

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 2022:

Farm Museum- Bonnie Haskell, Curator

Schoolhouse Museum- Elaine Timm, Curator

Garden Committee- Bonnie Bagwell, Chairperson

Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Valerie Dumpleton,
Pat Kopolinski, 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

Event schedule subject to change based on COVID restrictions. See net page for schedule.

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- Bonnie Haskell

I thank everyone for filling the above committee positions, the open Board positions in 2022, and the Officer positions in 2022. In addition, thanks to those who worked on the above committees in 2021 and I hope will continue to work on the committees in 2022. Others willing to work on these committees please let the committee chairperson or me know. I also thank those that continue to help out and provide additional 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)

President- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; Vice Pres-**Bonnie Haskell (957-4851)**; Recording Sec-**Ruth Pirinelli (471-4677)**; Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer- **Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**.

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Calkins (471-4422)**, **Ron Craft (818-0360)**, **Jim Ditzel (433-7439)**,
Gordy Hermanson (731-9650), **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- (957-4851)

Schoolhouse Curator- Elaine Timm (471-2217)

Annual Election for 2022:

Board members **Gordon Hermanson, Ruth Pirinelli, Elaine Timm, Gary Townsend and Gerry Treichler** whose term expired in 2021 were elected to serve on the board for another three-year term;

Officers **Bill Read- President, Bonnie Haskell-Vice President, Glenn Wienke- Treasurer, Ruth Pirinelli- Recording Secretary & Gerry Treichler- Corresponding Secretary** were elected to serve in the same positions in 2022.

SOLAR PROJECT

We received \$5000 option payment from Borrego for 2022..

On 12-221 Borrego presented our Solar Project to the Niagara County Planning Board.. This was wellreceived and approved as presented.

-Borrego expects to be on the Lewiston Planning Board agenda to present our Solar Project on 1/20/22.

No formal acceptance of oursolar power output has been received from National Grid as of now..

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (417-9767)

We are closing out **2021 with 515** members. Present membership for **2022 is 238**. This is a reminder to pay your dues for 2022 if you have not done so. **Your label on this newsletter shows if you are paid or not paid for 2022**. We have discontinued sending out membership cards. **We especially thank those 57 who have continued on as patrons for 2022: Richard & Ann Baker, Carol Beutel, Kathleen Lafler Bird, Tom & Jan Brewer, John Brontmire, Sandra Canton, Gary Catlin, Gloria Carlisle, Ron & Marlene Craft, Jim & Joanne Cowe, William Davis, Insurance, Nancy Franklin, Wally & Donna Friert, Warren Glover, Ron & Karen Graap, Annette Melcher Greg, Janice L. Hall, Martha Haseley, Lynn B. Hoffman. Ron & Judi**

Hubbard, Gwen King, Bonnie Lajoie, Valerie Lehman, Roger Lehman, Ron Levin, Dennis & Marcia Lewis, Shirley Mabon, Brent & Ann Mank, Clara Martin, Elena Martin, Scott McEldowney, Ray & Lucia McGovern, Allen McGreevy, John Corp & Deborah Olszowka, Lawrence & Nancy Pfohl, James & Gretchen Plough, William & Ruth Read, John & Renee Roess, Brenda & David Runk, Craig Schultz, Jane W. Schultz, Peggy Ferchen Smith, Christine Stumpf, Elaine Timm, Don & Pat Thompson, Gary & Linda Treichler, Pamela Treichler, Merv & Sue Treichler. Richard & Sharon Treichler, Gerry Treichler, Rosemary & Bob Warren, and Jay and Susan Wendt, Glenn Wienke, Don LeVan Winkley, Sally Knox & Lloyd Ziemendorf, Errol Zuch, and VW Club of WNY.

SAHS 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE-

Sat-Sun March 26&27 Antique Show with basket Auction

Sunday May 1 Car Parts Show

Saturday May 14 Pork Loin Dinner

Sat-Sun July 23+24 Farm Festival

Sat-Sun August 27+28 Basket Palooza

Sunday September 18 Country Breakfast

Saturday October 22 Ham Dinner

Sunday Dec. 4 Farm Church Members Caroling

Sat-Sun December 10+11 Christmas at Farm

Sat December 17 Caroling at Farm

Note: This Schedule is Subject to Change due to COVID restrictions.

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

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 are on the **2nd 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: a hem adjuster; a horse drawn logging cart from **Linda Harvey**; a hand operated meat grinder from **Barbara Hammer**; and three large framed portraits of fathers of Sanborn from **Amy Sanborn-Owens**. These included a **portrait of Lee R. Sanborn** who purchase land in 1864. He later divided it into lots that was named **South Pekin** and then **Sanborn** when the railroad went though.



Portrait of Lee R. Sanborn

PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chairman, 731-5982-

We thank **Glenn** and his committee of **Sally Knox Mary Machelor, Don Thompson, and Marilyn Wittkowsky** for making the reminder calls. We also thank refreshment chairperson **Valerie Dumpleton** and her **committee** for coordinating the refreshment program and **those of you who have accepted her call** to furnish cookies or other refreshments at our monthly meetings. Although refreshments are free, we have a box for money donations for those unable to do this or are so inclined to help us with incidental expenses and to defray the cost for our meeting program speakers. We pay our Presenters up to \$100

for each meeting.

Glenn Wienke announced that the program for **January 25, 2022-** is “**Music of the American Civil War**” by **Don Dwyer** of **Amherst**; for **February 22,** is “**Aging**” by **Kathy Hummer** (office of the aging) in **Lockport**; for **March 22,** **Jairus Rose**, early settler on **NCCC** property by **Jerry Truesdell**, Professor at **NCCC**; and for **April 26,** is “**Ambush at Devil’s Hole**” by **Stephen Cocca** of **Olean**.

We welcome all members to attend our regular program meetings that are held at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Farm. After a one-half hour business meeting we get into the special program of the evening, with refreshments afterwards. **This is a good time to pay Shirley your dues for 2022 if not all ready paid.**

BUILDINGS USAGE- **Bonnie Haskell** Coordinator, 957-4851.

Our members and others are requested to contact **Bonnie** for use of our building in accordance with our “**Member Hall Rental Agreement**”. Agreements are subject to Change due to COVID restrictions.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



Road sign Showing Rental & 2022 Spring Opening (on April 15)

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: **Betty McGreevy and Dorothy Strohm** passed away since our last reporting.

WEBSITE

Jay Krull of Lockport is the **Web Master** for our “www.sanbornhistory.org” website. **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

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

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.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM

Our 9th Annual Christmas event at the **farm** was held with Covid restrictions. This event was held especially for the kids who were able to **sit on Santa’s lap**. Those from 2 to 8 years old received a present from Santa. They were able have a fun time frosting their own cookie, kid’s crafts using scissors, crayons, and paste on paper. There is also a basket auction and other activities. Food is available for purchase from our kitchen.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Singing of Christmas Carols were sung at



Santa & Christmas at the Farm



Christmas Elf Valerie helping Santa

the Treichler building. Some by those attending brought finger food. This worked out very well. The event was held at the Schoolhouse Museum in past years.

A separate Caroling event was held at the Townsend Hall with all enjoying Caroling with a German Band and refreshments..



German Band & Caroling

Text below is by Ralph E, Casselman who came to Sanborn and established the Sanborn Home Telephone Company

Glifford LeVan lived in the house which has now been rebuilt into the Pekin Fire Hall. Mr. LeVan had a Green House at the rear of the building, he sold the place to Nicholson Bros. who enlarged the Green House and the one thing I remember about them was that they were the first in this section to raise sweet peas in the winter, as it was something a bit unusual they made a bunch of money the first year.

Elmer & I started for Sanborn and the snow banks were 4 or 5 ft. high over by Sam Treichler's. The road had been shoveled out only one lane and we got in there and met a team of horses, and as we had only one horse on the cutter Elmer had to unhitch the horse and turn the cutter around and hitch the horse on again and drive back as I stood up on the bank freezing.

He was going to an orchestra rehearsal, so there were horns, music racks, robes, blankets etc. That's the price we had to pay for a pleasant evening, 65 years ago.

Elmer used to hitch up a team of horses on a bob sleigh fill the sleigh with straw and we'd start for Lockport to do our Christmas shopping which included dolls, doll buggy, candy etc.

We'd heat soap stones to keep our feet warm (they're up in our attic now), hold up umbrella to keep from freezing and start on an eight mile ride which took over an hour. -

We'd put the horses in at Hawks Livery Stable, take off our extra wraps and walk over the big Bridge to the stores and walk back with our arms full of Christmas gifts & warm clothing for Winter.

Some difference today, This was 65 years ago.

The "Church Supper" was the center of the social life of the church and the members of the church were 'supposed to attend.

It was and is a very important social aspect of the church, you meet other members of the church informally as well as those who are not members. The church soon becomes known as a friendly place by the type of "Church Supper" served.

Not only the older members but the young

people learn to serve, to enjoy coming together and working together for the betterment of the community. -

The "Church Supper" may time never dim its importance. ""

This last snow makes me think of the storm we had in April 1936.

It began in the afternoon about three and by five when men started to come home from work, the roads were blocked. Some who had started home were stuck in the snow and could not get thru". The two girls at the switchboard had a hard time getting calls thru, at times the Falls operator could not take any more calls as all toll lines were busy. .

The girls handled 130 toll calls in one hour, it was a busy time and continued to be for the next two or three days.

SPEED & MORE SPEED

Remember when, if you wished to go to Lockport or Niagara Falls you either drove a horse or took the train, those days we had 4 passenger trains each way every day, either way it took hours to make the trip. I repeat, those days you had to have patience which was and is good for the health and happiness, for today I believe one of the greatest problems of our time is the impatience of the general public especially our young people. A great many accidents on our roads where people are killed are caused by the impatience of the driver.

Impatience, then speed, then death. Be patient, it is far better than hustle, bustle and bust.

John Batt had a greenhouse on the property where Carpenter now lives in Pekin, although the greenhouse was small, John did real well for several years.

George Dunbar also had a greenhouse below the hill just off the old hill road. George raised tomato plants in large numbers for many years. LeVan had a greenhouse back of what is now the fire hall, they are now all gone, the only one at Pekin now of any size is the one Andrew Fellows built and is now owned by Mr. Groth.

The following are a few of the boys who have left Sanborn to go out and make their mark in the world, who I can remember as little boys about town a few years ago.

Arthur Howe, Badin, NC – Robert Barber,

Hadenfield, NJ – Robert Crosier, Barker, NY – Ernest Treichler, Virginia Beach, VA – Daniel Casselman, Baytown, Texas – John Bush, Navy Base, Calif – Richard Treichler, Stony Brook, LI – James Knox, Cleveland, Ohio – Herbert Stubbs, Schenectady, NY – Robert Copernell, Walworth, NY

I see by the paper that it is planned to make a parking garage under the Ellicott Square Building in Buffalo. I wonder how many there are that can remember that back in 1912 that the basement under this building was restaurant and the charge for a complete meal was 25 cents and it was a good meal, it was operated for a number of years and became quite famous. I always planned to get dinner there every time I was in Buffalo. How many others remember doing the same.

I remember when State Highway Maintenance was down by two men and a horse and wagon.

When I first came to Sanborn the road from Sanborn to St. Johnsburg was a narrow black top and edges of the road would become badly broken up, repair men would come along with the wagon and a few bushels of black top repair and endeavor to fix the bad spots. It was a continuous job and they were at it every good day all summer long.

I was talking to Walter Baker the other day and he asked me how long I had lived in Sanborn, When I told him it was some 49 years he said "I Just can 't believe it is that long" he went on to say he was 80 years old and that it did not seem possible that he was that old or that he had seen that many years pass.

As memory travels backward and the years are counted, it certainly seems impossible that there are so many.

One year there were a number of trigger happy hunters who blasted away at anything and everything, were hunting just to make noise rather than shoot game. One of Albert Jagow's cows was hit by a charge of shot, another farmer had chickens shot and so it went.

Today there is less of that sort of thing, but there is always a danger when a gun gets into the hands of the irresponsible.

As I have stated before few people realize the day today, month to month and year to year changes that take place. For example when I came to Sanborn there

were no houses on the East side of the road from Saunders Settlement road to the Methodist Church, and on the West side only Griff Sanborn's now the Johnson's house. Over the years the same thing has happened along every road in this section. What will take place in the next fifty years?

One Christmas time before the days when you could use your Auto in winter, to go Christmas shopping you took the train.

My wife, the kids and I went to Lockport to do a little shopping and it took more time than we planned as the kids were small and could not walk very fast. while we were out there it began to snow very hard, it was slow going walking back to the depot and we almost missed the train home, but were lucky and very thankful to get home as the storm increased and no trains ran for two days.

Those were the days.

Yes, Mrs Elmer Crosier remembers the dirt roads and snow banks 4 to 5 ft high. In the Spring the big road scraper came and everybody was excited and pleased to see the roads graded for Summer so we could hitch our horses on our two seated carriage and take a ride. Then how we hated to see it rain for that meant mud and a dirty buggy to wash.

Things never changed, Mr. Dewey Timothy had a store where Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Johnson now live. and across the street Howard Clancy has the store that was formerly owned by Joseph Parker.

Then we go on to the parking lot on the corner where Mr. Frank Williams had a store and across the street, Richard McCarthy occupied the Hotel and next door was the home of Mrs. Schmeck mother of Irving Schmeck where she had the post Office this was in 1893 when I taught school in Pekin. Then up the street is the good old Methodist Church where people still worship. Note, I am very glad to have anyone send in a Remember When" at any time.

Doctor Plain, who's funeral was Sunday, was one of my very good friends. I have known him since shortly after I came to Sanborn and my wife knew him even before we were married.

He was a very kind and thoughtful man. The way we first met, he had heard that I was

building a telephone plant in the Sanborn – Pekin section, and he stopped in at the office to wish me well and to say that as he had patients in the area, it would be very helpful to be able to reach them by phone.

From that time on we were friends and it was easy to be friendly with him, always pleasant, a good word for one and all.

When I came to Sanborn in 1912 nearly all the roads around Sanborn were dirt roads and you had dust in the summer, mud in the fall and spring, and snow in the winter. Roads were not ploughed in the winter. If you wished, to go any place in the winter you went with horse and sleigh.

"It seems impossible today that roads were ever like that, but there are a number of people still who can remember those good old slow days, even after the coming of the auto you put the car away for the winter. We had teen-agers then but they stayed home at least some of the time.

Every local merchant filled his show windows with all kinds of fire-works a few days before the Fourth. All sizes of firecrackers, sky rockets, roman candles and many other items to delight kids of all ages and size. If you went to Lockport, Tonawanda, or Niagara Falls just before the fourth there would be many special booths on the side walks with fire-works for sale. The town sounded like a machine gun on the fourth with every kid setting off firecrackers. Of course a few got burned, so the powers that be have ruled that kids can't do so anymore, but it sure was fun while it lasted. Now kids have to wait until they are teenagers and can take Dads \$3000 car and knock themselves out instead of burning their fingers with a five cent bunch of firecrackers. **The Post Office** was in Pike's Store and Frank McCann (Skip) met the trains, carried the mail from the depot to the office in a two wheeled cart or in the winter on a big sled.

Once in a while Skip would forget and go to the depot without the cart, both Pike & the Station Master had to explain to Skip that the cart was quite necessary to have along.

Skip and his cart was a common sight for many years and the mail went thru regardless of "snow or rain" but Skip was never in a hurry. Those were the days.

The years roll by and become so many that it

seems impossible that there number is so great. Just to name a few I can remember when the following were married:

Norm LeVan, Morris LeVan, Don Calkins, Lloyd Treichler, Wilbur Treichler, Ralph Treichler, Wallace Bush, Edwin Hoover, Howard Clancy, George Stover, Allen Flack, Francis Durffy, Jonas Haseley and many more. Seems like just about all the married people have been married in the last 50 years that I have lived in Sanborn.

The clock ticks and time moves on, the grains of sand in the hour glass of life run out.

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Charlie Bridgeman and Albert Bridgeman had the Greenhouse now run by Ingraham. They also worked a large section of the muck land. The one thing I remember about the working of this muck land was that they were the first to use a rotary plow. This plow had a large revolving disk and it not only turned a wide furrow it would cut thru roots and make plowing much faster & easier.

Another Decoration Day comes and goes, little do each of us know just what it means to the other fellow.

When I was a small boy I can remember there were quite a number of Civil War Veterans that would march, my father was one, but the number steadily decreased, then there were some Spanish war men added. Even after I came to Sanborn there were a few Civil War men who marched, then World War One men were added, and now World War Two are in line and Civil War boys are gone along with most of the Spanish War Men of 1898. They banish our anger forever when they laurel the graves of our dead.

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 MEETINGS

Now held at the SAHS Farm Museum

(Regular Meetings, all at the SAHS Farm Museum 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM

Regular Meeting - January 25, 2022..... (See Below)

Regular Meeting - February 22, 2022 “Ageing”

Regular Meeting - March 22, 2022 ... “Jairus Rose, early settler on NCCC property”

Regular Meeting - April 26, 2022 “Ambush at Devil’s Hole”

**Program Presented for
January 25, 2022**

**“Music of the American Civil War”
Presented by Don Dwyer of Amherst**

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