SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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

I have appointed the following to Committees for the year 2015:

Farm Museum- Bonnie Haskell, Curator

Schoolhouse Museum-Hilda Snyder, Curator

Townsend Hall & Equip. Usage and Legion Bldg Modification- Bill Sterner, Chairperson

Landscape & Conservation - Joan Shaw, Chairperson

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

Membership- Shirley Simrell, Chairperson

Antique Show & Sale- Bob Deull & Bonnie Haskell, Co-Chairpersons

with Basket Auction Sub-Chairperson- Jane Schultz

Programming and Publicity- Glenn Wienke. Includes Monthly programs,

Farm Museum Festival -Chairperson with Car Cruise-Bob Deull; Antique Engine,

Tractor & Equipment Exhibits- Bill Read; & Basket Auction- Pat Thompson

Breakfast & Dinner Fundraiser Chairpersons- Various (See Event Schedule herein)

Christmas at the Farm- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson

Newsletter Publisher & Website Coordinator- Gerry Treichler

Sunshine Committee Chairperson- Sandra Manente

Representative at Federation Meetings- Lynn Hoffman

Prog. Refreshment Chairperson- Valerie Dumpleton w/ Jane Schultz & Rosemarry Warren

I thank everyone for filling the above committee positions and the Board of Trustees positions in 2015. In addition, thanks to those who worked on these committees in 2014 and I hope you will continue your work on the committees in 2015. Others willing to work on these committees please let me or the committee chairperson know. I also want to thank those that continue to help out whenever needed.

Bill Read, President

Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)

(Board Meetings are held at the <u>Museum</u> on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM) (MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President- Bill Read (731-9570), Recording Sec-Joan Shaw (731-5653), Corresponding Secretary-Gerald Treichler (731-9510), Vice Pres-Bill Sterner (417-2990), Treasurer-Glenn Wienke (731-5982)

Trustees-at-Large- Paul Beecher (731-9627, Paul Calkins (731-3720), Bob Deull (731-9623), Bonnie Haskell (990-6909), Lynn Hoffman (731-2491), Dave Miller (731-9793), Wes Miller (731-9739). Jane Schultz (731-9404), Hilda Snyder (731-(9883), Elaine Timm (471-2217).

Farm Museum Curator- Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)

Schoolhouse Curator- Hilda Snyder (731-9883)
Tuscarora Indian Nation (Reserved Position) Kenneth Patterson (417-7764)

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

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ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election was held at our Nov. 25th meeting. Incumbent members Lynn Hoffman, Wes Miller & Glenn Wienke, and new members Paul Calkins & Dave Miller were elected for a 3-year term and Elaine Timm for a 1- year term, (filling Claudia Beane's one-year term after her resignation), bringing our board of trustees to 15 members. With Gary Townsend retiring after 16



GARY RETIRES

years of service as SAHS President and dropping out of the race to be a member of the board, our duly elected officers for 2015 were Bill Read, Pres; Bill Sterner, VP; Glenn Wienke, Treas; Joan Shaw, Recording Sec; & Gerry Treichler, Corresponding Sec., each to serve for 1 year.

Your officers as well as the Trustees making up the Board are presented on the previous page herein.

LEGION BUILDING MOVE-

The most historic event for Sanborn in decades took place at 10:30 on the crisp morning of October 29, 2014. Many turned out to see the fantastic move and enjoy the coffee, hot cider and donuts furnished gratis by our society. The event took over 2 1/2 years to orchestrate from the time when the building was deeded to SAHS by Sanborn American Legion Post #969 on March 15, 2012 and SAHS subsequently receive a grant from the Town of Lewiston funding the project..

We do thank our lucky stars that all of the players were there to do their job for the move- the Matthews House Movers for the actual move; National Grid, Time Warner Cable, and Frontier Telephone for the lifting and protecting their cables as needed; and the Town of Lewiston Police and Highway Dept, and the NY State Dept of Transportation for traffic flow and to protect the area; and last but not least, the CSX train master who held up the trains from Niagara Falls and Lockport for 2 hours while the 47 ton, 25 ft high, and 25 ft wide by 56 ft long building was moved along the CSX tracks from route 429 to our Schoolhouse Museum. parking lot. After a break for lunch, Matthews House Movers finished the move along SAHS property parallel to the CSX tracks to the rear of our farm and then north to the museum area where it was delivered over the waiting foundation about 2:10 PM. Jay Went



LEGION BUILDING AT FARM

Construction of Sanborn has since completed the foundation wall to complete the first phase of the project. We will now finish our planning and construction for the church front and the exhibit areas in the rear of the building. Those with computers can go to our web site (sanbornhistory.org) to view more pictures and write-ups in the local papers for the move and the history of this 189-year old building.



DON'T TOUCH THAT SIGNAL

The most exciting part of the move was when a tree limb was cut from a tree just off the CSX right-of-way to allow the building to squeeze by onto the CSX right-of-way. The building side door

porch roof was in line with the **CSX** crossing signal stand. We were told that if this was touched that there would be a \$50,000 fine. The talented movers were able to back up and jockey the building into position to just miss the signal by inches.

PLANS FOR LEGION BUILDING EXHIBIT AREA-

The area in the rear section of the newly moved Legion Building will be set up for use for museum exhibits including our area veterans. Many of us attended the **showing of a "crazy quilt" by Mary Small of Colorado.** The show was held on July 21, 2005 in the **Sanborn American Legion Post #969** hall. Sewn into the quilt was a ribbon listing the **names of 52 Sanborn**

Area men that died while serving during the Civil War. Around the border of the ribbon is stitched "Alexander Mabon G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Post No. 125, Sanborn, NY". That post was the predecessor to Sanborn American Legion Post #969.

For the last almost 10 years Mrs. Small has been researching the men (she calls them her boys) listed on the ribbon to determine where the family lived, how they died, where they were buried, etc. After the show, before she left Sanborn she indicated that she would donate the quilt to SAHS "after she was through with it". When she was recently told that SAHS owned the Legion building and moved it to our Farm Museum and are in the process of converting the building to a church at the front and a museum including veteran's exhibits in the rear, she offered to donate the quilt to SAHS "when we were ready for it". The numerous



MARY SMALL IS DONATING HER QUILT

pictures taken at the show and some of Mary's research information together with information provided by Bob Ayers, a Civil War buff from Lockport who is in the process of writing a book on the Civil War, will soon be on our web site (sanbornhistorry.org). Bob attended the 2005 show and recently indicated that he would donate to SAHS, a picture of a scene of the Civil War. What a fine way to start off our veteran's exhibit area.

NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE, Bob Deull- (731-9623) & Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)- Co-Chair, Jane Schultz (731-9404) Basket Auction Sub-Chair- with Valerie Dumpleton and many others assisting.

The Antique Show and Sale will take place April 11 and 12 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

TOWNSEND HALL, BILL STERNER (417-2990) CHMN

As hall chairman, **Bill has primary responsibility for museum systems management** and should be contacted by anyone noting any irregularities at our facilities. **Bill** is also **Keeper of the Townsend Hall usage schedule**. Our members are requested to contact him for use of the hall in accordance with our "Member Hall Rental Agreement".

PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chmn (731-5982)

Glenn reports that the program for the Jan 27, meeting will be "Paleolithic Art- An Overview" by Carol L. Miller of Lockport; for Feb. 24, will be "Tower Farm- 200 Years and Growing" presented by Tom Tower of Youngstown; and for March 24 the program will be "Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm"including Recovery & Habitat Conservation presented by Dave & Elexis of Clarence. Plans are to have the Council on the Arts in Lewiston make a presentation prior to the program at our March 24th meeting of a 4' x 8' mural depicting a farm market scene created by a Buffalo Arts Studio muralist and author, William J Cooper, and donated to SAHS by the Rotary Club. The mural was recently framed by



MURAL BEING DONATED

SAHS. Won't you please join us for our monthly meetings and programs at 7 PM at the Sanborn Fire Hall?

A special thanks goes to Glenn who continues to secure these fine programs. We

thank Refreshment Chairperson Valerie Dumpleton with helpers, Jane Schultz and Rosemary Warren 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, Sandy Manente, Don Thompson, and Marilyn Wittkowsky who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (731-3357)

Year 2014 Membership ended at 411 members including 27 new members. We now have 141 members including 20 new members for the calendar year 2015. 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 in March 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. 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- Charles Bennett & Susan Garner, Thomas Grimm, Pam Harmon, Betty Mabon, Norman & Mary Machelor, Fred & Joyce Robeson, Sally McCormick, Randy Michalak, David & Tammy Miller, Brenda Runk, Richard Udv, Tom & Roselvn Wishowski & Barbara Yandian.

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL- Bonnie Haskell-Chairman-

Our 11th Farm Museum Festival will take place on July 25 & 26, 2015 and promises to be the best ever. Again, for 2015, we will receive a grant that allows us to host the Native American Niagara River Dancers to perform and Rosemary Hill to provide a display of her Raised Beadwork Exhibits and impromptu instruction for hands-on "jitter bug" making.

LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS- Jane Schultz, Chair Person (Ph.- 731-9404) Assisted by Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumpleton & Elaine Timm.

The full collections committee, that also includes the Farm Museum Curator Bonnie Haskell; Schoolhouse Curator Hilda Snyder; Office Secretary Pat Korpolinski and Gerry Treichler will meet as necessary. They meet to review the items submitted on the Data Accession form for acceptance based on the Acceptance Criteria noted on the form. Those providing the form without their artifacts, will be notified of items accepted and arrangements will be made for receipt by SAHS. Those providing the form with their artifacts will be notified of items accepted and

arrangements will be made for you to pickup items not accepted. Final approval for acceptance rests with the Board of Trustees.

Work Times will be on the 2nd Tues. of the month from 9 TO 11 AM at the Schoolhouse Museum. Please call Jane if you have any artifacts to donate and she will go over the procedure with you.

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION-Bonnie Haskell President

The SB&PA held a 2nd successful Autumn Fest in Sanborn at the farm with SAHS having the food concession. They placed a display of Christmas Carolers on the corner of Rte 31 & 429 with Wayne & Marcia Rivers donating the Christmas tree again this year. This display with the lighted snow flakes makes for a nice Christmas setting in Sanborn. New for this year, the SB&PA sponsored a community Christmas Candle Lighting & Carol Singing WALK with 40 people taking part. Bonnie reported that they are working on a new digital sign for the corner of Rt 31 & Rt 429 to show some of the events taking place in Sanborn.

MUSEUM SITTERS- We again thank interim chairpersons, Glenn & Marie Wienke 731-5982 for coordinating the sitters for both the Schoolhouse and Farm museums. We still need some one to relieve them. We also thank those who act as sitters.

SITTERS FOR THE SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM- 2 TO 4PM

Sunday- Jan 4- Joan Shaw Sunday- Feb 1- Jane Schultz & Janice Hall Sunday- Mar 1- Hilda Snyder

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 with family and friends. We held our annual Christmas party at the Schoolhouse in December with 28 in attendance.

EVENT SCHEDULE

We thank Bonnie Haskell, Wes & Sally Miller, Hilda Snyder, Ray Fegley for chairing and all those that helped and those that showed their support by by providing their goodies as needed and attending our fundraisers and activities this past year. Funds from these events are used to

augment the funds received from the Town of Lewiston to meet our budget. Next years schedule is shown below.

SAHS 2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

April 11 & 12 - Antique Show & Sale

May 3- Car Club Swap Meet

May 17- Pancake Breakfast

June 6- Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

July 25 + 26- Farm Museum Festival

August 15- Spaghetti Dinner

September 13- Country Breakfast

October 3 & 4- Autumn Fest in Sanborn

October 17- Pork or Ham Dinner

December 12 & 13 Christmas at the Farm

WINDMILL FROM WENDT FARM-

The windmill donated by the Wendt family in memory of Ken Wendt was erected on Oct. 16.. We have a dispute with the Town over location of the windmill. Hopefully our lawyer, Joe Leone, will resolve this matter in our favor at our meeting with the Town Zoning Board on January 8.



FARM WINDMILL

GAZEBO (PAVILION) PROJECT-

SAHS approved the Gazebo project as presented at the SAHS board meeting of 9/16/14 by Matt Jackson for his Eagle Scout Project subject to approval of final drawings by SAHS. Funding will be provided by others and will include the return to the Jackson's of the funds in the Linda Jackson (grandmother of Matt) memorial fund plus future monies received in that fund.

Location of the structure will start at a point 12 ft. east and 20 ft. south of the of the southeast corner of the east porch of the **Townsend Hall** so as to be useable during our activities. Construction is expected to start in early spring or other time so as not to interfere with our July Farm Museum Festival. **Matt** indicated that some of the labor and construction supplies are expected to be donated.

SAHS WISH LIST-

We are in need of a good storage area, that is accessible in the winter time for storage of our Christmas decorations. The SAHS greenhouses are too hot to store these items during the summer and are not always accessible with the winter snows.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts short term as well as long 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.

SCARECROW CONTEST-

The SAHS exhibit for the Scarecrow contest was a fun time. **Great work guys & gals!**



I to r-BONNIE BAGWELL, JOAN SHAW & GLENN

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.

Sandy needs our prayers and cards herself. She is presently doctoring with her lower body and her husband was recently in the hospital with a heart problem. Cards may be sent to them at their home at 6219 Baer Rd, Sanborn.

WEB SITES-

Jay Krull of Lockport is the Web Master for our "www.sanbornhistory.org" website and has placed us on Facebook. He is continuing to update the site as we feed him information, including information about our activities. 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 SAHS themselves and support our society.

Don't forget that we are included on the "allabouthistoriclewistionny.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, sanborngerry@gmail.com.

OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM- Bonnie Haskell-held Dec 8 & 9

We had another fine Christmas at the Farm Museum this year that so many of you put so much work in to. We had a great attendance with about 250 bringing 97 children to receive a present and sit on Santa's lap on Saturday and about 200 with 90 children on Sunday. The weather didn't cooperate this year. It was above freezing and when the snow was cleared from the grass for parking, it was sort of a muddy mess. This shows that we need a large parking lot and have to take this into consideration if we are to hold big events like this in the future. Bonnie thanks Chuck Flay for being Santa Claus and Sue DeVantier for being Santa's helper and all of the numerous members and their families that made the event the success that it was and the town's people and others that came out in spite of the parking problem.



PHOTO-OPT WITH SANTA (Chuck Flay & ELF HELPER (Sue DeVantier)

Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler The following are remembrances written by RE Casselman (1886-1974), an early pioneer of Sanborn. He came to Sanborn and started the Sanborn Home Telephone Co. in 1912

During the first world war, with the help of several other men I organized a company of Home Guard with headquarters at Pekin, where we trained in the old Pekin Hall or on the school grounds, in good weather. At one time we had some forty five members of which were Elmer Crosier, Wm. Pike, Ray Hooter, Walter Baker and Lawrence Fitzgerald who are still living, there may be others but many have died, among whom are Wm. Dale, Bob Roberts, Bert Tompkins, Ross Hudson, Sam Madigan and others.

We had many good times together, the County furnished us with uniforms and rebuilt Civil war rifles so we made a very good showing when we paraded on Decoration Day and at other public events.

Zeb Roberts had an old Ford touring car, one-of those that had the side curtains, Zeb drove the old car any place and everywhere and sometimes he failed to observe little things like an on coming Railroad Train, so he drove across the track at Sanborn Depot one day at the same time the train wanted to use the crossing, the engine hit the rear end of Zeb's car, knocked the body off and left Zeb setting on the Gas Tank.

In the years I have lived at Sanborn, some forty eight, I have seen many changes take place thru out the whole section. Over at Pekin when I came here for example, Ed Patt had the barber shop on the corner, Elmer Dale had the grocery store across the corner which later burned, Cap Hayes ran the hotel, Judy Parker had the grocery store where Clancy is now. Lewis had a meat market in the building now apartments. It was a bit of a surprise to walk into the Lewis Meat Market and find Mrs.Wallenwein who both my wife and I had known in East Aurora. Bert Robinson had a Blacksmith shop where Geo. Sornberger's garage now stands. There have been many other changes, I cannot list all of them. When I first came to Sanborn the Pekin cut had not been made

I remember when a little black bear came to Sanborn, it was a good many years ago, but the excitement this half grown bear caused is still remembered.

It was first seen over west of the old school house and news of his presence ran about town like wild fire. People were out trying to get a look at it, only a few saw him, as he was traveling south and did not linger to make social calls.

The amusing feature of the whole thing was that some mothers would not let their kids out doors to play for two days, not until they read the bear had been shot somewhere south of Lockport.

He was only a little black bear who never knew about the big excitement he caused

The next year after I came to Sanborn, in 1913, I built the telephone line along the lower Mountain Road, it was quite a job as, at that time there were many trees along the roadside, while the farmers along the road were interested in Telephone Service, they did not like to see the trees trimmed.

Among the first who had phones installed in their homes, were Fred Hudson, Griff Burnett, Will Burnett (still living), Robert Noble, Chas Wollaber, Frank Keeler and others.

Phone service then was something new and in those horse and buggy days the farmers quickly realized the phone was a great time saver

Later this line was extended on East to Art Giffords and Harry Goulds farm homes.

Phone rental per month rate then was \$1.00. At that there were some who felt they could not afford a phone.

Back in the twenties there was a gang killing in Niagara Falls and the body of a young man was dumped in the ditch on the Walmore Road near the Railroad tracks.

Next day it was found and brought to Pike's place and Dr. Draper, who was then the Coroner, called. He came to examine the body and as it so happened he knew who it was, he called the man's brother who lived in the Falls to inform him of what had happened, and for him to make funeral arrangements.

Doctor got the brother on the phone and very quietly told him what had happened but the brother failed to understand and after two or three tries, Doctor's temper took over and he said "you fool, stop talking and listen, your brother has been "bumped off ". He understood that phrase and said he would come to Sanborn at once.

Doctor turned from the phone and said, "some guys only learn a few words of English".

The Baptist Church at Sanborn had a tall pointed steeple, the timbers in the steeple became decayed

and it was deemed best to take it down. The feature I remember most about the job was that Geo. Sornberger who did the work, took the steeple down working from the inside, it was some job but George accomplished it without mishap. Church steeples are a thing of the past and are not built any more, and I think it a fine thing that wherever possible they should be preserved.

As I see the little boys out playing today, it makes me think back long years ago when there was another group of little boys, now grown to men, out playing. Among some of those little boys of yesterday year, were my own son Daniel, Wm. Peart, Wayne Gillingham, Bobbie Barber, Bobbie Crosier and Gordon Hermanson. As a general thing if you saw one of those boys there would be three or four more along just to think up things to do.

Never will I forget one time in dry weather in the summer, Daniel came into the house his feet were wet and clothes were torn and covered with dirt. His mother wanted to know where he had been to be in such shape. Instead of telling her he just looked at her with a big smile and said, "Gee Ma, we had lots of fun" and mother or I never did find out where or what.

Boys are boys and always will be, time may march along one set goes but there is always another set to come along.

George Woodward had a barber shop in what is now the Victor Barber building. George live upstairs and had his shop on the first floor. George had electric lights installed and had purchased one of those electric player pianos. To make it play you dropped in a nickel, it worked fine until we had trouble with the main 11,000 volt transformer, the power was off for some days until it could be replaced. In the meantime someone put a nickel in the electric piano but as the power was off it failed to play at that time. The new replacement transformer was delivered in the afternoon, Bill Mielke and I worked until about 2 in the morning to get the power restored.

You know the answer, when the power came on, the lights not only came on and lit the place up, but the piano began to play and George upstairs, asleep in bed woke up thinking burglars had broken in and set the place on fire!

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 27, 2015 (See Below)

Regular Meeting - February 24, 2015 .. Tower Farm- 200 Years & Still Growing

Regular Meeting - March 24, 2015 Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm

Program for the Jan. 27 7 PM at Sanborn Fire Hall:

"PALEOLITHIC ART- AN OVERVIEW"
Presented by Carol L. Miller

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