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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S GOING ON!

New York Main Street Grant Application

Local businesses along Main Street may be wondering about the current status of the Canton Historic Main Street Program grant application.

This Program has goals to revitalize downtown Canton, to improve the physical condition of Main Street buildings, to strengthen Canton's business base, and to promote the downtown. Upon completion of this project, the following will also be achieved:

1. Transforming vacant second floor space to business or residential use;
2. Restoring the historic facades that make downtown Canton unique and attractive;
3. Encouraging private investment and upkeep of buildings; and
4. To provide improved access to retail stores and businesses from the municipal parking lots.

The exact target for this project will be a sub-section located entirely in the Village of Canton's Commercial Historic District.

Currently, this grant application is still being reviewed, according to word obtained directly from the contact representative with NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal. This office will continue to monitor the progress of the application and will keep everyone advised.

Students Return as Local Colleges Begin Fall Semester

Students at St. Lawrence University and SUNY Canton have recently returned to college life at their campuses for the fall semester.

Their return brings about a positive outlook for local business owners in the Town and Village of Canton, as college students make up almost 50% of the population while school is in session. Business owners who have restaurants, shops, and gas stations are especially excited about the return of college

students to the area, as their sales are expected to increase from late August until the time students return home for the holidays.

Students are encouraged by the local community to make good use of their time by seeing the many beautiful sights that Canton has to offer as well as enjoying all of the local events and recreational opportunities that Canton provides them. There are an assortment of upcoming events throughout the town

and community. Check our website for placement of current events in the Canton vicinity.

Also, if students are looking for places to shop or specialized services, check out the Canton business guide provided on our website at: <http://www.cantonnewyork.us/businessguide.html>.

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SLU Brush Art Gallery



Photo courtesy of:
Rick Hill (Tuscarora)
Tree of Life, 2004
Acrylic on canvas

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The Brush Art Gallery at St. Lawrence University is located in the Griffith Arts Center on campus and is free and open to the public throughout the academic year. Educational tours for school and community groups can also be scheduled throughout the year but they ask that you please call in advance. The gallery opened in the middle of August and has six different exhibitions running through until December 10th.

Named in recognition of the generosity of Richard F.

Brush '52, the Gallery is an academic resource of St. Lawrence University. The mission of the Gallery is to acquire, preserve, interpret, exhibit, and otherwise make accessible works of art, in support of the educational goals of the University and for the benefit of the community at large. Programs and activities are designed to recognize the diverse functions and meanings of art. As such, the Gallery provides a forum for the creative and critical expression of artists,

historians, and curators. Related activities such as lectures, panel discussions, residencies, tours, acquisitions, conservation projects, and campus displays provide educational and cultural opportunities for a variety of audiences.

The Gallery hours are:
Monday-Thursday 12-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 12-5 p.m.

For more information and exhibition schedules, you can visit their website at:
<http://www.stlawu.edu/gallery/index.htm> .

Partridge Café opens on Main Street

The Partridge Café recently opened on 77 Main Street in Canton.

This small bagel shop, which is located underneath the Pear Tree Gift Shop on the corner of Main Street, opened on August 6th and is quickly becoming a fixture for those who have already experienced the delights of their bagels, smoothie line, iced cappuccinos, and specialty coffees.

They also serve various wraps, soups and chilis and have different specials each week; also, they

deliver and can cater social events. This is a great spot to get a quick coffee or sit down for a lunch item and if the prices are reasonably priced.

The Partridge Café is run under new management, and owner Lucas Manning is excited about the location and the future of the business here in Canton. "The customers that have already found us out seem to really enjoy coming back here and we look forward to new customers stopping by as well as maintaining the already loyal ones ,"

Manning stated at the opportunity of his business continuing to grow.

For more information, contact the Partridge Café at (315) 386-3016.

Make a Difference Day in Canton

Make a Difference Day will take place on October 21st, 2005 this year.

This day is meant to be a day to clean up around the Village, parks, and playgrounds, as well as to help the elderly prepare for the realities of winter, by doing yard work, washing and installing storm windows, among other things.

Volunteers for this Make a Difference Day include various business owners, college and high school students, as well as our neighbors within the community.

Make a Difference Day is sponsored by the Newman Center, St. Lawrence University, SUNY Canton, Canton High School, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's event was a great success as many tasks were completed such as: raking and bagging leaves in the village park, moving heavy pieces of furniture and antiques at the Silas Wright Museum, painting the fence and raking and bagging leaves at the Silas Wright Cemetery, helping Habitat for Humanity in their construction of a home in Rensselaer Falls, and

helping with the construction of the outdoor rink at the Canton Pavilion.

Larry Jenne, last year's coordinator of the event was very pleased with the turnout; "Everyone had positive attitudes and was really willing to work hard," he said.

SUNY Canton Athletic Director Diane Para also added "It seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves and a lot of work got done. It was great for all of us."

For more information, you can call the Newman Center at (315) 386-8425.



(SUNY Canton Athletic Director Diane Para raking in the Village Park)

Photo courtesy of: http://www.canton.edu/can/can_start.taf?page=sports_madphotogallery

Farmer's Market through October

From May until October, the Farmer's Market operates in the park in Canton, as many small stands and tables are set up and filled with collections of crafts, baked goods, fruits and vegetables, and jewelry.

It runs from approximately 8 am until 2 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays and is a great opportunity for the residents of Canton and even St. Lawrence County to get out and enjoy the park while at the same time finding many intriguing buys at these stands.

One of the many stands that is set up at this market

is the Kingston Roadside Stand, which sells assorted fruits and vegetables and has a 7-day a week self-service stand also set up between Madrid and Canton in Bucks Bridge.

Another stand, run by Amy McDonald, called Olde Tyme Bakery sells assorted pies, breads, and cakes. It's normally a business run out of her home located in Lisbon as she goes to school full-time and takes care of her kids all while operating her business.

Another stand that sells in the park is, Crafty Creations run by Lynn Duciewicz. She sells wood crafts, fleece

blankets, pillows and other unique crafts. She is located in Hopkinton, NY and has more items on her website at www.geocities.com/craftycreations00 and does special orders. For more information about Crafty Creations, you can call her at 328-5490.

The market will run through the end of October this year, featuring these stands as well as many others. Fridays at the market are made even more enjoyable by live entertainment; come join us for a wonderful time at the Village Green.



Photo courtesy of Nick Kocher



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Glass Onion Update

St. Lawrence University is currently working with the Economic Development Office to find an entrepreneur to reopen the Glass Onion on Court Street. In its heyday, the restaurant provided local residents with the opportunity to enjoy a fine dining experience. Currently, there are several interested parties looking at this available property.

The Office of Economic Development is currently working on a marketing prospectus that will be used to solicit interest from a more regional base of potential owners. Both St. Lawrence University and the Town and Village of Canton remain committed to bringing this dining establishment back to the downtown business district. Residents are eagerly awaiting the restaurant's return to the local restaurant scene.

Check this newsletter for future developments as they occur.

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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