

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

Here we are again at another milestone! Our new building is complete and we have finally received our occupancy permit for full use of our activity room. I can't begin to thank all of those involved to help finish the activity room and our fine kitchen during the last year. I especially thank the Town of Lewiston that provided the extra funds that allowed us to finish the kitchen now rather than later.

Our next big venture is to relocate the Legion Hall that American Legion Post #969 members has donated with the final transaction taking place in March 2012. As noted in previous Newsletters, plans are to have the building moved from Pearl Street to our farm and subsequently modified to look like a church as it was built in Pekin in 1825. The Town of Lewiston is in the process of trying to get us a grant through the Greenway Commission and the Coalition for use of some of the funds from the town's allotment from the State Power Authorities re-licensing agreement. If this is approved, funding could be available in early 2014.

With the expertise of our board and with our members, community and the Town of Lewiston behind us, it blows the mind to see the possibilities for our Sanborn-Lewiston Farm Museum!

Gary Townsend, President

Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:30 PM)
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Schoolhouse Curator-**Hilda Snyder (731-9883)**, Farm Museum Curator- **Linda Jackson (496-6811)**
Local Historian Consultant- **Marcia Rivers (731-3693)**,

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

NEW BUILDING- For those that have not already done so, they should visit our new building for which we have recently received our occupancy permit. SAHS thanks all of those too numerous to mention for their help in its completion. We especially thank the **Town of Lewiston** for the extra \$16,000 that allowed us to complete our first class kitchen in addition to providing the \$260,000 grant received through the Greenway Commission and Coalition. We also especially thank our President **Gary Townsend** for taking over as Project Manager and thus eliminating the huge Architect's fee for managing the project.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION - The terms of trustees VP Bill Read, Bonnie Haskell, Jane Schultz, Joan Shaw, and Bill Sterner expire at the end of 2013. Those whose term expires are eligible to be re-elected for another 3-year term. The nominating committee will present members to be nominated to fill these openings as well as a slate of officers to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. All 5 whose term expires have agreed to be nominated for another 3-year term. Those officers presently in office are willing to continue for another year if elected to the board. Those interested in running for an office or elected as a trustee-at-large should contact **Gerry Treichler**. All known candidates will be presented at our October meeting for information purposes. The actual election will take place at our Annual meeting on Nov. 26. Additional nominees can be made from the floor at that meeting. The present members of the Board of Trustees are presented on page 1, herein.

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM- Hilda Snyder, 731-9883- Curator; Marcia Rivers, (731-3693) -Local History Consultant. Visiting Hours at our Schoolhouse Museum will change from between 2 to 4 PM every Sunday of the month to the first Sunday of the month for the winter months beginning Dec 1. We are planning our annual Christmas party with goodies and singing to our 100-year old pump organ at the Schoolhouse for Dec. 1. All are invited.

FARM MUSEUM, Linda Jackson and Bonnie Haskell, Curators- Here we are again at the

end of another great year.. We want to thank all those that helped to make this successful year. **Linda** thanks all of those that filled in for her at the Farm Museum and at the festival during her sickness. She especially thanks **Bonnie** for taking over as curator and festival chairman in charge. Many hours are put in behind the scenes with cleaning, putting away donations, recording, picture taking, etc. Thanks to all who have donated items for our museum in the past and for your continued support. Our farm museum will continue to be open all Sundays from 2 to 4 PM and all Wednesdays from 1 to 4 PM through October 20 or by special appointment. We received many fine comments from our visitors during our normal opening times as well as special group tours. Those that attended our farm museum festival were astonished to see that there was such a fine museum in the area.

LANDSCAPING & CONSERVATION (Formerly Beautification) COMMITTEE : Joan Shaw, Chmn- Joan thanks her able assistants Valerie Dumbleton and Shirley Simrell. It helped to have the work days the same days that the work release workers were at the farm for their help in weed whacking and taking care of the previously planted trees, Rose of Sharon bushes and flower gardens and shrubs planted around our buildings. We are in the process of purchasing another memorial tree and marker as a memorial to **Cliff Dumbleton**. For your information, our charge for purchase and planting a tree is \$350, which also includes an engraved granite memorial stone placed by the newly planted tree. The committee is looking into planting a few new trees where they don't interfere with our activities. We pray for **Joan** to have a speedy recovery after her recent 2nd hip replacement. **Joan says "I will be back"**.

SANBORN-LEWISTON FARM FESTIVAL- Our 9th annual farm museum festival was a huge success in spite of the rainstorm and 2-hour power outage Saturday afternoon. We could not have done this without chairmen **Bonnie Haskell** and the help from **Linda Jackson**, when she was able, for getting the planning off to an early start and the help of over 100 of you members with your family and friends working where needed plus additional members working behind the

scenes making the delicious baked goods. Including those delicious pies. We thank all of you that worked the food concessions and our sub-chairmen and all those who worked with and supported them: **Bill Read** who reported 59 Antique Engines, Tractor and Equipment exhibits; **Bob Deull** who reported that we had 27 entries for the Classic Car Cruise; **Bonnie Haskell**, who reported we had 28 Flea Market setups; **Bill Hooter** who did the festival announcing, **Claudia Beane**, who reported a record number of raffle tickets sold with the help of our hustling member, **Ron Wendt; Pat Thompson** and those that furnished items allowing her to make up over 100 baskets; and **Valerie Dumpleton** for the baked goods booth and **Sally Miller** and her crew who made 55 pies that allowed the booth to made record profits this year. We definitely can't forget our faithful **Shirley Simrell** who lined up the 90 plus works needed to support our chairmen. Most importantly we were able to get those near and far to see our fine farm museum and we had a fun time doing it.

We are also thankful for support received from the Town of Lewiston funding a portion of the program, the loan of a bus from the Seniors; the Sanborn Market Place for a discount on food purchased; the Sanborn Fire Company band playing during the event; the Niagara County Sheriff's Department for providing a K9 demonstration during the festival and providing workers from their work release program to help in setup before and cleanup after the festival; the Town of Lewiston Police for providing traffic control the days of the festival; Artisan Gene Beamer & son for Blacksmithing; the Milleville's for allowing us the use of their land for over flow parking for farm equipment and a drive through for the tractor parades; Modern for use of portable toilets and pumping out the holding tank for the sewage from our flush toilets; and Gary Treichler for use of 2 golf carts. We especially thank the donors of baked goods and for those that donate items and made up the baskets for the basket auction.

We thank the 17 sponsors for their donations: Sanborn Business & Professional Assoc, Grigg Lewis Foundation, Franklin Traffic Service, HA Treichler & Sons Greenhouses, William Davis Insurance, Jay Wendt Construction, KW Electric, SM Pynn & Sons Plumbing, Town of Lewiston,

Niagara River Region Chamber, Rhoney Funeral Home, NF Bridge Commission, Hoover's Dairy, and Wendt Propane..

Again this year, we thank the generosity of the following who allowed us to give out Door Prizes to the tractor entries: Colden Enterprises Inc., Custom Woodworks, Dayferts Truck and Auto Repair, Fichte, Endl & Elmer Eye Care, H.A. Treichler & Sons, J.C.'s Marlboro Inn, Picket Fence Wines & Liquors, Tina's Restaurant, Tractor Supply Co., Willco Auto Care, and Z&M Agricultural & Turf.

In preparation for next years festival planned for July 26 & 27, 2014, we are again making application to Arts Services Initiative to receive a grant to cover expenses to bring back **the Native American "Niagara River Dancers"** and for **Rosemary Hill to exhibit her beadwork displays and have a setup for hands-on making of beaded Jitter Bugs. PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDER and invite your family to attend next year's event.**

LEGION BUILDING - SAHS has furnished data to the Town of Lewiston that is being used to seek approval of a \$175,000 Grant from the Greenway Commission for moving the Legion Building and setting up, with modifications, on the Farm. The Commission will act on the application at 3 PM on November 13 at their Grand Island facility.

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE, Jane Schultz- Chmn (Ph. 731-9404) Assisted by **Joan Shaw and Valerie Dumpleton-** Normal work times are from 9 to 11 AM, the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the schoolhouse museum. **Jane** and her committee recently met and updated the Accession Form that is to be used for acceptance and receipt of artifacts. This form provides the **Acceptance Criteria** that is used by the collections committee. as noted below:

- The item is relevant to the mission of **SAHS** that is to create museum(s) that preserves, interprets and promotes the heritage of rural Niagara County for residents and visitors alike.
- The item does not result in multiple duplicates or have a significant difference from other like items in the collections of **SAHS**.

- **SAHS** is able to conserve the item in a responsible manner. (Items of clothing or items needing major repair, are a few of the items not generally accepted)

NOTE- Future items dropped off without this completed form, SAHS will identify accepted items and recorded as “anonymous donor”.

Items not accepted will be used at our discretion or discarded.

The collections committee, that also includes the Farm Museum Curators Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell and Schoolhouse Curator Hilda Snyder as well as Office Secretary, Pat Korpilinski and SAHS Secretary Gerry Treichler will meet as necessary on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. They will meet to review the items submitted on the Data Accession form for acceptance based on the Acceptance Criteria noted on the form (and provided herein for your information). Those providing the form without their artifacts, will be notified of items accepted and arrangements will be made for receipt by SAHS. Those providing the form with their artifacts will be notified of items accepted and arrangements will be made for you to pickup items not accepted.

PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chairman, 731-5982- We thank **Glenn** and his committee of callers: **Earl & Ruth Carmer, Ross Johnson, Sandy Manente and Marilyn Wittkowsky** for making the reminder calls. We also thank refreshment chairperson **Valerie Dumpleton** 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 and rental fee for the use of the Fire Hall.

Our **October 22nd** meeting program will be “**George Washington**”, presented by **Gordon Porter of Barker.** Our **November 26th** program will be “**Niagara’s History is at Oakwood Cemetery**” presented by **Tim Baxter**

of Niagara Falls. 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 Sanborn Fire Hall. After a one-half hour business meeting we get into the special program of the evening, with refreshments afterwards. There will be no meeting in December. **COME ON OUT!**-we had 94 at our Sept meeting.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell- We presently have 255 units (families and individuals) for a total of 399 members. This includes 54 new members. We are now accepting membership dues for the **calendar year 2014.** Please **renew your membership** and become involved. New members joining at this time will also be paying for the new year. Our bylaws stipulate that **annual dues shall be payable by Jan 1st.** Delinquent members will be dropped from the rolls in **March 2014.** We thank all that have joined our ranks as continuing or new members. We need you to **renew your membership** to allow us to continue to meet our budget needs (especially with our new building) and to provide good programming as well as show the Town of Lewiston that we are worthy of their support. You can **pay dues to Shirley at the monthly meetings** or make out your check to SAHS and mail to our PO Box 172. Thanks to the hard work of **Shirley** and you our supporting members, we hope to continue to exceed our goal of 400 members.

PROJECTIONIST NEEDED- SAHS needs someone that is available during our various tours at the Farm Museum. Responsibility would be to setup and operate our digital projector to show a slideshow –presentation of typical pictures of an old time farm. Narration would be by someone else. Contact Gerry Treichler, 731-9510, for instructions if willing to help out. SAHS has the equipment needed and the DVD.

CAPS & SHIRTS WITH OUR LOGO- Orders are being taken for caps and shirts with our Schoolhouse Logo and our Farm Logo. Wear them with pride. These make nice Christmas presents and get our name out to the public. **Contact Glenn Wienke if interested.**

MUSEUM SITTERS- We again thank chairperson, **Shirley Simrell 731-3357** for coordinating the sitters for both the Schoolhouse and Farm museums. We also thank those who act as sitters and signed up to fill the list below. **GREAT SUPPORT!**

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM
Open Sundays 2 to 4 PM

Date Museum Sitters

Oct 6 Closed-AUTUMN FEST at the Farm
Oct 13 Bill & Janice Treichler
Oct 20 Bonnie Bagwell
Oct 27 Carol Beutel
Nov 3 Bill & Janice Treichler
Nov 10 Al & Betty McGreevy
Nov 17 Ruth & Earl Carmer
Nov 24 Lynn Hoffman
Dec 1 **Christmas Party & Singing at the Schoolhouse**

FARM MUSEUM
Open Sundays 2 to 4 PM
Open Wednesdays 1 to 4 PM

Date Museum Sitters

Wed. Oct 2 Shirley Simrell
Sat Oct 5 Beth Boyles & Marilyn Miller- **AUTUMN FEST**
Sun. Oct 6 Don & Ann Calkins- **AUTUMN FEST**
Wed. Oct 9 Jim & Norma Lewis
Sun Oct 13 Beth Boyles
Wed Oct16 Forest Wendt
Sun Oct 20 Eric & Rosemary Warren
CLOSED UNTIL SPRING

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE- Sandra Manente, Chairperson, Ph-731-5769- Please inform **Sandra** with names of those members needing **“Thinking of you”** or **“Bereavement”** cards so they can be signed at our meeting or sent out directly. Member **Cliff Dumbleton** died since our last Newsletter.

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSION ASSOC- Bonnie Haskell, President- The SB&PA’s The Autumn Fest in Sanborn (formerly the Winetique) will be held both days from 10am to 5pm, Oct 5 & 6 at the farm. Events planned are: Vendors Show & Sale; Huge Basket Auction; Crafts; Sanborn Fire Co

Demonstration; Wine Tasting; Farmer’s Markets; Kids Fishing Pond; Food ; and Music.

WEB SITES- Jay Krull of Lockport is our **Web Master** for our “www.sanbornhistory.org” website. You will note that we have our quarterly Newsletter and an Application form to join our society on the site. You might pass this information along to family members so that they can follow along with our activities and possibly join themselves and support our society.

Don’t forget that we are included on the “allabouthistoriclewistionny.com” website, as well. Visit that web site to see videos of our museums and festival activities.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY- Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts, long term as well as short term giving program, and 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.

SAHS Wish List- we are in need of a good 2nd hand tractor for use on the farm; and old full mannequins for use in our museum displays.. We thank the **anonymous donor** that provided funds since our last Newsletter request to purchase ten chairs. We still need funds to purchase 20 more chairs at a cost of \$20 each. We thank **Wes & Sally Miller and Lucinda Applegate** who donated a commercial grade stove in memory of **Wes and Lucinda’s sister, Clarinda Miller.** We also thank **Marcia & Wayne Rivers** who will be donating a live Christmas Tree that will be place with our annual Christmas display at the corner of Routes 31 and 429.

BREAKFAST AND DINNER FUNDRAISERS- We thank **Wes & Sally Miller** for chairing our recently held Chicken Dinner and Breakfast at the Farm. With the success of these events, **Wes & Sally** will chair a **Ham Dinner and French Toast Breakfast** as noted below. We hope that you will help out again when asked and support by attending

Monies received from these fundraises are needed to augment the short fall received from the Town of Lewiston to operate and maintain our fine museums.

CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS-

● **Now through October- Scarecrow Exhibit-** SAHS has entered the Scarecrow contest sponsored by the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce. **Look for our exhibit at the corner of Routes 31 & 429.**

● **Oct. 5 & 6- Autumn Fest in Sanborn at the Farm Museum** from 10 AM to 5 PM both days, sponsored by the Sanborn Business & Professional Assoc

● **Oct. 8- Federation Program-** SAHS members are invited to a Potluck Dinner & Program at the Van Horn Mansion in Newfane at 6 PM. Contact Lynn Hoffman at 731-2491 if attending.

● **Oct 26- Ham Dinner Fundraiser** at the Farm Museum from 4 to 7 PM.

● **Nov 9- French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser** at the Farm Museum from 8 AM to Noon.

● **Dec 14 & 15- Christmas at the Farm** from 1 to 4 PM both days.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM- Our first Christmas event held last year was a huge success. This was a dream held by **Linda Jackson** and can only get bigger and better. This event is especially for the kids. They will be able to sit on Santa's lap and receive a present. They can have a fun time frosting their own cookie, making ginger bread houses and other crafts using scissors, crayons, and paste on paper. There will be horse drawn wagon rides for all. Food will be available for purchase from our new kitchen. **THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE SO COME OUT WITH THE KIDS & HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM.**



SANTA GIVING OUT PRESENTS



KIDS & CRAFT MAKING



(From Left) BONNIE, ELF HELPER- JENNIFER, SANTA- DON CLARK, & LINDA



ALL-A-BOARD!

Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler
The following are remembrances
written by RE Casselman, an early pioneer of
Sanborn. He came to Sanborn in 1912 and
started the Sanborn Home Telephone Co.

As I have before stated, when I came to Sanborn in 1912 there were no Electric Lights, this cannot even be imagined by the young people of today. Over a period of a few short years the people of any community fail to realize the changes that take place in their everyday living. If one was to take a pad and pencil and make a note of all the conveniences in the home of to-day that require electric power, and after so doing try to figure out how a woman would keep house without the use of electricity, To-day it can't be done, but it was that way right here in your old home town less than 50 years ago.

Since I came to Sanborn in 1912 there have been many changes, I'll note a few at this time.

There were no Electric Lights, oil lamps were still used by nearly every one, a few had acetylene gas outfits.

There were few autos, horse drawn rigs were still in use by nearly everyone.

The road thru the village had been improved to a black top, but was very rough, this has been re-built to concrete and the concrete has now been topped with a smooth surface.

Many of the buildings used for business places have been changed, re-built, new ones built, other older ones torn down.

So the changes go on from year to year.

I lived in Shawnee, Paul Kimberly lived on the farm just north of the Corners. One dark night in late Fall a rap came at the Kimberly door, Paul got up to see who it was, a man was there and said he had a bit of bad luck, he was on his way to Market with a hog in his wagon, but it had got out of the wagon box and he needed help to get it loaded again. So Kimberly dressed and went out and helped him load the hog and the man drove away.

Next morning Kimberly discovered that the man had stolen his hog and driven to a short distance down the road then had come back and got Kimberly to help him load his own hog.

The night in mid-winter when the old Apple Dryer building burned. It stood just West of Beecher's Coal elevator and was a long two story high wood building.

They had a small office in the end of the building and for some unknown reason the fire

started in that end of the building. It was a very cold night and a strong west wind was blowing, both Hudson Bros. mill and the Hotel barn were in danger from fire brands carried by the wind.

As there was little or no fire protection equipment those days, the best that could be done was to try and protect other buildings from getting on fire.

Roy LeVan and I carried a hand fire extinguisher over to the fire from the store, but it was so cold that it froze and could not be used.

"I Remember when" by W. J. Pike as told to R. E. Casselman.

I remember the political campaigns as they were conducted when I was a young man. Enthusiasms and excitement ran high. Candidates and Political leaders were making speeches everywhere. They rode the railroad trains up and down the country speaking from platforms to crowds large and small whenever the train stopped, excitement was tense and sometimes tempers flared.

Sanborn was, at that time, predominantly Republican but there were some staunch Democrats, too. I remember one year, possibly about 1888, rival flagpoles were set up. The Republicans put theirs on the corner of Niagara and Pearl streets. The Democrats set theirs on corner Niagara and Buffalo. The Democrat pole was the tallest so the Republicans tried to surpass them by the size of their banners. I watched the Democrat pole being raised, it was very heavy and Mr. John Shenk, Sanborn's postmaster and Thrasher and, of course, a democrat, raised it with the help of all available democrats and his thrashing machine.

Then there were political rallies with speakers displaying real oratory and there were parades. Bands played very loudly and the marchers carried kerosene torch lights. Often the railroads ran special trains at excursion rates to carry the people to and from these meetings.

Americans have always been enthusiastic about their elections. May this interest and zeal, yes, even the rivalry never wane.

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 e-mail-sanbornerry@gmail.com

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

PROGRAM

Autumn Fest in Sanborn - October 5 & 6, 2013 at Farm Museum
Regular Meeting - October 22, 2013 (See Below)
Regular Meeting - November 26, 2013 ... Niagara's History at Oakwood Cem.
Christmas at the Farm - December 14 & 15, 2013

Program for the Oct. 22 Meeting
at 7 PM at the Sanborn Fire Hall:

George Washington-1776
Presented by **Gorden Porter**

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