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The Battlefield

Newsletter of the Onondaga County Civil War Round Table

November Meeting

Dr. Norm Dann, professor emeritus from Morrisville College, last spoke to us about Gerrit Smith at our March 2005 meeting. We're delighted to have Dr. Dann continue the saga of Gerrit Smith, a wealthy radical abolitionist and land owner from Peterboro, New York who devoted his personal fortune to the abolition of slavery. This month Dann will focus on *The Abolition Movement and the Tactics of Gerrit Smith*.

In October 2005, Gerrit Smith, Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Lucetia Mott and Harriet Tubman were the first inductees into the National Abolition Hall of Fame located at the Smithfield Community Center in Peterboro. Dr. Dann is an active member of the committee that launched the Hall of Fame.

Join us for another view of Gerrit Smith (1797-1874) as political activist and tactician whose influence was felt in Central New York and beyond.

Breaking News from President Jim Dromgoole



Senator John DeFrancisco and Jim Dromgoole

Congratulations to the Civil War Round Table. On Thursday, November 1st. we received an \$1,800 Heritage Grant from State Senator John DeFrancisco. We are now within \$2,000 of our Sumner Project goal and with any luck with the Community Foundation we should reach it within the next few months. I'm looking forward to actually working on the project itself instead of trying to raise funds. Fund raising is definitely not an easy task.

Please join us this month to hear about Gerrit Smith and the Underground Railroad in

Central New York. It should be an informative program.

Editors Note: Congratulations to Jim for writing a successful grant. Fund raising is easy compared to the job of organizing the amount of information that must accompany a grant application. Thanks also to Dave Osborn for supplying the financial data and to the Cultural Resources Council and the DeFrancisco Arts & Culture Grant fund.

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Dr. Norm Dann

*The Abolition Movement
and
The Tactics of Gerrit Smith*

Thursday, November 15, 2007
7 PM

Meetings are held at 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month from September through June and are free and open to the public.

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Onondaga County Civil War Round Table
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- Seniors and Students \$15.00
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The Onondaga County Civil War Round Table was organized in 1994 and is now an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from September through June. The purpose of the OCCWRT is to stimulate and encourage interest in the American Civil War, to assist in community service in order to enhance the study and understanding of the Civil War, to provide educational and historical research of the period, and to promote historic preservation.