

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message

Finally, the end of a tough winter for everyone in Western New York. Unfortunately our green houses at the farm were damaged over the winter. As a result we will be looking for ways to get the storage space we need and we will have some significant clean up this spring.

It was great to hear our Regular meetings were well attended and with great programs this winter.

We are glad to have finally resolved the issues with the Town of Lewiston over the citing of our windmill. Great work by Joe Leone our lawyer! Also great work by Gerry Treichler in preparing the many write-ups we needed to provide!

Work will continue on the Legion Hall Building and the grounds around the building as we work toward another excellent addition to our facilities for historic display at the farm.

We have another busy year planned as you can see from our event schedule. The work by our Board and all our members who work so hard on our activities are what makes us so successful. Thanks and let's have another great season this year!

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)
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WENDT FAMILY WINDMILL At the farm

Back in mid October after our windmill had been erected, SAHS received a **Notice of Violation** from the building inspector that we didn't have the proper paper work prior to putting up the windmill. After 2 meetings with the Town of Lewiston Arraigning Judge and at the second meeting with their Zoning Board of Appeals on March 12, we were relieve that the ZBA, by a 3 to 2 vote, dismissed the requirement that SAHS needed a building permit to put up our windmill. **Our lawyer, Joe Leone presented an excellent case, quoting town code**, where in the windmill was considered to be part of a normal farm and didn't require a building permit as do other amenities added to our farm complex. This was after SAHS went through the time and expense of addressing the requirement at our first meeting with the ZBA to submit a design study conducted on the windmill base and for the tower itself. **We all thank Joe for his very professional and Pro Bono work in our behalf!**



OK TO STAND

FARM PROJECTS

We have many opportunities to keep us busy at the farm in addition to the many other projects that we are working on noted in this newsletter. **Paul Jackson and his family** are working on the **Gazebo Project**. We have spotted the Gazebo location and are now waiting for their drawing for our review and approval so that we can get a building permit. **Bob Deull** is working on the **Parking Lot Project**. Again, the Parking Lot location has been spotted. **Bob** is working on getting a couple of bids on cost so that we can seek funding. On other subjects, we have determined that our **Cold Storage Building entrance is in need of repair** soon or we will loose the front entrance of the building. Also, **2 of the plastic-covered greenhouses that we use for storage**

were seriously damaged by the snow this past winter and are in need of repair or replacement.

We now know what it takes to operate and maintain a farm. **SAHS** is fortunate to have members with the know how to get the jobs done. The main hold up in completing the projects is getting funding. **Your ideas are welcome!**



WE HAD A MELT-DOWN

LEGION BUILDING AT THE FARM

The Legion Building Modification committee with **Bill Sterner** as chairman will be meeting at the farm on March 31. Now that the Legion Building has been moved and is on its foundation at the farm, the committee has the task of planning for the entryway with simulated church steeple at the north end and laying out the inside of the building with all to be at one level.. We are fortunate to have new board member Paul Calkins on board to help make key decisions needed to get our drawings updated and signed off by a PE so that we can get a building permit and the modification out for bids.

Joan Shaw has put together a possible layout drawing for a ramp for having the building handicap accessible. She needs this drawing approved so that her landscape committee can estimate the needs for making the building have a great setting in our museum complex. We understand that the Lewiston Lions Club has funding for this beautification effort after we submit our proposal. Joan says the funding and design required for the grading and ramp itself is not her responsibility but should be considered by the modification committee.

FARM MUSEUM CURATOR, BONNIE HASKELL (990-6909)

We are getting ready to start another season on the farm with our opening Wednesday April 15 this year. Much work is needed to get things back on track after this harsh winter and we need your help as before in cleaning and moving items back in place for the season ahead..

Farm Museum hours are all Sundays from 2 PM to 4 PM and Wednesdays 1 PM to 4 PM from April 15 to the middle of October. Contact **Bonnie** if the museum is needed to be opened at a special time or if you have any questions. Many more exhibits have been added so look around during our activities or stop in with your friends during normal visiting hours. Again, we thank all who help make our farm a great place for all to visit and enjoy.

Cub Pack 824 of Sanborn has been granted use of the Townsend Hall for their event to be held Saturday June 13 from 1 to 6 PM. Also, The **Friendship Club** will use the Farm Museum for their meetings on June 23, July 7, July 21 & August 4 (all Tuesdays) from 10AM to 3:30 PM.

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

Visiting time for the Schoolhouse Museum will be every Sunday of the month between 2 to 4 PM beginning April 19 or by special request. Contact **Hilda** if you have a special request for opening. The museum exhibits are updated as new artifacts come in so stop in for a visit & bring your friends.

The American Legion Post 969 members are holding their regular meetings at the Schoolhouse on the first Monday of the month for April & May and their Auxiliary on the third Monday of the month for April. Also, the Sanborn Business & Professional Association and the Rotary Club are allowed to hold their board meetings at our Schoolhouse Museum. This is permitted since a SAHS board member is also a board member of these organizations and he has the responsibility for opening & closing, controlling the heat & A/C and security for

our facility.

APRIL 11 & 12 NIAGARA-SANBORN ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE

Bob Deull, (731-9623) & Bonnie Haskell, (990-6909) Co-Chairpersons with Jane Schultz, (731-9404), in charge of the Basket Auction. Our twelfth Antique Show and Sale will take place at the Wheatfield American Legion Post #1451, 6525 Ward Rd. (Rt. 429). The event will be held 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. **Bonnie reports that we will be show casing garden items this year so come one, come all..** A Basket Auction will run concurrent with the Antique Show with the drawing taking place on Sunday at 4 PM. You don't have to be present to win. Admission is \$3 that covers both days. Food will be available at reasonable prices.



Basket Auction Committee

L-R: Bonnie Bagwell, Joan Shaw, Fran Haskell, Hilda Snyder, Glenn Wienke, Chairman- Jane Schulz, Lynn Hoffman and Valerie Dumpleton.

POT LUCK DINNER MEETING APRIL 28

Chairman Glenn Wienke reports that we will have our 14th annual potluck dinner just prior to our April 28th meeting. This is for all members and friends that want to participate by bringing their own table service and a dish to share. This could be a food dish and/or a dessert. Rolls, butter, and beverage will be furnished. We will start to eat

promptly at 6 PM so that we can start the regular meeting at 7 PM. The **doors at the Fire Hall will be open at 5:30 PM** so come early to select a spot and set up. The evening program will be **“The Lost History of the Hershell-Stillman Co.”** presented by **John Dumbrosky of North Tonawanda**. Won't you make a special effort to join in the fellowship and hear a great program?



Plaque for Mural receive by Jane Schultz from Pat Sullivan, Rotary Club & Eva Nicklas, Lewiston Council on the Arts at our March 24th meeting

PROGRAM FOR MAY 26

Our program for **May 26** will be **"Heroes in the Attic"** an untold story of 2 Civil War Soldiers presented by **Dennis Bielewicz of Ontario, NY**. We continue to thank **Glenn Wienke for the great programs and Ruth & Earl Carmer, Sandy Manente, Don Thompson and Marilyn Wittkowsky** for making the meeting reminder calls that helps us to maintain our attendance around 80. We also thank **Valerie Dumbleton and her helpers** for continuing to secure and serve the goodies after the program and you, our members, for furnishing the goodies and attending the program.

FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL, July 25 & 26, Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)- Chairmen

Our 11th annual festival will be held Saturday July 25 and Sunday July 26. Our first committee meeting is planed for Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM at the farm. **Bonnie needs**

all of her helpers that came out in support of last year's event. Many of the long lead tasks have been completed such as letters to sponsors and tractor people and letters and contracts to food and flea market vendors. Our **Sanborn Fire Company Band** has agreed to play again this year. We are also able to bring back for **both days, Randy Green with the Native America Niagara River Dancers and Rosemary Hill with her Native American Beadwork Exhibits and her providing a "Jitter Bug" Making Experience** for those interested. The Arts Services Initiative of Western NY administers this program that is funded by the New York State Council on Arts (NYSCA) with the support of **Governor Andrew Cuomo** and the New York State Legislature.

We are having a **money raffle** again this year with first prize: \$500, 2nd prize: \$250 and 3rd prize \$100, to help us defray expenses.

Contact our Chairmen **Bonnie Haskell** for general information, **Bob Deull** at 731-9623 for information on the Classic Car Cruise and **Bill Read** at 870-6263 for the Antique Engine and Tractor and Equipment exhibits. More information will be provided in our July newsletter or look on our web site, www.sanbornhistory.org.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE- Sandra Manente, chair, Ph 731-5769

Please call **Sandy** with names of those members needing **"Thinking of you"** or **their families that need "Bereavement"** cards so they can be signed at our meeting and sent out or sent out directly by Sandy. Members **Ron Carlisle, Ray Krantz, Rev. Roger Harrington and Harry Martin** passed away since our last reporting.

F A R M L A N D S C A P E & CONSERVATION: By Joan Shaw, Chmn-(731-5653)

The garden committee looks forward to another flower filled season for SAHS, both at the School House and Farm Museums. Plans for future landscaping around the Legion building are on the drawing board, but at this

point it is difficult to predict how much can be accomplished in one season for that project. Meanwhile the committee will continue to coax a beautiful array of flowers from exiting shrubs and annual beds.

Last fall Leonard Wienke spent hours cutting invasive reeds that are choking the pond in the conservation area. He was able to cut most of the reeds, cutting as close to the water as his equipment would allow, but unfortunately these pesky phragmites have a nasty habit of growing into the water several feet, making it far more difficult to dig out the roots of those along the pond rim. This spring efforts will continue to remove the cut material left from last fall's cutting, and figure a way to smother the root systems of the cut plants.

This summer the committee will inventory the conservation area to ascertain which areas are self-sustaining and which areas need intervention. This may turn into an on-going project. If anyone cares to help out with this, please contact me. To keep the Farm gardens looking their picture perfect best, we need volunteers to help with planting the annual beds and do a little bit of weed-pulling during the summer. (It's not all work, and no play. We do have an enjoyable time as well) The Work Release workers do a wonderful job of handling the heavier projects. We will soon be starting our work sessions on farm beautification as weather permits. The committee with the help from the work release workers, will be doing spring clean up and plantings. We need your help so please come out when times are scheduled.

RODS & CUSTOMS CLUB, CAR PARTS SWAP MEET MAY 3, Bob Deull Coordinator

SAHS is hosting this Car Parts Swap Meet at the Farm again this year on Sunday May 3, from 7 AM To 3 PM. We are told to expect over 130 Car Parts Vendors with hundreds of followers.

This is a win-win project for our organizations. **The Rods and Customs Club** has a place to hold their event with the responsibility for the publicity and the layout and directing the spotting of the vendors and public parking at the farm. And **SAHS** receives the proceeds from the \$1 charge for public parking as well as a portion of the fee charged each parts vendor. SAHS also has the food concession for breakfast, lunch and snacks in between with Hilda Snyder as Chair Person. More importantly, SAHS will be able to Show Case their Farm Museum to a new group of people. The crowd that attended last years show said that thy love the show with its offerings at the farm museum and would be back this year.

LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS, Jane Schultz, Chairperson (731-9404)-

Helping Jane are Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumpleton and museum secretary Pat Korpilinski, Elaine Timm and Gerry Treichler with the Schoolhouse and Farm Museum Curators. Work Times at the Schoolhouse Museum are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 AM, to accept and log-in artifacts, take pictures, etc. Please call **Hilda Snyder (731-9883)**, School House Curator or **Bonnie Haskell (990-6909)**, Farm Museum Curator, if you have any artifacts to donate. Those who bring artifacts to the museums are asked to tag them with the donor's name and phone number and a brief description of the item(s) on the form provided so that proper credit and logging can be made. Those items dropped off without proper documentation will be considered "anonymous donor". Items not accepted will be used at our discretion or discarded.

SANBORN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOC, Bonnie Haskell, Pres-

The **SB&PA** has selected "Key Bank" as Sanborn's Business of the year.

They will be honored at the May 15 Gala by the **Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce**. **Bonnie** reports that The Town Board recently approved the project that they are working on for a digital sign for the community at the corner of Rt. 31 & Buffalo St. Their planning is also under way for **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** scheduled for Oct 3 & 4 at the farm.

MEMBERSHIP, Shirley Simrell, Chmn (417-9767)

We thank those that renewed their membership or joined as new members. To date for 2015, we have received 187 units (individual & family) for a **total membership of 283** including 24 new members. Our new members since last reporting are **the Helford Family**.

We appreciate the support of our members near and far and hope you enjoy our quarterly newsletter. We encourage our new (and old) members to take advantage of our monthly program meetings held at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Sanborn Fire Hall. We have a short business meeting of about one half-hour reporting on activities of the previous month and then get into the program. After the program we have refreshments and fellowship. Please join us. There is no charge but donations are accepted. We have no regular membership meetings June, July, August and December.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible, long term as well as short term giving program, and in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums. We were fortunate to have **George McCollum**, a member of our Farm Festival tractor committee think so much of SAHS to have donations made to our society in lieu of flowers at his passing where in we receive \$2245.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Antique Show & Sale with Basket Auction, April 11 & 12-** See earlier write-up.

- **Federation Congress- Saturday, May 2 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM at the Fort Niagara Officers Club** (Paintings painted by WW2 prisoners are on the walls of this building). The program is on **“Resources for History Buffs”**. The seminar will conclude with a tour of the Fort for those interested. The charge is \$25 that includes a box lunch. Reservations are due by April 27. **Contact Melissa Dunlap, 434-7433 or Terry Abrams, 439-6293** for information and to make reservations. This is open to all members and their guests.

- **Rods & Custom Club- Car Parts Swap Meet at Farm Sun May 3-** See earlier write-up.

- **Pancake Breakfast at the Farm, On Sunday May 17, from 8 AM to 1 PM:** with **Ray Fegley** in charge.

- **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at the Farm, Saturday June 6, from 6 to 8 PM:** with **Wes Miller** in charge.

- **Old Sanborn Days- July 12 and 13 are the dates for Old Sanborn Days** sponsored by the Rotary Club at the Sanborn fireman's field. Plans are to have our booth setup and manned both days. Chm **Bill Read (870-6263)** needs your help.

- **Tonawanda’s Canal Festival, Parade 6:30 PM, July 21-** We will have a float in the **parade**.

- **Farm Museum Festival, July 26 and 27-** See earlier write-up.

SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM SITTERS-

Please call **Glenn (731-5982)** to sit open dates.

Open Sunday. 2 to 4 PM

Date Museum Sitters

- April 12 **CLOSED (Antique Show/Basket Auction)**
- April 19
- April 26
- May 3 **Bonnie Bagwell (Car Parts Swap Meet)**
- May 10 **(Mother's Day)**
- May 17 **Carol Beutel (Pancake Breakfast)**
- May 24
- May 31
- June 7
- June 14
- June 21 **(Fathers Day)**
- June 28

FARM MUSEUM SITTERS-

Please call Glenn (731-5982) to sit open dates.

Open Sun 2 to 4 PM & Wed 1 to 4 PM

Date Museum Sitters

April 15 Gerry Treichler
April 19
April 22
April 26 Bill & Janice Treichler
April 29 Marilyn Wittkowsky
May 3 Beth Boyles (Car Parts Swap Meet)
May 6
May 10 (Mother's Day)
May 13
May 17 Al & Betty McGreevy (Pancake Breakfast)
May 20
May 24
May 27
May 31
June 3
June 7 Eric & Rosemary Warren (Pancake Breakfast)
June 10
June 14 Nona & Amy McQuay (Father's Day)
June 17
June 24
June 24
June 28 Bonnie Bagwell

Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler-

The following are remembrances written by Ralph Casselman, an early pioneer who came to Sanborn and started the Sanborn Home Telephone Company in 1912.

When my wife and I came to Sanborn in 1912 and moved into the building which I now own, the building was not in very good shape, but it was the only place I could rent in which I could live in and also have the Telephone office. As I have stated before Mr. Ferris had a harness shop in the North end and they lived upstairs over the shop. The rest of the building was vacant so I rented the South section in which to live and have the telephone office.

There were no plastered walls, only boards and it was hard to heat in the winter, as at that time you had only stoves. As near as I can find out the building was build in 1868 of hand hewed timbers with 3 x 9 oak joist.

The first small magneto telephone switchboard was set up in what is now our front hall, the telephone exchange was started with fifteen subscribers with Gladys Dodge the first operator we hired at 20 cents per hour.

The Village Blacksmith "A Mighty man was he"

When I came to Sanborn in 1912, Richardson had a blacksmith shop on the corner just North of my building and Bert Robinson had a shop at Pekin and Ostwald had a shop at Bergholtz and there were many others at nearly every four corners for the Blacksmith was a very important guy, for the farmer depended upon him not only to shoe horses but to repair and make parts for wagons, buggies and farm tools. If your wagon broke down you could not buy a new part just anywhere, but there was a good chance that the blacksmith could repair it or make a new part.

Some blacksmiths were fine workmen and took great pride in there work.

The blacksmith played a great part in the development of our country.

I can remember when McKinley ran for President in 1896 on the Republican ticket and conducted what was known as a "Front Porch Campaign", his home was in Canton, Ohio and he stayed home most of the time and the railroads ran excursions to his home from all over the country. Those days there were torch light parades and lots of noise and you had to go to town to find out the news.

There were no phones, no autos, no radios, no TV or RFD. Also there were no so called "Farm votes", No women votes or religious votes, but there was a Veteran vote, men who had served in the Civil War of whom McKinely was one, a Major.

Wherever men got together there were lots of words and tempers were also very harsh.. One thing I especially remember about the campaign was a little jingle you heard everywhere, part of which was: 'Here comes another train around the bend loaded down with the McKinley men.

When I came to Sanborn inn 1912 I came on the train, one thing I noticed when I came from Buffalo to Niagara Falls was that the R.R. tracks ran along the East side of Webster Street in North Tonawanda,

Work was under way at that time to relocate the track to its present location. It does not seem possible today that a train could ever have run thru the street, but there were trains then every little while, passenger, freight and express, as the R.R. was busy all the time. I believe the abutments for the bridge across the canal are still in place.

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: sanborngerry@gmail.com.

SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

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

PROGRAM

Potluck Dinner Mtg - April 28 Potluck doors open 5:30 PM (See Below)

Regular Meeting - May 26.. “Hereos in the Attic” Untold story of 2 CW Soldiers

Special - June 1, 2014 Pancake Breakfast 8AM to 1PM at the farm

June, July and August No Regular Meetings

**Program for the April 28th Mtg:
7:00 PM (after potluck dinner)**

**“The Lost History of the Hershell-Stillman Co”
Presented by John Dumbrowsky of NT**

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