over the planning and construction of a subsequent expansion, which was built, opening on December 12, 2008. In the upper left corner, running vertically it says "Post-Star/Burdick" and in the lower right it is signed Stan Burdick and dated 10/15/99. The picture is drawn on white paper and colored with colored pens and or pencils. The matte and frame are black.