

# SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *SALUBRIS*

**President's Message- HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

I have appointed the following to Committees for the year 2016:

Farm Museum- Bonnie Haskell, Curator  
Schoolhouse Museum- Hilda Snyder, Curator  
Legion Bldg Modification- Paul Calkins, Chairperson  
Landscape & Conservation - Joan Shaw, Chairperson  
Library/Collections- Jane Schultz, Chairperson, assisted by Joan Shaw, Valerie Dumpleton, Pat Kropolinski, Elaine Timm (Farm Museum) and Gerry Treichler  
Membership- Shirley Simrell, Chairperson  
Antique Show & Sale- Bob Deull & Bonnie Haskell, Co-Chairpersons  
with Basket Auction Sub-Chairperson- Jane Schultz  
Programming and Publicity- Glenn Wienke. Includes Monthly programs,  
Farm Museum Festival- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson with Car Cruise-Bob Deull; Antique Engine, Tractor & Equipment Exhibits- Bill Read;  
& Basket Auction- Pat Thompson  
Breakfast & Dinner Fundraiser Chairpersons- Various (See Event Schedule herein)  
Christmas at the Farm- Bonnie Haskell, Chairperson  
Newsletter Publisher & Website Coordinator- Gerry Treichler  
Sunshine Committee Chairperson- Sandra Manente  
Representative at Federation Meetings- Lynn Hoffman  
Prog. Refreshment Chairperson- Valerie Dumpleton w/ Jane Schultz & Rosemary Warren

I thank everyone for filling the above committee positions and the Board of Trustees positions in 2016. In addition, thanks to those who worked on these committees in 2015 and I hope you will continue your work on the committees in 2016. Others willing to work on these committees please let me or the committee chairperson know. I also want to thank those that continue to help out whenever needed.

*Bill Read*, President

### **Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)**

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM )  
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President- **Bill Read (731-9570)**; Vice Pres-**Paul Calkins (471-4422)**; Recording Sec-**Joan Shaw (731-5653)**; Corresponding Secretary- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer-**Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Beecher (731-9627, Bob Deull (731-9623), Bonnie Haskell (990-6909), Lynn Hoffman (731-2491), Dave Miller (731-9793), Wes Miller (731-9739), Dave Schmidt (731-5713), Jane Schultz (731-9404), Hilda Snyder (731-9883), Elaine Timm (471-2217).**

**Farm Museum Curator- 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 BUILDING

The annual election was held at our Nov. 26th meeting. Incumbent members **Paul Beecher, Bob Deull, Hilda Snyder, Elaine Timm, and Gerry Treichler**, were elected for a 3-year term and new member **Dave Schmidt** was elected for a 1-year term, (filling **Bill Sterner's** one-year term after his resignation), bringing our board of trustees to 15 members. Our duly elected officers for 2016 were **Bill Read, Pres; Paul Calkins, VP; Glenn Wienke, Treas; Joan Shaw, Recording Sec; & Gerry Treichler, Corresponding Sec.**, each to serve for 1 year.

Your officers as well as the Trustees making up the Board are presented on the previous page herein.

## STORAGE FACILITY

The 48' x 36' x 14' high storage building with its



Path to Storage Bldg from S-W door on Townsend Bldg

1000 sq ft mezzanine is now complete. The items needed to be under cover over the winter months are now in place through the aid of the work release workers. We even put the

Allis Chalmers Gleaner Model E Combine donated by **Bruce Weinheimer** in the building. After last years harsh winter destroying our greenhouse temporary storage areas we needed this building fast. We thank one and all that donated



Storage Bldg showing Combine and Mezzanine

their time and money to allow completion of this building before the start of winter. The building cost \$47,744. About \$19,000 is now being financed through our 6 1/4% Line of Credit account with the First Niagara Bank. The loan will be reduced by \$5000 after receipt of a grant through State Assemblyman **John Ceretto** promised in 2016. This will bring the amount owed to the budgeted amount of \$14,000.

We can not express our thanks enough to the Work Release workers from the jail for the help we receive around the farm for our fund raising projects, general maintenance and help with our special projects such painting the barn and gutting the Legion building in preparation for converting it to a church. They came out about 60 times to help us this past year.

## LEGION BUILDING

A lot has been done on the Legion Building this last quarter of 2015. The drawings were finalized and put out for bid for the addition of an entryway with church steeple and a separate handicap entrance. Our thanks go to member **Dave Schmidt** for getting electricity run to the Legion Building.

There has been interior demolition of the building to remove the stairs and the walls & ceiling are stripped down to the plaster and lathe. The old wainscoting in the



**Re-furbished wainscoting** main room was found covered in glue and layers of paint when removing the carpet from it. But the back of the wainscoting was the same finish pattern as the front. The wainscoting was removed so the back could be sanded, stained, nail holes filled and polyurethane put on it. The 310 plus boards will be stacked for reinstallation with the back side out next year. The nails holding the wainscoting were found to be the old square nails which would date the wainscoting to be from the 1800's. There was painting and reinstallation of the storm windows. There was also a lot of fill graded around the foundation with more grading work to be done.

## PARKING LOT

Drawings have been prepared and bids received for a 100-car parking lot needed at the farm. We are in the process of going out for funding through grant writer **Bernie Rotella**. **Bernie** helped us receive grants from the Town of Lewiston for the Townsend Hall and the moving and restoration of the Legion Hall, using a portion of the Town's allotment from the re-licensing agreement with the Power Authority as authorized by the Greenway Commission.

## LANDSCAPING & CONSERVATION by Joan Shaw

The number of people visiting, working, using, and attending events at the farm, grows substantially each year. The planning for parking areas, service roads, and walkways becomes increasingly important for traffic flow and access to various areas and buildings around the farm. All of this has a big impact on the visual statement the farm makes to the public.

Currently work is being done to extend the present service road to the new storage barn and Townsend Building. To that end truckloads of asphalt millings donated by the Town of Wheatfield were spread to form a base. With a borrowed pay-loader and the SAHS tractor, **Paul Jackson and Fran Haskell** spread many cubic yards of milling material into place. Millings are also being added to the service road along the eastern property line that extends back to the stand trees at the Boulder Ridge.

Meanwhile, over at the Legion/church building more truck loads of clean fill have been brought in to raise the grade in preparation for construction of the new vestibule, steeple and handicap ramp. All this earth moving will keep the Garden Committee busy planning and planting more landscaped areas in the spring.

These days increased attention is being paid to terms like "natural landscapes" and "wild gardens". This type of outdoor space is recognized as a means of helping to protect ever-shrinking plant, animal, insect populations around the world. The SAHS farm, with its beautiful acreage is ideally situated to contribute to a nation-wide effort to save and create more natural habitat landscape for people, birds and butterflies.



**Flag Pole Garden**

yellow. Hang onto this memory. Winter is still to come!

The SAHS farm possesses a 25' x 60' historic redwood framed, glass-paneled greenhouse which was built during the 1950's. It needs restoration, but until we can get the funding for this, it was covered with heavy duty plastic to protect it and render it serviceable for equipment storage.

**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 and many others assisting.**

The Antique Show and Sale will take place April 9 & 10, 2016 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

## TOWNSEND HALL USAGE

Our members are requested to contact Pres.**Bill Read** for use of the hall in accordance with our "Member Hall Rental Agreement". Also, please contact **Bill** if noting any irregularities at our facilities.

## DEFIBRILLATORS-

An informational meeting with **Zoll Medical Corp.** was held on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. SAHS will be purchasing two wall-mounted defibrillators, one for the Townsend Hall and one for the Schoolhouse Museum. \$4000 for funding the defibrillators has been received from the Niagara Co. Legislator through their chairman, **Bill Ross**. SAHS is looking for volunteers to complete a course and get certified in their use.

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green thumb  
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garden that  
radiated with  
vibrant reds,  
oranges and

**PROGRAMMING-** Glenn Wienke, Chmn (731-5982)

Glenn reports that the program for the **Jan 26, 2016 meeting** will be **“Identity Theft-What you should know”** by **Pat Herberger** of Ransomville. Pat is a certified specialist in identity theft; for **Feb. 23**, will be **“Bread Time- the Power of Kindness”** presented by **Chet Frey** of Brockport. The program for **March 22** will be announced. **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 with helpers, Jane Schultz and Rosemary Warren** 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 goes to **Earl & Ruth Carmer, Sandy Manente, Don Thompson, and Marilyn Wittkowsky** who are making the reminder calls for our monthly meetings.

**MEMBERSHIP-** Shirley Simrell (731-3357)

**Year 2015** Membership ended at 410 members including 23 new members. We now have 127 members including 8 new members for the calendar year 2016. We thank those that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS. **WE CONSIDER THIS NEWSLETTER YOUR BILLING FOR MEMBERSHIP.** We ask those that have not done so to please renew their membership (\$10 individual, \$15 family) by the middle of March **USING THE FORM ON THE LAST PAGE** and also 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- **Rich & Ann Baker, Bill Kramp & Fam, Diane Piretz & Fam, and Peter Wagner & Wagner Farm Market .**

**FARM MUSEUM FESTIVAL-** Bonnie Haskell- Chairman-

**Our 12th Farm Museum Festival** will take place on July 23 & 24 and promises to be the best ever. Again, for 2016, we expect to receive a grant that allows us to host the **Native American Niagara River Dancers** to perform and **Rosemary Hill** to provide a display of her **Raised Beadwork Exhibits and impromptu instruction for hands-on “jitter bug” making** so put this on your calendar.

**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 Curator Bonnie Haskell; Schoolhouse Curator Hilda Snyder; Office Secretary Pat Korpinski and Gerry Treichler** will meet as necessary. They meet to review the items submitted on the Data Accession form for acceptance based on the Acceptance Criteria noted on the form. Final approval for acceptance rests with the Board of Trustees.

**Work Times will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 a 3rd successful **Autumn Fest in Sanborn** at the farm with SAHS having the food concession. They placed a display of Christmas Carolers on the corner of Rte 31 & 429. This year, the Lower River



**Christmas Corner in Sanborn**

Chamber of Commerce donated a 10 ft, pre-lit Christmas tree. This display with the reindeer and marching soldiers and band together with the large snowflakes under the streetlights makes for a nice Christmas setting in Sanborn. The **SB&PA** also sponsored a community **Christmas Candle Lighting & Carol Singing WALK** from Tina's Restaurant to the corner with **Mary Palmer of Newfane** leading the singing.

**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.

**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 with family and friends. We held our annual Christmas party at the Schoolhouse on December 6.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-**

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts short term as well as long term giving program, as memorials, in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity will help assure the completion of our goals and the long-term viability of our historical society and our museums.

**WISH LIST-**

Train board with train like we had at Christmas at the Farm in a previous year. We can use for Christmas at the Farm and maybe at other events.

**WEB SITES-**

**Jay Krull of Lockport** is the **Web Master** for our "www.sanbornhistory.org" website. We are also on **Facebook**. **Jay** is continuing to update the site as we feed him information, including information about our activities. 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 **SAHS** 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, sanbornerry@gmail.com.

**SCARECROW WALK-**

The SAHS scarecrow display, "**Three Sheets to the Wind**", took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with an award of \$50 from the Lower Niagara River Chamber of



**Workers & Scrawcrow Walk**

**Townsend, Valerie Dumpleton, Glenn Wienke, Shirley Simrell, Bonnie Bagwell & Joan Shaw.**

**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.

**OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS at the FARM- Bonnie Haskell-held Dec 12 & 13-**



**Santa Chuck Flay & Helper Valerie**

Commerce in its annual **October Scarecrow Walk Contest**. The display as designed by **Bonnie Bagwell** was setup by **Gary**

We had another fine Christmas at the Farm Museum this year that so many of you put so



**Lined up to sit on Santa's lap**

So many came that SAHS had to go out 4 times to get more presents and then wrap them. **Bonnie thanks Chuck Flay for being Santa Claus and Valerie Dumpleton for being Santa's helper** and all of the numerous members and their families that made the event the success that it was and to the record number of town's people and others that came out in the balmy 60F temperature

**MOO2 AT OUR FARM MUSEUM**

Our thanks goes to **Jane Schultz** who funded construction of a plastic cover for our 100+ year-old two headed calf known as Moo2.



**Moo 2' s New Cover**

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

We thank **Bonnie Haskell, Bob Deull, Wes & Sally Miller, Hilda Snyder, Ray Fegley for chairing** and all those that helped and those that showed their support by providing their goodies as needed and attending our fundraisers and activities this past year. Funds from these events are used to augment the funds received from the Town of

much work in to. We had a record attendance bringing 340 children ages up to 8-years old to sit on Santa's lap and receive a present.

Lewiston to meet our budget. Next years schedule is shown below.

**SAHS 2016 EVENT SCHEDULE**

Sat-Sun	April 9+10	Antique Show with Basket Auction
Sunday	May 1	Car Parts Show
Saturday	May 14	Dinner
Sunday	June 12	Pancake Breakfast
Sat-Sun	July 23+24	Farm Museum Fest
Saturday	August 13	Chicken BBQ
Sunday	September 11	Country Breakfast
Sat-Sun	October 1+2	Autumn Fest
Saturday	October 22	Dinner
Sat-Sun	December 10+11	Christmas at Farm

**Historical Corner by Gerald E. Treichler**  
**The following are remembrances written by RE Casselman (1886-1974), an early pioneer in Sanborn He started the Sanborn Home Telephone Co. in 1912**

**When I** came to Sanborn in 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.

**When I** came to Sanborn in 1912 there were great piles of lumber for a long distance along both sides of the River Road as well as both sides of the R.R. tracks. Those days nearly all of the Lumber came down the Great Lakes by boat and was reshipped by rails. Some of these lumber piles had been stacked for a long time and were very dry. If a fire started this lumber would burn very rapidly giving off an intense heat.

Somewhere back in 1917 such a fire got started, my wife and I went with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stover to see it. It was some sight to see I can tell you. The heat was so great that people could not get very close. One thing I remember was the R.R. tracks, the heat caused them to warp all our of shape, stopping all rail traffic, it was some two days before the fire could be put out and repair crews could relay the tracks.

**I Came** to Sanborn in 1912, Mr. Ferris owned the building which I now own. He had a harness shop in the north end where he did all kinds of repair work and also made new harness' at times he had so much work he had to employ a man to help him.

On the wall of his shop were rings, buckles and different kinds of odd ornaments used to decorate a harness, some owners of teams took great pride in the looks of their teams of horses and would buy many ornaments to give their teams a flashy appearance.

But the harness shop disappeared with the changing times and today it is hard to find where you can buy a strap, say nothing of a harness ornament.

**I remember** when there were no hard-surfaced roads in the county. Spring meant mud and more mud. It was a common sight to see teams of horses pulling desperately at a loaded wagon with its wheels sunk hub deep in the mud, on the Town Line road or any other road for that matter.

But about the middle of April, the mud dried up and work began on the roads. Every town had several "Pathmasters" the forerunners of our Highway Commissioners. They worked with ever changing crews for property owners were allowed to pay their road tax by working a day or two with the road gangs, and many of them did just that. Shovels and a horse drawn scrapper were the only tools available, but soon the roads were hard and smooth and a joy to go buggy riding upon. Soon however, there was dust, and horses hoofs and wagon wheels can make ruts and holes in dust as well as in snow and mud. Yes, then as now, it was a never ending battle to keep the roads in repair.

**When** I came to Sanborn in 1912, I came by Passenger train, as then there were four Passenger trains each way and if you wished to go to the city for business or shopping you drove a horse or took the train. Every train that stopped at Sanborn carried a number of passengers. Aside from the operator there were two other employees at the station to look after freight, express, mail and passengers.

During the first World War there were some 40 trains a day thru Sanborn. Passenger, Freight, Express, Tank Car, and Troop, of course all were pulled by steam engines, smoke, whistles and rattle, those were the days.

**Harridine Bros**, the Contractors who did the work on making the Pekin Cut and also build the road North to the Ridge and East along the Ridge road used an old type of tractor to haul wagons loaded with stone, sand and cement.

When the work was finished for some reason there were a number of these empty wagons at the top of the cut, the tractor operator conceived the idea of hooking these empty wagons together like a train and hauling them back to headquarters at one time. The idea was OK but as the wagons had no brakes there was no way to hold the wagons going down the cut, about half way down the cut the push of the on coming wagons was too great, the train jack knifed and the on coming wagons not only piled up, but piled on to the tractor and the operator had to jump to save his life.

**The Post Office** was in Pike's Store and Frank McCann (Skip) met the trains, carried the mail from the depot to the office in a two wheeled cart or in the winter on a big sled.

Once in a while Skip would forget and go to the depot without the cart, both Pike & the Station Master had to explain to Skip that the cart was quite necessary to have along.

Skip and his cart was a common sight for many years and the mail went thru regardless of "snow or rain" but Skip was never in a hurry. Those were the days.

**The years** roll by and become so many that it seems impossible that there number is so great.

Just to name a few I can remember when the following were married:

Norm LeVan, Morris LeVan, Don Calkins, Lloyd Treichler, Wilbur Treichler, Ralph Treichler, Wallace Bush, Edwin Hoover, Howard Clancy, George Stover, Allen Flack, Francis Durffy, Jonas Haseley and many more. Seems like just about all the married people have been married in the last 50 years that I have lived in Sanborn.

The clock ticks and time moves on, the grains of sand in the hour glass of life run out.

**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 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

Regular Meeting - January 26, 2016 ..... (See Below)  
Regular Meeting - February 23, .... "Bread Time"- The power of kindness  
Regular Meeting - March 22, 2016 .... To be Announced

Program for the Jan. 26  
7 PM at Sanborn Fire Hall:

**"IDENTITY THEFT"- What you should know**  
Presented by Pat Herberger

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(Annual Dues are \$15 for Family; \$10 for Individual; \$100 for Patron, Business, Professional)

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( ) New Member      ( ) Renewal      Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

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