

The Otsego County Chamber

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The Otsego County Chamber **TO HOST BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT THE DOLLHOUSE HALL OF FAME**

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(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE) Move over Baseball Hall of Fame, there is a new Hall of Fame in town. *The Otsego County Chamber* would like to welcome and introduce the Dollhouse Hall of Fame as one of its newest members and invites you to join them for a Business After Hours at the Dollhouse Hall of Fame, 635 County Highway 33 in Cooperstown, on Thursday, September 23 from 4:30 to 6 pm.

The opening of a Dollhouse Hall of Fame in Cooperstown has been an idea in the making. Dean Roberts, the former owner and founder of Greenleaf Dollhouses, was the main inspiration behind the idea. He purchased the lot in 1984 as a secondary location for Greenleaf Dollhouses, but the business was sold shortly after and plans remained dormant. The Dollhouse Hall of Fame became a reality with the grand opening in May 2010.

This must-see attraction has an extensive collection of dollhouses. A free walking tour exhibits over sixty miniature buildings with a variety of colors, designs, and architectural styles. Visitors experience and learn about the rich history of dollhouses and miniatures dating back to 1598. Among the artisans featured include Deb Roberts and Camille Minichino.

Browse through the large gift shop after the tour. You will discover an array of goodies: miniature artisan pieces, dollhouses, eclectic gifts, local cheese, crackers, dips and sauces, just to name a few. After picking out some souvenirs, relax in the shade under an umbrella. Enjoy the tastes of freshly squeezed lemonade or a delicious treat from the snack bar.

The Dollhouse Hall of Fame is also home to the Craft Factory Outlet store. From woodcraft kits to flower presses, the Craft Factory Outlet store offers the largest selection of craft supplies in the area. They have a selection that is always changing to reflect the various holiday seasons: St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. For more information on the Dollhouse Hall of Fame visit www.dollhousehalloffame.com.

For information, or to register, please contact Pam Ferguson at (607) 432-4500 ext. 201 or pam@otsegocountychamber.com.

The Otsego County Chamber's mission is to provide legislative action and economic development assistance for existing and new businesses. The Chamber offers programs and services that enhance a member's ability to reduce their cost of doing business and to create employment opportunities while promoting Otsego County as an ideal place to live and work. For further information on becoming an active member of *The Otsego County Chamber* – please contact Pam Ferguson (toll free) at 1-877-5-OTSEGO or pam@otsegocountychamber.com.