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TOWN OF WEBB HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
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## Goodsell Museum Local Adirondack History

Along with the feature exhibit **“Medicine Up North”** containing information about local health care professionals, transportation of patients, and much more, the Goodsell Museum has on display **“Tribute to the Tuttle’s”** on the first floor and **“Accidental Museums”** on the second floor.

The Tuttle’s built Bay View Camp on Fourth Lake. Both Adirondack Guides, Orley and Lottie (one of the first female Adirondack Guides) rented rooms to sportsmen and guided them in the woods and on the water. The Tuttle’s raised three children: Fern, Edith and Elton. Orley’s interest in fishing led to his invention of the Tuttle fishing lure in the early 1900’s, along with securing patents for a snowshoe harness, pack-basket strap and his OR-LO trademark.

Photographs, artwork, fishing equipment and publications fill the display. A must see.



**“Accidental Museums”** features three area businesses. As Frank Teich and his brother Reinhold; Frank Burnap and his family; and Bob Card and Helen Zyma were establishing their primary businesses of eateries and a movie house, their buildings took on the appearance of a museum, as they displayed their collections for the education and enjoyment of their patrons.

Our mini exhibit contains a recreation of the Strand Theatre (currently located across from the Old Forge Hardware), the former Teich’s Trading Post in Eagle Bay and the former Farm Restaurant in Thendara. They may bring back fond memories.







Celebrate. Discover. Explore.

May 31 - June 6, 2012



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Visit the Goodsell Museum during New York State Museum Week, mention this article, and receive an entry for a drawing for a book from our Gift Shop—winner's choice.

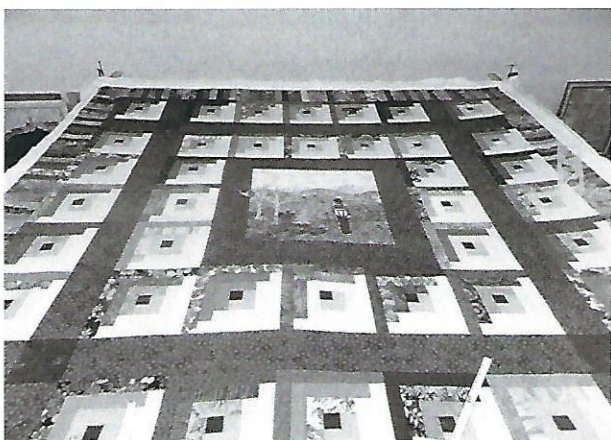
### Goodsell Museum

2993 Main Street—Old Forge  
 OPEN: Tuesday—Saturday  
 10 AM– 3 PM or by Appointment  
 315-369-3838  
[www.webbhistory.org](http://www.webbhistory.org)

## WIN THIS QUILT

“Adirondack Trails”

Skillfully made by the  
 POINTED PINE QUILTERS, of Old Forge  
 Drawing August 15, 2012  
 \$2 each or 3 for \$5



Tickets available at the Museum, select local businesses, and many events during the year.

## 2012 Coming Events

**May 15**—*Annual Meeting Town of Webb Historical Association* 7 PM, Election of new or renewing Trustees, By-Law changes, refreshments, Goodsell Museum.

**May 25 and 26** — *Memorial Day Sale* 9-4 PM, Items donated to the Historical Association to be sold to benefit the Goodsell Museum Fuel Fund. Under the tent and in the barn (behind the museum—Gilbert St. side driveway)

**July 7**—*Benefit Auction* Preview and registration 1 PM, bidding starts at 2 PM. Antiques, collectibles, new, and nearly new items. Bring a chair—refreshments available. Held under the tent at the Goodsell Museum.

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR PHOTOS**

[www.webbhistory.org](http://www.webbhistory.org)

**July 11**—*Moss Lake Walking Tour* Leave from Moss Lake trail-head 9:30 AM rain or shine, narrated 2 1/2 hour walk around the lake. Led by Geof Longstaff. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Donations appreciated.

**July 19**—*Hemmer Cottage Anniversary Celebration*, 4-6PM at Hemmer Cottage, Park Avenue, details to be announced.

**July to be announced**—*Civil War Veterans of Brown's Tract* 7 PM. Date and place to be announced. Program led by Town Historian, Peg Masters, illustrating the military and biographical histories of local guides, hotel proprietors, and Brown's Tract property owners who served in the Civil War. Donation \$2.

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**August 9**—*Civil War Photography* 7-9 PM Held at the Thendara Town Hall. Talk and visual presentation led by Bruce Bonfield about the early evolution of photographic processes, types of photographs, prominent photographers, photography collectors and examples of Civil War photographs from the speaker's collection. Donation \$2.

**August 15**—*Victorian Tea* 2-4 PM Fundraiser—refreshments, silent auction, entertainment. Held at the Thendara Town Hall, admission \$15 per person

### OUR MISSION

To preserve, protect, restore, and exhibit objects and properties of historic, natural and antiquarian interest from the Town of Webb for the education and enjoyment of the public.



## Hemmer 10th Anniversary

~ save the date ~

**July 19, 2012**

**4-6 PM**

Plans are underway to recognize the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the May 30, 2002 move of Hemmer Cottage from its original location next to the Town of Webb School on Park Avenue to the current lakefront location near the Health Center. Details will be released in local newspapers and the Historical Association e-newsletter as plans are finalized.

Many people were involved in this successful project under the umbrella of the Town of Webb Historical Association. The building has been rented since it received its certificate of occupancy. A local organization, CAP-21, utilizes the second floor for business offices and uses the former Hemmer Art Studio as a conference room.

First floor displays contain information about the Old Forge waterfront and Adirondack Guides maintained by the Historical Association.

## Museum Gift Shop

Shop at our Museum Gift Shop for local Adirondack books, reproduced maps and photographs, handcrafted baskets, key chains, collector ornaments, unique cards, artwork, vintage postcards and pendants. Also available: handcrafted Adirondack Christmas ornaments and Santas. The following posters are in stock: Okara Ga-Wan-Ka, Thendara Golf Course, and Bernard Hemmer "Adirondacks Remembered" print.

Members receive a 10% discount.

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## Buildings and Grounds Committee

The Buildings and Grounds Committee solicited bids from several local companies for work on the Historical Association properties. The committee is pleased to announce that Old Forge Tree, Paul Ritz, offered to donate his time and equipment to remove a large maple tree in poor condition from the Goodsell property near the barn.

In addition, Middle Branch Woodworking was awarded the bid to replace the cedar seats and rails on the front steps of Hemmer Cottage on Park Avenue.

All work should be completed before the end of May. Additional short and long-range plans are being discussed for general maintenance projects in an effort to preserve our buildings that are open to the public and enjoyed by many.

## Save the Date

Monday, June 18, 2012



**CHARITY DINNER**

at

**BILLY'S**

Italian-American Restaurant

To benefit

Goodsell Museum

Town of Webb Historical Association

Order off the menu—Take-out available  
Reservations suggested, Two seatings 5 and 7 PM  
Walk-ins welcome

Call Billy's at 369-2001  
Located behind Walt's Diner  
State Rt. 28 in Old Forge

20% of all sales donated to TOWHA



## Memorials and Gifts in Honor

**The following memorials have been received since the printing of the fall newsletter.**

George Hildebrant in memory of Ed and Tina Schmalhofer; Edgar VanderVeer in memory of John and Marie VanderVeer; Eileen Chaffee in memory of Jack, John and Colleen Chaffee; L. G. Barnum in memory of Joy Dew; Elva I. Roberts in memory of Loring T. Roberts; Pricilla Lee in memory of Bob Winter, Wanda Martin; Joan Davis in memory of Bill Davis; Robert and Muna Pulling in memory of Betty Pulling, Howard Slater; Herbert P. LeFevre in memory of Anne D. LeFevre; John and Shirley Berger in memory of Hank and Eunice Berger; Richard W. Lindsay in memory of Robert N. Lindsay; Jacqueline Darmody in memory of Lorraine Stripp, Muriel Cohen; Soper Point Homeowners Association in memory of Louise Caruso; Robert Holm and Lynn Everhart-Holm in memory of Richard and Elizabeth Everhart; Edgar VanderVeer in memory of Marie VanderVeer; Fred T. Wilcox, III in memory of Claire P. Wilcox; David and Suzanne Firsching in memory of James and Joyce Mulvihill, Don and Marty Lawson in memory of Mary Greene and Nick Weaver; Eileen Chaffee Schultz in memory of Jack and John Chaffee, Colleen Horton; John and Marge Briant in memory of Anne LaBastille and Ruth Timm; Fred and Judy Ehrensbeck in memory of Lauriene Ehrensbeck; Marylee Armour in memory of George Armour; Robert Palmer in memory of Bette W. Palmer; Jon and Linda Martin in memory of Wanda Martin; Ronald Christensen in memory of Caroline Kent; John and Linda Holmes in memory of Marion Holmes; Charles J. Wilcox in memory of Charles E. and Roy D. Wilcox; Dick and Barb Hart in memory of Alvin "Red" Ritz, Mary Greene and Rose Rivet; David and Paula Weal in memory of Rose Rivet, Alvin "Red" Ritz and Janet MacDonald; Carol Searing in memory of Robert T. Searing, Jr. and Jon F. Searing; Betty Rannels in memory of Bess Folsom; Clarence and Marianne McDonough in memory of Jamie McDonough and John VanderVeer; Russ Brombacher in memory of Paul Hornick; Faith Norton, Donald Gooley, Jack and Margo Boylan, Richard and Jane Knight, John and Margaret Hopsicker, Jim and Mary Hofer, Margaret Beckingham, Thomas Thibado, Terry Ritz, David and Paula Peck, Beverly Burnap, Jim and Laura Marleau, Betty Rannels, and Gayle Ritz in memory of "Alvin "Red" Ritz; Steve and Jan Park in memory of David Park; Susanne Barrett in memory of Charles Barrett; Theresa Winslow in memory of Charles B. Winslow Sr. and Helen Michel; James and Judy Foley in memory of Marjorie Bonnett; and Albert and Isabella Worthen in memory of Bill Martin.

**Gifts in Honor:** Dean and Donna Pohl in honor of Peg Masters; Douglas and Barbara Gentile in honor of Skip and Marion Oswald; Marilyn Hughes in honor of Ceil Buckley; John Herr, Jr. in honor of Charles and Marcia Herr; Jacqueline Darmody (Herron Realty) in honor of Jim and Judy Herron; Philip and Marsha Hazen in honor of Eleanor Overstrom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### DeVito Grant

The Town of Webb Historical Association applied for a grant from the DeVito Family Trust in the fall of 2011 to support an intern position at the Goodsell Museum. The association had received many donations of historical items and ephemera relating to the Town of Webb that were still waiting to be catalogued and added to the collection. Additional manpower was needed and thankfully the DeVito Trust was able to help. In December 2011 a \$5,000 grant was approved for our museum which enabled us to have a full-time intern to help solve the backlog.

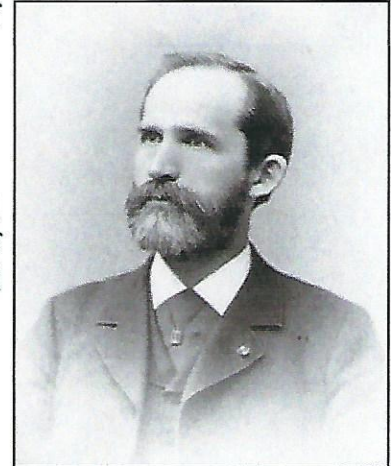
The DeVito Family Trust, established in 2004 and based in Baltimore Maryland, gives grants or loans to other charitable organizations. The trust was founded by Matt DeVito, who is a long-time camp owner at Little Moose Lake and an Adirondack League Club member.



**Civil War Veteran Major Albert Vander Veer, M.D. (1841-1929)**  
**Surgeon, 66th N.Y. Volunteers**  
 by Peg Masters, Town of Webb Historian

While vacationing at the Samuel Dodd Camp on First Lake in July 1895, General Benjamin Harrison stepped out on the dock to extend a warm greeting to a group of State officials from the Fish and Game Commission that included Civil War veteran Dr. Albert Vander Veer from Albany. Over the next few years, Dr. Vander Veer and his family began spending their vacations in the region. Big Moose Lake had a special appeal to his heart and in February of 1907, Albert purchased five lots on the southeast shoreline to build a substantial family retreat.

Albert Vander Veer, son of Abraham and Sarah Vander Veer, was born in Leatherville, Root Twp., Montgomery County, NY on July 10, 1841. In September 1862, Albert enlisted in the Medical Corps as one of the original "One Hundred Medical Cadets" called to service by the Surgeon-General of the United States Army. Albert was assigned to Columbia College Hospital in Washington, DC as an intern. The thousands of wounded and sick soldiers that poured into Washington from the battlefields provided a compelling training experience for the young surgeon.



Dr. Vander Veer was commissioned in December 1862 as an assistant surgeon of the 66th Regiment from New York. He served in the field hospitals of the First Division, Second Army Corps at all the major battles including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and Appomattox. In June 1864, on the recommendation of every officer in the regiment, he was appointed surgeon-in-charge of the 66<sup>th</sup> with the rank of Major, a position he held until mustered out with his unit in August 1865.

Dr. Vander Veer's wartime experiences contributed to an exemplary career that followed in Albany, NY as a highly respected surgeon, educator, and author. Albert was married in 1867 to Margaret E. Snow, the daughter of a former preceptor, Dr. Simeon Snow. Six children were born to the couple; three died young but sons Edgar, James, and Albert Jr. followed in their father's footsteps and became physicians.

Dr. Vander Veer took an intense interest in building a second home at Big Moose Lake called Camp Alkmaar in honor of his fore bearers' ancestral Dutch village. He hired the Albert W. Fuller architectural firm from Albany to design a spacious multi-storied main building, a smaller cottage, and a two-story boathouse. It wasn't long before Albert helped to organize religious services at the lake and often delivered a sermon if a visiting clergyman was unavailable. Bible school classes for the children were held at his camp and the first organizational meetings of the Big Moose Property Owners' Association took place in the Vander Veer boathouse in 1926-1927.

In 1928, a building committee chaired by Earl Covey, purchased a lot on the lake to erect a chapel for Protestant services. Dr. Vander Veer provided the inspirational leadership for the finance committee. Earl convinced the committee and the "Old Doctor," as he was affectionately called, to let him erect a stone chapel. Dr. Vander Veer was delighted and visited the construction site frequently in early 1929. Earl kept the doctor in touch on the progress by letters and photographs later that fall up to the time of Albert's death in Albany in December 1929. In accordance to one of the 88-year-old Civil War veteran's last requests, a picture of the yet-to-be-completed Big Moose Community Chapel with Dr. Vander Veer and Earl Covey in the doorway was placed with him in his casket. Although Camp Alkmaar's main cottage burned to the ground in the spring of 1924, Earl Covey put an addition on the smaller cottage and the beautiful retreat established more than a century ago on Big Moose Lake is still enjoyed by Dr. Albert Vander Veer's descendents today.



# Annual Meeting

## May 15, 2012

Town of Webb Historical Association members and the public are invited to attend our Annual Meeting to be held at the Goodsell Museum.

The meeting will begin at 7 PM.

Agenda will include Standing Committee reports, election of new trustees for a 3-year term, possible by-law changes and other business. Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a short monthly meeting will take place and election of officers will be held.

Refreshments will be served.

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#### ***DRAWING***

**Sunday, September 16, 2012**

