



NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2023

History of Letterpress with Robert LoMascolo

Sunday, October 22, 2023

4:00-5:00 PM

Robert LoMascolo, proprietor of his own press in Aurora, and Lecturer at Wells College will speak on the history of letterpress printing, it's relation to the museum's collection, and its relevance to today. Robert will bring a small vintage printing press for a hands-on demonstration at the end of the talk.



Photo by Kevin Rivoli, The Citizen

Robert LoMascolo established The Press of Robert LoMascolo while studying Book Arts at Wells College in 2005. After graduating from Wells, Robert went on to complete a master's degree in Book Arts at The University of Alabama. After Alabama, Robert decided to return to the Finger Lakes and began collecting and restoring antique printing presses, eventually opening a purpose-built antique print shop on Moonshine Road in Aurora. Robert has an international array of clients for his bookbinding, graphic

design and printing work. His clients have included The Frick Collection, Princeton University, Suntup Editions and the Bodleian to name a few. Additionally, Robert teaches college level Book Arts courses at Wells College and occasionally offers workshops at his own shop.

Our programs are also available by Zoom for those who can't attend in person, contact event@howlandstonestore.org to request the link.

Howland Descendants Visit

In July we were very pleased to host a visit by three Howland descendants' families and their friends. Sisters Pat White, Susan Crumrine and Faith Rick, all generous supports of Howland Stone Store Musuem, were able to visit together and enjoy both Opendore as well as the Stone Store.



Front row: Susan Crumrine, Faith Rick, Pat White (sisters) - Hannah Masten (Pat & Dave's granddaughter) and Pamela Masten (Pat & Dave's daughter)

Back row: Georgia Falkenberg, Crown Point, IN - Meri & Bill Thomason, Sedona, AZ (friends of Susan & Scott) - Scott Crumrine, Saint John, IN - Neborah Moss (Faith's aide) - Eileen Lally, Anchorage, AK (Scott's cousin) - Dave White - Don Masten, Celebration, FL - Jay Rick, Farmington Hills, MI.

COLLECTIONS



Our 1917 “Street Banner” from the campaign for passage of Amendment was recently conserved by [Spicer Art Conservation](#) and is now hung in the second floor Gallery at Opendore.

The conservation of (this work) was supported through the NYSCA/GHHN Conservation Treatment Grant Program administered by Greater Hudson Heritage Network. This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.



Recently we completed the move of archive boxes from the Stone Store to the Opendore Archive Room, fulfilling a long-term goal of having these historic materials in a proper environment. The boxes contain a fascinating array of materials from the 19th century, including financial records from Slocum’s enterprises as well as letters, photos, and other paper materials.

FACILITIES

The reconstructed Springhouse behind Opendore is now completed and was dedicated on August 27. The 12ft x 12ft brick masonry structure was badly deteriorated and in 2016 the pyramidal wood roof was removed to prevent collapse. Portions were salvaged for restoration or reproduction, including the ornamental wood outlookers on the rafters and the peaked removable center hatch.

In the fall of 2022 mason Steve Buller restored the brick walls using brick salvaged from the Opendore chimneys that were dismantled. New frames for the arched window and door opening were installed. Over the winter of 2012-23 the wood framing was reproduced, and the historic hatch carefully restored by volunteers. In the spring and summer of 2023, the elaborate wood roof framing was carefully reconstructed, matching the pyramid shape of the original. Wood rafters and decking salvaged from the Opendore Carriage House was used. New shingles and trim completed the restoration.



Springhouse Dedication ceremony August 27, 2023

HISTORIAN

Jethro Wood, the brother-in-law of Slocum Howland, has been called by some “The Father of the Modern Plow.” His was the first plow in which the parts most exposed to wear could be renewed in the field by the substitution of new parts. It revolutionized the industry, and he and Slocum were partners in manufacturing and shipping of the plow. Jethro Wood, however, never enjoyed the financial fruits of his invention. To read an interesting article on this click on the following link:

[Let's Talk Rusty Iron - Farm Collector](#)

HAZARD LIBRARY ADDITION OPENDORE

We continue our planning with the library for an addition on the south side of Opendore to house library space. Hazard Library and Howland Stone Store Museum have recently executed a long-term agreement for lease of the ground space for the addition, which will be designed, constructed, and operated by the Library. The library has retained Holmes – King - Kallquist Architects for design of the facility, and Schematic Drawings have been prepared. Further design will follow this and next year.

COMMUNITY USE of OPENDORE

The Museum welcomes use of Opendore for community activities. Currently the Hazard Library is holding their Board Meetings and Book Club sessions at Opendore. If your organization would like to discuss usage, please contact us.

MUSEUM HOURS

The Stone Store Museum and Opendore are now open thru mid-October for regular weekly hours, Saturday and Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM. We welcome visitors to see our newest exhibits and learn about the history of Sherwood.

Appointments for visits can also be arranged by calling 315-303-3145 at least three days in advance.

We welcome group tours by organizations. Please contact us at the number above.

MEMBERSHIP

So far for 2023 we have 163 renewing or new memberships. Our goal is 200 by year end. If you have not sent in a membership request, please take a moment to do now, either using the form below or accessing at www.howlandstonestore.org/memberships

Benefits of membership include

Support to museum

Newsletter mailing hard copy if requested

Reserved seating at programs if requested

10% discount on HSSM merchandise

HSSM now is on social media

follow HSSM on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HowlandStoneStoreMuseum>

follow HSSM on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/howlandstonestoremuseum/>

MEMBERSHIP FORM – 2023 DUES

Sept 2023

YES! I/We would like to support the ongoing restoration/preservation and educational programming of the Howland Stone Store Museum.

Please print clearly !

Name: _____	_____ \$15 individual membership
Address: _____	_____ \$25 family membership
City/State _____	_____ HSSM donation
Phone: _____	_____ Opendore project donation
E-Mail _____	_____ TOTAL enclosed

Your contribution is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

Make checks payable to **Howland Stone Store Museum, PO Box 124, Aurora, NY 13026**

Note : memberships and donations can be made electronically thru **PayPal**

at our website <http://howlandstonestore.org> ... scroll down near bottom

Volunteer Opportunities—want to help?

_____ Assist with programs or displays	_____ Assist with grants/fund-raising
_____ Greet visitors Saturday or Sunday afternoons	_____ Assist with collection care
_____ Work on facilities	
_____ Other _____	

The Museum Board of Trustees appreciates your continued support!

Guy Garnsey, President

Kirsten Gosch, Vice-President

Larry Bell, Secretary

Jackie Dickinson, Treasurer

Marilyn Post

Andy Simkin

Lorrie Butcher

Karen Speck

Bill Schmitt