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"This entire endeavor is a work in progress. We have basic themes that we hope to promote our visitors. Kyle is an educator; he continues to educate the public."

-A quote from Sally Hartman on her husband's ideas to promote tourists and artists to this part of the Town of Canton.

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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S GOING ON!

Visit "Kyle's World" in Rensselaer Falls

Located in downtown Rensselaer Falls on Front Street, you will find "Kyle's World" which is a collection of buildings, including a 156 year-old grist mill, the River House Wares and Restoration, Ladies First Gallery and the River House.

Of his collection, you would find just about anything historical you are looking for, including over 900 doors, 2500 windows, 70 vintage cars, cast-iron gates, claw-foot bathtubs, assorted shutters, and even the kitchen sink. In fact, over 85 cast iron sinks are available for sale.

What makes this businessman even more unique is the history behind the assortment of materials and how Kyle can tell you without blinking the very

history on each item.

Kyle is currently working on a book describing the numerous fireplaces that he has salvaged over the years. Many of these fireplaces are stored at his barn, and the book would feature colored versions of the original designs.

The Ladies First Art gallery is run by Kyle's wife, Sally Hartman and features her work and others, along with collectibles, wood furniture, prints, pots, and photographs. This gallery will occasionally sponsor workshops in pottery, drawing and painting and is also a stop on the annual Gibson Gallery Studio Tour.

Both Kyle and his wife Sally have been involved with the art scene in the North Country dating back to

1967.

For more information you can contact Kyle and Sally Hartman at (315) 344-8882 or email at: khartman@northnet.org.

You can also check out their websites; for Kyle's go to: www.northnet.org/ghettostudios/ or check out Sally's at: www.northnet.org/ladiesfirst/.

For our complete story including photos, visit our website at www.cantonnewyork.us.

Town of Canton Increases Funding for Frederic Remington Arts Festival

The Town of Canton has just recently passed their budget for the upcoming year of 2006 and the board has passed the budget with an increase for the funding of the Frederic Remington Arts Festival. This very generous donation came just weeks after the very successful 2005 Festival and is a great building block for the upcoming festivals. This funding will continue to promote Frederic Remington and continue to increase the festival's popularity for years to come. We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Town Board.

This new establishment is a great early success as it combines three sectors of business into one building and the community of Canton has already taken a liking to the idea.

New Dunkin' Donuts / Mobil Station Opened

A new Dunkin' Donuts / Mobil Station recently opened in Canton on Main Street.

These two operations, together with Domino's Pizza are making the Mountain Mart shop a huge hit within the community of Canton.

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It offers a great place for the residents to get their donuts and coffee on their way to work while able to fill their vehicles up with gas at the same location. This has also become a nice establishment for the college community of Canton, with many students calling in their late-night cravings for pizza at Domino's.

This establishment has already gotten off to a fast start in the community and is expected to increase sales as more residents become accustomed to having great food and beverages at their convenience.

For more information contact them at: (315) 386-4430.

Frederic Remington Arts Festival a Great Success

The Frederic Remington Arts Festival that took place over the weekend of Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st was a great success for the community and those behind the operation of the festival.

Festival Co-chair Jane Semple said the weekend event was fantastic. With the weather very accommodating, along with over 600 people attending, this made for a great turnout and a positive outlook for next year's numbers.

The entertainment provided by featured musician Skip Gorman and the featured artist Tom

Phillips was fantastic as they both made local school visits on Thursday and Friday and then performed during the festival as well. Skip's concert on Friday evening was very well received by people of all ages comprising a crowd of over 85 people. Tom's full day presentation of furniture making on Saturday was witnessed by the majority of the 600 people walking through the park during the day's events. Also, during the events on Saturday was a juried art show which promoted local artists of many different forms of art and allowed them to show and even sell their art.

Included throughout the park were other local musicians during the day, including: Barb Heller, John Danis & Co. and The Fifth Edition-Sam Bailey's Group from Canton High School. Saturday's events also included horse-drawn wagon rides, a Student Art Competition, lectures and Remington displays, children dressed in 1860's costumes and the chicken barbecue provided by the VFW, which served almost 400 meals.

Jane Semple and Carol Pynchon, the festival co-chairs would like to thank all those who made this festival a great success and for attending.



[Photo of Remington Arts Festival provided by Jane Semple]

Ostrander's Bed & Breakfast

The Ostrander's Bed & Breakfast, which is located at 1675 State Highway 68 in Canton, is run by Rita and Al Ostrander.

It is a fabulous place for anyone to stay whether it is for a business trip in Canton or just for personal relaxation or pleasure. They allow for one-night visits or extended visits in either their two guest rooms accompanied with private baths or their two cottages also accompanied with private baths and full kitchens.

The rooms and cottages offer many accommodations,

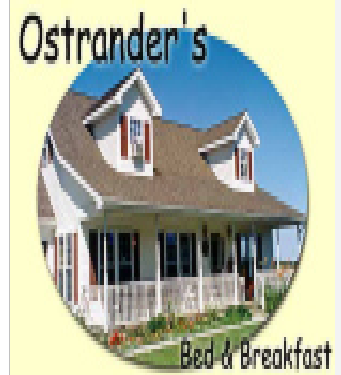
including: Queen Beds, air conditioning, cable TV, VCR's, phone and clock radios, to make your stay as convenient as possible.

As well as the great accommodations is the surrounding area, which is a 22-acre estate that includes beautiful bushes and trees, and the 15 foot lighted fountain at the pond. They also serve a delicious breakfast each morning of your stay that will leave you satisfied for the remainder of your day. The menu includes French toast, blueberry muffins, pancakes, assorted fruits and yogurt sundaes for dessert making your day

start off with a flourish.

Their rates are \$60 for singles in the guest rooms and \$70 for doubles, with the cottages being \$70 for single and \$80 for double. This rate includes the full breakfast and an evening dessert as well, consisting of cake or pie.

For more information contact at: (315) 386-2126 or toll-free at (877)707-2126. You can also fax them at (315)386-3843 or visit their website at <http://www.ostranders.com/index.shtml>.



The Pear Tree Celebrates 27th Anniversary

The Pear Tree Gift Shop located on 77 Main Street in downtown Canton and owned by Marilyn Mintener, recently celebrated its 27th Anniversary earlier this summer on August 7th.

The Pear Tree opened in 1979 after Marilyn spent some time in Oklahoma and Manlius, NY. She came back to Canton in 1974 and worked for the St. Lawrence County Historical Association until opening The Pear Tree in 1979. She gathered women from all over the county to help with the restoration project of the Silas Wright House and now to this day still serves on the decorating

committee at the House. Also, during her ownership of The Pear Tree, she has served on the Zoning, Planning, and the Village Boards, before eventually serving three terms as Mayor of Canton.

She became interested in opening the gift shop after her work at the Silas Wright House and took over when the store, which was previously a gift shop named Dorothy's, became available. Mrs. Mintener has a large customer base from all over the county and even has many out of town visitors during the summer months.

Her collection of gifts is very unique and the selection is comprised of great quality and fair pricing.

Mrs. Mintener would like to also thank her valuable co-workers who have been with her and have provided her with many great years; Marilyn Coir (25 years), Roxanne Houle (15 years), and Lawree Doe (2 years).

The Pear Tree is now open 7 days a week, with the hours being 10 am – 6 pm Monday – Saturday and 12 pm – 4 pm on Sunday. For additional information contact the Pear Tree gift shop at: (315) 386-8621.

"I have the passion and excitement for the new thoughts and new concepts that continue to come out and look forward to the change of seasons to create new ideas."

- Mrs. Mintener on her love for her work.

All business owners: This is your chance to make sure the information provided on our website is correct and updated. Contact the Economic Development Office at (315) 386-2871 x5 if you have any questions.

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www.cantonnewyork.us

Attention Canton Business Owners

This is a message to all business owners within the community of Canton to check our website and look at the business guide page to make sure that all the information on your business is up-to-date and correct.

We will provide this guide to make sure residents of Canton have all the correct information on your business and also allow our office to update or even add any businesses that are recently new to the community.

To check out this page, go to:
<http://www.cantonnewyork.us/businessguide.html> .

About Us

The mission of the Canton Economic Development Office is to facilitate the community's growth by working with major employers, small businesses and community initiatives to bring jobs, residents and visitors to Canton. We work directly with small and large businesses, including new ventures.

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