

## **CRONKHITE LECTURE SERIES ON PRESERVATION**

The Washington County Historical Society is announcing the 2018 Cronkhite Lecture Series. The series was originally presented by the Society as a series of preservation lectures during the month of May. The past two years the Society has presented lectures on the Civil War and Women's Suffrage. With reestablishment of the Washington County Historical Society Preservation Committee, the lecture series has once again set up three lectures focusing on preservation projects in the local area. The first lecture will be held at the Old Fort House Museum, 29 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY, on May 9th. The second lecture will be held at the Fort Edward Art Museum on May 16th. The final lecture presented at the Preservation Committee award ceremony on May 24th at the United Church in Greenwich. All programs will begin at 7 pm at the various venues.

The first lecture will be conducted by Paul McCarty, Old Fort Edward Museum Director and Fort Edward Town Historian, the lecture entitled "Preservation at the Old Fort Edward Museum". The Old Fort House Museum is not only the Smythe House but a collection of historic structures from around Fort Edward and Washington County. Mr. McCarty will speak about the buildings' relocation and restoration on the Old Fort Edward Association Complex.

The second lecture presented by William Krattinger, New York State Division for Preservation, entitled "Preservation in the North Country". Mr. Krattinger is an expert on architectural preservation and his territory runs from the northern counties into the Hudson Valley. Mr. Krattinger will speak on preservation projects in which he has participated.

The third and final lecture will be conducted by local restoration craftsmen Justin Rushinski and Scott Tetford. The two local contractors will discuss the restoration of trusses at the Greenwich Baptist Church over the past year and a half. Mr. Rushinski and Mr. Thetford will speak on the stabilization of the roof, design, and implementation of a restoration program. The lecture will be presented as part of the first preservation awards ceremony in the past ten years.

The Washington County Historical Society will be presenting several awards for preservation around Washington County. The Cronkhite Series is a celebration of preservation within Washington County. A good will donation will be gladly accepted at all of the lectures. If you have any questions please call the Washington County Historical Society at (518) 747-9108.