

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

We are nearing the end of another very busy and successful year thanks to the expertise and hard work of our members. We completed a huge 10th anniversary Farm Museum Festival and a few small fundraising activities.

We have jumped the hurdles and are now in the middle of the Legion building relocation project. The building is being readied for the move and may be on location to the east of the Townsend Hall at the farm as you read this newsletter. Also, the windmill donated by the **Wendt family** as a memorial to **Ken Wendt**, a founding member of SAHS, has been refurbished and is ready for erection on the supports by the barn any day now.

We are learning and working smarter on our fundraisers. We have shortened the time for our Farm Museum Festival and showing a larger profit. We have a few less labor intense fundraisers where we let other organizations use our facilities and we have the kitchen /food concession. They are responsible for their own setups, publicity, etc. We also have the benefit of show casing our museum to a new clientele.

We have to do something because many of our workers in key positions cannot keep up the pace. I for one have my health problems and told the board in April that after 12 years as your president that I would be stepping down and go off the board as well at years end. I am pleased to see that members of the trustees have stepped up to the plate to provide a full slate of offices. I am sure that you will provide the support for your new officers as you have provided me. What we need is at least 3 of you to be candidates to be nominated to the board of trustees to fill the openings on the board. WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND KNOW THAT WE WILL MAKE THE BEST OF THE CHANGE!

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 (731-4578)**

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), Wes Miller (731-9739), Jane Schultz (731-9404), Joan Shaw (731-5653), Hilda Snyder (731-9883) & Bill Sterner (731-3935).**

Schoolhouse Curator-Hilda Snyder (731-9883), Farm Museum Curator- Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)
Local Historian Consultant- Marcia Rivers (731-3693),

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

Tn. of Lewiston Historic Preservation Comm. (Reserved Position) .. **Michael Rhoney (405-7201)**

TOWNSEND HALL DEDICATION- The **Gary W. Townsend Hall** was dedicated on August 9th with Niagara County Clerk **Wayne Jagow** as Master of Ceremonies. **Gary** is very



Ribbon cutting from left- Bill Conrad, Town Council, Gary, Bonnie, & Bill Ross, Legislator

deserving of having the building named after him and was recognized by many of the speakers as the instrumental force for completing the building with the limited funds available.

With **Gary** being Project Manager in lieu of the architect and with his knowledge of construction, his ability to lead our dedicated members in the tasks to be accomplished, and his personal contacts to secure in-kind services, we saved thousand of dollars that allowed us to complete this fine building that we can all be proud of.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION - Presently, Treasurer **Glenn Wienke**, and **Lynn Hoffman** have consented to be nominated to the board for another 3-year term. **Claudia Beane** has tendered her resignation at years end after serving 2 years. Both **Wes Miller** and **Gary Townsend** indicated that they would not continue on the board at years end as well. With the position of **Linda Jackson** not filled that leaves 1 one-year opening and 3 three-year openings on the board. **Gary Townsend** has also resigned as your President after serving for 16 years. Vice President **Bill Read** has consented to be nominated as your new President and **Bill Sterner** as your new Vice President. **Glenn Wienke** has consented

to be nominated to continue as Treasurer. We are dividing the Secretary's job as Recording and Corresponding Secretary's. **Joan Shaw** has consented to be nominated as Recording Secretary and **Gerry Treichler** agrees to be nominated as Corresponding Secretary. Officers are elected from the board to serve for 1 year.

So far, **Fran Haskell** has consented to be nominated to the board to fill 1 of the four openings. Contact **Gerry Treichler** if you are willing to serve on the board. The names of 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. 25. 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- 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 at 2 PM on Dec. 7. All are invited.

FARM MUSEUM, Bonnie Haskell, Curator- Here we are again at the end of another great year. Bonnie thanks all who have helped out at the museum and those who have donated items for our museum to make it the fine museum that it is 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 19 or by special appointment. We received many fine comments from our visitors during our normal opening times as well as at our fundraising events. A Church Group from Tonawanda will be visiting our Farm Museum at noon on Wed Oct. 22 . **The Council on the Arts in Lewiston** will make a presentation at a date to be determined of a 4' x 8' painting of people at a fruit stand painted by a local artist, donated to SAHS by the **Rotary Club**.

LANDSCAPING & CONSERVATION by **Joan Shaw**, Chairman- Many folks have commented that the flower gardens are exceptionally lovely this summer. Maybe cooler temperatures and more rain gave them a boost. Even with that, it takes a vigilant eye to keep them at their shining best. We can thank **Glenn Wienke** for his extra care and attention in this endeavor.

As always many hands joined together to keep the grounds and gardens meticulously maintained throughout the season. An appreciative thank you goes to **Bonnie Bagwell, Valerie Dupleton, Fran Haskell, Shirley Simrell, Gary Townsend, Gerry Treichler, Glenn Wienke,** and the Niagara County Work Release Program. Many hours have been logged on their behalf.

Much work goes on behind the scenes both at the farm and schoolhouse museums to ensure that the buildings and surrounding landscapes always look their best. It is an on-going process. Grass is mowed, repairs made, equipment maintained, land cleared, out of service structures removed. Some projects are bigger than others, but all contribute towards the high standards SAHS has set.

One on- going project at the farm has been to relocate a mountain of boulders strewn among a grove of trees near the Eastern property line at the top of the hill. This was a huge effort and took several summers to complete. Thanks to **Gary Townsend and his crew**, it is now a lovely shaded spot where one can leisurely enjoy a magnificent view of the back 40 acres. Stretched out below is the conservation acreage that was initiated in 2008 to create natural wildlife habitat for birds, bees, and butterflies. Ten acres surrounding a lovely small pond were planted with native grasses and wildflowers with the aid of the Niagara County Soil & Water District. The importance of this project should not be underestimated. Farm ponds and meadows are vital to farms as sources of water, food, habitat, and protection for insect pollinators, birds and small animals.

Work continues annually to keep these meadows open and free from invasive weeds. Recently, however, an invasive common reed originating in China, known as phragmites, is

becoming an area for concern. **Mark Seider** from the NC Soil & Water Conservation District is working with SAHS to control these pesky reeds. If left unchecked, they will compromise the quality of pond life, fill in low areas, and drive out native habitat friendly species such as cattails.

The tall spiky-looking reeds in the foreground in the photo are phragmites, (invasive reeds). You can find them growing in just about every ditch along country roads and expressways.



Pond at the Farm

Memorial Trees- Last spring SAHS planted five red oak trees as part of its beautification program. Four of the five trees have been purchased as memorial trees with stone markers. These are in memory of the following people: **Walt and Ellen Bird, Lois M. Treichler, Melvin and Ruth Treichler, Ross D. Johnson.** To date nineteen memorial trees with stone markers have been planted around the Farm.

SANBORN-LEWISTON FARM FESTIVAL- Our 10th annual farm museum festival was another huge success. Chairmen **Bonnie Haskell** thanks all of the 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. Many of you worked the food concessions while others supported our sub-chairmen.: **Bill Read** who reported 90 Antique Engines, Tractor and Equipment exhibits; **Bob Deull** who reported that we had 55 entries for the Classic Car Cruise; **Bonnie Haskell**, who reported we had 19 Flea Market and craft setups; **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 Dumbleton for the baked goods booth and **Sally Miller** and her crew who made 59 pies that allowed the booth to made record profits this year. 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 **Sanborn Fire Company Band** playing during the event; **Bill Easton** playing his electric guitar at no charge; the **Franks Market Place** for hamburger patties; the Niagara County Sheriff's Department for providing their work release program to help during the festival as well as in setup before and cleanup after the festival; the **Town of Lewiston Police** for providing traffic control the days of the festival; the **Milleville Farms** for allowing us the use of their land as a drive through for the tractor parades; **Modern Disposal** for use of portable toilets and pumping out the holding tank for the sewage from our flush toilets; **Hoover's Dairy Store** for ice cream; and **Wendt Propane** for propane; and **Tops & Wegmans** for furnishing rolls. 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 13 sponsors for their money donations: **Grigg-Lewis Foundation, the Town of Lewiston, Franklin Traffic Service, HA Treichler & Sons Greenhouses, Niagara River Region Chamber, Rhoney Funeral Home, NF Bridge Commission, Gorge Travel, Buffalo Alarm, Collucci & Son Niagara Funeral Chapel, Wheatfield Pediatrics, Keyser Cadillac, and Mike Mara.** 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, 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 25 & 26, 2015, we are again making application to **Arts Services Initiative and the NY State Arts Council** to provided a grant as they this year 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. Also, the International Tractor Group would like to join us next year to make this the largest tractor event ever. PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDER and invite you family to attend next year's event.

LEGION BUILDING MOVE- The 56'x25' Legion Building is well on its way if not all ready moved at the time you read this newsletter. The plot plan and necessary county and town planning board approvals have been received and the **Matthew House Movers of Rochester** are under contract (\$65,000) for the



Putting the front tie beam in place

move over from Pearl St, down Niagara St to Ward Rd, cross Ward Rd in front of Willco Garage, down along the CSX right of way to our Schoolhouse Museum and then on SAHS property parallel to the CSX railroad and finally to its resting place at the farm east of the Townsend Hall. **Matthew Movers** have made the necessary contacts with the utility companies and Dept of Transportation for the move and have now raised the building off its foundation on Pearl Street and have inserted the necessary steel beams supported by wheels at the rear and a tie point for the towing vehicle at the front. The Town building permit has been received and site preparation is underway at the farm. The foundation wall will be completed after the building is on location so that the building can be dropped in place and the rigging removed. The adding of the Church Steeple at the front and leveling of the floor at the rear will take place later. This will allow us to convert the front to a church

like it was in 1825 and the rear to a museum with exhibits of remembrances of Sanborn including Sanborn men involvement in the wars. At one time, this was a meeting place of the Alexander Mabon GAR Post 125 and most recently the 60-year home of the Sanborn American Legion Post 969 prior to their gifting to SAHS.

WINDMILL FROM WENDT FARM-

The windmill formerly located on the **Wendt** farm has been donated by the **Wendt** family as a memorial to **Ken Wendt**, a founding member of SAHS. The windmill has been refurbished with the head now attached to the main frame. As shown in the photo the 18” piers with the 4’ long support brackets are ready for erecting the 50’ windmill into place.



50’ Windmill ready to be erected

GAZEBO PROJECT- **Matt Jackson with father Dave and grandfather, Paul** attended our September board meeting with **Matt** presenting his Eagle Scout Gazebo Project for the farm. The design was patterned after the 12’x18’ gazebo in Lewiston. **Matt** indicated that it could be a pavilion design but the estimated \$5860 cost would probably increase. With memorials from death of grandmother **Linda** and funds raised since, they have provided SAHS with \$1821.29 toward the project. They will try to get some of the materials donated once the design is finalized. **Matt** will email the design drawing and updated write-up to Secretary **Gerry** to be used by SAHS in their consideration for approval including a location on the farm where best suited.

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** reports that the following have been received since the last reporting period and approved by the board: **Large Bisque doll donated by Estate of Gertrude & Carl Becken; Stage Coach & Horse Model on board donated by Bruce Stauff; 14”x16” framed Lithograph copies of allegorical portraits of 1) George Washington & the Declaration of Independence and 2) Abe Lincoln & the Emancipation Proclamation donated by Charles Flay; & an abstract of Schimshack Restaurant property in Pekin, and a large chart with food prices approved by the Rationing Board in 1942, both donated by James Smyth.**

PROGRAMMING- **Glenn Wienke, Chairman, 731-5982-** We thank **Glenn** and his committee of callers: **Earl & Ruth Carmer, Sandy Manente, Don Thompson, 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 28th** meeting program will be **“8 Unexplained Miracles that saved America”**, presented by **Lee Simonson of Lewiston**. Our **November 25th** program will be **“Gold Star Mothers /Vietnam War”** presented by **Linda Jenkin Costanzo of Clarence**. 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 95 at our Sept meeting.

MEMBERSHIP- Shirley Simrell- We presently have 260 units (families and individuals) for a total of 411 members. This includes 27 new members. This a reminder to renew your membership by paying your dues for the **calendar year 2015**. 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 2015**. 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 buildings) 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. New since our last reporting are **Rev. Brian & Cheryl (Bird) Rotact and Peter, Jennifer, & Olivia Swiatowy**.

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 interim chairpersons, **Glenn & Marie Wienke 731-5982** for coordinating the sitters for both the Schoolhouse and Farm museums. We still need some one to relieve them. We also thank those who act as sitters. Please let **Glenn or Marie** know if you can sit any of the open slots below.

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

Open Sundays 2 to 4 PM

Date Museum Sitters

- Oct 5 Carol Beutel-AUTUMN FEST at Farm
- Oct 12 Ruth & Earl Carmer
- Oct 19
- Oct 26 Ruth Read
- Nov 2
- Nov 9
- Nov 16
- Nov 23

Dec 7 **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 1 Chuck & Gail Fray
- Sat Oct 4 **AUTUMN FEST**
- Sun. Oct 5 **AUTUMN FEST**
- Wed. Oct 8 Dave & Janet Tober
- Sun Oct 12 Beth Boyles
- Wed Oct15 Glenn Wienke
- Sun Oct 19
- Wed Oct 22 Glenn Wienke (Noon Program)

FARM MUSEUM 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 **Ross Johnson** died since our last Newsletter.

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSION ASSOC- Bonnie Haskell, President- The **SB&PA’s The Autumn Fest in Sanborn** will be held both days from 10 AM to 5 PM, Oct 4& 5 at the farm. Events planned are: Vendors Show & Sale; Huge Basket Auction; Crafts; Sanborn Fire Co Demonstration; Wine Tasting; Farmer’s Markets; Kids Activities; 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. Our **Web Master** has also placed us on Face Book.

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

BREAKFAST AND DINNER FUNDRAISERS- We thank **Wes & Sally Miller** for chairing our recently held Country Breakfast at the Farm. With the success of these events, **Wes & Sally** will chair a **Ham Dinner from 4 to 7 PM on Oct. 18**. We

hope that you will help out again when asked and support by attending. **Note- we need the return of a light blue roaster pan insert missing from one of our rosters.**



Breakfast is ready

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.

CALENDAR CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM 10 AM to 4 PM, Dec 13-14- Our 3rd Christmas event at the farm will be better than ever. This event is especially for the kids who 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. Food will be available for purchase from our kitchen.

THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE SO COME OUT WITH THE KIDS & HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM.



Nothing like a wagon ride by horses



Chairman Bonnie (Ctr) with Santa and Elf



Bill Sterner & Family with Santa- 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

- **Now through Oct. 31- 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. 4 & 5- Autumn Fest in Sanborn at the Farm Museum** from 10 AM to 5 PM both days, sponsored by the Sanborn Business & Professional Assoc. SAHS has the kitchen concession.
- **Oct. 14- 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 18- Ham Dinner Fundraiser** at the Farm Museum from 4 to 7 PM.
- **Dec 7-Christmas sing-a-long** at the Schoolhouse Museum at 2 PM.
- **Dec 13 & 14- Christmas at the Farm** from 11 AM to 4 PM both days.

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

(All meetings the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

PROGRAM

Autumn Fest in Sanborn - Oct 4 & 5, 2014 at the Farm Museum

Ham Dinner- Oct 18 at the Farm Museum

Regular Meeting - Oct 28 (see Below)

Regular Meeting - Nov 25 "Gold Star Mothers/ Vietnam War"

Christmas at the Farm- Dec 13 & 14, 2014

Program for the October 28th
Meeting at 7:00 PM :

"8 Unexplained Miracles that saved America"
Presented by Lee Simonson of Lewiston

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