

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message-

It is great to have winter behind us and begin our activities for 2022. As you will see in this newsletter we have a busy year of activities and events planned after a couple years of curtailed activities due to COVID.

On March 26th and 27th the Antique Show was held. Great job by everyone who worked on the Antiques Show and Basket Auction. Hope you were able to attend. On May 1st will be the Car Parts Swap Meet and on May 14 will be the Pork Lon Dinner.. We will see you there!

The Solar Project, that is vital for funding the Museum, continues through the approval process with the Town of Lewiston.

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)

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Farm Museum Curator- **Bonnie Haskell- (957-4851)**
Schoolhouse Curator- **Elaine Timm (471-2217)**

**SAHS 2022 EVENT SCHEDULE-
Call Bonnie Haskell at 957-4851 or
Glenn Wienke at 731-5982 for info)**

ANTIQUÉ SHOW/BASKET AUCTION
SAT & SUN MAR 26, 9AM TO 4PM &
MAR 27, 10AM TO 4PM

CAR PARTS SWAP MEET
SUN MAY 1, 7AM TO 1PM
(FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE)

PORK LOIN DINNER
SAT MAY 14, 4PM TO 6PM
(OR UNTIL GONE)

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL
SAT & SUN JULY 23, & 24,
8AM TO 4PM (BOTH DAYS)
ADMISSON IS FREE

**BASKET PALOOZA
HUGE BASKET AUCTION**
SAT AUG 20 8AM TO 4PM & SUN
AUG 21 NOON TO 4PM
FREE ADMISSIOM- CARD \$5 EA.
SAT ONLY- FOOD AVAILABLE,
NOON UNTIL GONE
(NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN)

COUNTRY BREAKFAST
SUN SEPT 18, 8AM TO NOON

HAM DINNER
SAT OCT 22, 4PM TO 7PM

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
AT TREICHLER BLDG
SUN DEC 4, 1PM (FOR MEMBERS
ONLY-
BRING DISH TO SHARE)

CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM
SAT & SUN DEC 10 & 11, 11AM TO 4PM
BOTH DAYS
(FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE)
SANTA WILL BE THERE WITH PRE-
SENTS FOR KIDS 8 & UNDER

**CAROLING AT THE FARM WITH SPE-
CIAL MUSIC**

SAT DEC 17, 6:30PM WITH FREE COOK-
IES & COFFEE

SOLAR PROJECT

The SAHS Solar Project continues through the approval process. A needed zoning variance was approved and SEQR completed. A presentation was made at the Town of Lewiston Planning Board and a Public Hearing on the Project will be set up.

Borrego continues engineering work on the project including added details of the project layout such as temporary parking and storage areas.

The rental income from the project is essential for SAHS to be able to pay our ever increasing expenses.

**Lewiston Bicentennial Celebration
in 2022/23**

Plans are being made for activities from July 2, 2022 including a parade in Lewiston this Saturday July 2. The Sentinel is doing regular articles on the Calibration, **Glenn** would like help planning and putting together a float for SAHS to enter in the parade.

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

Our members and others are requested to contact **Bonnie** for use of our facilities in accordance with our rental agreements for weddings, birthday parties, etc. We have very reasonable rates for these events if you like our country setting.

**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. 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 **Carlcraft Co. Union Loom No. 36** and a few clothing pieces from **William & Helen Buerger of Sanborn**; Pictures of Pekin from the mid 1800's and early 1900's and also, 3 early Tuscarora beadwork pieces (one dated with 1906 from **John Dale**); and a Massey Harris Combine from Member **Norm Human**.



Massey Harris Combine

PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chairman, 731-5982-

We thank **Glenn** and his committee of **Sally Knox Mary Machelor, Pat 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 April 26, is "Ambush at Devil's Hole" by Stephen Cocca of Olean. This is also our potluck night with attendees invited to bring a dish to share with doors open at 5:30 pm. The May 24, 2022 meeting will be Muic written by Stephen Foster and played by presenter Don Dwyer of Amherst. There are no programs from July until September.

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**



Tuscarora Beadwork Dated 1906



Antique Loom by Carlcraft Co.

time to pay Shirley your dues for 2022 if not all ready paid. There are no regular meetings from June until September.

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: **Arlene Brontmire, Ruth Carmer, Don & Ann Calkins, and Marcia Rivers** have passed away since our last Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (417-9767)

We are closing out 2022 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 67 who have continued on as patrons for 2022: **Richard & Ann Baker, Carol Beutel, Kathleen Lafler Bird, Brian Koteck & Cheryl Bird, Tom & Jan Brewer, John Brontmire, Sandra Cantlon, Gary Catlin, Gloria Carlisle, Ron & Marlene Craft, Jim & Joanne Cowe, Harold Emsweller, William Davis, Insurance, John & Roxanne Edwards, HJ & Arlen Emsweller, 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, Mal Luchen, Shirley Mabon, Brent & Ann Mank, Clara Martin, Elena Martin, Scott McEldowney, Ray & Lucia McGovern, Allen McGreevy, John Corp & Deborah Olszowka, Ann Sanborn Owen, Lawrence & Nancy Pfohl, James & Gretchen Plough, William & Ruth Read, John & Renee Roess, Brenda & David Judy Clancy Smmyth, Runk,**

Craig Schultz, Jane W. Schultz, Peggy Ferchen Smith, Christine Stumpf, Elaine Timm, Don & Pat Thompson, , Gerry Treichler, Merv & Sue Treichler. Pamela Treichler, Gary & Linda Treichler, Richard & Sharon Treichler, Galen & Georgia Treichler, Keith & Mamie Tompkins, Les & Valerie Wagner, Wagner’s Market. Rosemary & Bob Warren, Bruce & Laury Weinheimer, Jay and Susan Wendt Construction, Glenn Wienke, Don LeVan Winkley, Mike & Sue Wolf, Sally Knox & Lloyd Ziemendorf, Errol Zuch, and VW Club of WNY.

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 Newsletter is posted our 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 a 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.

HISTORY OF PEKIN

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In the past, Niagara Discoveries has looked in on various people and events associated with the hamlet known as Pekin but has not examined its origins. This village is located at the intersection of Upper Mountain and Town Line roads, atop the Niagara Escarpment. The west half is located in the town of Lewiston and the east half in the town of Cambria.

The first person to purchase land in what is now Pekin was a man whose last name was Carney. Some sources cite John Carney and others cite Samuel Carney as the first to purchase lots from the Holland Land Company in 1812. The settlement was originally called "Mountain Ridge," which aptly described its location. The village not only encompasses both sides of Upper Mountain Road but also the Town Line Road as well. Before the "Pekin Cut" connected the two parts of Town Line Road, you could access that road by Pekin Hill Road and Grove Street, as you still can today.

By the 1820s, Mountain Ridge could boast a tavern, a post office and several businesses. In 1831, the name was changed to "Pekin." The origin of the name is uncertain. At least two theories have emerged; one, that it was named for the Chinese capital, and the other, that someone was caught "peeking" in the window of the schoolhouse when the residents were

discussing names for the community. Whatever the reason for the name, it stuck. A major change came to Pekin in 1837 when the first railroad was built through the village. The Lockport and Niagara Falls Strap Railroad Company operated between those two villages making two runs daily. This railroad used the famous "DeWitt Clinton" steam engine, which was originally the first train to travel between Albany and Schenectady. The railroad put Pekin on the map in Niagara County. A small station was built just south of Upper Mountain Road near Grove Street on the Lewiston side of Town Line Road. The building is still standing and is now a private residence.

For the next 14 years, the little village prospered. Then in 1851, the Lockport and Niagara Falls Strap Railroad Company was sold to the Rochester, Lockport and Niagara Falls Railroad Company, which redirected the tracks north through Sanborn. Pekin's "glory days" were over although it continued as a quiet farming and business community.

One of the dominant landmarks in Pekin is the large stone Methodist Church. The congregation was formed in 1819 and they built their first meeting house in 1825. The present stone church was constructed in 1856-57. The Congregational Church was established in 1827 and built their church in 1845. That church disbanded in 1856 and a Presbyterian Society used their building for a few years.

In 1860 there was schism in the Methodist Church with a number of the congregants leaving to form the "First Free Methodist Church of Pekin." This congregation

first met in the old wooden Methodist meeting-house and later moved into the Congregational Church after the Presbyterian Society disbanded. The Free Methodists disbanded in 1873 and the church burned down in 1880.

Another church, the Church of Christ (Disciples) was established in Pekin in 1888.

One of Pekin's most prominent residents was Sparrow Smith Sage. He was the son of early Lewiston settlers, Asahel and Ann Page Sage. Sparrow S. Sage moved to "Mountain Ridge" in 1829 to teach school there. One of his students was Catherine DeVoe (or De-Foe), whom he later married sometime in the 1830s. They had at least four children: Mary Ann, Helen, Isabel and Clinton. They lived in a stone house on the north side of Upper Mountain Road on the Cambria side of Pekin near the road that leads down the hill to Town Line Road.

In the 1869 Niagara County Directory, there is an "S.S. Sage" listed as "lawyer and farmer" with 42 acres of land in Cambria. A Sage family source also listed him as a judge. He died in 1876 at the age of 70. Catherine lived on in the house until 1906 when she died at 96.

In 2009, the Sage house collapsed and was torn down. Among the debris was found a 6-by-1-foot sign that reads "S. S. Sage" that was donated to the History Center.

There are many other interesting and historic homes and structures in Pekin along with panoramic views of the Lake Ontario plain from the Niagara escarpment and the Mount View Cemetery, final resting place of many of Niagara County's earliest pioneers.

Pictures donated by John Dale of Colonial Village



Bridge over Pekin Cut looking north. Work on the original cut was in 1917 with the bridge built later. Note the brick on the road.



Early view Of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Note dirt road.

EARLY PICTURES OF PEKIN



View on west side of the cut looking west on Upper Mountain Road. The Elmer T, Dale store is across the road from a later Schimshacks Restaurant. Down the road is the church. The road appears to be dirt.



Early Pekin Fire Trucks

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETINGS

SAHS Farm Museum 2660 Sausttle Rd (Rte #!)

(SAHS Regular Meetings now held at the SAHS Farm Museum 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)
Potluck Dinner & Reg Mtg - April 26 Potluck doors open 5:30 PM with program

“Ambush at Devil’s Hole” by Stephen Cocca of Olean at 7 PM

Regular Meeting - May 24 “Stephen Foster Music” played by Don Dwyer
June, July and August No Regular Meetings

April 26, 7 PM program

“Ambush at Devil’s Hole”
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