

## MUSEUM

# OHA curator Connors to give his final presentation today

*Onondaga Historical Association*

After 25 years at the Onondaga Historical Association, Dennis Connors is preparing for his last presentation at OHA as curator of history.

He was originally employed by the OHA from 1992-1999 as executive director. Previously, he was the supervisor of historic resources for Onondaga County Parks, where he oversaw operations for the Salt Museum, Pioneer Museum and Sainte Marie Among the Iroquois Mission Site Museum. He also helped conceptualize and manage the \$2.5 million renovation of Saint Marie during 1989-1991. He has a bachelor's in history with a



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minor in museum studies from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

At 1 p.m. today, Connors will lead a gallery talk on OHA's exhibit, "Brine, Boats & Bureaucrats: Syracuse Salt & New York's 19th Century

Canals," on the mezzanine level of the Marriott Syracuse Downtown.

Meet in the main lobby of the Marriott Syracuse Downtown at 1 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The Erie Canal had an important relationship with Syracuse, as it did with communities across the state, from Albany, to Lockport, to Rochester, to Utica and Albany.

But the story of Syracuse's salt industry and its vital bond to the canal is much less appreciated. Connors will talk about the exhibit and elaborate on salt's relationship to the canal.

This is the third in a series of events about the Erie Canal and is sponsored by M&T Bank.