

News&Views

from the

Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum

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Welcome to the first edition of *News&Views*. We hope to capture your interest with stories and photographs about what's happening at the Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum.



*The **Mansion**'s new roof was installed this summer. Since then, Museum Director Bob Cameron has restored many valuable items on the third floor that were damaged by the leaking roof and discovered new gems! On the second floor, he has created an era-by-era display of the **Armory** items in the Museum's collection, which can be seen on special tours and during the **Olde World Festival on Sunday, October 9, from 10 to 4**. Next season, the second floor bedrooms will be open for special tours as well, displaying original furniture, paintings, and costumes for the very first time!*

— photo by Cindy Shaler

*The new **Visitors Center** (formerly the first floor of the Carriage House) opened for business May 1, in time for our wealth of new and old visitors. With the extra space, we now offer a full gift shop, including history and gardening books, local pottery, and other Boal- and Columbus-related items. The front porch has become an integral part of programs during our frequent special events, like presentations by herbalists and other gardening specialists during the **Herb & Garlic Festival on August 27**.*

— photo by Cindy Shaler



*Tours of the **Boal Mansion** begin in the front hallway, beneath paintings of several generations of Boals and of the grandson of Christopher Columbus (right of the staircase). Luis Columbus holds a globe; the painting is inscribed with the Columbus family motto: "For Castile and for Leon, Columbus found a New World."*

– photo by Boyi Gow



*The renowned silver reliquary from the chapel of the Columbus family estate in Spain has been housed in the **Columbus Chapel** on the Boal Estate since 1912. As important as this relic is, another was discovered buried in the altar during the summer of 2016. This recent one is being studied by several research and university groups.*

– photo by Boyi Gow

You can participate in the growth and development at the Museum in many ways: as a volunteer (a few hours a month, a few hours a week, or for special projects), as a Museum member, or just by visiting for tours with your friends and family. You can walk the new 2-mile trail around the Museum grounds, now connected to Main Street in Boalsburg, or just admire all the new gardens and the amphitheater. Please get in touch: call Director Bob Cameron at 814-876-0129 or leave a message on the office phone, 814-466-6210.

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