

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 2019:

- Farm Museum- Bonnie Haskell, Curator
- Schoolhouse Museum- Elaine Timm, Curator
- Building Committee- Paul Calkins, Chairperson
- Memorial Trees & Memorial Stones - Joan Shaw, Chairperson
- Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumpleton, Pat Korpilinski, Elaine Timm, and Gerry Treichler
- Membership- Shirley Simrell, Chairperson
- Antique Show & Sale- Bonnie Haskell, Chairpersons
with Basket Auction Sub-Chairperson- Pat Thompson
- Finance, Programming & Publicity- Glenn Wienke. Chmn (Includes Monthly Programs)
- Farm Museum Festival- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson with Antique Engine, Tractor & Equipment Exhibits-Bill Read; & Basket Auction- Pat Thompson
- Ways & Means Fundraiser Chairpersons- Various (See Event Schedule on page 5 herein)
- Christmas at the Farm- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson
- Newsletter, Website, & Nominating Committee - Gerry Treichler, Coordinator
- Sunshine Committee Chairperson- Gerry Treichler
- Representative at Federation Meetings- Elaine Timm
- Prog. Refreshment Chairperson- Valerie Dumpleton w/ Jane Schultz & Rosemarry Warren
- Farm Museum Usage Schedule- Chair Person- Jim Ditzel

I thank everyone for filling the above committee positions and the Board of Trustees positions in 2019. In addition, thanks to those who worked on these committees in 2018 and I hope you will continue your work on the committees in 2018. 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 Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM)
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; Vice Pres-**Paul Calkins (471-4422)**; Recording Sec-**Ruth Pirinelli (471-4677)**; Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer-**Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**.

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Beecher (731-9627)**, **Jim Ditzel (433-7439)**, **Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)**, **Lynn Hoffman (731-2491)**, **Bill Hooter (731-3874)**, **Gwen King (704-2961)**, **Scott McEldowney**, **Jane Schultz (731-9404)**, **Elaine Timm (471-2217)**. **Pat Thompson (731-2666)**.

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

Schoolhouse Curator- Elaine Timm (471-2217)

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

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

ANNUAL ELECTION

The 2019 annual election was held at our Nov. 20th regular meeting. Incumbent members **Elaine Timm, Paul Beecher, Gerry Treichler, Bill Hooter and Ruth Pirinelli** were elected for another three-year term on the board. **Joan Shaw** had asked to step down from the board. **Scott McEldowney** was elected to fill the remaining one year of her term maintaining our board of trustees at 15 members as shown on page 1 here in. Our duly elected officers for another one-year term are: **William Read, President; Paul Calkins, Vice President; Glenn Wienke, Treasurer; Ruth Pirinelli, Recording Secretary; and Gerry Treichler, Corresponding Sec.**

TREICHLER BUILDING DEDICATION

The Treichler Building Dedication and Ribbon Cutting took place as planned on October 20. Many thanks go to those who did the planning and got the exhibits in place in time for the celebration. We also thank those who worked over the past 4 years to get the building moved to the farm and modified to resemble a church like it was almost 200 years ago.

BUILDING COMM.- Paul Calkins, Chair

The work under the Grant, ribbon cutting and dedication of **the Treichler Building** has been completed, however, chairman **Paul** reports that a unit needs to be installed in the building to provide heat, air condition and dehumidify control to prevent mold from forming on the artifacts. Further research will be done. Before any unit could be installed, the ceiling would have to be insulated. **John Gross** will be consulted regarding this project.

LANDSCAPE & CONSERVATION by Joan Shaw-731-5653

The SAHS Landscape and Conservation Committee contributes to the overall attractiveness of the museum grounds. It oversees three very distinct areas of the Farm Museum property: the flower gardens, conservation meadow and the memorial tree planting program.

As a farm history museum, the **Wienke Farm** represents past generations of many local farmers who worked the land and supported their communities. The remnants of past farm operations are apparent in the remaining wind breaks that shelter crops from extreme winds, the pond used for irrigating crops in dry spells, and the acres still under cultivation by **Milleville Farms**. The last stand of apple trees along the western border is a reminder of the fruit orchards that once grew here and filled the unique cold storage building with a variety of local apples. This building waits for restoration as well as the last of the glass paneled greenhouses nearby. All these traces of history are an important part of the **Wienke Farm legacy**.

Last summer's the dry conditions were perfect



Cone flowers in bloom in August at the mid section of our farm

for yellow prairie cone-flowers seen in the photo. On a sunny August afternoon, they glowed in breathtaking swaths throughout



Paul Calkins, Bonnie Haskell, Gerry Treichler, Bill Read, & Glenn Wienke taking part in the Treichler Building Ribbon Cutting

the meadow. The meadow also has several low-lying areas which catch and retain water. Native cattails thrive in them. Cattails are important to the overall health of the meadow's low-lying sections. Their roots provide food for wildlife. People can eat them too, if they feel so inclined. Purple loose-strife also gravitates to these same wet areas. Although its beautiful red violet color is charming, do not be deceived, for it is an invader and will crowd out native cattails. SAHS is taking active steps to get rid of this nemesis.

The garden committee is vital to keeping the Farm Museum grounds attractive to visitors. As the museum grows the work of maintaining them also grows. Bill Read has been instrumental in directing energy of the work release program towards taking on more of the heavy lifting type garden jobs. However, we still need the expertise of our volunteer gardeners to keep their collective eyes on day to day details that keep the SAHS gardens beautiful all summer long.

The garden committee will next meet in mid-April 2019. We will discuss both short-range plans for the summer and long-range goals for landscape and maintenance of the grounds. We will discuss alternative ways to arrange this summer's volunteer work sessions. We also need to locate someone to oversee planting of the annual flower beds.

Please consider helping with this committee. The Farm needs you! No experience required. Get to know other SAHS members and enjoy the camaraderie of other community minded volunteers. Every effort is vital to the Farm's continuing success story! Contact **Joan Shaw** to volunteer.

SALE OF PEARL ST. LOT

Fred Blue of Great Lakes Real Estate announced that he has a buyer for the 50ft x 150ft Pearl Street SAHS lot for the asking price of \$9,900. At the present time our Lawyer, **Joe Leone**, is in the process of consummating the sale.

GRANT REQUEST FROM SENATOR ROBERT ORTT

SAHS has received notice that our 2018 application for a grant from **State Senator Robert Ortt** for capital improvements was approved for an award of \$5000. We are awaiting the funding. We have submitted another letter application to **Senator Ortt** requesting a grant for 2019.

NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE, with Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)--Chair, and Pat Thompson as sub-chair for the Basket Auction-

The Antique Show and Sale will take place April

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT NORMALLY HELD AT THE WHEAT-FIELD AMERICAN POST WILL NOW BE AT OUR FARM.

6 & 7, 2019 in the Townsend Hall at the farm. 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 with the drawing to take place on Sunday at 4 PM.

PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chair (731-5982)

Glenn reports – The January 22 program will be **“The Holy Land– A Trip You Won’t Forget,”** presented by **Ruth and Rise’ Pirinelli**. For February 26 will be a program on **“101 Years of Crystal Beach”** presented by **Roseanne Hirsch**. For March 26 will be the **“War of 1812”** presented by **Toby Jewett** of Youngstown. For April 23 will be **“Isabella Sutherland, a Rags to Riches to Rags Story”** portrayed by **Marsha Zimmer** of Lockport. For May 28 will be the **“Panorama Look of the Pan Am Exhibition”** presented by **Doug Kohler** of East Amherst. **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 goes to **Ruth Carmer, Fred Robinson, Don Thompson, and Marilyn Wittkowsky** who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (417-9767)

Year 2018 Membership ended at 407 members including 25 new members. We now have 150 members including 6 Patron members for the calendar year **2019**. We thank those that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS.

WE CONSIDER THIS NEWSLETTER YOUR 2019 BILLING FOR MEMBERSHIP. We ask those that have not done so to please renew their membership (\$10 individual, \$15 family, & \$100 for Patron or Business) **by the middle of March USING THE FORM ON THE LAST PAGE** and also invite others to join. You are now able to pay your dues using your credit card on our web site www.sanbornhistory.org or on Facebook. As before, members will receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis, will help support our programming and receive the benefits of the museum

- **Our Patrons and Businesses** that have donated \$100 or more to SAHS will be provided in this listing each quarter for the year paid to show our sincere appreciation:

Patrons to date for 2019: Gloria Carlisle, Mal Luschen, Brent & Ann Mank, Keith & Mamie Thompkins, Gerry Treichler, and Sally Knox & Lloyd Ziemendorf.

FARM MUSEUM USAGE-SCHEDULE- Gary Ditzel, Chair Ph. 433-7439

Our members and others are requested to contact **Gary** for use of the hall in accordance with our "Member Hall Rental Agreement". **Gary** is in the process of finalizing a current schedule showing planned usage of our facilities.

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL- Bonnie Haskell-Chairman-

Plan now to attend our 15th Farm Museum Festival that will take place on July 27 & 28. The contracts for the Flea Market & Craft Vendors will go out soon.

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

The full collections committee that also includes the **Farm Museum Curator Bonnie Haskell; Schoolhouse Curator Elaine Timm; Office Secretary Pat Korpolski 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. 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.

Items received since our last reporting are a Vertical 10-gallon gas pump from **Larry and Carol Human**; an apple scale and a small farm sprayer



Apple scale from Wagner Farm

from the **Wagner Farm**; a green telephone and a kitchen bucket from **Jane Kertzie**; and a small wooden mallet used on the Sanborn Homestead from Clara Mae Martin,

MUSEUM SITTERS- We again thank interim chairperson, **Glenn Wienke, 731-5982** for coordinating the sitters for both the Schoolhouse and Farm museums. We still need someone to relieve him. We also thank those who act as sitters during the past year and sign-up for 2019.

SAHS TOUR GUIDE BOOKLET –

We aren't going to go with Uniguide. Generally, visitors don't want to put the Uniguide App on their smart phones for fear of taking up too much memory. A booklet will be put together for use by people visiting the farm museum. These will for use during their visit or may be purchased.

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM Curator, Elaine Timm (471-2217)-

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 the exhibits with family and friends.

FARM MUSEUM - Bonnie Haskell - Curator: (990-6909) –

The Farm Museum is closed for the season since our we are waiting to hookup to the County sewers.



Bonnie with the Ladies First Quartet

All the 2018 events are now over and went very well. 82 people came for the caroling program. Christmas at the Farm was a huge success. A snow blower was purchased and used when we had our Christmas events

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION-Bonnie Haskell President

The SB&PA held another great **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** at the farm in October with SAHS having the food concession. This brought in many visitors to our Farm Museum. They also had a fine Christmas display on the corner of Rte 31 & 429. The SB&PA hosted a community **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with a Ladies First Quartet program** at the farm museum with 62 in attendance.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please inform **any board member** with names of those members needing **“Thinking of you”** or **“Bereavement”** cards so they can be signed at our meetings: **Lee Keir & John Licht** passed away since and last reporting.

WEB SITES

Jay Krull of Lockport is the **Web Master** for our “www.sanbornhistory.org” website. We are also on **Facebook**. **Jay** 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. Our **Web Master** has set up

means to allow you to pay your dues by credit card on-line at our web site www.sanbornhistory.org or on Facebook. He has also provided means for our vendors to pay on line their charge for setup at our Antique Show and Farm Fest.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact **Gerry Treichler** at sanbornerry@gmail.com or 731-9510.

SAHS 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

Sat-Sun April 6+7 Antique Show with Basket Auction (**NOTE- Show is at Farm this year**)
 Sunday May 5 Car Parts Show
 Sunday June 9 Pancake Breakfast
 Sat-Sun July 27+28 Farm Museum Fest
 Sunday September 15 Country Breakfast
 Sat-Sun October 5+6 Autumn Fest
 Sat-Sun December 14+15 Christmas at Farm
 Sat December 21 Quartet/Caroling at Farm

We thank all those that helped and those that showed their support by providing their goodies as needed and attending our fundraisers/activities this past year.

Funds from these events are used to augment the funds received from the Town of Lewiston to meet our budget.

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, as memorials, 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 **Gloria Carlisle again this year** for her gift of \$3000 in December to help us with our expenses.

OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM-Bonnie Haskell

We had another great Christmas at the Farm Museum this year that so many of you put so much work in to. We had a large attendance bringing many children ages up to 8-years old to sit on Santa’s lap and receive a present and to see Olaf. **Bonnie thanks Larry Balch for being Santa Claus, Valerie Dumpleton, Mrs. Santa Clause, Pat Gawlik Santa’s helper, and Mike Cushman for portraying Olaf from Frozen**, and all of the numerous members and their families and towns people that came out to make



Pho Opt with Santa Larry Balch



Santa's helper, Pat Gawlik & Mrs. Santa Clause, Valerie Dumpleton,

**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.**

the event the success that it was.

When I came to Sanborn in 1912, there was a Station at Cambria, the R.R.. used an old Passenger Coach with an operator. As there was considerable freight to look after, at that time the spur track ran down to the Pekin stone quarry and there was a train of cars filled with stone nearly every day, also there were quite a number of people who took the passenger train for either Lookport or the Falls. I do not remember who had the coal business at Cambria then, but a little later Geo. Witkop ran it for a number of years.

Just for fun I'll make a comparison,

When I was a lad of some nine years old I went to district school, those days as soon as it was warm weather you discarded your shoes and stockings and went bare foot until cool weather in the fall, at this same school from another family two other small boys attended and they would come to school bare foot in the fall long after the rest of us wore our shoes and stockings. I have seen them some times with an overcoat and mittens on and caps pulled down over their ears but still bare foot.

I had a display out at the Farm and Home days and in the evening it was rather cool, you needed a coat on. One evening a very nice looking tall girl came walking by with a heavy wool sweater on, a scarf tied over her head but her lower limbs were only slightly covered with short, short, shorts, as she walked by I heard her complain that she was freezing, Ho hum, how silly can you get?

I want to ask a question:

When I came to Sanborn in 1912 there were a certain number of men employed here in Sanborn, there have been various changes, but there are about the same number of men employed.

My question is, what is the Junior Chamber of Commerce, The Lions Club or the Fire Company doing about trying to get some small business companies to locate here? It would seem that certain efforts should be made along that line for the good of our town.

Felix Lombardi drove a horse and rig between the Stone Quarry and Sanborn every day to get the mail and some of the supplies for the quarry operation.

Felix was a happy, good natured guy then and still is, and the many friends he made then he has retained thru the years.

In summer the trip from the quarry to Sanborn was an easy one, but in winter it was rather rough and I can still remember Felix in a big coat in that open rig with the horse doing his best to push thru the snow and bad roads, as much of the time the roads were not ploughed.

Times change, so do roads, ask Felix.

When I was a small boy if you met or heard of anyone who had been to far-away places, like New York City or abroad, it was quite a wonderful thing, and it set those who had traveled afar somewhat apart from others. But today it is commonplace as nearly every home has some relative or friend who has been to far away places.

To mention just a few of our local young people who have traveled afar I mention the following: Murray Harburn, North Africa; Robert Treichler, Imo Jima; Esther Casselman, Paris & Geneva, Wm. Peart, Greeland & Tripoli; Robert Bower, Phillippines; Tommy Braden, Mexico & Alaska; and many

When I came to Sanborn in 1912 Alex Reid was Town Superintendent of Highway, work on the road then required a good deal of hand labor, so Alex had several men working for him. Come winter there was not much that could be done on the roads except to try and keep them open for teams with sleds.

Come a big snow storm and Alex would get some men together and they would shovel thru the bad drifts, there were no plows then and if you could not get thru the drifts you stayed home.

When the Bell Telephone began business in Buffalo in Feb. 1879, there were only 20 telephones, now there are some 376,942. When I began business in Sanborn in January 1913 I had 15 telephones and received \$1.00 per month rental, also it was a very hard job to sell the public telephone service, only a very few understood the advantage and importance of such service for in those horse and buggy days, the age of speed in which we live today was undreamed of. Those were the days of the waltz and the square dance, if a couple had gone onto the dance floor and gone thru the back-breaking wriggle of the twist, socially they would have been considered nil and void.

I remember when Mr. Richardson and Bob Warner had the Blacksmith Shop just north of my building here at Sanborn.

From the time of the first settlers down thru the years the blacksmith Shop was a necessity, horses must be shod, wagons and farm equipment repaired. It does not seem possible that the old shop with its smoke and dust and ring of the hammer or the anvil is no more.

There is much to be said of those old horse and buggy days that the youth of today will never understand.

As soon as you learned to drive a horse, you also learned patience and kindness for in dealing with horses you learned to take it slowly and anyone who was mean to a horse was a very low form of human.

Today a great percentage of the auto accidents on the road is caused by the impatience of the driver and when you smash your car, you are just careless. When the auto pushed the horse off the road, it also curtailed important human virtues.

I cannot remember what year it was, but it was in the winter and we were having a very bad snow storm, when we heard an airplane flying very low over Sanborn. It circled several times and finally went down in the field on the south side of the road across from Jonas Haseley's home. I called the airport and trucks from there came for the people who were on board. We later found out that one time when they circled over Sanborn that it nearly hit

reichlers Greenhouse Chimney. We also found out the pilot did a very foolish thing in landing his plane as he did for he had a full tank of gas and could have flown out of the storm if he had taken off in a straight line instead of going in a circle. Also if that plane had landed a little further south it would have hit the big power lines and the chances were that all on board would have been killed, as it was no one was hurt.

I wonder if there are any who can remember the days when the "Tin Peddler" came around each summer.

I remember one who would come by our farm, he had a one horse, long box, light wagon and carried all kinds of tin ware. On sunny days he would hang many items on the outside of the canvas top and they would rattle as he drove. People were glad to see him come, his prices were low and he carried items that the town store did not.

Those days the housewife did most of the cooking in tin ware and the old "Tin Peddler" supplied many needed items used in the kitchen.

The "Cracker Barrel" caucus occurred two or three times a week at Pearce's store in Sanborn. There would be several men that drove into town in the evening to buy groceries or repairs for farm equipment. At Pearce's you were very apt to find Sam Treichler, Chas. Martin, Chas. Dodge, Frank Kline, Bert Tompkins, Truman Dean, and others.

Down at Pekin at Elmer Dale's store, you were apt to find John Maxon, Chas Mabon, Amos Mabon, Bert Stover, Art Baker, Vick McEwen etc.

Those were the days before Electric Lights, or Phones, or Televisions or radio and the men folks liked to get together and talk the price of eggs and how to run the Government I wonder if there are those who remember when you bought soda crackers the store keeper weighed up out of a barrel, for the time was when nearly all the items the store had for sale come in bulk.

The soda cracker was one and it was known then as a milk cracker, with the outline of a cow picture on it, it was round and when fresh was very good to eat.

But along with many other items, it was hard to keep them fresh. Those days you had not heard of fancy moisture-proof packages, but on the other hand you did not have to contend with high prices.

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 Email: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, 2019 (See Below)
- Regular Meeting - February 26, “101 Years of Crytal Beach”
- Regular Meeting - March 26 “War of 1812”

Program for the:
Reg Meeting:
Jan 22, At 7:00 PM

“The Holy Land– a trip you won’t forget”
Presented by Ruth & Rise’ Pirinelli

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