

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

This year is a special year for us. We are celebrating 20 years since the Sanborn Area Historical Society was formed in 1996 to preserve the heritage and history of our area. What a great story of what the people in this area can accomplish to go from nothing at the start to the Schoolhouse and Farm Museum we have today!!

Now we need to move forward with our mission to preserve our heritage and history for future generations!

We have the Legion Building project to complete with a lot of work going on to get ready to complete the next phase of work.

Our parking lot project has been approved by the Greenway Commission and the Host Community for us to receive a grant funding the project. A great job was done by our parking lot committee! Also we had great support by the Town of Lewiston including **Bernie Rotella** our grant writer. The parking lot is an important step for us to be able to expand our ability to put on events and accommodate visitors to the Farm.

This year we plan to do a lot of work on our exhibits to organize, paint or restore, and prepare write-ups and information to enhance the experience for our visitors.

In addition we have another great calendar of events for the year!!

The work by our Board and all our members who work so hard on our activities and projects are what makes us so successful. Thank you and let's have another great season this year as we celebrate our 20th anniversary.

Bill Read, President

Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)

**(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM)
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Farm Museum Curator- Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)

Schoolhouse Curator- Hilda Snyder (731-9883)

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20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SAHS

20 years ago in 1996, the Niagara-Wheatfield School District needed more room for their students and planned to destroy the existing school complex on West Street in Sanborn and build a new elementary school on this West Street property. The one-room schoolhouse where many of the residents had gone to school was included in this plan. A small group that had their morning coffee in a local restaurant decided to do something about it. They approached the school district to save the school. To make a long story short, the Sanborn Area Historical Society was formed in 1996, the school district sold the school to us for a dollar and with funding provided by the Town of Lewiston, we purchased the CSX rail

road siding and had the schoolhouse moved to this property. With the help of BOCES to modify the schoolhouse and the donation of artifacts by local residents we are now the proud owners of a Schoolhouse Museum. We received our Provisional Charter from the NY State Board of Regents in April 1999 to operate as a museum. In September of 2000 we received our 501(c)(3) status from the IRS to operate as a not-for-profit society. Since that time, with the generous donations of the time and expertise of our all volunteer members and the in-kind services of area businesses, we have come a long way to develop a the Sanborn-Lewiston Farm Museum, a work in progress, as shown by the pictures below.

SANBORN-LEWISTON FARM MUSEUM



Wienke Farm purchased 2002 & cleaned up



Windmill added-2014



Read Memorial Bldg- 2012



Townsend Hall- 2014



Gazebo- 2015



Storage Bldg- 2015



Legion Bldg moved 2014, in-work for modification

PARKING LOT APPROVED- Bob Deull, Chmn

Our application for \$200,000 from the Greenway Commission for the proposed 100-car parking lot at the Farm was considered to be consistent with the Commission's goals and was later approved by the Host Community. This funding will be received by SAHS from the town in the form of a grand using a portion of the annual funds allotted to the town under the re-licensing agreement with the Power Authority. We will now meet with the contractor to work out details and finalize the contract.

LEGION BUILDING MODIFICATION, Paul Calkins, Chairman

Jay Wendt is under contract and will soon complete the first phase for the modification that includes constructing a new floor with trap door in the open space left by removal of the stairwell and reconfiguring the opening for and installing a new entry door. The cost for the remaining work to convert the building to a church greatly exceeded available funding. We are now in the process of getting quotes for the ramp and deck for the side handicap entrance and also for construction of an open 16 ft wide by 10 ft porch and stairs with a roof over the porch and double doors at the North end of the building. A separate quote will be received for a steeple in case funding does not this to be included at this time.

Now with Spring arriving, and the floor all at one level, we will continue refurbishing the inside of the building with the help of the work release workers from the jail.

FARM MUSEUM CURATOR, BONNIE HASKELL (990-6909)

We are getting ready to start another season on the farm. Much work is needed to be done to get things back on track. We need your help as before in cleaning and moving items back in place for our opening Sunday April 17 and preparing for the visit by the Federation of Niagara County Museums and the Western NY Association of Historical Agencies on Saturday April 23.

Farm Museum hours are all Sundays from 2 PM to 4 PM and Wednesdays 1 PM to 4 PM from April 17 to the middle of October. Contact **Bonnie** if the museum is needed to be opened at a special time or if you have any questions. Many more exhibits have been added so look around during our activities or stop in with your friends during normal visiting hours. Again, we thank all who help make our farm a great place for all to visit and enjoy.

The **Friendship Club** will use the of the Townsend Hall at the Farm for their meetings on June 21, July 5, July 19 & August 2 (all Tuesdays) from 10AM to 3:30 PM.

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

Visiting time for the Schoolhouse Museum will be every Sunday of the month between 2 to 4 PM beginning April 17 or by special request. Contact **Hilda** if you have a special request for opening. The museum exhibits are updated as new artifacts come in so stop in for a visit & bring your friends.

The Sanborn American Legion Post 969 members are holding their regular meetings at the Schoolhouse on the first Monday of the month for April & May and their Auxiliary on the third Monday of the month for April. Also, the Sanborn Business & Professional Association is allowed to hold their board meetings at our Schoolhouse Museum.

POT LUCK DINNER MEETING APRIL 28

Chairman Glenn Wienke reports that we will have our 15th annual potluck dinner just prior to our April 26th meeting. This is for all members and friends that want to participate by bringing their own table service and a dish to share. This could be a food dish and/or a dessert. Rolls, butter, and beverage will be furnished. We will start to eat promptly at 6 PM so that we can start the regular meeting at 7 PM. The doors at the Fire Hall will be open at 5:30 PM so come early to select a spot and set up. The evening program will be "Living History of Western NY" with a re-enactment of "Eva and Tim

Tryon” put on by Eva Nicklas & Tim Henderson of the Lewiston Council on the Arts. Won't you make a special effort to join in the fellowship at the dinner and hear a great program?

APRIL 9 & 10 NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE-

Bob Deull, (731-9623) & Bonnie Haskell, (990-6909) Co-Chairpersons with Jane Schultz, (731-9404), in charge of the Basket Auction. Our 13th Antique Show and Sale will take place at the Wheatfield American Legion Post #1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429). The event will be held 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. **Bonnie** reports that we will be show casing garden items again this year **so come one, come all..**



Basket Auction Committee

L-R: Bonnie Bagwell, Joan Shaw, Fran Haskell, Hilda Snyder, Glenn Wienke, Chairman- Jane Schulz, Lynn Hoffman and Valerie Dumpleton.

A Basket Auction will run concurrent with the Antique Show with the drawing taking place on Sunday at 4 PM. You don't have to be present to win. Admission is \$3 that covers both days. Food will be available at reasonable prices.

**FEDERATION MEETING AT FARM
APRIL 23- Lynn Hoffman, 731-2491**

SAHS will be hosting the combined annual meetings of the Federation of Historical So-

cieties of Niagara County and the Western NY Association of Historical Agencies. The public is invited to the meeting that includes 3 guest speakers will be held at our farm museum on April 23 from 9 AM to 3 PM . The cost for SAHS members attending is \$25 that includes a catered lunch by Hoover's Dairy. Please contact Lynn if planning to attend.

PROGRAM FOR MAY-

Our program for **May 24** will be "**Citizen Disaster Preparedness**" by **Msg. Sgt. Brian Bennett** (NY National Guard) of Auburn, NY. We continue to **thank Glenn Wienke for the great programs and Ruth & Earl Carmer, Sandy Manente, Don Thompson and Marilyn Wittkowsky** for making the meeting reminder calls that helps us to maintain our attendance around 70. We also thank **Valerie Dumpleton and her helpers** for continuing to secure and serve the goodies after the program and you, our members, for furnishing the goodies and attending the program.

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL, July 23 & 24, Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)- Chairmen

Our 12th annual festival will be held Saturday July 23 and Sunday July 24. Our first committee meeting is planed for Monday, April 18 at 7 PM at the farm. **Bonnie needs** all of her helpers that came out in support of last year's event. Many of the long lead tasks have been completed such as letters to sponsors and tractor people and letters and contracts to food and flea market vendors. Our **Sanborn Fire Company Band** has agreed to play again this year. We are also able to bring back for **both days, Randy Green with the Native America Niagara River Dancers.** The Arts Services Initiative of Western NY administers this program that is funded by the New York State Council on Arts (NYSCA).

We are having a **money raffle** again this year with first prize: \$500, 2nd prize: \$250 and 3rd prize \$100, to help us defray expenses of the Farm Festival. Please purchase the book of tickets provided with this newsletter by filling out and sending in the stubs with your payment to our PO Box 172. No donation is

necessary if you do not wish to contribute.

Contact our Chairmen **Bonnie Haskell** for general information, **Bob Deull** at 731-9623 for Tractor and Equipment exhibits. More information will be provided in our July newsletter or look on our web site, www.sanbornhistory.org.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE- Sandra Mamente, chair, Ph 731-5769

Please call **Sandy** with names of those members needing **"Thinking of you" or their families that need "Bereavement"** cards so they can be signed at our meeting and sent out or sent out directly by Sandy. Members **Margo Beecher, Sally Frasca, Doug Janese, Phyllis Kroening & Dorothy-Wright** passed away since our last reporting.

FARM LANDSCAPE & CONSERVATION: By Joan Shaw, Chmn- (731-5653)

Last year the various work crews accomplished an amazing amount of work both at the farm and the schoolhouse museums. Well-deserved winter down time is almost over and each year we greet spring with renewed energy to begin again. We conjure up new visions of best ever gardens packed with blazing color. Anticipation is everything! But first there is clean-up work to do which will get under way very soon.

Garden hand tools are an essential part of



our history as a farm and gardening community. They are the means by which the work of farming got done before tractors came along. Old garden hand tools are sort of like outdoor sculpture; they can add

a note of nostalgia to a garden setting. Since we are a garden and farming community, maybe we can put our collective heads to-

gether and come up with a few more gems like these to display in the gardens.

The photo shows the SAHS collection of antique hand garden tools. As you can see, it is quite small consisting of 2 well used scythes, two shovels, and one not-so-old metal watering can. Can you imagine cutting a hay fields or mowing your front lawn with one of these scythes? Seeing the tools that our forbearers used to create large vegetable and flower gardens really drives home the point that farming was not for the faint of heart.

Our SAHS garden group needs volunteers to help with planting and other garden work this spring and summer. Can you lend a hand? Since we always manage to work up a good appetite, Glenn Wienke often sees to it that there is plenty of good hot coffee and fresh donuts on hand to keep the energy level up. Please contact Joan if you have tools or time to offer. Thank you! We look forward to meeting you in the gardens.

RODS & CUSTOMS CLUB, CAR PARTS SWAP MEET MAY13, Bob Deull Coordinator

SAHS is hosting this **Car Parts Swap Meet at the Farm again this year on Sunday May 1, from 7 AM To 3 PM.** We are told to expect over 130 Car Parts Vendors with hundreds of followers. This is a great project for SAHS and the **Rods and Customs Club.** The club has a place to hold their event with the responsibility for the publicity and the layout and directing the spotting of the vendors and public parking at the farm and SAHS receives some of the proceeds from the \$1 charge for public parking as well as a portion of the fee paid by the parts vendor. SAHS also has the food concession for breakfast, lunch and snacks in between with **Hilda Snyder** as Chair Person. More importantly, SAHS will be able to Show Case their Farm Museum. The crowd that attended last years show said that they love the show with its offerings at the farm

museum and would be back this year.

NIGHT AT THE RANSOMVILLE RACE TRACK- Bob Deull, Chmn (731-9623)

SAHS is selling 25 tickets at \$25 each to a Stock Car Race to be held at the Ransomville Race track on Friday May 27 with a BBQ dinner at 6 PM and the race starting about 7:15 PM. **Contact Bob Deull or Dave Miller (731-9793)** for tickets to sit in the glass enclosed SAHS VIP Booth at the top of the grandstand to watch the race. This includes beverages and snacks in the booth and the 6 PM, BBQ dinner in a separate area. SAHS will also be able to set up a table between, 5 and 5:30 PM, near the race entry passage to display artifacts and promote SAHS events and attract new members. Additional promotion is done by the Raceway.

LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS, Jane Schultz, Chairperson (731-9404)-

Helping Jane are Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumpleton and museum secretary Pat Kopolinski, Elaine Timm and Gerry Treichler with the Schoolhouse and Farm Museum Curators. Work Times at the Schoolhouse Museum are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 AM, to accept and log-in artifacts, take pictures, etc. Please call **Hilda Snyder (731-9883)**, School House Curator or **Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)**, Farm Museum Curator, if you have any artifacts to donate. Those who bring artifacts to the museums are asked to tag them with the donor's name and phone number and a brief description of the item(s) on the form provided so that proper credit and logging can be made. Those items dropped off without proper documentation will be considered "anonymous donor". Items not accepted will be used at our discretion or discarded. The committee meets as necessary to review the items submitted on the Data Accession form for acceptance based on the Acceptance Criteria noted on the form. Final approval for acceptance rests with the Board of Trustees.

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOC, Bonnie Haskell, Pres-

The SB&PA has selected "Niagara County Central Rotary" sponsor of Old Sanborn Days as Sanborn's Business of the year. They will be honored at the April 29 Gala by the **Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce**. Bonnie reports that

the Greenway Commission and the Host Community recently approved funding the project that they are working on for a moveable sign for the community at the corner of Rt. 31 & Buffalo St. Their planning is also under way for **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** scheduled for Oct 1 & 2 at the farm.

MEMBERSHIP, Shirley Simrell, Chmn (417-9767)

We thank those that renewed their membership or joined as new members. To date for 2016, we have received 235 units (individual & family) for a **total membership of 355** including 8 new members as we stride to reach last years membership of 410 members. Our new members since last reporting are **Don Kuntz, Col. Bill & Sue Vecsey, & Cheryl Westmorland**.

We appreciate the support of our members near and far and hope you enjoy our quarterly newsletter. We encourage our new (and old) members to take advantage of our monthly program meetings held at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Sanborn Fire Hall. We have a short business meeting of about one half-hour reporting on activities of the previous month and then get into the program. After the program we have refreshments and fellowship. Please join us. There is no charge but donations are accepted. We have no regular membership meetings June, July, August and December.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible, long term as well as short term giving program, in your memorials and in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums.

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. They only had 5 sign up for sitting for April, May and June. Won't you please call them and sign up to sit?

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

· **Antique Show & Sale with Basket Auction, April 9 & 10-** See earlier write-up.

· **Federation Congress & WNY AHA Meeting- Saturday, April 23 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Farm Museum-** See earlier write-up.

· **Rods & Custom Club- Car Parts Swap Meet at Farm Sun May 1-** See earlier write-up.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner (revised recipe) at the Farm, Saturday May 14 from 4 to 7 PM: with Hilda Snyder in charge

· **Pancake Breakfast at the Farm, On Sunday June 12, from 8 AM to 1 PM.**

· **Old Sanborn Days- July 10 and 11 are the dates for Old Sanborn Days** sponsored by the Rotary Club at the Sanborn fireman's field. Plans are to have our booth setup and manned both days. Chm **Bill Read (870-6263)** needs your help.

· **Tonawanda's Canal Festival, July 17 to 24-** SAHS plans to have a float in the parade.

Farm Museum Festival, July 24 and 25- See earlier write-up.

Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler-

The following are remembrances written by Ralph Casselman, an early pioneer who came to Sanborn and started the Sanborn Home Telephone Company in 1912.

Strawberry time is here again, and festivals are being held most every where as most everyone likes strawberries. I try to buy most of those we use in our home Amos Schultz just north of Pekin. His berries have a very fine flavor and he gives a big heaping quart!

The homegrown berries are a far cry from the wild berries we use to pick on the farm. It took quite a while to pick a quart but they were surely good when mother made a big two layer shortcake.

The first homegrown berries we bought, cost 6 cents a quart and no basket.

Times change, so do prices.

Lets kid someone, I don't know who, but it sure will be someone somewhere.

When I was a small boy many of the older men wore beards and some took great pride in their appearance and had their beards carefully trimmed.

So now let's make a few wise cracks, I've seen a lot of beards in my time but I have never seen the likes of some that are grown to represent old timers at some of these Centennials.

Where the ideas came from for the designs is

"away out".

In the day of beards, these present designs would sure scare the hired girl to death or at least drive her to hysterics.

From the time I can remember until I left home to go away to work, if we wished to go anywhere we drove a horse and buggy. There was always a good whip in the whip socket, but I never knew of my father using it on the horse.

There kind were some that used the whip a great deal, but they were not considered good drivers.

Today there are no horses on the roads, but there are numbers who surely are not kind to the cars they drive. Flying gravel, squeaking tires and howling exhaust does not denote a good driver. Instead of arresting some drivers for reckless driving they should be run in for mechanical abuse.

Sharp corners at high speed or ninety miles on the straight-a-way will get you to one of three places, the hospital, the pokey, or the grave yard.

When you're speeding on the highway
And you disobey the law.

There's someone upstairs watching"
Someone you never saw.

But your introduction's coming
Maybe sooner than you think

CUT YOUR SPEED DOWN BROTHER
Cause You're riding on the brink.

Back before Firemen Field Days, a picnic was a picnic. Most people came with their own lunch and ate in family groups, or in some cases all sat down to long tables and the food was shared by all.

There were few cars and most folks came with horse and buggy. I can remember the Indian picnic when a horse or team was hitched to nearly every tree around the grounds.

There were no parking lots as such, you just drove in any place and let the other fellow do the same. Those days few people came from over ten miles away and most everyone knew everyone else, as most of the people were neighbors..

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: sanborngerry@gmail.com

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

(All at the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM

Special - April 23, 9AM to 3PM ... Host Federation programs at farm (See inside)

Potluck Dinner Mtg - April 26 Potluck doors open 5:30 PM (See below)

Regular Meeting - May 24 "Citizen Disaster Preparedness"

June, July and August No Regular Meetings

**Program for the April 26 Mtg:
7:00 PM (after potluck dinner)**

**"Living History Tour of WNY"
Presented by Eva Nicklas & Tim Henderson**

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