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No wild weddings

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

New York State is easing its Covid wedding reception rules as of March 15 — allowing as many as 150 attendees or 50% of capacity, whichever is less — but don't assume the party can be hearty.

The rules on dancing are many.

• **Attendees may dance with only members of their immediate party/household/family** seated at their table.

• **Attendees must wear face coverings in their assigned dancing area** and cannot enter, use, or otherwise visit other dancing areas or zones.

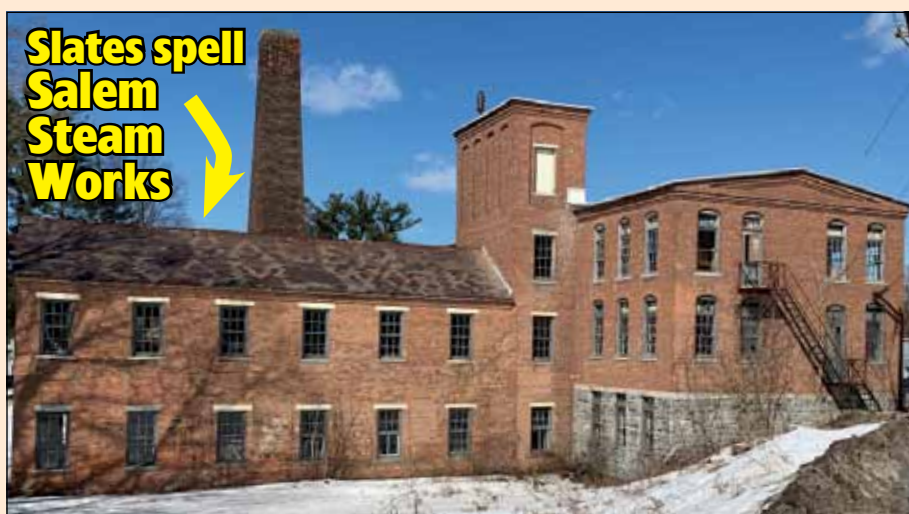
• **Attendees designated prior to the event may participate in ceremonial dances** (e.g., first dances at a wedding reception) with members of their immediate party/household/family but must maintain six feet of separation from other attendees.

• **They can dance only in clearly marked areas** assigned to them. Ideally, each dancing area or zone should not be less

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NYS says you can dance, but rules are many & strict

Slates spell Salem Steam Works



Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

The tale a roof can tell

Chronicle editor Mark Frost writes: Last week I took the above photo in the Washington County Town of Salem. It's the long-vacant former shirt factory newly rezoned with an eye toward its prospective reuse.

What I didn't notice until I scrutinized the photo the next day is the roof slates at the left that spell out words.

"Salem" emerges clearly, and I pieced together that the two words beneath it are "Steam Works."

That propelled me on a week-end Internet quest for details.

Fortunately, in 1896, the Salem Historical Committee published *The Salem Book: Records of the Past and Glimpses of the Present*. Also,

fortunately, the book is one of 28 million that have been scanned and digitized by The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which "is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form" available for free to readers and researchers.

"During the year 1886," the Salem Historical Committee wrote in 1896, "The enterprise of a few citizens resulted in the establishment of a factory for making shirts in the village. It was first conducted by Mr. B.H. Griffin and later by Mr. Henry Spallholtz on the corner of William and railroad streets but in the fall of 1892 was moved to the steam mill on

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Urges: Don't be put off by side effect of Covid vaccine 2nd shot; sign it's working

Hi Mark,

Considering your recent article about you and Sandy getting the Covid-19 vaccine and the side effects, I thought you would greatly appreciate this article I came across in *The Atlantic* - <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2021/02/second-vaccine-side-effects/617892/>.

I know many people who are

very nervous about the 'dreaded second shot,' but I am a true believer that knowledge is power.

I think your article left people with that fear, especially about getting the Moderna vaccine.

I am hoping this article will help you do your part in alleviating some of that fear by sharing the knowledge contained in this piece.

Thank you & stay safe.

— Joanne Gavin, Lake George

Editor's note: The article that Ms. Gavin linked to, written by Katherine J. Wu, is headlined:

"The Second COVID-19 Shot Is a Rude Reawakening for Immune Cells. Side effects are just a sign that protection is kicking in..."

It began: "At about 2 a.m....I woke to find my husband shivering beside me. For hours, he had been tossing in bed, exhausted but unable to sleep, nursing chills, a fever, and an agonizingly sore left arm. His teeth chattered. His forehead was freckled with sweat. "And as I lay next to him, cinching blanket after blanket around his arms, I felt an immense sense of relief. All

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