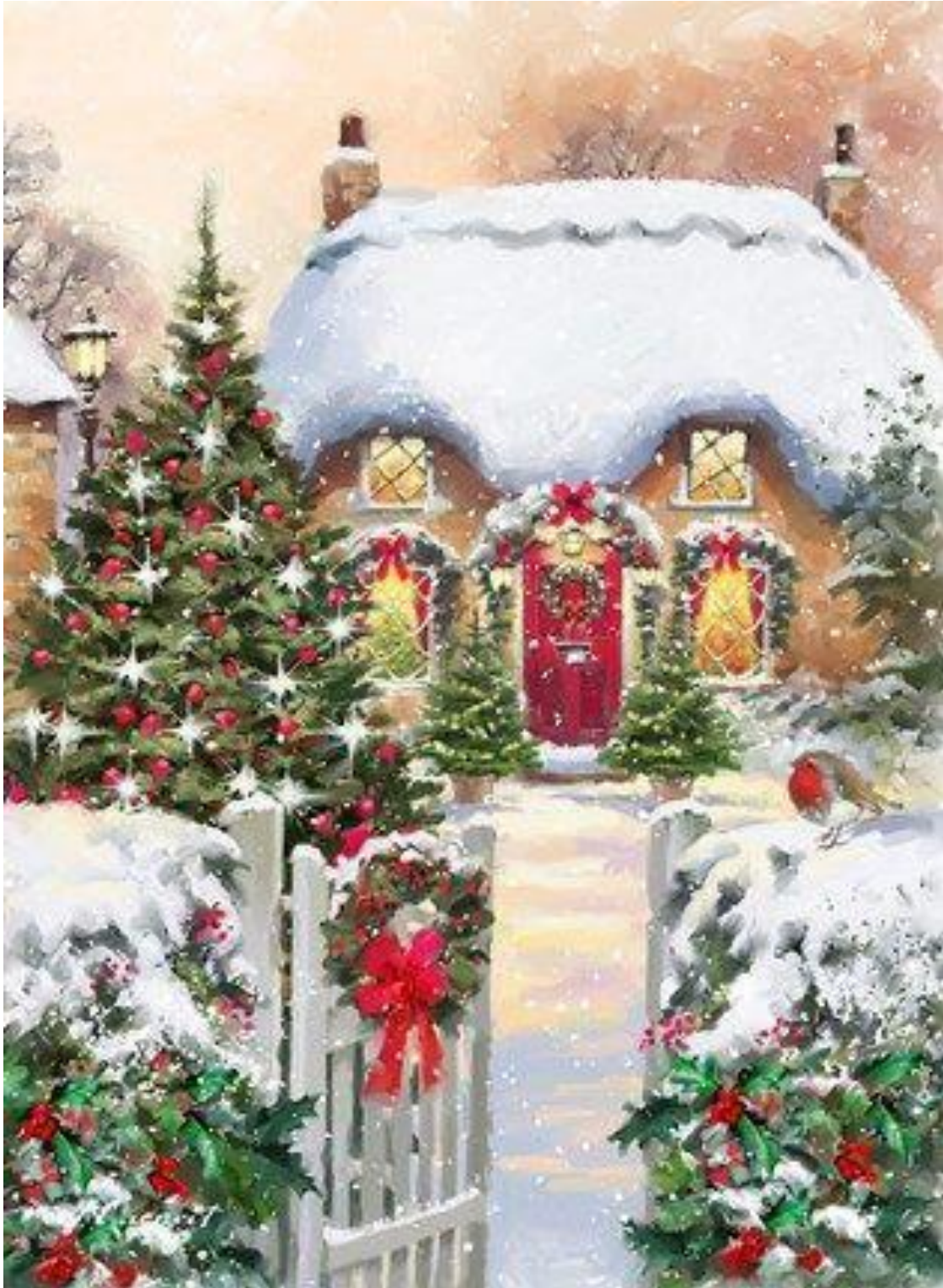


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May your home and heart glow with the magic of the holiday

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**General Membership Meeting
December 3, 2019**

A. Call to Order & Welcome

B. Reports

1. President
2. Secretary – minutes of November meeting
3. Treasurer
4. Introduce new members and/or guests
5. Programs
 - a. 40th Anniversary
6. Budget Proposals
7. Vice President
8. Public Relations
9. Membership
 - a. Sunshine
 - b. Outings
10. Special Events
 - a. Upcoming Events

C. Unfinished Business

D. New Business

E. Membership Announcements

F. 50/50 drawings

G. Adjournment



Len Kolakowski December 26th

Volunteer Opportunities

Gingerbread Gallery

Through January 5th
Erie Canal Museum

34th Annual Festival of Trees

December 5th - 15th
Everson Museum of Art

Lights on the Lake

Through January 5th
Seeking volunteers to wear mascot costumes

Please let Diane Knowlton know of future volunteer opportunities of which you become aware.

Minutes: General Membership Meeting of November 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President Bill Cooper.

No corrections were noted to the October meeting minutes; a motion was made by Yvonne Russell, seconded by Don Goulet, and the minutes were approved by the membership. No guests or new members were in attendance.

Treasurer Ann Goehner reported balances as of September 30th: Checking and Investment

For Board Elections, agreeing to continue in their current positions were Don Goulet as Vice President & Ann Goehner as Treasurer. Approved was a motion made by Len Kolakowski and seconded by Dave Osborn, to record one vote for each signifying unanimous reelection by the membership. The Programs and Public Relations Director positions remain open.

In Programs, Len spoke about plans for the UDT 40th anniversary and showed what has been developed for a revised UDT logo to include "Celebrating 40 Years". He & Ann will meet again on Thursday to work out a proposed budget for review at the November Board meeting. Syracuse Winterfest has gotten the go ahead from the Marriott to stage fireworks from the roof of the hotel's garage on South Warren Street and the UDT are considering sponsoring them as a kickoff to our anniversary year. More discussion was had about PIP in 2020 and how that could be implemented.

Under Membership, the Meet Out/Eat dates for November were as noted in the newsletter: on the 9th, 10th, 23rd and 26th. Bill will host the annual Cookie Exchange on Sunday, December 8th, 2pm – 6pm. Under Sunshine, Diane dropped off a card for former member Yvonne Hooker who broke her foot.

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton noted the following volunteer opportunities: Jingle Bell Run Saturday, Nov. 16th at Longbranch Park; Gingerbread Gallery at Erie Canal Museum Nov. 22nd – Jan. 5th; Everson Museum of Art Festival of Trees Dec. 5th – 15th. Lights on the Lake is also seeking volunteers to wear mascot costumes on various nights throughout their run.

The Vice President, Don Goulet mentioned they will begin thinking about ideas for Award for Excellence recipients. Break (6:31pm – 6:52pm)

There was no Unfinished Business, New Business, or Membership Announcements. There was no 50/50 drawing. Motion to adjourn was made at 6:54pm by Don Goulet and seconded by Yvonne Russell.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
2PM – 6PM
BILL COOPER'S HOME

If exchanging cookies, please bring 3 dozen to exchange & a container to collect them in.
Please also bring a snack to share & your choice of beverage.

OPEN TO EVERYONE ! ALL ARE WELCOME !



Gingerbread Gallery *at the Erie Canal Museum*

The Erie Canal Museum's Gingerbread Gallery once again offers the fan-favorite exhibit features amazing, edible creations by amateur and professional bakers across the region.

Hours: The Gingerbread Gallery is open daily from **10am - 5pm** through January 5 with the exception of Thanksgiving (November 28), Christmas Day (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). It will close at 2pm

on Christmas Eve (December 24) and New Year's Eve (December 31).

Cost & Parking: Throughout the season, the price to view the exhibit is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$2 for children 12 and under. There is free parking starting at 5pm in the lot across from the Museum under Interstates 81 and 690. All proceeds support the Erie Canal Museum's educational programs, exhibits, research, and collections management.



Window Wonderland Contest:

31 Businesses Participating

Voting started Friday, November 29

*As your travels bring you to Downtown Syracuse throughout this holiday season, the Downtown Committee of Syracuse hopes you'll tour the Window Wonderland! A total of **31 Downtown businesses** will dress their windows for the Downtown Committee's annual Window Wonderland Contest!*

Soup R Salads took the top prize in 2019!

As you're out and about, look for an "Official Window Wonderland Contest Entry Sign" in the windows of street-level storefronts, businesses and offices, just like the one pictured above. Then, cast your vote for your favorite! **Voting is open to the public** and will remain open through **New Year's Day, January 1**. There is also a map and list of all participating businesses to the Downtown Committee website. The winning design(s) will be announced on **January 2 in this newsletter**. The designer of the display with the most votes will receive a grand prize of **\$500**. Second place will be awarded **\$250**, and third place will fetch **\$100**.



A Syracuse Christmas Carol

December 12-22 at the Redhouse Arts Center

A Syracuse Christmas Carol puts a new twist to the classic Charles Dickens tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, featuring many Syracuse landmarks and historical figures resurrected on stage. Set in 1999 on Christmas Eve, prominent Syracuse businessman, Ebenezer Scrooge, is visited by 3 Ghosts — each one a Syracuse legend! With hummable Christmas tunes and a Broadway-style score, *A Syracuse Christmas Carol* will make it's world premier here at Redhouse. It's a fun filled show with songs, laughs and recognizable Syracuse icons from the past and the present. ***Be some of the first to experience the show that was written especially for Syracuse.***

BOOK BY LJ FECHO
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY MICHAEL O'FLAHERTY
December 12-22, 2019



Holidays in the City returns to Downtown Syracuse!
Activities are scheduled from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Saturday, December 7, in and around Clinton and Hanover Squares



Holidays in the City, a partnership by Advance Media New York and the Downtown Committee, is a celebration of the magic of the holiday season. There will be musical performances from local choirs and opportunities to visit with Santa Claus & members of his sleigh team. **Reindeer** will gather in Hanover Square for **photo ops** with families and visitors. Plus, for your convenience, there will be a special holiday trolley for festive travels throughout Downtown Syracuse.

Full information of events, activities, shuttle routes and specials may be found at **HolidaysInSYR.com**.

Schedule:

Free Holiday Trolley starts running 12 pm - 5 pm

An easy way to visit all the holiday happenings!

LIVE Reindeer in Hanover Square! Noon - 5 pm

Smart Santa Experience in the City Hall Commons Atrium 12 pm - 3 pm

Central Library: Activities happening on every floor! (1 pm - 3 pm)

See first-hand how to create 3D prints & take home a FREE 3D printed snowflake.

Local History & Genealogy on 3rd floor. Historical images celebrate the spirit of the season.

The 2nd Floor Kid Space will have crafts, games & fun photo-ops to delight your children!

Gingerbread Exhibit at the Erie Canal Museum Open 10 am - 5 pm Located on Water St.

Requires admission ticket

Gingerbread Workshop at The Erie Canal Museum! 1pm Must Pre-Register

Ice skating in Clinton Square! Opens at 10 am

Onondaga Historical Association Exhibit Open 11 am - 4 pm Located on Montgomery St.

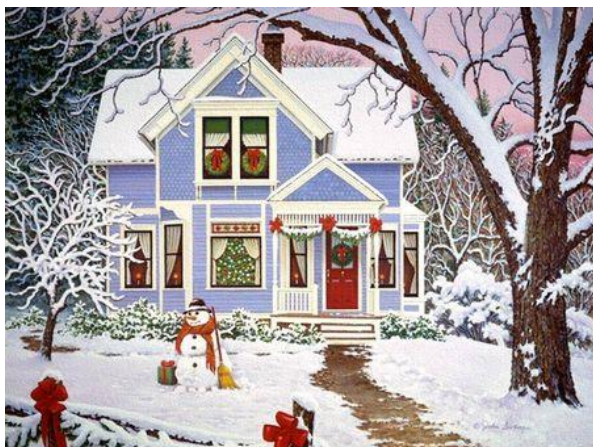
Requires Admission Ticket

Shop for the holidays at Art Mart 11 am - 5 pm Located on Salina St. (Next to Oh My Darling)

Everson Festival of Trees & Santa Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm

Dasher's Magical Gift 11 am The Oncenter Crouse Hinds Theatre

Solstice at St. Paul's Cathedral 2 pm & 7:30 pm



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ON THE
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DRIVE THRU
11/14/19 - 1/5/20

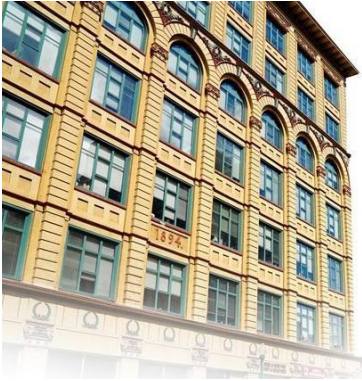
5pm - 10pm \$10 Mon. - Thurs. per car;
\$20 Fri. - Sun. per car;
Save \$4 with Wegmans' Shoppers Card on Mon. & Tues.



LED Street Light Project Update

Downtown expected to see new streetlights early next year

Last June, the City of Syracuse announced plans to replace current streetlights with new LED lighting to save energy and money, as part of the Syracuse Surge initiative. The nine-month project is now about 30 percent complete. We can expect to see changes to Downtown's streetlights in early 2020.



Wildflowers Armory Opens in New Location

Located at 217 S. Salina Street

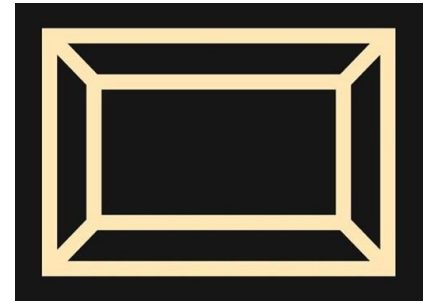
Wildflowers Armory is now open for business in its new location at 217 South Salina Street, next to Bersani Gallery. Previously located in a building behind the Museum of Science and Technology, Wildflowers offers a variety of goods and gifts from local artisans. It also regularly hosts arts-focused gatherings and other events, which will all continue with the move. The store is open from 10am to 8pm Tuesday - Saturday, and noon to 6pm on Sunday.

Gilded Club: Downtown's Newest Speakeasy

Now open! (But you need to crack the code to figure out where it is)

There's a new speakeasy in Armory Square, but you need to be "in the know" to find out where it is and how to get in! Visit the Gilded Club's website or Facebook page to get clues about the location, then crack the access code on social media, or simply buy it for \$1. Limited access codes are available each day, and new codes are issued on Mondays. Once inside, guests will enjoy sophisticated cocktails, wine, beer and select food items. The nightclub is decorated with an old-fashioned flare, but guests can still enjoy modern amenities such as TVs, music and board games.

The Gilded Club is open from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am Wednesday through Sunday, and from 6pm to 2am Thursday - Saturday. The nightclub is closed Sunday - Tuesday.



Calios Becoming D.P. Dough

Same great calzones with a new name!

Calios, the late-night calzone shop in Armory Square, will soon convert to a D.P. Dough, following an acquisition. Early next year, Calios will become D.P. Dough. Patrons can look forward to the same great variety of calzone options! When we learn more information about exactly when the transition will happen, we'll share it in this newsletter.

Cathy's Cookie Kitchen Receives MWBE Certification

Only certified woman-owned bakery in Syracuse

Cathy's Cookie Kitchen recently received its certification as a Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)! This certification allows businesses to work with corporations or government agencies that have a goal or requirement to do a certain percentage of their business with minority or women-owned businesses. Cathy's Cookie Kitchen is the only woman-owned bakery in Syracuse to hold this certification.





Art Mart Now Open!

New Location in the Syracuse Trust Building, 325 S. Salina Street

Art Mart is open for the season at its new location in the Syracuse Trust Building! Cross off items on your holiday shopping list by purchasing unique gifts from local artists, including paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry and much more!

Art Mart is open Monday - Saturday from 10am to 5pm, now through December 24. Stop by 325 South Salina Street or call the store at 315-308-1772.

Now Open: Epicuse Market & Cafe

Epicuse Market & Cafe, an Epicurean Market and Eatery, officially opened at 334 S. Salina Street on Monday. The storefront is a place where you can start your day with breakfast, enjoy lunch, dinner, or bring it home to share. Epicuse features a variety of freshly prepared foods made from scratch. Customers can take them home and put them on the table to serve families in minutes - the perfect solution to eat well on a busy day! There are also produce options, a variety of meats, cheese and dairy, an impressive seafood selection, and other curated small batch specialty food items to prepare at home on less hectic days. The space aims to create a community to hang out - either alone or with friends - in an inviting, cozy atmosphere. There will be coffee and wine (coming soon!). Epicuse is open from 7am to 9pm.



SYRACUSE TECH GARDEN - PROPOSED EXPANSION
BIRDS-EYE VIEW

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Tech Garden Expansion Announced

Plans include a two-story addition; enhanced streetscapes for Downtown corridor

Gov. Cuomo recently announced plans for a two-story expansion of The Tech Garden, a business incubator designed to help technology start-up companies. Located at the corner of South Warren and Harrison streets, The Tech Garden will add 46,000 sq. ft. of incubation and acceleration space. The addition will create new space for companies to establish offices, as well as open new opportunities for more start-up companies and entrepreneurs to move in. The new addition will also feature an indoor "Drone Zone," an incubation area for UAS companies. New York State is

contributing \$12.5 million to the expansion, which is expected to be complete in 2021.

Affordable Apartments Planned for Historic Smith Restaurant Supply Building

Construction expected to start Summer 2020

Plans were announced earlier this year to bring 37 affordable apartments to the historic Smith Restaurant Supply Building, at the corner of S. Townsend and E. Water Streets. The project, led by developer Matthew Paulus, is expected to begin next summer. In addition to the 37 affordable apartments, project plans call for 2,500 square feet of ground floor commercial space. The \$6.6 million project will take about a year to complete. Monthly rents will average around \$1,050, not including utilities.



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8 COOKIE EXCHANGE	9	10 	11 Meet Out/ Eat Out	12	13	14 Meet Out/ Eat Out	
15 Meet Out/ Eat Out	16	17 Board Meeting Bill's house 6 pm	18	19	20 	21 <i>Winter Solstice</i>	
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Meet Out / Eat Out

Wednesday, December 11th 6pm

Rise & Shine Diner

500 Westcott St., Syracuse

Saturday, December 14th after 5pm

Holy Cross Polish Church

\$10 Dinner, Dessert & Beverage
3690 Armstrong Rd., Lakeland

Sunday, December 15th 11 am

Serpico's

512 State Fair Blvd. (formerly Mama Nancy's)

Dickens' Christmas in Skaneateles

Sunday, December 1st

Meet outside Doug's Fish Fry at 1:30pm

Lights on the Lake

Monday, December 2nd

Drive thru the Carpool
\$3 per person. Meet at 5pm at Heid's

CHRISTMAS AT LORENZO

Canalyland Christmas

Saturday, December 14th

Meet at 1:30pm

Open House with Refreshments

Live Music & Sleigh Rides

Admission: \$6/adult, \$2/child