

## Christmas Activities Abound At Museums

CANTON — The little "North Country" elves of The St. Lawrence County Historical Association have been working overtime with hammers and wallpaper brushes the last several weeks at the Silas Wright House.

They have been transforming the museum and headquarters into a lavish new Victorian holiday exhibit as the showpiece framing their annual week-long Christmas Festival coming up early next month.

Under the creative tutelage of Association Executive Director John Baule, many volunteers have turned the upstairs hallway and two large display rooms into life-size platformed and festooned dioramas, depicting a Victorian family Christmas scene entitled "Mistletoe and Merriment."

Carl Stickney of Brookdale has loaned many of the period furnishings for the rooms.

The exhibit of decorated period rooms of the 1840s and 1880s opens to the public this week and runs through mid-January. Exuding an overall feeling of flowery sentimentality and festive nostalgia, the exhibit sets the scene for the Dec. 5-13 Christmas Festival with many fascinating opportunities full of fun, food, and fashion of the romantic 19th century.

### Potsdam Museum Plans

Potsdam Public Museum Director Katherine F. Wyant has also announced the Dec. 6 opening of "A Child's World" exhibit of children's clothing, toys, games, and related childhood artifacts to maintain the tradition of cooperative Christmas activities with the Silas Wright House and Museum.

The Wright House exhibit with movable walls, newly papered with Victorian miniature prints, feminine chintilly rose patterns, and strong dramatic dark backgrounds with small rosegays, contains many old typical Victorian Christmas presents and antique toys. Many of the items have been lent by friends and members of the Association from throughout St. Lawrence County. The ornate and fancy brocaded fur-

nishings are highlighted by swooping draperies of velvets, laces, and satins, all fabricated over long hours from every imaginable bit and scrap by Theo Howe.

### Holiday Schedule

The holiday schedule is as follows:  
Dec. 5, "Candlelight Reception" — 7 to 9 p.m. at the Silas Wright House. The Wright House will be dressed up and looking at its best for this annual event. Barbara Audet is the reception coordinator. Music will be provided by the Canton High School String Ensemble directed by Nancy Kear.

Dec. 6, "Open House" — 3 to 5 p.m. at the Silas Wright House. Everyone is welcome, including families, to visit the museum in all its greenery and holiday decor, to enjoy refreshments, and see the special Christmas exhibits and artifacts.

Dec. 6, Opening of "A Child's World" — At the Potsdam Public Museum, 2 to 5 p.m. The exhibition of toys and items belonging to childhood opens with a flourish. Refreshments will be served amid the strains of music provided by harpist Peg McLennan.

Dec. 7, "Christmas Ornament Workshop" — 7 to 10 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Museum. This workshop will feature the making of several traditional ornaments and will be directed by Radka Zuman and Klara Lovass-Nagy. For reservations and further information, call 265-6910.

Dec. 7, "Pressed Flower Workshop" — 7 to 10 p.m. at the Silas Wright House. Mrs. Elizabeth Worsch will demonstrate the 19th century art of making pictures from pressed flowers and thereby creating unique Christmas gifts. For reservations and further information, call 386-2780.

Dec. 8, "Christmas Customs" — 7:30 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Museum. Shirley Beane will discuss Christmas customs for the Clarkson Women's Club, Antiques Group and guests.

Dec. 9, "Victorian Sweets and Treats" — 7 to 10 p.m. at the Silas

Wright House. Mrs. Betty Coats will coordinate an evening workshop featuring the preparation of later 19th century recipes for Christmas desserts and goodies. For reservations and further information, call 386-2780.

Dec. 9, "Village Christmas Tree Lighting" — 7 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Museum. The evening will be highlighted by a community caroling under the direction of Gail Gage and the BellAires of Norwood-Norfolk Central School. Refreshments will be coordinated by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Potsdam.

Dec. 10, "AAUW Reception" — 7 to 9 p.m. at the Silas Wright House. The American Association of University Women have made tentative plans to host a public Yuletide reception.

Dec. 11, "Victorian Caroling Party" — 7:30 p.m. at the Silas Wright House. Lantern-bearing song leaders will guide you through the streets of Canton. The group will return to the Silas Wright House and assemble around the fireplace for authentic 19th century treats and hot beverages coordinated by Lynn Case. Call 386-2780.

Dec. 11, "Concert and Carol Sing" — 7:30 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Museum. The Sweet Adelines will present Yuletide music. Refreshments will follow the concert.

Dec. 12, "Handicapped Workshop" — The Potsdam Public Museum staff will direct a workshop on Christmas crafts for the handicapped in cooperation with the Easter Seal Society. For information please call the Potsdam Museum.

Dec. 12, "Violin Christmas Concert" — 2 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Museum. The Potsdam Suzuki Students, under the direction of Nancy Kear and Connie Murray, will present an afternoon of holiday music.

Dec. 13, "Crane Chamber Choir in Concert" — 2:30 p.m. at the Potsdam Public Museum. Mary Lou Hultberg will direct the Crane School of Music Chamber Choir in traditional and contemporary holiday selections.

## At SUCP: Photographs, Poetry Reading

Dr. Douglas Harper, assistant professor of sociology at State University College of Arts and Science, Potsdam, is one of 10 social scientists-photographers invited to contribute to the exhibition "Exploring Society Photographically," which will travel throughout the United States this year.

Harper's study, of migrant labor in the Pacific northwest of the United States, is among workers of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson on Balinese character (1942). John Berger and Jean Mohr on migrant labor in Europe published as "The Seventh Man" in 1976, and Bruce Jackson's prison photographs published in "Killing Time."

The exhibition, supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, emphasizes the relation of textual

material to photographic studies. The works will be published as a book by the University of Chicago Press.

Newsletter Cited  
The St. Lawrence Valley Phi Delta Kappa Newsletter received three citations in the national newsletter competition held in conjunction with Phi Delta Kappa's 38th Biennial Council and Fifth International Conference on Educational Issues.

The citations were awarded for nameplate, editorial content and articles on education, according to Dr. Raymond Murov, editor of the newsletter and professor of field experiences at State University College of Arts and Science, Potsdam.

Dr. Ronald Bretsch, assistant professor of field experiences, created the award-winning nameplate, said Murov. Jill Butler, secretary at the

North Country School Study Council, and Eleanor Neagle and Doris Hobson of the Potsdam College Duplicating Center contribute to the high standards of production."

Poetry Reading  
Poet Carolyn Wright, faculty member at St. Lawrence University, will offer a poetry reading on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Forum of the College Union at State University College of Arts and Science, Potsdam.

Wright's literary career has featured creative writing, poetry, and translations of Latin American poetry into English. She has traveled extensively throughout South America and the United States.

The public is invited to attend at no charge.



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** — The Board of Cooperative Educational Services Seaway Tech facility, in cooperation with the Norwood Kiwanis Club, has begun naming students of the month. The first two students are shown above flanking Norman Koslofsky, Kiwanis president. They are Kevin Wilcox, left, a carpentry student from Parishville-Hopkinton Central School, and Lori Woodward, right, a student in commercial foods from Norwood-Norfolk Central School.

## Former Historians Are Honored

CANTON — A reception in honor of former town historians was held recently at the Silas Wright House, Canton, following a workshop meeting of the St. Lawrence County Historians.

During the reception, the following former historians were honored: Beulah Dorothy, Pierrefield; Fulton Caswell, Pierrepont; Miss Bessie Barber, Canton; Fern Colton, Clare; Millard Hundley, Pierrepont; Miss

Leah Noble, Edwards; and Harold Storie, Gouverneur. There were several others who were absent.

Among new projects are: recording on film and narrative the stained glass windows in St. Lawrence County, and chronicling all clock towers, identifying photographs in historians' collections, and copying church records.

It was announced that Historian Jean Huntress, Gouverneur, has been named "Woman of The Year" for Gouverneur.

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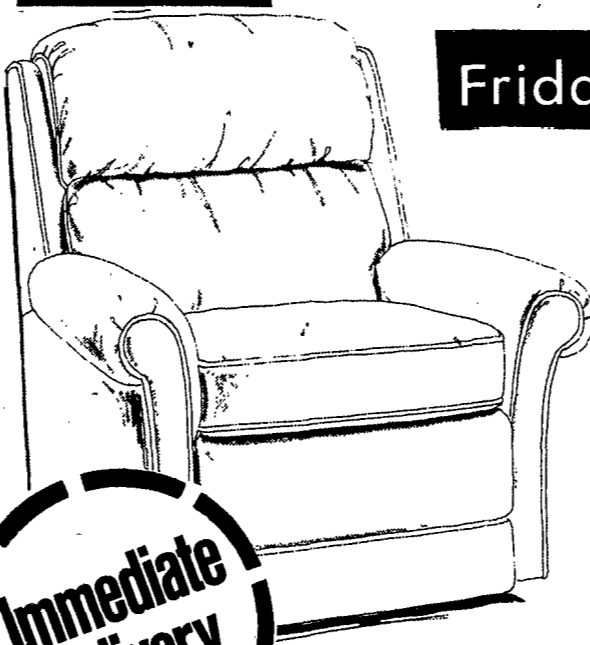
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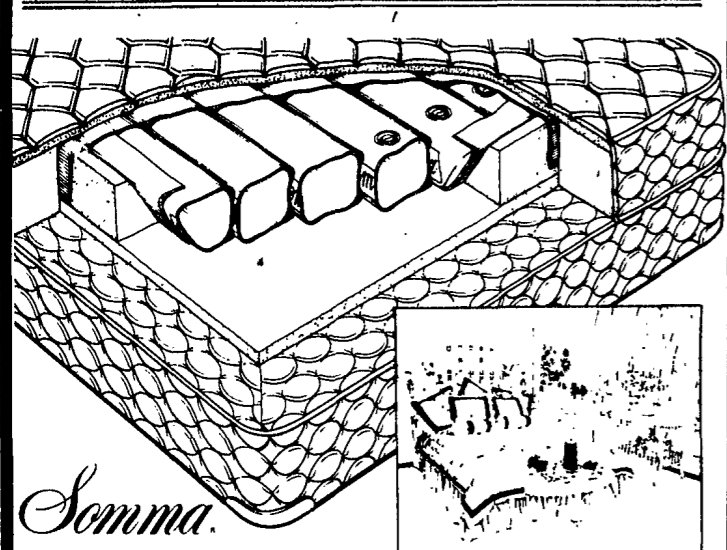
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