



Slate Valley Museum Summer Newsletter

Exciting Changes Sending Us into Summer!

The Slate Valley Museum is filled new and exciting changes that are helping us to reorganize and grow.

By **Libby Hicks** on May 17, 2019

The Slate Valley Museum has welcomed a new Director, a new Museum Associate, and motivated Museum Interns ready to help propel the museum into a positive direction this summer. Our new Executive Director, Abigail Free, has been an active and inspired member of the Slate Valley Museum community, as she has worked hard to drive organization and public interest into the core of the museum’s objectives. By her side, the museum has welcomed Libby Hicks as the Museum’s Associate, who will be assisting in many of the museum’s events, exhibits and projects this summer. Krista Rupe will act as the Assistant to the Executive Director this summer as well, in order to aid in the museum’s various efforts throughout the season. To help the museum achieve its goals this summer, we have welcomed many interns who are excited to boost the Slate Valley Museum to the forefront of our community’s local history.

With new team members motivated to enhance the Slate Valley Museum’s appeal and identity, we are hopeful and determined to make this summer one filled with events and activities that will serve our community and our museum.

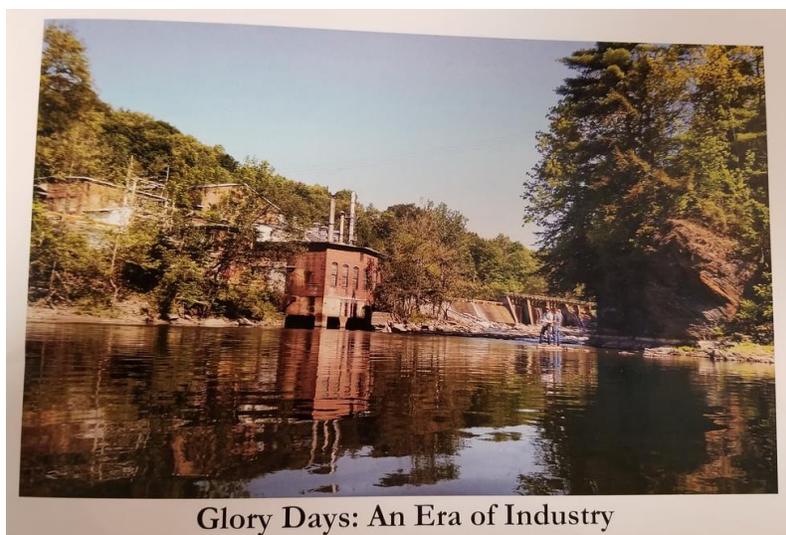
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THIS SUMMER’S
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



The Doctor's Buggy's Final Stop at the Slate Valley Museum

After having been in storage for 40 years, the Slate Valley Museum is pleased to be the final stop for the *Doctor's Buggy*, donated by Simon and Theresa Sulzer. The buggy arrives on May 18, 2019 and will be placed inside the museum for viewing.



Glory Days: An Era of Industry

Welcomed to the O'Brien room on June 7th will be the museum's newest installation, *Glory Days: An Era of Industry*, which celebrates the industrial foundations supporting the waterside towns of upstate New York. The installation portrays the changes of these waterside industries in our region from the mid-19th century to the present day through various artworks, photographs, and cultural materials or objects. As the exhibition lasts for the three months of summer, we expect to see many visitors attracted to the multifaceted show. An Opening Reception will take place at the museum on June 7, 2019 from 7 to 9 PM.

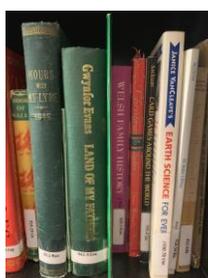
August 24, 2019: Annual Fundraiser Event – River Walk

We are excited to announce that our annual fundraiser has been scheduled for **August 24, 2019** and we ask everyone to save the date in hopes of joining us to support our museum community! By the gracious mind of Molly Celani, we have entitled this event, *River Walk*, but stay tuned for more details!



A New Spin on Permanent Installations

With the help of new minds and new hands, the Slate Valley Museum has undergone much needed reorganization and innovation! As a result, many of our permanent installations are receiving well-deserved upgrades in hopes of creating a more holistic experience for our visitors. It has been a key objective to bring the Slate Valley Museum into the modern-day interpretation of what it means to visit a museum - to not only read and learn, but to experience with all senses and emotions.



Delve into the Culture and History of Slate

After the process of reorganizing the museum began, we realized the invaluable collections we have procured that reflect on the slate industry, its connection to our area, and the people who were both affected by and motivated its presence. With this unique collection of books, maps, primary sources, and film, the Slate Valley Museum is excited to announce its installation of its very own Research Center. Again, stay tuned for more details in the future regarding this new endeavor.



Additional Items

Stop by to visit our newly outfitted gift shop with numerous pieces for sale that help connect our community to the area, and pick up summer gifts for yourself and loved ones – featuring beautiful pottery by Victoria Whitney of North Granville Pottery Co.

We hope everyone was able to catch our most recent *Marbleized Slate* exhibition in the O'Brien room, and to join us for Fly Fishing with Heath Clayson from Trout Unlimited!

We have a newly improved children's entertainment area in the museum that is focused around learning and experiencing different types of rocks from our area, so bring down your kids for a fun time!

We are happily accepting volunteers for the summer who would enjoy assisting in the many activities and events that we have planned for our community. If interested, please contact Molly Celani for details!



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