

# 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 2021:

Farm Museum & Usage Schedule- Bonnie Haskell, Curator

Schoolhouse Museum- Elaine Timm, Curator

Conservation & Memorial Trees

Garden Committee- Bonnie Bagwell, Chairperson

Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Valerie Dumbleton, 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 (Event Schedule is in limbo)

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 Dumbleton w/ Jane Schultz & Rosemary Warren

Farm Museum Usage Schedule- Chair Person- Bonnie Haskell

I thank those that continue to help out and provide addition financial support when able.

*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)

Pres.- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; VP -**Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)**; Recording Sec- **Ruth Pirinelli (471-4677)**;  
Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer- **Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**.

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Calkins (471-4422)**, **Jim Ditzel (433-7439)**, **Lynn Hoffman (731-2491)**, **Bill Hooter (731-3874)**, **Gwen King (297-3255)**, **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)**



## MERRY CHRIST AND A HAPPY, SAFE NEW YEAR

### ANNUAL ELECTION 2021

The 2021 annual election is modified due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Presented into nomination are Jim Ditzel, Lynn Hoffman, Gwen King, Pat Thompson, and Glenn Wienke to continue on Board of Trustees for another 3 years after their term expires at the end of 2020. Also, President Bill Read, Vice President Bonnie Haskell, Treasurer Glenn Wienke, Corresponding Secretary Gerry Treichler, and Recording Secretary Ruth Pirinelli are to be nominated as your Officers for 2021. The Board approved that the nominees for the 2021 officers and open board positions be authorized to serve in their nominated positions and perform the duties of the positions, effective January 1, 2021 until an annual meeting election can be conducted.

### SOLAR PANALS

The SAHS Board at their October 20, 2020 meeting **unanimously approved signing the final Option and Lease Agreement with 2660 Saunders Road Solar LLC, a subsidiary of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.** President Bill went over the document in detail at that meeting. He indicated that there was a potential for SAHS to receive an income from the Solar Panel Project to help us remain solvent for many years to come. Currently the moratorium on solar panels in the Town of Lewiston has been extended to December. A public meeting on the Town of Lewiston Solar Energy System Local Law was held on December 14, 2020.

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

Membership for 2020 closed at 497 including 97 new members, **70 patrons and 9 businesses.** Present membership for 2021 is **367.** We thank those old and new members that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS. We especially thank those that went the extra mile with their very generous donations to help us remain solvent after our special request to make up the loss of revenue from our fund raisers due to Covid-19. We have provided you dues payment status in our newsletter address. **WE CONSIDER THIS NEWSLETTER YOUR 2021 BILLING FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

We ask those that have not done so to please re-new their membership (\$10 individual, \$15 fam-ily, & \$100 for Patron or Business) **by the mid-dle 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.

**Businesses paid for 2021: Gorge Travel, William Davis Insurance, Roy's Radiator, and Tri-Community Ambulance.**

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

The full collections committee that also in-cludes the **Farm Museum Curator Bonnie Haskell; Schoolhouse Curator Elaine Timm; Office Secretary Pat Korpinski and Gerry Treichler** will meet as necessary. They meet to review the items submitted on the Data Acces-sion form for acceptance based on the Accep-tance 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** 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: **books and publications from Gwen King, a Neats Foot Oil bottle from Keith Tompkins, a horse drawn cultivator from Andy Maerten and a hay wagon, a hay rake, and a 1960 Allis Chambers gleamer from Paul Beecher's son Paul.**



**1960 Allis Chambers gleamer**

## **FARM MUSEUM USAGE-SCHEDULE- Bonnie Haskell, Chair Ph. 990-6909.**

Our members and others are requested to con-tact **Bonnie** for use of the hall in accordance with our "Member Hall Rental Agreement". **Us-age is very limited due to the continuation of Covid-19.**

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Please inform **any board member** with names of those members needing "**Thinking of you**" or "**Bereavement**" cards so they can be noted at our board meetings: **Don & Ann Calkins, Ronald A. Wendt, Jean Wendt (wife of the late Glenn Wendt), and Chief Kenneth Patter-son 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 setup means to allow you to pay your dues and vender space chargers by credit card on-line at our website [www.sanbornhistory.org](http://www.sanbornhistory.org) The scheduled dates shown are tentative dates due to Covid-19

If you have any concerns or questions please contact **Gerry Treichler** at [sanbornerry@gmail.com](mailto:sanbornerry@gmail.com) or 731-9510.

## **SAHS 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE-**

SAHS remains closed for 2021 because of Covid-19 Pandemic. As a result, the schedule of events has yet to be finalized.

## **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 me-morials, in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity will help assure the completion of our goals...long-term viability of our historical soci-ety and our museums.

# BARN COMPLEX (BARN) TOUR GUIDE

## SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



### HISTORY OF BARN COMPLEX

The barn you see above is about 135 years old having been moved about 1000 ft to its present location in 1901 when purchased by Adolph Wienke. The barn is 40 by 60 ft. constructed of wood boards attached vertically to pegged beams. The vertical boards are not tight to each other so as to allow wind to blow through the cracks and dry the hay. It has a gable roof, hay-loft, grain room, and space for 2 cows and a couple horses and calves. The broken concrete floor in the stall area was covered with a wood floor for easy access by visitors to see the barns construction and artifacts we have on display.

The cold storage building was built some time after the barn was built. It is used to store vegetables over the winter for home use and taking to market in Buffalo. It is also used to store potting material for use in the greenhouses.

The wind mill was donated by the Kenneth Wendt family in 2014 in memory of their father. Ken was one of the founding members of the Sanborn Area Historical Society. The windmill was formerly used on the William Wendt Farm in Sanborn to draw water from their well for farm and home use prior to 1912 when electricity be-

came available.

The corn crib was donated by the Robert Hoover family in 2020. It was used to store and dry corn prior to taken to the Feed Mill for grinding into animal feed.

### (B1) ANIMAL STALLS



As you enter the small side door of the barn you are in the area of stalls for two milking cows, milked each day. The wooden headlocks shown are closed when milking, otherwise free for the cows to exercise and swat flies. The bin before

the headlocks was filled with hay and a container with a grain mixture for the cows to eat. Inside to left of the door is the area where 2 calves could be located. Two horse stalls were located in the stall next to the cow stall where the fanning mills, hay forks and other tools are now. A metal trough was on floor behind the cows & horses. Straw remaining after wheat was used to mix with the cow and horse manure and urine in the trough. This was taken by wheel barrel to an area outside the barn. It was later loaded onto a manure spreader drawn by horses or tractor and spread on the ground as fertilizer prior to plowing and planting of crops for the coming year. Since the animals produced their own heat, no stoves were in the barn. Water was carried from the well near the barn. Some farms had wind mills over the well that was used to pump water into a holding tank for the animals and rome..

(B2) FANNING MILL



The fanning mills shown blow the chaff off the wheat and sifts the grain in one operation ready for bagging and taking to the flour mill for grinding into flour. It was labor saving and quicker than using a scythe and flailing stick and then cleaning the seeds with a winnowing basket as done in earlier times.

(B3) ANIMAL MEDICINE CABINET

Farmers had many responsibilities for their animals- feeding them, keeping their area clean and making sure they were healthy.



Sometimes it would be necessary to give the animal medicine for such problems as respiratory, digestive, or skin diseases. It was also important to treat animals for worms. Shown here on the wall is a medicine chest with various preparations to treat a sick animal.

(B4) HAND HELD CORN PLANTER



The corn planter shown was used to plant the corn by hand. It could be adjusted to plant 3 or 4 kernels of seed corn. The planter was pushed down in a field row and then the handle was opened and the corn was deposited and the farmer would take about a 30 inch step and repeat the process until the row was completed.

(B5) CORN SHELLER



In early days, corn was picked and dried in a corn crib. When dry, it was shelled by a hand-

crank Corn Sheller as shown. The Corn Sheller removes the kernels of the dried corn and dropped them into the container below. The cobs shoot out the other end. The corn would be stored in bins in the grain storage room and later used for animal feed or for making food for human consumption. Later, corn harvesters were use to harvest the free standing corn.

(B6) APPLE SORTER



Fruit is very plentiful in Niagara County. The climate and soil makes it easy to grow. Fruit is an important money crop for farmers. The apple sorter shown drops the apples through a series of holes. This separates the small from the large. This process is faster than by hand. Apples are also used to make cider. In a special press at a cider mill. Apples such as drops, not usable by the farmer, can be taken to the mill where they are ground and squeezed into cider. Some farmers had their own small press for making their own cider.

(B7) SCHNITZEL BANK



Many items were made of wood, and farmers would fashion items by hand. A workbench combination, as shown, was used. One would sit astride the seat and a foot lever would be used to hold the wood in place. With the wood held fast, one had both hands free to use the tools, such as a draw shave, to make the item. Tools had many types of cutting edges for a variety of uses to make shingles, pegs for holding the barn timbers together, etc.

(B8) HARVESTING HAY



In the early days, hay was raked and wind-rowed for drying. When dry it was pitched onto the hay wagon drawn by horses or a tractor. The loaded wagon was drawn to the center of the barn floor. A 2-prong hay fork was pushed into the hay by foot to grab as much hay as possible. The overhead tackle rope and trolley, pulled by a horse was used to take the hay to the top of the barn where the trolley transitioned to take it to the hay mow and released by a tug on the rope connected to the hay fork. This was continued until

## ARTIST PAINTING AT OLD SANBORN DAYS HANGING IN THE BARN



the wagon was empty. When needed, the hay was dropped down from the mow to feed the horses. Silage made from the corn stalks was used to feed the cows.

### (B9) GRAIN STORAGE ROOM

Early farmers stored grain in rooms with special bins. As more corn was added and the pile got higher in a bin, boards were slid on top of one another. It was important to have the bins in a sealed room, so that mice and rats couldn't get in and feast on the grain.

### (B10) GRAIN HARVESTING



Many years ago farmers would cut the wheat by hand with a scythe as shown on the wall. A large grinding wheel shown on the barn floor was used to keep these tools sharp. The wheat would be brought to the threshing area and the shells would be knocked off the grain with a flailing stick. The final cleaning of the grain would take place with the winnowing basket where the chaff (unwanted material around the grain) would be cast to the wind by shaking the basket and later by a fanning mill. The grain was saved and later taken to the Feed Mill for grinding into flour used to make their bread or mixed with other grain to make food to feed the cows... This was a lot of work. Now it is done by a Combine Harvester-Gleaner shown.

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

**REGULAR MEETINGS NOT YET SCHEULED  
DUE TO COVID-19**

**Sanborn Area Historical Society**  
**PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132**  
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**Membership Application: *Sanborn Area Historical Society***

**(Annual Dues are \$15 for Family; \$10 for Individual; \$100 for Patron, Business, Professional)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) New Member      ( ) Renewal      Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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