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SACANDAGA PARK

We never seems to tire of hearing about the Park and it's wonderful history. Many articles have been written, books published, over a hundred post cards printed, historical tours given, presentations of the history by local history buffs and historians, and many pictures are available of the Park. But there never was a painting done of the layout of the park....UNTIL NOW. Just recently the artist presented a program at the Northville Public Library, explaining how she came about creating the painting(s)

Linda Finch recently completed a triptych of paintings showing Sacandaga Park during the 1900-1920 time period during the park's heyday. The park drew in visitors from all over the Northeast and New York City and New Jersey, carried by the FJ&G Railroad. 90,000 people could be expected during a good summer.

Ms Finch, born in Gloversville had a personal reason for completing this group of work. Her family, like many others were one of those displaced by the making of the reservoir. Her family farm was lost and people relocated to Johnstown. Great grandparents were dug up and carted to the nearby King Cemetery.

Growing up in both Gloversville and Northampton area, she constantly heard of what Sacandaga Park used to be. In 2017 she moved back to the area and bought a home near the lake. During that time she began to research personal old photographs, visited the Town and Village Historian's office, a wonderful source of

both information and postcards, and interviewed Alice Peck (101) of Pecks Lake, and purchased her book, "Sacandaga Park: Gem of the Adirondacks." With maps of the area, Ms Finch selected three areas of interest and focused on the railroad station, the midway and Sport Island.

Done in acrylic paint on canvas, these 24"X 36" works give a broad overview with tiny intricate details, all in a folk art style. Perspective is largely ignored so that all the details and buildings can be shown.

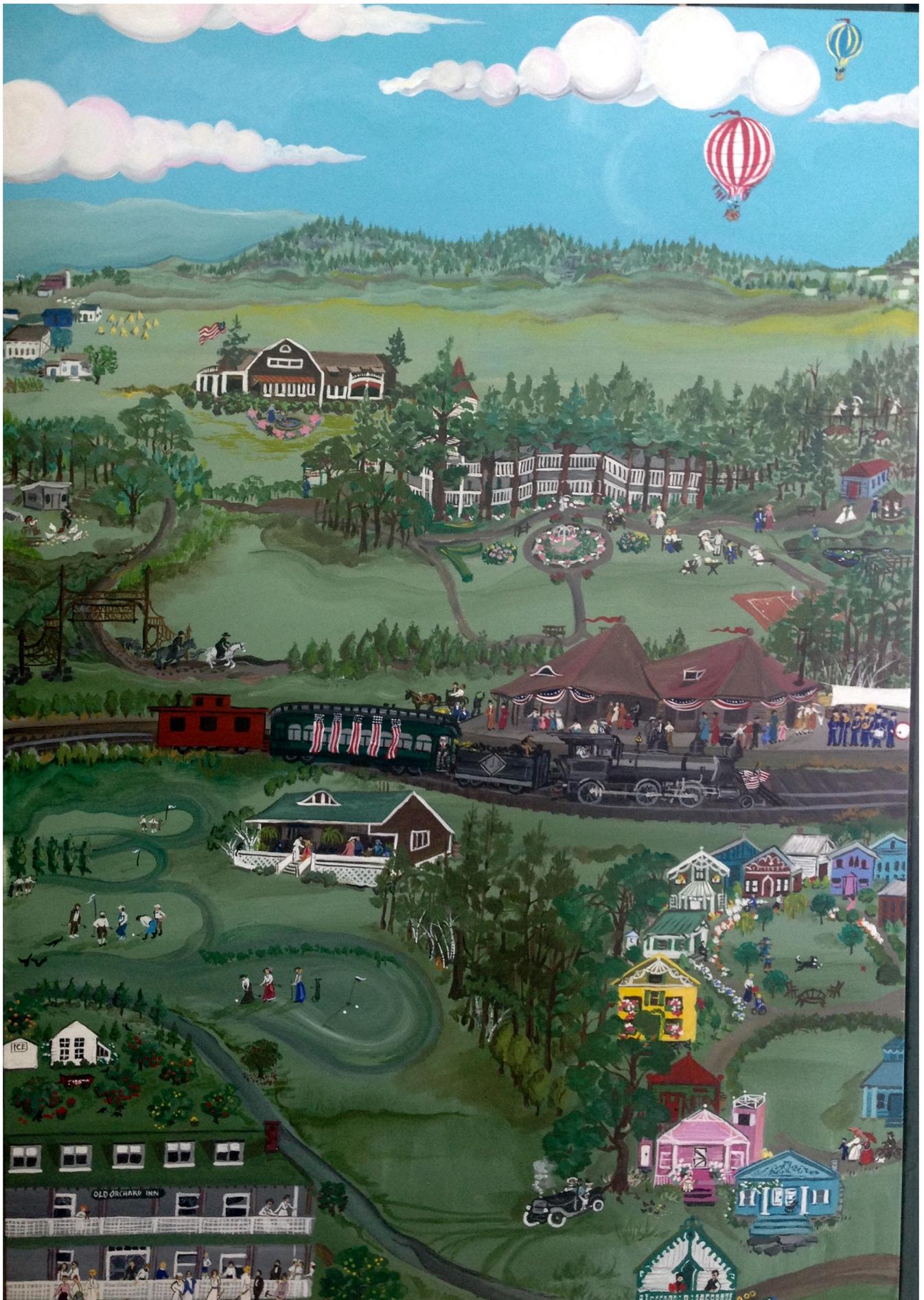
"This is a tribute to all the families that lived in and enjoyed the park, as well as to those who were displaced. The eight months' of detailed art work wrapped up all the stories I've heard over a lifetime and gave it form to myself and hopefully to the people who can now view my vision of the park past."

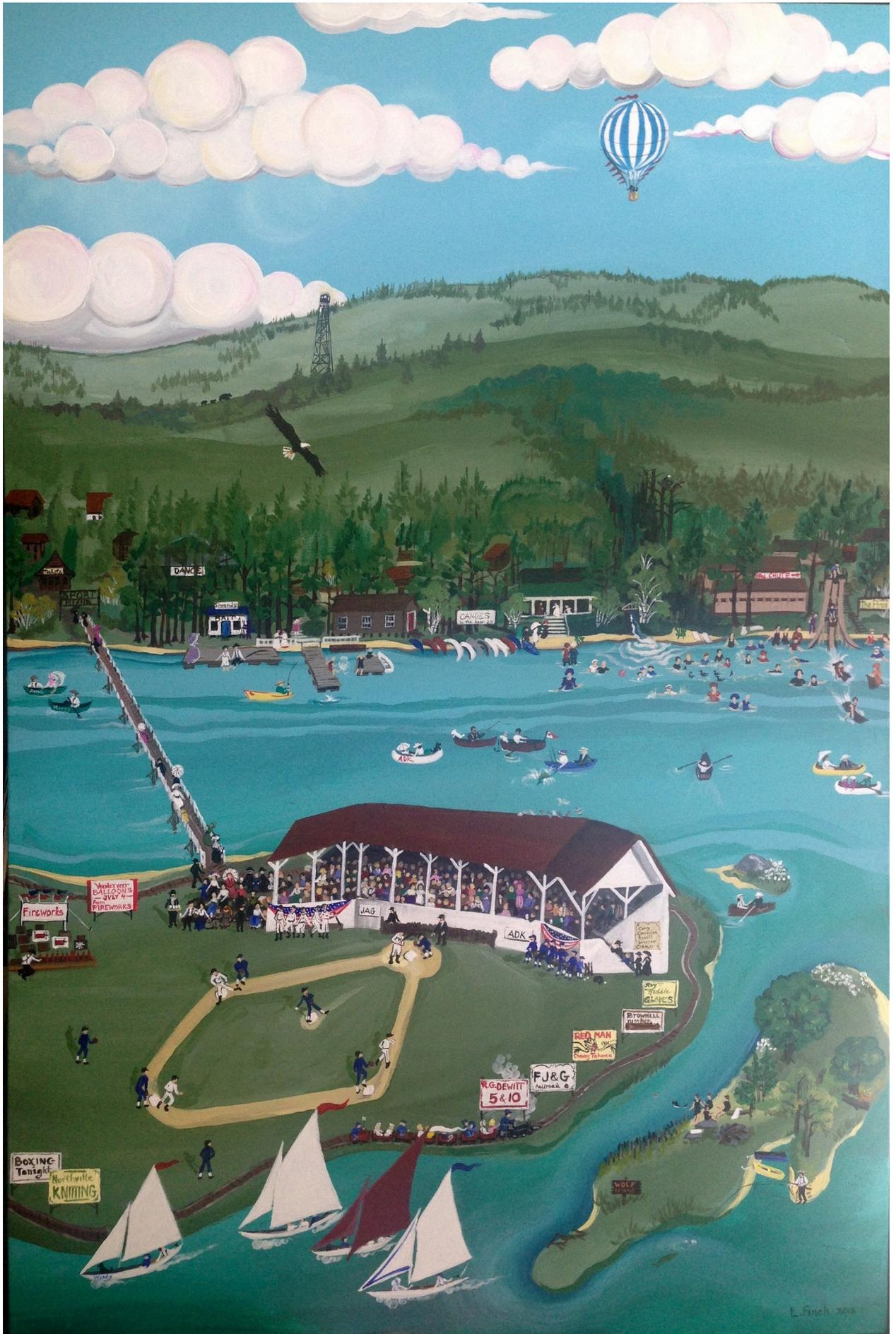
The framed paintings are currently on display in the window of the building next to The Northville 5 & 10.

MUSEUM

The museum is officially closed for the months of July and August. However, we will open by appointment during the months of September and October.

Call 518 863 2628 or 518 863 4040 ext 3 for information for an appointment.





L. Finch 2004

