

# 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 2020:

Farm Museum- Bonnie Haskell, Curator  
Schoolhouse Museum- Elaine Timm, Curator  
Building Committee- Paul Calkins, Chairperson  
Conservation & Memorial Trees - Joan Shaw, Chairperson  
Garden Committee- Bonnie Bagwell, Chairperson  
Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by 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 2020. In addition, thanks to those who worked on these committees in 2019 and I hope you will continue your work on the committees in 2020. 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- **Jim Ditzel (433-7439)**, **Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)**, **Lynn Hoffman (731-2491)**,  
**Bill Hooter (731-3874)**, **Gwen King (704-2961)**, **Scott McEldowney (471-5637)**, **Jane Schultz (731-9404)**,  
**Elaine Timm (471-2217)**. **Pat Thompson (731-2666)**, **Gary Townsend (523-0743)**.

**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 2020 annual election was held at our November 19th regular meeting. Incumbent members **Bill Read, Paul Calkins, Bonnie Haskell, Scott McEldowney, and Jane Schultz** were elected for another three-year term on the board. At the death of Paul Beecher on Nov. 9, the Board elected **Gary Townsend** to fill his remaining term of 2+ years. 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.**

## GRIGG LEWIS FOUNDATION GRANT

SAHS received the \$9500 funding for this Grant from Grigg Lewis on September 25, 2019. Work was completed on November 12. The work accomplished was to install insulation for the recently dedicated Treichler Building, to install a ductless environmental control system that provides heat, air conditioning and means of controlling relative humidity as the need arises, to replace the broken window panes to allow tinting of the windows and the actual tinting of the windows to provide UV protection of our artifacts.

The work had to be stopped for a few days to allow an exterminator to eliminate the large nest of bees in the crawl space.



*Air Conditioner out side the Treichler Building*



*Ductless Heating Unit*

## SOLAR PANALS

At our December Board Meeting, the Board members were given a copy of a Letter of Intent to enter into an Option and Lease Agreement with 212 Solar Development, LLC a subsidiary of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. of Latham, NY. President Bill went over the document in detail. He indicated that there was a potential for SAHS to receive an income of between \$25,000 and \$37,000 annually from the Solar Panel Project, depending on negotiated acres of panels. Currently there is a 6 month moratorium on solar panels in the Town of Lewiston.

After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried for SAHS President William Read to sign the letter of intent for the installation of approximately 25 acres of solar panels with Borrego Solar System subsidiary, 212 Solar Development, LLC and represent the Board in further negotiations as necessary. He is also to sign the property owner consent form allowing these parties to work with National Grid.

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

Glenn reports – The January 28 program will be “**Niagara’s International Bridges**” presented **Ray Wagle of the Niagara History Center**. For February 25 will be a program on “**Legends, Lore, and Secrets of Western NY**” presented by **Lorna MacDonald Czamota of Buffalo**. The program for March 24 is to be determined.

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, Mary Machelor, Don Thompson, and Marilyn Wittkowsky who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

**.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 4 & 5, 2020 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.



***Antique Show with Basket Auction now at Farm***

**MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (417-9767)**

Current membership for 2019 is 397 members, including 18 patrons and 8 businesses. Present membership for 2020 is 55 including 4 new and 1 patron... We thank those that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS. **WE CONSIDER THIS NEWSLETTER YOUR 2020 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 able to pay your dues using your credit card on our website [www.sanbornhistory.org](http://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 are noted below:

**Patrons paid for 2019: Kim (Read) Bolos, Mary Knotts, Roger Lehman, Valerie Lehman, Mal Luschen, Brent & Ann Mank, Jack II & Amy Owen, Brian & Cheryl Rotech, Susan Sandoval, Donna Smallwood, Christine (Ferchen) Stumpf, Keith & Mamie Tompkins, Gary & Linda Treichler, Gerry Treichler, Nancy (Don) Treichler, Peter & Rebecca Wydysh, Lloyd Ziemendorf & Sally Knox, and Errol Zuch.**

**Businesses paid for 2019: LaSalle Contracting, Gorge Travel, Gross Plumbing, William Davis Insurance, H. A. Treichler & Sons Greenhouses, Wagner's Market, Ken Young Paving, and Jay Wendt Construction.**

**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 signed-up for 2020.

**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 except for special requests. All the 2019 events are now over and went very well.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **needlework piece on State flowers from Bob**

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 for the season. The **SB&PA** hosted a community **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long and**



*Fine Music by the Harmonic Edge Quartet*

**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: **Duane Anderson and Paul Beecher** passed away since our last reporting.

**WEBSITE**

**Jay Krull of Lockport** is the **Web Master** for our “[www.sanbornhistory.org](http://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. Our quarterly Newsletters are also 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 website [www.sanbornhistory.org](http://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.



*Collection of Tractor Seats Donated by Clara Fish at the death of her husband, Larry.*

**Syposs and a 50 tractor seat collection from Clara Fish**

**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 for 2020.

**FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL- Bonnie Haskell- Chairman-**

Plan now to attend our 16th Farm Museum Festival that will take place on July 25 & 26. The contracts for the Flea Market & Craft Vendors will go out soon.

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

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

**SAHS 2020 EVENT SCHEDULE**

- Sat-Sun Apr 4+5 Antique Show with Bskt Auct
- Sunday May 3 Car Parts Show
- Sunday June 14 Pancake Breakfast
- Sat-Sun July 25+26 Farm Museum Fest
- Sunday September 13 Country Breakfast
- Sat-Sun October 3+4 Autumn Fest
- Sat October 24 Ham Dinner
- Sun November 18 Pork Chop Dinner
- Sun December 6 Caroling at Schoolhouse
- Sat-Sun December 12+13 Christmas at Farm
- Sat December 19 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.

**OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM- Bonnie Haskell**

We had another great Christmas at the Farm Museum this year that so many of other members and friends put so much work in to. We had a smaller attendance than usual because of the weather. We appreciate those that came out and had their children ages up to 8-years old sit on Santa's lap and receive a present. **Bonnie thanks Larry Balch for being Santa Claus, Valerie Dumpleton, Mrs. Santa Clause, Pat Gawlik Santa's helper. We also thank those that came in as Anna, Elsa and Kusstoff from Frozen, and the Christmas Minion.**



*Pho Opt with Santa Larry Balch*



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



*Anna, Elsa and Kusstoff from Frozen*



*The Christmas Minion*





*Josiah Roof Casselman*

\*\*\*\*\*

My father (Josiah Roof Casselman), enlisted and was sworn in August 31<sup>st</sup>. 1862 at Jamestown, N.Y., at the age of 19, and was mustered out June 12<sup>th</sup> 1865 at Raleigh N.C. having served nearly three years without a furlough.

There is no diary for the period from August 31<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>., 1862. It is regrettable that this Diary Record is not more in detail.

It must be taken into consideration that father at that time, was just a little more than a boy off the farm, the first time he had ever been away from home, also he had had but little education and it was very hard for him to express himself with pen and ink.

Another vital reason that this diary is lacking in detail is that father was extremely careful never to say anything that could be misconstrued as “bragging”. To understand this one had to know father as I know him, for father and I were very close and from him and his comrades I learned that father left out of his diary many important experiences.

In July of 2009, SAHS member **Carl Jensen** of Lakeland, Florida sent our society a typed copy of a document prepared by **Ralph E. Casselman**. **Ralph** had typed this document based on his father’s diary. His father, **Josiah Roof Casselman**, (believed to be “Root” since **Ralph** named his son **Daniel Root Casselman**) had written this diary while in the Civil War while serving as a Private with Company F, 112 New York Volunteers from 1863 to 1865. Since the diary (19 pages after being typed) mostly talked about the weather with few other details **Ralph** wrote a prelude that is included below. We know **Ralph** as the man that came to Sanborn from Jamestown in 1912 and started the Sanborn Home Telephone. Our former Curator was his daughter, the late **Esther Casselman** (! 913-2000). The following with first line revised are the words as written by **Ralph**.

Therefore I will try to set forth a few of these experiences which I feel will be of interest.

In 1862 at this siege of Suffolk they were ordered to make raids along all side roads and destroy all buildings where the rebels might find shelter or food supplies.

On one of these raids father set fire to a beautiful large home from which the owners had fled.

I have heard father say many times that he regretted this as he felt that it was unnecessary.

On another raid a small party was ordered to guard a certain road and not let any rebel raiding parties get there. They established themselves in the corner of a small woods and built a small breastworks. A small party of Rebel Cavalry came along and they drove them back. While this was going on a rebel sharpshooter had come in very close and at his first shot killed one of father's comrades. After sometime father spotted where the sharpshooter was hiding and killed him.

At the battle of Fort Fisher father was in the outer rifle pits and the tide came in and he stood in water above his knees for six hours, as it was in January the water was very cold, he never fully recovered from it.

While in front of Petersburg he was a guard at the landing when Lincoln came to visit Grant so saw him at close range.

Also while in front of Petersburg, a group of Company F boys were having their supper around a camp fire. General Grant came past, stopped and asked if he could have a cup of coffee and a hardtack. Assured that he could, he dismounted and sat down on a log beside father and ate the cracker and drank the coffee.

At the battle of Cold Harbor, father's Company was standing in double ranks waiting for the orders to go forward, when a piece of shell came flying over grazed the side of father's head, tore his cap and killed the man in the rear rank behind him.

After the fall of Richmond, Jeff Davis escaped to the South and was captured and brought back and on the way he was held near Raleigh N.C. for a short time. Father was one of the guards and so saw him many times.

At another time he was detailed to help care for the prisoners which had been exchanged from Andersonville Prison and saw at first hand the terrible starvation that these men had gone thru.

Father often laughed about the time he took a rebel Captain Prisoner and the Captain told him it was the first time he was perfectly willing to do what a private told him to do.

Father's war record is just three words, and which all of us who loved him are justly proud

### **"Constantly on Duty"**

**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](mailto: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 28, 2020 ..... (See Below)
- Regular Meeting - February 25, ..... “Legends, Lore, and Secrets of Western NY”
- Regular Meeting - March 24 ..... To Be Determined

Program for the:  
Reg Meeting:  
Jan28, At 7:00 PM

“Niagara’s Internation Bridges”  
Presentd by Ray Wigle

*Sanborn Area Historical Society*  
PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132  
(PUBLISHED QTLY BY SAHS SEC. GERALD TREICHLER)



*Visit our Web Site*  
[www.sanbornhistory.org](http://www.sanbornhistory.org)  
*Find us on Facebook*

---

**Membership Application & Donations: *Sanborn Area Historical Society***  
**(Annual Dues are \$15 for Family; \$10 for Individual; \$100 for Patron, Business, Professional)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Classification ( ) New Member ( ) Renewal    Donation Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to: Sanborn Area Historical Society, PO Box 172. Sanborn, NY 14132)

(We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Society. Donations are appreciated in the form of cash or artifact donations or from that of an estate. They are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law)

**SAHS is an Equal Opportunity Provider.**