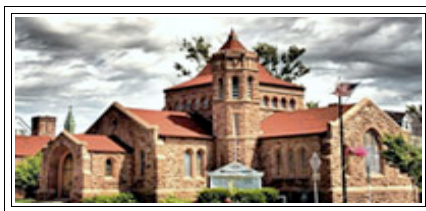


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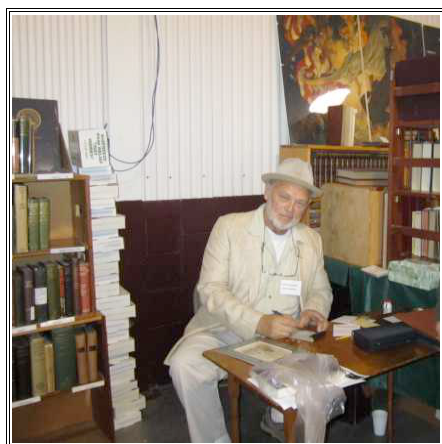
Pullman Memorial Universalist Church

Albion, New York



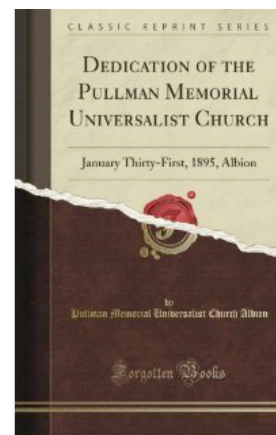
1895 BUILDING DEDICATION PROGRAM SIGNED BY TRAIN MAGNATE GEORGE M. PULLMAN

Donated By Local Book Dealer.



Dennis Seekins recently donated an original program from our building dedication ceremony in 1895 signed by the church's first benefactor, Gilded Age railcar baron, George M. Pullman.

Dennis, a Pullman Memorial board trustee and member of the building and grounds committee, is also an antiquarian book dealer at Quiet Friends books. Besides devoting his time to books and his church's architectural preservation, Dennis (shown seated in his Lyndonville, NY shop) is a cave explorer who favors travel and adventure narratives in his book business. Dennis also keeps an eye out for Pullman-related printed material.



The doors of Pullman Memorial first opened on January 31, 1895, but the cold weather couldn't keep the 1500 people in attendance away that day. In August 2016, the church plans to host another gala celebration of the 125th anniversary of its formation (1891). The congregation is now raising funds to repair the roof and renovate the playroom and dining hall in preparation for the anniversary festivities. Dennis has kindly offered the proceeds from the sale of the original signed dedication program to the building renovation fund. Many thanks Dennis! More info about the signed program at dseekins@rochester.rr.com

Have You Ever Wondered What

The Landmark Conservancy Does In NY? So Have We!

A Representative of The New York Landmarks Conservancy will visit Pullman Memorial Universalist Church and local heritage sites in February, 2013.

The Conservancy is "dedicated to preserving, revitalizing, and reusing New York's architecturally significant buildings." Besides an opportunity to view the church, the Conservancy's site visit will provide a chance for our grant writer, church member, and preservation specialist architect Andrea Rebeck, to learn more about the Conservancy's funding process and technical know how. Orleans County historian C.W. (Bill) Lattin, Pullman board chair Christine Loss, and celebrant Lee Richards will guide the site visit along with Andrea. We'll let you know what the Conservancy thinks of our Solon S. Beman architecture and Tiffany decoration!

JOHN MURRY DESCENDANT PLAYS UNITARIAN AUTHOR BEATRIX POTTER. Albion, NY Children's Theater Veteran Gretchen Murray Sepick in Family Easter Event.

Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 3 pm, Pullman Memorial Universalist Church, 10 East Park St., Albion NY, Gretchen (pictured in character's costume) plays the role of author and illustrator of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and other beloved children's stories.

...Exciting, interactive performance...

Gretchen's exciting interactive performance is **free and open to the public**. Voluntary donations gratefully accepted to benefit the church's renovation fund. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult and favorite toy rabbit. **English afternoon tea reception** follows the show. Event webpage: <http://pullmanmemorial.org/special-events/>

...Actor is descendant of church father...

Gretchen's ancestor, **The Reverend John Murray** (1741–1815), is the founder of the Universalist denomination in the United States, which merged with the Unitarian church in 1961 to become current day Unitarian Universalism.

...Event venue built by industrial baron...

The Pullman Memorial Universalist Church of Albion, New York was constructed and dedicated in 1895 as a memorial to the parents of inventor and industrialist George Mortimer Pullman. The structure, built of fine red Medina sandstone and featuring fifty-six Tiffany stained glass windows and a Johnson pipe organ, is in the Orleans County Courthouse National Historic District. The building has been in constant use since its opening; the congregation affiliating with the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1961 but keeping its historic name (Wiki).

...is a gothic revival architectural gem...

This year, Pullman Memorial Universalist Church embarks on a multiphase program to renovate their playroom and dining hall. The Church's historic register edifice was designed by Solon S. Beman in the style of Old English Gothic with Richardsonian Romanesque features. The first phase of the restoration project will be roof repairs commencing spring and summer of 2013 prior to renovating the charming Gothic revival social areas outside the church sanctuary.



Pullman Architectural News publishes several times a year to update you on the architectural repair, renovation, and restoration of our national and state historic register church building. For more information on the church and congregation, go to pullmanmemorial.org. For more about the church George M. Pullman built: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pullman_Memorial_Universalist_Church We are also pleased to answer your questions by telephone, toll free: 877-265-1709. Donation page pullman125project.com

