

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 2014:

Farm Museum- Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell, Co-Curators

Schoolhouse Museum- Hilda Snyder- Curator

Townsend Hall & Equipment Usage-and Legion Bldg Move- Bill Sterner, Chairman

Hall Kitchen- Supplies Inventory- Beth Boyles, Chairman

Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumbleton, Pat Korpolinski, Claudia Beane and Gerry Treichler

Membership- Shirley Simrell, Chairperson

Antique Show & Sale- Bob Deull & Bonnie Haskell, Co-Chairpersons
with Basket Auction Sub-Chairman- Jane Schultz

Programming and Publicity- Glenn Wienke. Includes Monthly programs,

Farm Museum Festival- Linda Jackson and Bonnie Haskell, Co-Chairmen with

Car Cruise-Bob Deull; & Antique Engine, Tractor & Equipment Exhibits- Bill Read

Pancake Breakfasts- Paul Otto, Chairman assisted by Paul Beecher

Christmas at the Farm- Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell, Co-Chairpersons

Newsletter- Gerry Treichler

Sunshine Committee Chairperson- Sandra Manente

Representative at Federation Meetings- Lynn Hoffman

Program Refreshment Chairperson- Valerie Dumbleton assisted by Jane Schultz

I sincerely thank those that help out on committee. Others willing to work on these committees, please let me or the committee chairman know. I also thank those that continue to help out whenever needed.

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)
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President... **Gary Townsend (523-0743)**

Secretary... **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**

Vice Pres... **Bill Read (731-9570)**

Treasurer... **Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**

Trustees-at-Large- Claudia Beane (531-5090), Paul Beecher (731-9627, Bob Deull (731-9623), Bonnie Haskell (990-6909), Lynn Hoffman (731-2491), Linda Jackson (946-6811), Wes Miller (731-9739). Jane Schultz (731-9404), Joan Shaw (731-5653), Bill Sterner (731-3935), Hilda Snyder (731-(9883).

Farm Museum Co-Curators- Linda Jackson (946-6811) & Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)

Schoolhouse Curator- Hilda Snyder (731-9883)

Tuscarora Indian Nation (Reserved Position) Kenneth Patterson (417-7764)

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

ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election was held at our Nov. 27th meeting. Five Trustees from the five nominated were elected to the Board of Trustees. **Bill Read, Bonnie Haskell, Jane Schultz, Joan Shaw, and Bill Sterner** were re-elected to succeed themselves for a 3-year term. Also, **Gary Townsend, Bill Read, Gerry Treichler and Glenn Wienke** were re-elected as your **President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively**. Your officers as well as the Trustees making up the Board are presented on the previous page herein.

BUILDINGS

Naming Of New Building- The board at their December meeting had no problem naming their new building in honor and the dedication of their **President Gary Townsend**. Gary has been our President continuously since 1998 except for the year 2000 when he was Vice President and **Jim Cranston** was President. **Our new building will be called the Gary Townsend Hall or the Townsend Hall for short**. We are now ready for dedicating the building, hopefully in the spring.

Townsend Hall Usage- Gary has appointed **Bill Sterner as Hall chairman**. Bill is in the process of preparing a member hall rental agreement for board approval. A rental agreement for non-members, if the board decides to go that way, will come later after we see how the member hall rental goes.

Museum Systems Maintenance- A systems maintenance schedule and trouble-shooting chart has been prepared covering both our Schoolhouse and Farm Museums. We have a big operation and have to take care of business. **Hall chairman, Bill Sterner, Phone 417-2990 has primary responsibility and should be contacted by anyone noting any irregularities at our facilities.**

LEGION BUILDING MOVE-

The moving of our Legion building to the farm is a "go" project. **Grant writer Bernie Rotella and Vice President Bill Read** did a great job in presenting our application to the Greenway Commission and then to the Host Communities. The Greenway Commission gave us approval as being consistent with their mission and the coalition of Host Communities gave us unanimous approval to receive a grant for the \$175,000 required to move the building. This includes funds for a foundation at the farm and modifying the building to depict a 19th century church with useum rooms at the rear. We plan to make the move in early 2015.

THE BUFFALO NEWS/WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

LOCAL NEWS

Plan to move Legion post wins funding

BY THOMAS J. PROHASKA
NEWS NIAGARA REPORTER

WHEATFIELD - Funding for a plan to move a 187-year-old Sanborn building last used as an American Legion post to the grounds of a farm museum was approved Tuesday by the committee that controls Niagara River Greenway funding in Niagara County.

The Host Communities Standing Committee unanimously approved the \$175,000 request from the Sanborn Area Historical Society. Society vice president William Read said work will begin as soon as the money is in hand.

Sanborn Post 969, American Legion, donated the building at 5866 Pearl St. to the historical society last year. The plan is to lift the building off its foundation and haul it to an old railroad track bed nearby and move it to the grounds of the society's Farm Museum at 2660 Saunders Settlement Road.

It won't be the first time the 40-foot-by-25-foot wooden building has been moved. The society's funding application said the building was originally erected

in 1825 or 1826 on what is now Cambria-Lewiston Townline Road, near the pass through the rock of the Niagara Escarpment known as the Pekin Cut.

It was originally used as a Methodist Episcopal church and later as a Presbyterian church. Sometime between 1865 and 1874, the building was lifted onto wooden rollers and pulled by horses from the hamlet of Pekin to Pearl Street in Sanborn; its steeple was removed at that time, but the Historical Society's restoration plan would erect a new one.

The building, called the Sanborn Union Hall, was used again by the Methodist Episcopal congregation. In 1888, a Mennonite congregation bought the hall and used it until 1936, when it was sold to the First Baptist Church of Sanborn.

The Baptists sold the building to a local woman in 1940, and the American Legion took over the structure in 1953.

The Legion removed the front steps and tacked on a 16-foot-by-25-foot addition.

Gerald E. Treichler, Historical Society secretary and Legion adjutant, said a set of steps inside the building and the restrooms will be removed on the new site, because the Museum has restrooms.

Read said the front of the structure will be set up to depict a 19th century church, while other historical exhibits will be placed in the rear of the building.

Treichler said the Legion post, which has 40 members, is now meeting in the Historical Society's schoolhouse museum on Niagara Street in Sanborn.

NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE , Bob Deull- (731-9623) & Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)- Co-Chair, Jane Schultz (731-9404) Basket Auction Sub-Chair- with Valerie Dumpleton assisting.

The Antique Show and Sale will take place April 5 and 6 at the Wheatfield American Legion Post #1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429) in Wheatfield. 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

The drawings for auction winners will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Winners do not need to be present. If winners are not present at the drawing, arrangements will be made for them to pick up their winnings. The Wheatfield American Legion Post members have the food concession from 11 AM until 3 PM on both days.



Come to Antique Show Apr 5 & 6, 2014

PROGRAMMING- Glenn Wienke, Chmn (731-5982)

Glenn reports that the program for the **Jan 28, meeting** will be **“Bronze Casting ‘Process’- Lewiston Monuments”** by Susan Geissler of Youngstown; for **Feb. 25,** will be **“Love & Laughter”** presented by **Rebecca & Rachel Oshlag** of Batavia;. and for **March 25** the program will be **“History in Bricks”** presented by **Frank Clement** of Orchard Park. **Won’t you please join us for our monthly meetings and**

programs at 7 PM at the Sanborn Fire Hall?

A special thanks goes to Glenn who continues to secure these fine programs. **We thank Refreshment Chairperson Valerie Dumpleton** 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 also goes to **Earl & Ruth Carmer, Ross Johnson, Sandy Manente, and Marilyn Wittkowsky** who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell (731-3357)

Year 2013 Membership ended at exactly our goal of 400 members. We now have 141 members including 11 new for the calendar year 2014. We thank those that have paid their dues and continue to support the society. We consider this newsletter your billing for membership. **We will send out reminder cards in February for those that have not paid.** We ask those that have not done so to please renew their membership (\$10 individual, \$15 family) **by the end of March** and invite others to join. As before, members will receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis, will help support our programming and receive the benefits of the museum. This is especially important since it shows the town that we are strong and also, they can be used as matching contributions when applying for grants. We welcome first time members since our last reporting- **Jim & Wendy Cadwell, Jennifer Czarnecki, Russ Harris,Loanne McCollum, Rosemary Miller, Norma OBrien, Steven Risk, and Jeff Stolar (Gorge Travel).**

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL- Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell- Co-chairman-

With next years Farm Festival being our 10th, Linda and Bonnie promise that next year’s festival taking place on July 26 & 27, 2014 will be the best ever. We recently were informed by the NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, that SAHS will again be funded to host the **Native American Niagara River Dancers** to perform and **Rosemary Hill** to provide a display of her Bead Work Exhibits and

impromptu instruction for hands-on “jitter bug” making.



Plan ahead to attend our 10th Farm Festival July 26 & 27, 2014

LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS-

**Jane Schultz, Chair Person (Ph.- 731-9404)
Assisted by Joan Shaw & Valerie Dumpleton**

The full collections committee, that also includes the Farm Museum Curators Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell and Schoolhouse Curator Hilda Snyder as well as Claudia Beane (who is responsible for taking pictures required for review), Office Secretary, Pat Korpolinski and SAHS Secretary Gerry Treichler will meet as necessary. They will meet to review the items submitted on the Data Accession form for acceptance based on the Acceptance Criteria noted on the form. 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.

Work Times will be on the 2nd 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..

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION-Bonnie Haskell President

The SB&PA held their **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** at the farm for the first time. This early October project (the former Winetique held at the Fire Company grounds) went well for them at the farm this year and for SAHS as well who had the food concession out of their new kitchen. They closed out the 2013 year by placing a display of Christmas Carolers on the corner of Rte 31 & 429. **Bonnie** indicated that **Wayne & Marcia Rivers** donated the Christmas tree this year. This display with the lighted snow flakes makes for a nice Christmas setting in Sanborn.



Carolers in Sanborn

MUSEUM SITTER COORDINATOR NEEDED= Shirley Simrell, who has been filling in as the Museums sitter coordinator for the past year is stepping down. We thank **Shirley** for her many tasks she has been doing for SAHS. We now need a replacement.

Please let any board member know if you are willing to take over the chairmanship. This could be 2 or more of you taking over this important job of seeing that we have sitters at our 2 museums and making sure the museums are opened and closed for the sitters.

Sitters for the Schoolhouse museum-2 to 4PM
Sunday- Jan 5- Shirley Simrell
Sunday- Feb 2- Jane Schultz & Janice Hall
Sunday- Mar 5- Earl & Ruth Carmer

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM Curator, Hilda Snyder (731-9883)-

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 us. We have installed many changes over the year. We held our annual Christmas party at the Schoolhouse in December with **St Paul's Lutheran Church** organist coming to play the 100-year old pump organ. A great time was had by the 24 that attended.



Christmas at the Schoolhouse

FUNDRAISERS- Wes & Sally Miller, Chair

We thank Wes & Sally Miller for chairing and those that helped out and those that showed their support by attending the October Ham Dinner and November French Toast Breakfast.

SCARECROW CONTEST-



Kitchen help at Ham Dinner

The SAHS exhibit for the Scarecrow contest won a first prize of \$50. **Great work guys!**

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. We thank those that made a special donation toward our new building that allowed us to continue on to its completion.

BEADWORK CLASSES

Rosemary Hill has been given board permission to hold her raised beadwork classes at the farm. Monthly classes for the various items that will be worked on will be held Mondays in 2014 from 5 PM to 8 PM to the following schedule: April 21 , 28, Strawberry Pincushion or Ornament; May 5,12,19, Medium Picture frame; June 2,9,16, Medium Pocket Purse; August 4,11,18, Necklace; and September 8,15,22, 2 each Mini Wallpockets.

Please contact **Rosemary at ph 523-6945**, if interested in taking a class. We are fortunate to have a national renown raised beadwork artisan in our vicinity willing to teach us this art craft that her ancestors have passed down from generation to generation.

WINDMILL FROM WENDT FARM-

Parts of the windmill donated by the **Wendt family** were taken to the Southern Tier for refurbishing. When finally in place at our farm, a plaque will be placed on it indicating that it was **donated by the Wendt Family in memory of Ken Wendt.**

SAHS WISH LIST-

We are in need of a good 2nd hand tractor for use on the farm; full mannequins for use in our museum displays; funds for a mop sink for the storage room and a commercial grade freezer for the kitchen. Also, we still need funds to purchase 20 more chairs at a cost of \$20 each.

WEB SITES-

Jay Krull of Lockport is the **Web Master** for our “www.sanbornhistory.org” website. He is continuing to update the site as we feed him information. We are working on including pictures taken at our activities on our website. If you have pictures you think are suitable for posting, you can attach them in jpeg format together with captions and e-mail to **Gerry** at the address below. Don't send too many pictures at one time or the file might be too large for me to receive. You will note that this and other of our quarterly newsletters are 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 themselves and support our society.

Don't forget that we are included on the “allabouthistoriclewistonny.com” website. Visit that web site to see videos of our museums and festival activities. If you have any concerns or questions please contact **Gerry Treichler** at e-mail sanborngerry@gmail .com.

CAPS & SHIRTS WITH OUR LOGO-

You can purchase caps and shirts with our Museum Logos at our meetings or the Museum store.. See **Glenn Wienke** for special orders.

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 by her.

Sandy needs our prayers and cards herself. She is presently in rehab after having her second leg amputated, this time above the knee. Cards may be sent to her home at 6219 Baer Rd, Sanborn.

OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM-Co-Chmn Linda Jackson & Bonnie Haskell-held Dec 8 & 9

We lucked out in the Christmas at the Farm Program this year that so many of you put so much work in since the ground was frozen and the snow plows could come in to clear a large portion of land for parking. We would of had no off-lane parking the following weekend because the rains came and softened the land, not allowing any



Legislature Chairman, Bill Ross & Family, Christmas at the Farm

off-lane parking. This shows that we need a large parking lot and have to take this into consideration if we are to hold big events like this in the future. Chairman Bonnie said that she was stressed out the day before the program worrying about how the weather would hold out and if people would show up at all. Her worry's subsided the days of the event when things turned out so well.that they even ran our of hot dogs at our food concession the last hour of the second day of the event.

Bonnie & Linda thank all of the numerous members and their families that made the event the success that it was and the town's people and others that came out in spite of the weather.



A FUN TIME FOR ALL- Bonnie Haskell with Santa, (Don Clark) & Helper Jennifer (Santa Don's Daughter)

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

I came to Sanborn in 1912. Charlie Treichler had only a small greenhouse and grew carnations. Harry Treichler worked for him, in fact, with very little other help, Charlie and Harry did the work.

Charlie loved and had a great faith in flowers, as has been proven through the years. For with all the up and down of the flower market, the Greenhouse has grown and been enlarged several times, as well as being rebuilt after a large section of it was smashed by heavy snow.

The Charlie Treichler Greenhouses, now operated by two of Charlie's sons, Mark and Lloyd, is an outstanding symbol of a man's love and faith in the beauty of flowers.

Billy Pembleton was very much in evidence, especially at certain times. Billy was an Indian who, when thirst demanded, came to town and imbibed more than was at all necessary. When he started home he was a bit unsteady: so that he would have plenty of room he took to the center of the road. This was not a bad idea in horse and buggy days, for all those who knew Billy looked out for him and gave him plenty of room.

But with the coming of the auto there were many who did not know him and failed to go around. Billy was hit. He died of injuries suffered in the accident.

Billy meant no harm to anyone, he just liked to sing and talk to himself. Billy in his younger days had been places and done things, for Billy was a Rough Rider with Teddy Roosevelt in Cuba. He always wore his Army hat with the yellow Cavalry Cord and was always glad to tell of his experience.

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

When a young man, I well remember the little piece of woods back of our place as a popular picnic spot. Many outdoor religious meetings, too, were held there. It was much larger then and a really fine grove of maple trees. The Free Methodist Church of North America was organized at a meeting held there 100 years ago this Spring. The church organization

purchased a plot on Hoover road a few rods south of the original site of the meeting and have made it into a small but attractive park commemorating the centennial of their founding. Dedication services were held there on June 11th, 1960.

My family moved to Sanborn in 1882, I went to school in a one room schoolhouse on the Saunder's Settlement Road at the corner of the Bridgeman Road. A year or two later a new schoolhouse was built on West Street. We were so proud of it! It was a two story building with a belfry atop that, and a flag pole in the front yard. It was built in the middle of a large lot and they planted evergreen trees on three sides of the property, sort of screening in the play yards, one on the South for the girls and one on the North for the boys. Those recreation grounds were really segregated. On pain of severe punishment you never crossed over to the wrong side. There were no fire escapes, just outdoor plumbing and the boys carried the drinking water from a well in the yard. Everyone drank out of the same dipper, unsanitary? guess it was, but it seems to me that measles, mumps, colds, and all the other diseases that plagued us then, spreads through the class rooms just as completely today. **Fire removed that landmark during World War 2.**



1884 Sanborn West St school that burned on Nov 2, 1942 when I was in 8th grade.

A previous article was provided in this Historical Corner telling how the a deranged Principal of the school set fire to the school. Coalshed at rear is beside our Schoolhouse Museum.

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 to 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, 2014 (See Below)

Regular Meeting - February 25, 2014 ... Love & Laughter

Regular Meeting - March 25, 2014 History in Bricks

Program for the Jan. 28
7 PM at Sanborn Fire Hall:

Bronze Casting "Process"- Lewiston Monuments
Presented by Susan Geissler

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