



Friends in Feathers

GENE STRATTON-PORTER SOCIETY, INC.

FALL 2018

Celebrating our members and our dedicated volunteers

The Gene Stratton-Porter Society annual meeting and volunteer appreciation dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Carriage House on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.

Our special guest will be artist Rebecca Stockert, who completed her second residency at GSP State Historic Site over the summer. At right, Stockert's portrait of Gene, created this summer, is now available in our gift shop as a notecard. The Society will make a special announcement about this portrait at the dinner. We hope you'll join us and be celebrated for your contributions!



All volunteers and Society members are invited to attend. Additional guests may attend for \$15. Please RSVP to 260-854-3790. The proposed slate of Society officers is available on the GSP Society website, genestratton-porter.com, or by calling the site.



Another season of memories

As winter approaches, we have served tea to a full house of guests, introduced new foods at our Wild Game Cookout, and provided educational family fun at our Halloween open house, Owl-oween! What a great season, and it isn't over yet!

Guest Terry Colby shared this photo from a late summer visit on our Facebook page. We love it when you take the time to share your pictures and let us know what you've seen and learned!

GSP State Historic Site Manager Dave Fox marked 10 years on the job in September.

We don't have the space to list everything that Dave has accomplished during his decade in Rome City, but we wanted to highlight some of his remarkable work.

The Carriage House now includes the Environmental Resource Center and Nature Viewing Area, with a new gift shop and an office for employees.

Gene's cabin has undergone extensive conservation and maintenance work, and a successful kitchen restoration has been completed. The cabin today is dressed with historically accurate accessories.



Dave spearheaded the restoration of 76 acres of wetlands and prairies. He worked with community partners to save the Sower Farmhouse from demolition, restoring it to its 1888 condition, as well as restoring the neighboring barn. These are in addition to too many gardens and grounds improvements to mention! And of course, we have also benefited from the dedication and leadership of his wife, Tracy, for many of those years!

Dave, the GSP Society thanks you for your vision and your commitment to community partnerships, excellent programming, and mission-driven improvements!

Renew your membership today to support the maintenance and improvements to the cabin, gardens and grounds and make our programs possible.

Members receive this quarterly newsletter and save 10 percent in the gift shop.

We thank you!

(Note: Memberships purchased after June 1 will be applied to the next calendar year.)

Gene Stratton-Porter Society, Inc. Membership Application

☐ Senior/Student \$15

☐ Individual \$25

☐ Family \$40

☐ Non-Profit Org. \$50

☐ Business \$100

☐ Sustaining \$250

☐ Life Membership \$1,000

☐ Additional Donation \$ _____
For _____

☐ This is a Gift Membership:

☐ Acknowledge my gift

☐ Send the gift anonymously

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

*Please make your check payable to:
Gene Stratton-Porter Society*

Upcoming Events

Sip & Create

Saturday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m., \$25 per person, reservations required by Nov. 1, ages 21 and over only

"A Dream of Beauty" Holiday Walk

Sunday, Dec. 2, 1 – 6 p.m., \$8 adults, \$7 seniors (60 and over), \$5 youth, children 3 and under free. (Please note prices have been updated from earlier publications.)

Gene Stratton-Porter Christmas Bird Count

Monday, Dec. 17, 8 a.m., registration required by Dec. 14



A Note from GSP Society President

The magic hour of autumn is upon us, and I'm reflecting on a year passing all too quickly and so much that has been accomplished.

My mind is on gratitude: To the GSP State Historic Site staff, which has powered through many challenges this year to provide new and improved programs, welcome guests from all over the world, and keep the site looking top-notch. Thank you! To the many Society members, including our board of directors, who always look ahead with positivity. Thank you! To the volunteers, who sweat behind the scenes in the Carriage House kitchen, toil in the mud of the gardens, or freeze on the grounds during our colder events. Thank you! My gratitude seems insufficient when held up against all that you do, but please know it is heartfelt.

At left, two British visitors, Louise and Brian, fulfill a dream of more than 60 years of visiting Gene's home.

Louise read *The Harvester* when she was 9 years old. So happy for you, Louise and Brian!

I hope that you will join us to see how lovely the site and Cabin are looking at "A Dream of Beauty," our annual holiday walk. Please consider renewing your membership -- it makes so much possible! Memberships also make a great holiday gift.

-Angela Mapes Turner



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Got holiday spirit?

We do!

Our annual holiday open house, "A Dream of Beauty," is coming up! From 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, join us for cookies, horse-drawn wagon rides, and a visit from Santa !

You will love seeing Gene's cabin on Sylvan Lake decorated for the season!

We'd love to hear from you! You can reach us at gspmemorialsociety@gmail.com or at the site, 260-854-3790. Be sure to "like" our Facebook page, "Gene Stratton-Porter Society – Rome City" for the latest event information and updates!