



Historical Highlights

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GLASS WORKS HISTORY PROJECT

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, JUDY ROWE HAS BEEN RESEARCHING THE HISTORY OF THE RENSSELAER GLASS WORKS WHICH WAS LOCATED ON GLASS LAKE AT THE FORMER RENSSELAER VILLAGE DURING THE PERIOD 1800-1853, AND SHE IS NOW PREPARING TO PRODUCE A HISTORY BOOK OF THE GLASS WORKS, ITS PRODUCTS, ITS OWNERS AND ITS WORKERS. JUDY WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING ANY LEGENDS, ANECDOTES, ETC. ABOUT THE FACTORY, THE OWNERS OR THE WORKERS IN THE GLASS HOUSE AREA, OR ABOUT THE RESIDENCES THEMSELVES.

FRED GUNTRUM HAS USED HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERTISE TO BRING RENSSELAER VILLAGE TO LIFE ON SLIDES, AND HE WILL BE TAKING THE STILL PHOTOGRAPHS IN BLACK AND WHITE FOR THE HISTORY BOOK.

EVERY AVAILABLE COLOR AND TYPE OF GLASS MADE IN THIS FACTORY SHOULD BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND RECORDED. IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF THOSE WHO OWN GLASS LAKE GLASS WOULD ALLOW JUDY AND FRED TO RECORD AND PHOTOGRAPH THEIR GLASS. OWNERS' NAMES WOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL IF DESIRED, AND PHOTOGRAPHS WOULD NOT BE USED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNERS OF THE GLASS.

PLEASE CALL JUDY AT 674-5388 IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THE GLASS WORKS, OR IF YOU HAVE GLASS ARTICLES TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

JUDY AND HENRY ROWE WILL PRESENT THEIR SLIDE SHOW, "RENSSELAER VILLAGE; YESTERDAY'S HERITAGE," AT OUR APRIL 14TH MEETING AT 8:00 PM AT THE SAND LAKE TOWN HALL. DON'T MISS IT!

CRYSTAL IS THE TRADITIONAL 15TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GIFT.

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY! THE PICNIC AND SWIM PLANNED FOR AUGUST 12TH AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S WAS RAINED OUT!

PLANT SALE - ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, WE HELD A PLANT SALE AT MILLER'S SUPERMARKET IN WEST SAND LAKE. THIS WAS A FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

HOUSE TOUR '80 WELL RECEIVED

HOUSE TOUR '80, HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH WAS WELL ATTENDED. COMMENTS WERE MOST COMPLIMENTARY ON THE ELEVEN BUILDINGS SHOWN AND ON BOB SHUEY'S FIREMANIC DISPLAY AT THE OLD WEST SAND LAKE FIREHOUSE. VISITORS WERE PLEASED WITH THE FRIENDLY MANNER IN WHICH THEY WERE GREETED BOTH AT THE HOMES AND AT THE HEADQUARTERS AT THE FIREHOUSE. EVEN THE WEATHER COOPERATED. THE DAY WAS PLEASANTLY SUNNY AND WARM.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TOUR WERE MADE BY CO-CHAIRPERSONS CHRISTINE ROOT AND FRAN RUCKDESCHEL, AND NEWSPAPER AND RADIO PUBLICITY WERE HANDLED BY ARTHEA GIBBS.

WE THANK ALL YOU GALS WHO BAKED DOZENS OF DELICIOUS COOKIES AND THOSE WHO HELPED SERVE THE REFRESHMENTS.

WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS IN SO MANY WAYS.

LIBRARY NEWS

IN OCTOBER, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVED A GIFT FROM CHARLES VERGER OF A SOUVENIR BOOK OF THE WEST SAND LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY (1875-1926), COMPILED BY ALLAN J. HITCHCOCK.

SAND LAKE HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE

A COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY ANDY MACE, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO WORK ON ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR THE SAND LAKE LOOSE LEAF HISTORY BOOK. MEMBERS ARE MADOLYN CARPENTER, ARTHEA GIBBS AND CHUCK VIENS.

DID YOU KNOW? THE WORLD'S FIRST LICENSE PLATES WERE ISSUED IN NEW YORK STATE IN 1901.

THE FOUR SUITS OF PLAYING CARDS RELATE TO THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE YEAR, AND THE 52 CARDS RELATE TO THE NUMBER OF WEEKS IN THE YEAR.

1981 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTGS.

JANUARY 5, AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S. FEBRUARY 2, CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.
MARCH 2, 8 P. M. AT MIG CIPPERLEY'S.

1981 MONTHLY MEETINGS

JANUARY NO MEETING THIS JANUARY.
FEB. 10TH HOBBY SHOW BY MEMBERS AND GUESTS.
MAR. 10TH SLIDE SHOW - ANTIQUE CAST IRON STOVES NOW ON EXHIBIT
AT ALBANY INST. OF HISTORY & ART, BY TAMMIS GROFT,
CURATOR OF THE EXHIBIT.
APR. 14TH SLIDE SHOW, "RENSSELAER VILLAGE; YESTERDAY'S HERITAGE,"
BY JUDY AND HENRY ROWE. ABOUT THE GLASS WORKS AT GLASS
LAKE 1805-1853.

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SAND LAKE TOWN HALL, BEGINNING AT 8 P. M.
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

QUILTING NEWS - MIG CIPPERLEY HAS DONATED ENOUGH BUTTERFLY APPLIQUE
SQUARES TO MAKE UP A QUILT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP EMBROIDER THE
BODIES ON THE BUTTERFLIES, CONTACT MYRA WEHNAU AT 674-3351.

THE FINISHED QUILT WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AS A FUND RAISER.

150 YEARS AGO

THE FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED STEAM POWERED PASSENGER TRAIN
SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES OPENED AT CHARLESTON, S. C. ON THE
SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD ON DECEMBER 25, 1830 WITH THE 3-1/2 TON
U. S.-BUILT LOCOMOTIVE, "BEST FRIEND OF CHARLESTON."

120 YEARS AGO

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS ELECTED IN 1860 AND INAUGURATED ON MARCH 4,
1861. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1864, SHOT BY JOHN WILKES BOSTON ON
APRIL 14, 1865 AND DIED THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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