

Sullivan County Historical Society

Museum at Hurleyville

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2018 Sullivan County Historical Society Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

Dear Members and Friends,

Each year, the Sullivan County Historical Society presents deserving individuals or groups with the honor of “History Maker” and “History Preserver” awards. The honorees for these awards symbolize the stated mission of the Society; the preservation of Sullivan County history for the enlightenment of future generations. The presentation of these awards will be at the Society’s Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on **Sunday, October 21th** at BHR - Bernie's Holiday Restaurant, Rock Hill, New York. We are pleased to announce this year’s History Maker and History Preserver recipients.

Amid mixed reviews, the film "Dirty Dancing" opened at movie theaters in 1987. The storyline being set during the summer of 1963 when the all-but-now vanished era of Sullivan County hotels still prospered, the story evolved around the growing romance between a fictional Catskill hotel’s dance instructor with his young student. Despite the film’s well-worn theme of a flowering romance between lovers who come from different backgrounds, its soundtrack and particularly the dance scenes helped turn the film into a box-office hit and eventually a cult classic.

The inspiration for the film by its screenwriter, Eleanor Bergstein, was her youthful visits to Grossinger’s Hotel during the mid-50s and her introduction to dance through the hotel’s dance instructor, Jackie Horner. When the scriptwriter began work on the script, she sought out her former instructor. As consultant for the film, Jackie Horner, whose long career of working Sullivan County hotels, provided much background material of Sullivan County and its hotels during that period and was the inspiration to one of the film’s leading characters. With Ms. Horner’s assistance, the film Dirty Dancing preserves an era in Sullivan County that has since passed on into history. The Sullivan County Historical Society is proud to honor Ms. Jackie Horner as its history preserver for the year 2018.

The year 2018 marks the 100 year anniversary of America's deep involvement in the First World War and its eventual armistice. For its role, Sullivan County inducted over one thousand of her sons into military service, many sent overseas to face the perils of battle and disease. Of that number, seventy-two did not survive the conflict.

In the past, recipients of the Sullivan County Historical Society's history maker or history preserver awards have had long, notable and accomplished careers. The youthful seventy-two soldiers who perished during the war years never had this opportunity. However, the importance of their individual contributions to Sullivan County history through their supreme sacrifice is unsurpassed by any previous SCHS honorees.

Russell Sprague, a native of Parksville who had yet to reach his twentieth birthday, became the first Sullivan County boy to lose his life as the result of combat overseas. Corporal Sprague's life had been tragically cut short December 23, 1917, while working alongside French engineers in trenches along the battlefield. His patriotism, youthful vigor and spirit of adventure exemplified all who served during this conflict and whose life and sacrifice for his home country is honored as the Sullivan County Historical Society's history maker for the year of 2018.

Each year we ask you to advertise in the SCHS Annual Dinner's Journal, a publication produced to honor the year's award recipients. In years past, your generosity has been the Society's crucial source for operating funds. With interest in our County's history now at an all-time high, work here at the Museum has expanded, including an increase in Museum visits, inquiries for research and Society events. This work, along with the storage of archival material, maintaining the displays and day to day upkeep of the building is all done by dedicated, unpaid volunteers. They give their time, effort and even personal funds to make genealogical and historical archival records available to the public for research and exhibits. However, the continual increase in operational expenses strains our limited resources. Therefore, we again ask for your much needed support.

A Journal advertising form and the SCHS Dinner's reservation form are enclosed. Please indicate your advertisement preferences and return it within the self-addressed envelope. We urgently need your financial support to continue our mission of preserving Sullivan County's remarkable history and making it available to the public. Also, please make dinner reservations, no **later than October 12th**, by filling out the reservations card and returning it in the same self-addressed envelope.

As always, we thank you for your support,
The Sullivan County Historical Society's Dinner Journal Committee

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please make your dinner reservation by October 13, 2018

Enclosed is a check made payable to S. C. Historical Society in the amount of:

\$_____ for _____ dinners (@ \$35.00 per person) for the Annual Dinner

My (our) choice of entree is as follows

_____ 8 oz Strip Steak _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Tilapia Oreganata _____ Eggplant Rollatini

Sorry, I can't attend but would like to contribute \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Email _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Hour and Hor d'oeuvres 5:00 PM - Dinner 6:00 PM Sunday Oct. 21, 2018

BHR - Bernie's Holiday Restaurant, Rock Hill, NY



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 Commemorative Journal - October 21, 2018
 Advertising Specs and Information

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The Journal's page size is 5.5" wide and 8.5" high. Logos or camera - ready art can be used, within limitations. If you want us to make up your black and white ad, please submit typed copy. You can also submit business cards or previous ads with the current information you want included in your Journal ad.

Advertising rates - Please check size of ad desired

- Full Page \$125
- Half Page \$ 75
- Quarter Page \$ 50
- Sponsor Listing \$ 25

Make checks payable to **SC Historical Society**

The cost of your advertisement is deductible to the full extent allowed by the law.

- We must have all advertising copy no later than October 12, 2018

Advertisement should read as follows: (Please type)

The cost of my ad is \$_____

The cost of my (our) dinner reservation \$_____

Total amount enclosed \$_____

Advertisers Name:

Address: Email.....

City, State, Zip..... Phone_____

Thank You!