2023 Lewiston History Mysteries



Armand Castellani Castellani Museum

The Museum, which opened in 1990, is located in the center of the Niagara University campus and is open to the public with free admission.

Hours are Wednesday II a.m.- 5 p.m., Thursday I = 7 p.m., and Friday to Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone 716-286-8200.

Armand Castellani was the founder of Tops Markets. Together with his wife, Eleanor, and other major donors, gifted the Museum to Niagara University.

Castellani Art Museum Presents Rare Paintings Never Before Seen in Public Historic Exhibition of Local Scenes at Niagara University

Northward: Niagara River Views Art created between 1811 to 1899

From Niagara Falls to Youngstown, countless artists have recorded what is considered one of the most spectacular natural settings in the world — the beauty along the scenic stretch of the Lower Niagara River, its gorge, and rapids.

The Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University (CAM) is now exhibiting a selection of original artworks that capture the beauty and majesty of the Lower Niagara, including paintings from noted artists that have never been seen in public. The exhibition runs until March 10, 2024.

One early 19th century renowned British artist who will be represented is William Henry Bartlett (1809-1854). Ten prints from his suite of steel engravings will be included, as well as copper etchings by Buffalo artist Amos W. Sangster (1833–1904).

Mary Helen Miskuly, museum registrar and curator of the exhibition, said, "Northward celebrates late 19th century Niagara River scenery starting just above the Falls all the way to Lewiston, and complements two additional concurrent exhibitions about the Niagara River and Falls, Biological Regionalism: Niagara River, Western New York by Alberto Rey and Knowing Land."

The CAM offers a world-class collection inside its nine galleries, showcasing modern and contemporary art, beautiful Niagara Falls art, and unique regional Folk Arts, including Tuscarora raised beadwork. Featured in the New York Times and Art Today. Artists include: Salvador Dali, Joan Mitchell, Robert Rauschenberg, Louise Nevelson, Cindy Sherman, Jean-Michel Basquiat and more.

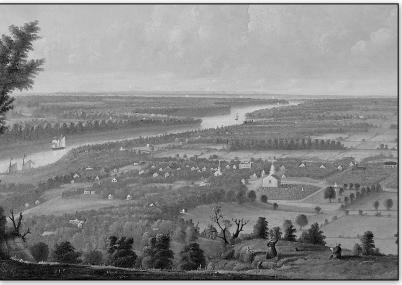
For more information and to view the online collection please visit castellaniartmuseum.org.

Richardt Piece Publicly Displayed for First Time

A Ferdinand Richardt (1819-1895) painting has been recently conserved and will be the centerpiece of the exhibit. Richardt's painting depicts the NU campus in its earliest days and includes a dramatic view of the Lower Niagara River. He was known for his numerous paintings of Niagara Falls created between 1855 and 1875. His work is represented in international museums and private collections around the world.



Ferdinand Richardt (Danish American, born Copenhagen, 1819-1895) Niagara University, c. 1873, oil on canvas, Collection of the Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University



Capt. James Van Cleve (American, 1808-1888) View of Lewiston Village, Niagara River, Lake Ontario, and Highlands of Toronto, from the Mountain Ridge, 1861, oil on canvas, courtesy of Peter Barton Hutt

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