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General Membership Meeting May 7, 2019

A. Call to Order & Welcome

B. Reports

- 1. President
- 2. Secretary minutes of April meeting
- 3. Treasurer
- 4. Introduce new members and/or guests
- 5. Programs
 - a. Arts & Crafts BBQ
 - b. Party in the Plaza
- 6. Vice President
 - a. Award for Excellence
- 7. Public Relations
- 8. Membership
 - a. Sunshine
 - b. Outings
- 9. Special Events
 - a. Upcoming Events
- C. Unfinished Business
- D. New Business
- E. Membership Announcements
- F. 50/50 drawings
- G. Adjournment

Volunteer Opportunities

Festival of Relays

Benefits American Cancer Society Friday, May 3rd NYS Fairgrounds

Mountain Goat Run

Sunday, May 5th Clinton Square

Downtown Living Tour Saturday, May 18th I Iam – 4pm

Help showcase the coolest places to live downtown Two 2.5 hour shifts to choose from, and in exchange for your time, you'll get a free ticket to take the tour and a free T-shirt.

Minutes: General Membership Meeting of April 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by President Bill Cooper.

No corrections were noted to the February meeting minutes; a motion was made by Don Goulet, seconded by Martha Bock, and the minutes were approved by the membership. Treasurer Ann Goehner reported balances as of February 29th as Checking: and Investment: . There were no guests or new members in attendance.

Vice President Don Goulet and chairperson Len Kolakowski announced the selection of The Redhouse Arts Center as the Award for Excellence choice for 2018. Len has prepared their letter and it will be mailed out as soon as it is reviewed by the committee.

Under Public Relations, note was made that the Redhouse has a sponsor wall in their lobby; the "Buy-a-Tile" opportunity was suggested for the UDT to consider. Len has emailed the file for the updated UDT brochure to Bill.

Under Programs, there was discussion about the proposals to promote revived "Party in the Plaza" series this summer with the PressRoom Pub. The Marriott Syracuse Downtown has decided to have outdoor parties on several Tuesdays during the summer & have named it "Rock the Block". Details with PressRoom still need to be determined. The schedule has the Arts & Crafts BBQ on Friday, July 26th. Bill Cooper said he has a commitment for that time. We'll need to determine if we can go ahead without his input or let the Downtown Committee know they'll have to make alternate plans.

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton was away on a trip. Upcoming volunteer opportunities: Earth Day Clean-Up at several locations around downtown Syracuse on April 27th, Festival of Relays on Saturday, May 4th at NYS Fairgrounds, and Downtown Living Tour on Saturday, May 18th.

In Membership, the Meet Out/Eat dates for April are the 8th at The Golden Spike in East Syracuse and the 12th at 110 Grill in Destiny USA Food Court. The Iron Chef cooking competition was not mentioned. There was no new Sunshine to report.

In Unfinished Business, Don Goulet spoke about Syracuse Winterfest's donation of beer & wine glasses to the drawing held at the monthly Onondaga Ski Club meetings; some were given out in March and more will be in April. There was no New Business or Membership Announcements. There was no 50/50 drawing.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:08pm by Don Goulet and seconded by Diane Knowlton.



You won't want to miss the opening of the 2019 season of City Market at the Everson Museum of Art on Sunday, May 12th.

It's a Mother's Day Extravaganza with the most fun adventure you can have on this special day.

There's lots to do - Shopping for antiques, collectables & all kinds of crafts. There are plants and the coolest selection of yummy food.

Each month there is a special inside the Museum and this month they're celebrating the Museum's dedication to ceramics

If you're looking for something special to do on this day come join us. A bonus for every City Market....the Everson Museum is open free. The event including the Museum begins at 10am and goes to 4pm.

Visit City Market on the web at <u>www.citymadketsyracuse.com</u>



Landmark Theatre Introduces Lobby Elevator

Improved accessibility for all patrons

The Landmark Theatre debuted a new lobby elevator, designed to provide opportunities for all patrons to access all lobbies, restrooms and concessions. Previously, the lobbies, restrooms & concession stands on the basement & second floors remained inaccessible to patrons living with mobility impairments. While the new elevator *does <u>not</u>* provide access to the balcony or loge seating, it significantly reduces the number of stairs needed to access these seats.

2019 Wednesday Walk Schedule Announced

Wednesday Walk is a guided walking tour program where participants can learn more about Downtown's amenities, art, history and much more! All walks step off from Clinton Square at 12pm or 5:30pm. The schedule is: May 15, 5:30 pm: Birds of Prey June 12, 12:00 pm: Syracuse 2020 Development Tour

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Now Open: The Fitz Located at 321 S. Salina Street

If you look closely, you'll notice the much-anticipated speakeasy, The Fitz, is now open in the basement of the Whitney Lofts building! The Prohibitionera speakeasy-themed bar features soft lighting, tin ceilings and live 1920s music played on a baby grand piano, plus live quartets on the weekend. The Fitz is open from 4:30pm to midnight Tuesday - Thursday, and from 4:30pm to 2am on Friday & Saturday. The bar is closed Sunday & Monday.

Brine Well Eatery Now Open Located at 128 E. Jefferson Street

The Brine Well Eatery's farm-to-table plate cuisines are officially here! Customers may bite into a variety of

unique, gourmet specialty plates, all sourced from local ingredients. All plates can be made vegetarian or vegan using plant-based "meat" ingredients. The cost for each plate averages between \$10 to \$15.

The Brine Well Eatery will be unique in that all packaging in the restaurant will be compostable, with plans to launch a zero-waste reusable takeout system!

The Brine Well Eatery will be open for **breakfast**, **lunch** and **dinner**, from **7am to 9pm** daily.



SNEAK PEAK at Downtown Living Tour STOPS Saturday, May 18th 11am – 4pm



GrangeX, 215 East Water Street features nine executive apartments, including three flats and six townhouse style units with private balconies.



Whitney Lofts, 321-323 South Salina Street serves as the official Tour Rest Stop. Make sure to stop into Oh My Darling!



A new buzz and energy surrounds 300 East Washington Street, where a \$35 million renovation is underway to bring 214 new units



Whitlock Building, 480 South Salina Street The iconic staircase that led to Goldberg's Furniture in the 1950s plays a significant role in the present day by leading to 26 unique units in the Whitlock Building.



Piper Philips, 229-237 West Fayette Street contains the oldest door in the City of Syracuse!



Syracuse Trust, 325 South Salina Street features four condominiums. The building's original use as a bank explains the gargoyles on the front labeled 'Thrift' and 'Waste'.



TCGplayer, 440 South Warren Street headquarters include a pirate ship and themed spaces including a starship room a wizard room & a video game room



Wood Building, 205 East Jefferson Street The name honors Julia E. Wood, who was the first woman in Syracuse to file a patent, buy land, construct a building and own her own business.

2019-2020 Broadway Season Announced

Broadway in Syracuse is celebrating its 70th Anniversary with a special Broadway line-up for the 2019-2020 season.



The 2019-2020 season will feature: Jesus Christ Superstar - October 1-4, 2019 My Fair Lady - December 10-13, 2019 A Bronx Tale - February 18-20, 2020 Miss Saigon - April 28 - May 3, 2020 An American In Paris - June 2-4, 2020 Riverdance - March 24-26, 2020 Season ticket packages are on sale now, starting as low as \$188 and can be purchased by calling Famous Artists at 315-424-8210 or stopping by the office at 374 South Salina Street. In addition to the M&T Bank Broadway Season lineup, several specials will be presented, including

Jersey Boys (November 12-13, 2019), *Mannheim* Steamroller Christmas (December 15, 2019), and Blue Man Group (March 12-15, 2020). Tickets for these season specials will be available at a later date.

Famous Artists announced that the Tony awardwinning Broadway hit, "**Hamilton: An American Musical**," will be coming to Syracuse for the 2020-2021 season! Location and dates have not yet been announced.

20 Apartments Planned for Seneca Building Located at 239-245 W. Fayette Street

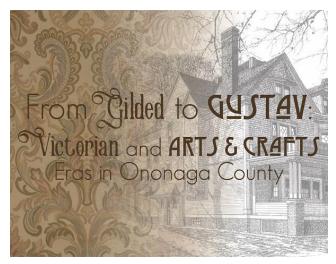


Twenty new apartment units - with monthly rental rates ranging between \$745 and \$1,425 - are planned for the top two floors of the Seneca Building in Armory Square. The apartments will replace more than than 14,000 square feet of existing empty office space. The project, expected to cost just under \$3 million, includes preservation of historic architectural elements, and restoration of the Romanesque façade. The building was designed in 1875 by Charles Colton, the same architect who designed Syracuse's City Hall. The building's current owners, Seneca Armory Associates, also plan to renovate the first floor of the building, making way for another retailer or restaurant.

New Exhibit at the OHA

"From Gilded to Gustav: Victorian and Arts & Crafts Era in Onondaga County"

The presentation will highlight several of Syracuse's major contributions to the Arts & Crafts movement from 1900 to the 1920s, as well as many fine examples of period clothing, architecture and furniture of the Victorian Era in Syracuse from 1837 to 1901. In many respects, the Arts & Crafts movement was a rebuke of the ornate styling, designs and mechanization of production in the Victorian period. Museum patrons will see these contrasting styles up close.



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5 Cinco de Mayo Mt. Goat Run	6	7 General Membership Meeting San Miguel's 6pm	8 PIP PressRoom Pub	9	10 Meet Out/ Eat Out	11
12 Mother's Day City Market	13 Meet Out/ Eat Out	14	15 PIP PressRoom Pub	16	17	18 Downtown Living Tour
19	20	21 Board Meeting At Bill's 6pm	22 PIP PressRoom Pub	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day (observed)	28 Meet Out/ Eat Out	29 PIP PressRoom Pub	30	31	June 1st

Meet Out / Eat Out

Cinco de Mayo and Kentucky Derby early celebration Friday, May 3 at 6pm at Rio Grande in Liverpool

1890 House Museum tour at 12:15pm Cost: \$5 Friday May 10th Lunch after at Dasher's in Homer

> Doug's Fish Fry Monday, May 13th at 6pm in Skaneateles

Firudo Asian Food Tuesday, May 28th at 6pm 3237 Erie Blvd. East

RESERVATIONS ONLY: Call Marnie at 315-289-3646

Mother's Day Brunch

at 11am at The Polish Home,

Omelet station, carved turkey and ham, pancakes, sausage, Belgium waffles with strawberry topping, fruit, cheese, breads & bagels, coffee & tea and more.

Cost: \$12 for mothers & children, \$22 for adults

P.S. If you let Diane know that you are coming at 315-426-2880, she will know to look for you.