



# GATEWAY MUSEUM

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Dear Patrons and Friends:

Midsummer greetings from the Gateway Museum and Red Barn Preserve. It's been a great summer so far and there's much more to come.

Our annual Arts Festival was a great start with more than 350 in attendance, including 62 MCS students who created artwork for the *Enchanted Trails of the Fairies*. A notable new addition to the artisans was Mark Schwartz, whose tiny sailboats are made with wooden boat remnants and spinnakers fashioned from St Lawrence River charts. They are now available at our Gift Shop, which has an updated inventory that also features new tee shirts designed by Roseanne Cardinale Paquette and colorful fish gluggle jugs.

If you haven't been to the Museum recently, please visit our fascinating new exhibit: *The Small Fish: Life and Leisure on Black Lake*. The Lake's 15 most common fish are represented by the extraordinary talent of renowned taxidermist Larry Vielhauer, mounted against a dreamy water scene painted by Kathleen Kelly.

The *Linkletter's Bridge to Brockville* hole once again took top honors at Mini-Golf, but new entries *Go Fish* from the Paquettes, *Looped In* by the Hentschels and the Olcotts' *MCS Rocket* really gave them a run for their money. Sincere thanks to our corporate sponsors: Iron Horse Grill, Meyer Real Estate, Morristown Fuel & Supply, Turnbull Insurance, Wright's Marine, Silver & Collins, and Tiki at the Docks. The Summer Concert and Lecture Series is well underway, with debuting acts like Double Axel who brought over 200 spectators, as well as fan favorites including the Sacci Big Band back in August along with the just added 10th Mountain Division Rock Band. And, plan to join us on August 5 for a reprise of the late Joe McDonald's presentation on noted Morristown artist Charles Chapman.

The Museum got a much-needed paint job on its south and west exterior walls and the venerable 110-year-old building now has air conditioning for the first time in its history, thanks to a grant from the SLC Industrial Development Authority. Finally, if you experience camp overflow when family/friends visit, consider the rental of the Red Barn Preserve farmhouse, still available for seven-day rentals (Sat. to Sat.) from August 12 thru Oct. 6. Call Dean Shelato (614-205-8437) for details.

All the above news can be found on our updated website and on eye-catching social media posts both realized with the help of Jay Paquette. And while we're patting ourselves on the back for embracing the 21st century, I'm pleased to share that we have received a challenge grant from the Sweetgrass Foundation to update the diorama of Morristown Village by making it interactive. Watch for the integration of audio and QR codes to the display in 2024.



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Along with the addition of new board members Jay and Roseanne comes the inevitable departure of others from the Board, though thankfully they never seem to wander very far. We are ever grateful for the continued active involvement of Gary Alford, Susan Shelato, Pat Reagan, Carolyn and Rick Johnson, and Dot and Jeff Swift, without whose time, talent and creativity we would be lost.

Special thanks to all of you who have contributed in 2023. If you have not, or are moved to make an additional gift, please consider donating to the Morristown Gateway Museum/Red Barn Preserve so that we may continue and expand our programs. You can mail your check made payable to "Gateway Museum" to the Museum at PO Box 231/Morristown, NY 13664; or give by credit card, or PayPal - at [www.morristowngatewaymuseum.org](http://www.morristowngatewaymuseum.org) and scroll down to the "Donate" button.

There is a wonderful sense of long-absent optimism and progress in Morristown these days. This is due in no small part to the vision and hard work of numerous people and organizations, among them the Morristown Central School, Morristown Library and Morristown Promotions along the Gateway Museum/Red Barn Preserve. We are collaborating and there is great civic power in doing so. Please join us in this mini-renaissance of our beloved community!

Sincerely,

Ellen Magee Place  
President MGM

July 31	Mon.	Concert - Carrie Woodcock - Whiskey and Wine	6:30 pm
Aug. 5	Sat.	Presentation - Charles Shepard Chapman	6:30 pm
Aug.7	Mon.	Concert - <del>Waydown Wailers</del> * <b>Tas Cru</b>	6:30 pm
Aug. 14	Mon.	Concert: Sacci Big Band	6:30 pm
Aug. 21	Mon.	Concert: Steelin' Country	6:30 pm
Aug. 28	Mon.	Gwen Tracy Blues Band	6:30 pm
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>10th Mountain Division Rock Band</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>

This concert program is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and administered by the St. Lawrence County Arts Council. The Museum also thanks the Town of Morristown for helping make our community vital. North Country Public Radio is the media sponsor for the May 29th Arts Festival at the Red Barn.

Sept. 16	Sat.	Volunteer Day at the Red Barn Preserve	10 am - 2 pm
Sept. 24	Sun.	Museum's final day, then closed for the season	1 pm - 4 pm

**All concerts will be on Main Street in front of the Museum, Fireman's Pavillion if it rains. Please check the website: [www.morristowngatewaymuseum.org](http://www.morristowngatewaymuseum.org) . And follow the Morristown Gateway Museum on Facebook.**