



Celebrating Canton Today and Tomorrow

A Newsletter of the Canton Community Fund

Annual Report 2017

Who Benefits from CCF Grants?

In 2017, the Canton Community Fund awarded grants to numerous local organizations, for projects ranging from barn quilts and sports facilities to guitars and fountain plumbing, all aimed broadly at improving the quality of life for all residents of the Town and Village of Canton.

Recipients (see the remainder of this newsletter for further details on some of these) included:

- >The St. Lawrence County Historical Association, to mount five locally made barn quilts on the west wall of the SLCHA's Red Barn.
- >The Yoga Loft, for safety and support equipment for the inaugural Maple Run foot race last spring.
- >Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY), one grant for its inaugural Writers Fair, an early-summer day-long festival of workshops, readings and corresponding activities for regional authors and aspiring writers; and a second, to underwrite start-up funding for its forthcoming "TAUNY Publications in Regional Folkways," a series of books and related materials that will focus on the traditional folkways and arts of the North Country.
- >The Remington Arts Festival, to support the participation of several musicians at last October's festival in Canton. "We believe that including musical artists in the life of the Festival will not only show their importance in the culture of arts in Canton and in the North Country; it will enliven the atmosphere of the Festival overall, drawing more visitors to the downtown area to explore," wrote Festival organizers in their grant application.
- >The Canton Recreation Department, to fund improvements to the basketball

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'Why Should I Give the Canton Community Fund Any Money?'



Downtown Canton

- *Because your dollars stay right here in Canton.
- *Because nearly 100% of your gift goes to good causes. The CCF has no overhead, because it has no offices. It pays no compensation, because it has no employees – everyone who "works" for it volunteers. What little spending it does (for printing and mailing this annual newsletter, plus minimal clerical supplies, mostly) is done locally.
- *Because it's the only "general purpose" fund supporting the Town and Village of Canton. You can support any number of worthy organizations separately, but your tax-deductible gift to the Canton Community Fund goes where it's needed, when it's needed, in response to requests for grants.
- *Because CCF funds activities that are new, that expand the work of local organizations, or that are otherwise hard to fund and yet have positive community-wide impact.
- *Because grants are made by a board, pictured elsewhere in this newsletter, made up of your friends and neighbors, people who know local people, priorities, and needs.
- *Because your gift continues to give in perpetuity -- for every \$10,000 of principal in the CCF endowment (which at the end of the third quarter of 2017 stood at more than \$245,000), \$600 can be allocated to worthy causes, every year, year after year.

Help us build the Canton Community Fund so we can help build Canton! Use the envelope in this newsletter, or visit www.cantoncommunityfund.org to find instructions for making a gift via PayPal.

facilities at Taylor Park, as part of a larger initiative to improve facilities at the Park, which is jointly administered by both the Town and Village of Canton. The grant will cover the cost of a basketball hoop post, backboard, rim and net, according to Recreation Director Caitlin Boreyko.

>The Canton Park & Fountain Fund, for pumps and piping as part of the restoration of the fountain that is the heart of the village park.

>GardenShare, for signage intended to improve traffic flow and safety at its office facility on Route 310 outside Canton. This follows an earlier grant, in late 2016, for furnishings for its offices.

>The Deep Root Center for Self-Directed Learning, for the purchase of music-making materials such as a MacBookAir and two three-quarter-sized electric guitars, as well as a flat-screen TV for its music and media room.

Canton's Centerpiece

In November, the Canton Community Fund joined the growing list of donors to the Canton village park and fountain restoration and renovation project, with a grant of \$2,000, the maximum the Fund is permitted to award. The grant, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Sweetgrass Foundation, is designated for piping and plumbing repairs to the fountain; current plans call for that work to be executed this spring and summer.



Gathering for a symbolic check presentation at the fountain on a chilly December day were, from left, Rev. Mike Catanzaro of the First Presbyterian Church, chair of the fundraising committee of the Canton Park & Fountain Fund; John Casserly, CCF board member; Neal Burdick, CCF board president; Cameron Boswell of the First Presbyterian Church; and Paul Mitchell, fundraising committee member. Photo credit Linda Potter

Community Fund Helps Get Maple Run Running

Distance-running made a return to the North Country this past April with help from the Canton Community Fund (CCF). CCF funded an appeal from the Maple Run, a new half-marathon that started and finished in Canton's Taylor Park. Race Director Amanda Stopa Goldstein solicited a \$550 grant from the Canton Community Fund for the purchase of safety vests and aid station supplies.

On a damp, cool April 22, 2017, more than 260 runners from all over the North Country and as far away as Rochester and Canada took part in this inaugural event. To say the event was a success would be an understatement; in fact, the *Ogdensburg Journal's* headline covering the event read, "Maple Run Enjoys Flying Start." Community members from all over the greater Canton area took part, either as runners or volunteers, and local businesses were also tremendously supportive.

The Maple Run was successful enough this past year, in part due to the assistance provided by the Canton Community Fund, that it will be returning on April 7, 2018. The Maple Run is the kind of project that needed a bit of support in its inaugural year, but is turning into an annual event for the Canton community and the runners from outside our area whom it brings here.

--Dwight Stevenson

Thanks, Folks! We thank the following for their support of the Canton Community Fund over the past several months. Their commitment to their community inspires us all, and we are grateful. This list is complete as of December 31, 2017; if we have omitted your name, we humbly apologize and ask that you please contact us via the CCF website.

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in memory of Peter Van de Water | Phil and Carol LaMarche | Gianmario Savio |
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| Judy and Jerry Chase | | Ron and Brandi Romano | Cody and Shayla Witherell |

Who Are We?



"We" is really all of us, working together for the good of Canton. But the Canton Community Fund does have a Board of Directors. Current members are, from left, Brett Thacher, Beth Larrabee, Chris Redichs, Mary Ann Ashley, John Casserly, Barbara Beekman, Louis Tremaine and Neal Burdick, along with Lenore VanderZee, who was unable to be present for the photograph. Larrabee, the newest member, says she joined because "I've lived in Canton all my life. I grew up here, went to school and college here, and settled here to work and raise my family, and I care enough about my community to do what I can to make it better for everyone."

Community Fund Supports Food Preservation Program

Last winter, Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County launched a Master Food Preserver Volunteer Program with an intensive three-day training for new volunteers, underwritten by generous support from the Canton Community Fund. Graduates now provide food preservation classes across the county and in the Harvest Kitchen at the Extension Learning Farm, Canton.

The training included the scientific basis of home food preservation; hands-on experience in traditional canning and pressure canning, making jams and jellies, and pickling and fermentation; demonstrations in freezing and drying; and a discussion of other methods of preservation. The class graduated 21 volunteers, the first step toward becoming certified CCE Master Food Preservers. The actual certifications are awarded after volunteer requirements are met, ensuring that they give back to their communities and enrich the lives of others.

Applying their training, the new volunteers, with assistance from Extension's Local Food Program Leader Maria "Flip" Filippi, hosted a six-part series of food preservation classes in the Harvest Kitchen last fall. The programs were very well received by the community and reached a total of 60 participants.

--Patrick Ames

The writer is Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County.

Have a Project? Need Funding? Ask the Canton Community Fund!

For criteria and grant application guidelines, visit www.cantoncommunityfund.org

Local Folksinger To Be Subject of New TAUNY Book Supported by Community Fund



*Ted Ashlaw.
Photo credit Robert Bethke*

The late Ted Ashlaw of Hermon is the subject of a forthcoming book to be published by Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY) of Canton. Written by folklorist Robert Bethke and titled *One Rough Life*, its subtitle reveals its content: "Ted Ashlaw, Adirondack Lumber Camp and Barroom Singer." Ashlaw was a logger by profession and a folk singer by avocation, and he knew, and sang, hundreds of songs by heart. The book tells his challenging life story, and includes the lyrics and sheet music for many of his favorite songs.

A two-set CD of Ashlaw singing many of these same songs, engineered by Joel Hurd of North Country Public Radio, will accompany the book, which is due for release in spring 2018, in conjunction with a TAUNY exhibition about North Country instruments and music-making.

The book is the first in a projected series to be published by TAUNY under the name "TAUNY Publications in Regional Folkways," which will focus on the traditional folk activities and arts of New York's North Country. A grant from the Canton Community Fund to TAUNY provided start-up funding for the series as well as partial funding for production of the Ashlaw book.

You're Welcome!

Gleanings from the Canton Community Fund's Post Office Box 142:

>Thank you for your support of the inaugural Maple Run! It was a huge success, and we were complimented many times on how safe it was. We truly couldn't have done it without your support.

- *Amanda Stopa Goldstein*

>Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Yoga Loft in support of the Maple Run. Your gift further enhances the organization's missions of providing health, wellness, and personal growth programs to our community. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

- *Alison Brant, Yoga Loft Board of Directors*

>Thank you for your generous support of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association's barn quilt project! We hope the quilts will bring awareness of our county's heritage and beautify Canton for years to come. - *Sue Longshore, SLCHA*

>Thank you for your generous grant to the Canton

Recreation Department. We are very excited to be able to buy a new hoop and improve the basketball court at Taylor Park! I know many kids will be thrilled. - *Caitlin Boreyko*

>Your generous grant will make it possible for TAUNY to move forward with its publishing project, which will enhance TAUNY's footprint in the region and bring more visitors to The TAUNY Center and to Canton. Sincere thanks to the Canton Community Fund board for all that your organization does for our town and village.

- *Jackie Sauter, for the TAUNY Board of Directors*

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