

# SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *SALUBRIS*

### President's Message- **HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

I have appointed the following to Committees for the year 2013:

Farm Museum- Linda Jackson, Curator & Bonnie Haskell, Assistant Curator

Schoolhouse Museum- Hilda Snyder- Curator

Building Committee- Bill Sterner, Chairman

Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Joan Shaw,  
Pat Korpolinski, and Gerry Treichler

Membership & Museum Sitters- Shirley Simrell, Chairperson

Antique Show & Sale- Bob Deull & Bonnie Haskell Chairpersons  
with Basket Auction Sub-Chairman- Jane Schultz

Programming and Publicity- Glenn Wienke. Includes Monthly programs,

Farm Museum Festival- Linda Jackson, Coordinator, Assisted by Bonnie Haskell,

Car Cruise-Bob Deull, & Antique Engine, Tractor & Equipment Exhibits- Bill Read

Pancake Breakfasts- Paul Otto

Old Fashion Christmas- Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell, Co-Chairpersons

Newsletter- Gerry Treichler

Sunshine Committee Chairperson- Sandra Manente

Representative at Federation Meetings- Lynn Hoffman

Program Refreshment Chairperson- Valerie Dumpleton

I sincerely thank those that help out on committee. Others willing to work on these committees, please let me or the committee chairman know. I also thank those that continue to help out whenever needed.

*Gary Townsend*, President

### **Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)**

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:30 PM )  
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President... **Gary Townsend (523-0743)**

Secretary... **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**

Vice Pres... **Bill Read (731-9570)**

Treasurer... **Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**

Trustees-at-Large- Claudia Beane (531-5090), Paul Beecher (731-9627, Bob Deull (731-9623), Bonnie Haskell (990-6909), Lynn Hoffman (731-2491), Linda Jackson (946-6811), Wes Miller (731-9739).  
Jane Schultz (731-9404), Joan Shaw (731-5653), Bill Sterner (731-3935), Hilda Snyder (731-(9883).

Farm Curator- Linda Jackson (946-6811) & Assistant Curator- Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)

Schoolhouse Curator- Hilda Snyder (731-9883)

Tuscarora Indian Nation (Reserved Position) ..... Kenneth Patterson (417-7764)

Tn. of Lewiston Historic Preservation Comm. (Reserved Position) .. Michael Rhoney (731-9726)

## ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election was held at our Nov.27th meeting. Five Trustees from the five nominated were elected to the Board of Trustees. **Paul Beecher, Bob Deull, Hilda Snyder, & Gerry Treichler** were re-elected to succeed themselves for a 3-year term. We welcome new Trustee **Claudia Beane** who was also elected for a 3-year term. We thank outgoing Trustee **Bill Hooter** for his four years service on the board and who is now leaving for personal reasons.

**Gary Townsend, Bill Read, Gerry Treichler and Glenn Wienke** were re-elected as your **President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively**. Your officers as well as the Trustees making up the Board are presented on the previous page herein.

## NEW BUILDING-

Our grand new building is just about finished. The alarm system has been installed and was satisfactorily checked out during the pressure checkout of the sprinkler system on November 13. The test results were sent to the Town of Lewiston for their use during final building certification. We have been informed that the town will fund our voucher for an extra \$16,000 to allow us to complete the building. With this knowledge, we had a 2<sup>nd</sup> furnace installed to heat the 50' by 70' main hall just in time for our Old Fashion Christmas program. The associated air conditioning portion will be installed next spring. The kitchen floor, cabinets, and island are in place. The counter tops will be installed soon. We are receiving cost estimates for the installation of the necessary hood and associated fire suppression system for the kitchen that appears to be coming in within available funding. The town Building Inspector has been contacted and he and the town Fire Inspector will have a "walk-through" this January with the anticipation that we will be able to receive a partial building occupancy permit until final work is complete.

Next spring we should have completed a fine new addition to our Farm Museum. This was made possible through the vision and special



**VP Bill Read & Linda Jackson holding \$16,000 check from Supervisor Steve Reiter (left-center) with Councilman Mike Mara**

efforts of **Town of Lewiston Supervisor Steve Reiter**. He and his board secured \$260,000 through the Greenway Commission to allow them to provide a grant to fund the project with ground breaking taking place October 28, 2010.

The project is near completion under the able leadership of **SAHS President Gary Townsend and his assistant Bill Sterner and the expertise of many others** that helped in the planning, and securing and monitoring of the contractors and some actually performing the work needing to be done to complete the building. **SAHS thanks one and all for their dedication over the past 2 years. We and the whole community are all proud of your collective accomplishments.**

**NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE , Bob Deull- (731-9623) & Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)- Co-Chair, Jane Schultz (731-9404) Basket Auction Sub-Chair-**



**Basket Auction at Antique Show & Sale**

The Antique Show and Sale will take place April 6 and 7 at the Wheatfield American

Legion Post #1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429) in Wheatfield. The event will be held 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. A Basket Auction will run concurrent with the Antique Show and Sale

The drawings for auction winners will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Winners do not need to be present. If winners are not present at the drawing, arrangements will be made for them to pick up their winnings. The Wheatfield American Legion Post members have the food concession from 11 AM until 3 PM on both days. We will not be offer artifact appraisals this year.

#### LEGION BUILDING –

**Our Grant Writer, Bernie Rotella**, is now applying for a grant using the history package on the 187-year-old building together with estimates for moving the building approx 4300 ft from its present location on Pearl Street in Sanborn to a location on our farm as well as estimates for the new foundation and planned building modifications. **We thank Jim Ditzel** for donating his time in preparation of the necessary drawings required for moving the building, foundation work at the farm and building modifications. Our plans are to add an entry way and steeple at the east end of the



**Legion Building with Modifications**

building to form a church entrance similar to the way it looked when it was built in 1825 in Pekin. We also plan to have the west end where the present kitchen and restrooms are located at the same level as the church portion and converted for use as a veterans museum with the restrooms removed. Over the years the building serviced 5 churches as well being

used as the Post Home for the Sanborn American Legion Post #969 who donated the building. GAR Post #125 was the predecessor Post to Post #969. We have a ribbon with the names of 52 area men that died while serving during the Civil War and memorialized by GAR Post #125. At that time the Post was named the **Alexander Mabon Post #125** after one of the fallen heroes.

#### PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chmn (731-5982)

Glenn reports that the program for our **Jan 22, 2013 meeting** will be “**History of Harrison Radiator Co. to Delphi-Thermal Systems**” for years 1910 to 2010 by **Dr. Mohinder F. Bhatti**; for **Feb 26**, will be “**Tuscarora History**” presented by **Neil Patterson** of Sanborn who co-authored a book on the subject. and for **March 26** the program, is to be announced (see our web site)

**Glenn has set our Annual Potluck Dinner** to be held at our regular meeting of **April 23rd**. The program will be “**LeRoy’s Hidden Treasures**” presented by **Lynne Belluscio of LeRoy**. **Won’t you please join us for our monthly meetings and programs at 7 PM at the Sanborn Fire Hall?** Doors will open at 5:30 PM for the April Potluck that will begin serving at 6 PM.

**A special thanks goes to Glenn** in securing these fine programs. **We thank Refreshment Chairperson Valerie Dumpleton** for coordinating the refreshments after the program. Our thanks also go to those who sign up and furnish the treats enjoyed by all. Our sincere appreciation also goes to **Earl & Ruth Carmer, Colleen Shanahan, Sandy Manente, and Marilyn Wittkowsky** who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

#### MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (731-3357)

**Year 2012** Membership was 380 members. We now have 103 units for a total of 152 members including 10 new for the calendar year 2013. We thank those that have paid their dues and continue to support the society. We consider this newsletter your billing for

membership. **We will send out reminder cards at the end of January for those that have not paid.** We ask those that have not done so to please renew their membership (\$10 individual, \$15 family) **by the end of March** and invite others to join. As before, members will receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis, will help support our programming and receive the benefits of the museum. This is especially important since it shows the town that we are strong and also, they can be used as matching contributions when applying for grants. We welcome first time members since our last reporting- **Don & Betty Clark, Anthony Folino II, Ray & Lucinda McGovern, Elena Martin, Rob Nichols, Ted & Debbie Sheehan and Pamela Treichler.**

**FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL- Linda Jackson, Chairman-**

**With 8 years of Farm Festivals behind us, Linda and Bonnie** promise that next year's festival taking place on July 27 & 28, 2013 will be better than ever. Through a grant provided by the NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, we have already signed the **Native American Niagara River Dancers** to perform and **Rosemary Hill** to provide a display of her Bead Work Exhibits and impromptu instruction for on

hands-on "jitter bug" making.

**LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS- Jane Schultz, Chair Person (Ph.- 731-9404) Assisted by Joan Shaw**

**Helping Jane and Joan are museum secretary Pat Korpilinski and Gerry Treichler. Work Times are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month** from 9 TO 11 AM at the Schoolhouse Museum, to accept artifacts, take pictures, etc. **Please call Jane if you have any artifacts to donate.**

**SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION-Bonnie Haskell President**

**Bonnie** is happy that the SAHS Board approved the holding the SB&PA Winetique at the FARM Museum in October of 2013. Plans are to have a 2-day event and a name change with details furnished later. SAHS has worked well with the SB&PA in the past and they often help each other on various projects. SB&PA closed out the 2012 year by placing a display of Christmas Carolers on the corner of Rte 31 & 429. **Bonnie** received an unexpected phone call from Town of Niagara Supervisor, **Stephen Richards**, complimenting the SB&PA and the Town of Lewiston for their effort in providing the beautiful Streetscape and now the lighting of the snowflake wreaths



**Plan ahead to attend the Farm Festival**



**Carolers in Sanborn**

and Christmas tree, with the Christmas Carolers display. **Bonnie** indicated that the **Bill Sterner family** donated the Christmas tree.



**SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM Curator,  
Hilda Snyder (731-9883)-**

The winter visiting hours of our School House museum are the first Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 PM or by special request. Come and see us. We have installed many changes over the year. We held our annual Christmas party at the Schoolhouse in December with **Monica Briggs** coming home to play the 100-year old pump organ. A great time was had by all that attended.

**FARM MUSEUM- Coordinator, Linda Jackson (946-6811):**

Our farm museum is closed for the winter months. As the word spreads we are continuing to have more and more visitors including those that attended our Farm Museum Festival and other events. **Dr Maurice Dewey** has donated many neat exhibits over the years for which we are thankful. We also thank the **Dinger** family who are in the process of building a stall for making a simulated office used by **Dr Harold Dinger** with his equipment that they previously donated. Dr Dinger, who died in 2009, was the Dentist for many of our area residents over numerous years.

**MUSEUM SITTER COORDINATOR,  
SHIRLEY SIMRELL- 731-3357-**

SAHS appreciates **Shirley Simrell** stepping forward to take over signing up sitters for our 2 museums. I hope that you will support Shirley by signing the sheets at our monthly meeting or calling her afterwards if you realize you forgot to notify **Shirley** that you could help out, maybe with a friend on a Wednesday or Sunday afternoon. We thank **Marie Wienke** for her dedicated service in this assignment over the past 5 years.

**Pancake Breakfast, Paul Otto- Chair**

With **Paul Otto and his crew** willing, the Board made a decision to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> pancake breakfast at the farm museum on October 28. We are blessed to have the community and area support us. We thank all those that came out on short notice to help as workers as well as those that just came out with their families to enjoy a hardy breakfast. We will make a



**An October Pancake Breakfast**

larger profit if held in future years since we will not have to pay extra for heaters now the furnace has been installed in the main hall.

**FARM BEAUTIFICATION: Joan Shaw, Chmn- (731-5653) assisted by Valerie Dumpleton-**

**Joan** thanks her committee for their dedicated help this past year with planting, weeding and other tasks. **Joan** and her committee also prepared our exhibit for the Scare Crow Contest where we won a first prize of \$75.

**VISIT TO ELMA SAWMILL 4, 2013-**

**The Elma Historical Society has offered a special tour** of their water-powered working sawmill next spring. Contact **Gerry Treichler at 731-9510 if interested in going so that he can possibly set up car pools to arrive at the Saw Mill for the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM, tour.** Most of the board members have shown an interest in going.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-**

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts, long term as well as short term giving program, and in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums. We thank those that made a special donation toward our new building that allowed us to continue on to its completion.

**OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM-Co-Chmn Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell-held Dec 8 & 9**

Linda wrote: **Wow, Christmas at the Farm exceeded all expectations.** After planning for almost two years, waiting for our bathrooms to be put in, a great event has evolved into a beautiful community extravaganza. Thanks to my co-chair **Bonnie Haskell** and all of my elves it turned into a beautiful weekend. The elves worked very hard every Tuesday for almost four weeks. Decorating was helped by the donations of trees and much more that was donated to us. Baking cookies for the children to decorate was done by the **Lewis elves'**, frosting by **elf Pat**, with help from **elves Shirley, Hilda, Valerie, Matt, Marissa and David.** They all helped with the scene decorating **plus elves Karen, Glenn, Bob, Marilyn, Fran, Paul, Ron, Loree, Claudia, and the 2 Bills.** Also thanks to **elf Gerry** for the music and sound system that could be heard in Sanborn. With out all these elves we wouldn't have had the beautiful scenery for Santa (**Don Clark**) and his elf helper to have pictures taken with the children.

In addition, our thanks go to the **Sanborn Business and Professional Association** for all the gifts they provided to the children. They also paid for the horse drawn wagon on Sunday that was a big hit. About 125 children came to sit on Santa's lap for pictures taking.

To all my elf bakers that sent in refreshments I also say thanks. **Refreshment elves were Bonnie, Shirley, Valerie, Marilyn, Marie, Corliss, Jeanette, Rosemary, Ruth, Dorothy, Lynn, Norma & Jim, and Ruth.** I Hope I didn't leave any elves off the list, my apologies if I did! It always amazes me how we end up with more than expected but I should know better by now as our volunteer elves always rise to the occasion and then some. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Jackson's!** Thanks for making a dream come true.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM**



**A FUN TIME FOR ALL**

## WEB SITES-

**Jay Krull of Lockport** is the new **Web Master** for our “www.sanbornhistory.org” website. He is continuing to update the site as we feed him information. We are working on including pictures taken at our activities on our website. If you have pictures you think are suitable for posting, you can attach them in jpeg format together with captions in an E-mail to **Gerry** at the address below. Don't send too many pictures at one time or the file might be too large for me to receive. You will note that this and other of our quarterly newsletters are on the web site. You might pass this information along to family members so that they can follow along with our activities and possibly join themselves and support our society.

Don't forget that we are included on the “allabouthistoriclewistonny.com” website. Visit that web site to see videos of our museums and festival activities. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Gerry Treichler at e-mail sanborngerry@gmail.com.

## CHICKEN & BISCUIT EVENT-

The **SAHS Board** approved the offer of **Wes Miller** to chair a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner fundraiser tentatively planned for Sunday May 5, 2013. **Thanks Wes! There is nothing like keeping our members busy to provide a strong organization.**

## CAPS & SHIRTS WITH OUR LOGO-

You can purchase caps and shirts with our Museum Logos at our meetings or the Museum store.. See **Glenn Wienke** for special orders.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE- Sandra Manente, Chairperson, Ph-731-5769-

Please inform **Sandra** with names of those members needing “**Thinking of you**” or “**Bereavement**” cards so they can be signed at our meeting or sent out directly by her.

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**Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler**  
The following are remembrances written by **RE Casselman**, an early pioneer of Sanborn. He came to Sanborn in 1912 and started the Sanborn Home Telephone Co.

**The year** I came to Sanborn 1912, was the last year A.L. Pearce bought buggies by the car load, he unloaded them just East of what is now Calkins Mill, and Charlie Martin put them together. It was quite a site to see fifteen or twenty of them standing along the road, and those who came to buy, would pick out the one they wanted, towing it behind the old one they came in. It is to bad there are no pictures of such events.

## “Want to buy a duck “?

I wonder how many to-day can remember Joe Penner and his "Want to buy a duck" program on the Radio when radio was quite new.

Nearly everyone listened to Joe's Program as it was full of good clean humor and happy chatter. It gave the public many a hearty laugh.

It was too bad that Joe Penner died quite young and his program of happy good will ceased.

## “Sleigh Bells in the Snow”

I wonder how many people can remember “back when” there were sleighs drawn by one or two horses, in winter especially at Christmas time there were bells attached to the harness or in a string around the horses, when the horse moved the bells would jingle. There were still some sleigh bells used after I came to Sanborn in 1912.

These sleigh bells were of three principle styles, Those that were mounted on a long strap that went around the horse. Hame bells that were attached to the top of the hame that extended above the horses collar and sets of bells that were attached to the underside of the thills. Some drivers made quite a thing of securing bells of special tone or grading the bells as to size to give a more musical sound.

Some hame Bells were mounted on a frame that extended high above the hame top and were very ornamental as well as musical. Many teams of horses were very easy to identify by the sound of the bells.

There was a lot of jingle in town when ten or fifteen people drove in to shop and each rig had a set of bells, nearly all of a different tone.

**When** I was a small boy, away back in the 1890's, my people used candles a great deal, we ate our evening meals by candlelight, us kids used a candle to light our way to bed. Then we had oil lamps, oil lamps were still used when I came to Sanborn in 1912.

I have often wondered if it would not be a fine idea to shut off the Electric Lights and eat an evening meal by lamp or candlelight. It sure would bring home the advantage of our present day Electric lite which is now a necessity.

If you have comments or items of interest for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact Gerry Treichler at 731-9510 or mail to 5530 Townline Rd, Sanborn, NY 14132 or e-mail to sanborngerry@gmail.com



**SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**  
(Regular Meetings, all at the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

**PROGRAM**

Regular Meeting - January 22, 2013 ..... (See Below)

Regular Meeting - February 26, 2013 ... Tuscarora History

Regular Meeting - March 26, 2013 ..... To be announced

Annual Potluck & Mtg - April 23, 2013 .....LeRoy's Hidden Treasures

Program for the Jan. 22 Meeting  
at 7 PM at the Sanborn Fire Hall:

**History of Harrison Radiator 1910-2010**  
Presented by Dr.Mohinder F. Bhatti

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