



Historical Highlights

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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CARPOOL TRIP TO BARN MUSEUM, HANCOCK, MASS.

JULY 12, RAIN OR SHINE, AT 9:30 A.M. WE WILL LEAVE THE SAND LAKE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT (ROUTE 43, 1 MILE EAST OF AVERILL PARK) FOR A VISIT TO THE BARN MUSEUM IN HANCOCK, MASSACHUSETTS. OUR RECENT PROGRAM BY MR. BABCOCK WAS SO INTERESTING AND INSPIRING THAT MANY MEMBERS HAVE REQUESTED THIS FOLLOW-UP TRIP TO SEE HIS OUTDOOR MUSEUM. A FEE OF \$2.50 WILL BE PAYABLE AT THE MUSEUM.

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT NECESSARY, BUT DO PLAN TO BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND BEVERAGE, AND A FRIEND OR TWO. MANY MEMBERS OF THE POESTENKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST AND WE DO HOPE THEY WILL JOIN US.

THIS TRIP WILL BE OUR JULY MEETING, WITHOUT ANY BUSINESS CONDUCTED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 674-3127 OR 674-5035.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1986-1987

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 DIANE FREEMAN '86-'89
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 ARTHEA GIBBS, MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
 RUTHEA BACKER & ADA MILLER, HOSPITALITY

BIG THUNDER DAY AT HOAGS CORNERS

FRIDAY, JULY 4 IS THE TIME OF THE 'BIG THUNDER' CELEBRATION. WE ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY AT 9:30A.M. WHERE WE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE OF THE CALICO INDIANS AND THE PLACING OF THE WREATH AT THE GRAVESITE IN THE SAND LAKE CEMETERY JUST OFF ROUTE 66.

JUST ARRIVE IF YOU WANT TO BE A SPECTATOR. #####
THE PARADE, ANTI-RENT WAR REENACTMENT, PICNIC, MUZZLELOADER SHOOTING MATCH, DISPLAYS OF CRAFTS & ANTIQUES, PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES, AND GAMES & CONTESTS ALL DAY FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AT HOAGS CORNERS.

SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR JUNE 1, 1985-MAY 31, 1986

TO SUMMARIZE THE RECORD AND REFRESH PLEASANT MEMORIES, THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF OUR PROGRAMS FOR THE PAST YEAR:

- JUNE - DIANE DE BLOIS (MRS. ROBERT HARRIS) OF WEST SAND LAKE, 1985 "THE HISTORY OF BAKING POWDER".
- JULY - MINI HOUSE TOUR. A TOUR OF THREE HISTORIC HOMES IN THE AREA. THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. CHESTER GAVRYCK OF WEST SAND LAKE, (THE FORMER SALEM EUE CHURCH); THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. STANLEY SUPKIS IN AVERILL PARK, AND THE HOME OF BARBARA AND MRS. MILDRED WORCESTER IN SAND LAKE. (FOR MEMBERS ONLY.)
- SEPT.- DOUGLAS BUCHER OF TROY, RESTORATION EXPERT. "18TH & 19TH CENTURY INTERIOR RESTORATIONS IN TROY AND ALBANY".
- OCT. - MC. CONNIE BEITTER, CANAL TRAFFIC AGENT FOR DOT. "CARRY ON OLD ERIE," A PROGRAM ON THE ERIE CANAL IN ITS 160TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR.
- NOV. - STACY POMEROY DRAPER, CURATOR AT RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. "A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY".
- DEC. - "INSIDE TOWN HALL", A VIDEO WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY 6TH GRADE STUDENTS OF THE EXTENDED TASK GROUP AT SAND LAKE SCHOOL. COMMENTS BY ERIN OLIVER AND ANDREA CRAWFORD OF THE GROUP.
- JAN. 1986 - "TRASH AND TREASURE" PROGRAM. SHOW AND TELL BY MEMBERS, WITH PANEL OF EXPERTS, DON CARPENTIER, BOB HARRIS, BOB SHUEY AND BERYL VANNIER.
- FEB. - DANIEL SEKELICK OF WEST SAND LAKE, ARCHITECT AND ARTIST. ALBANY LANDMARK BUILDINGS.
- MAR. - "CANES AND WALKING STICKS", PRESENTED BY A TROY HOBBYIST.
- APR. - "OLD TIME BARNs", PRESENTED BY RICHARD BABCOCK OF HANCOCK, MASS., NATIONALLY RENOWNED AUTHORITY ON OLD BARNs AND THEIR RESTORATION. OWNER OF THE BABCOCK BARN MUSEUM IN HANCOCK.
- MAY - PRE-DINNER COCKTAIL PARTY AT MARION AND WOODY HACKER'S.

11TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD AT THE SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WEST SAND LAKE. DINNER SPEAKER WAS REV. THOMAS PHELAN, DEAN OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE AT RPI, AND AUTHOR OF "THE HUDSON-MOHAWK GATEWAY," AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF TROY, WATERFORD, COHOCES, GREEN ISLAND AND WATERVLIET, PUBLISHED IN 1985.

THE SECOND DECADE CONTINUED THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S GOALS OF VARIED AND INTERESTING PROGRAMS, PLANNED AND PRESENTED BY OUR ABLE VICE PRESIDENT, ALAN FUESS, FEATURING AREA TALENTS AND COLLECTORS.

BESIDE FOCUSING ON LOCAL HISTORY AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION, WE CONTINUE TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE BY ENCOURAGING THE YOUTH OF OUR TOWN BY THE INVITATION TO SHOW THEIR STUDENT-PRODUCED VIDEO ON TOWN GOVERNMENT AT A MEETING, AND BY AWARDING TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING SENIORS AT AVERILL PARK HIGH SCHOOL WHO EXCEL IN HISTORY. IN JUNE 1985, THE SCHOLARSHIPS CONSISTED OF A CHECK FOR \$100 EACH TO VIRGINIA BOURDEAU, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH BOURDEAU OF GLASS LAKE, AND MARK HILL, SON OF MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK HILL OF SAND LAKE.

ALTHOUGH RISING COSTS OF INSURANCE AND OPERATING SUPPLIES HAVE PROMPTED THE INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE COMING YEAR, OUR MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION CONTINUE HEALTHY. IN THIS CONNECTION I ACKNOWLEDGE OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON, ELINOR ZAKI, FOR HER EFFORTS TO UPDATE LISTINGS AND ENCOURAGE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION BY FORMER MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN LAX IN THE CONTINUITY OF THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

BECAUSE OF THE ILLNESS OF OUR TREASURER, THE REQUIRED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT WILL BE FILED AT A LATER DATE. HOWEVER, FINANCES ARE SOUND, LONG RANGE SPECIAL PROJECT FUND INVESTMENTS HAVING BEEN REVIEWED TO INSURE MAXIMUM RETURNS.

WE REGRETFULLY ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF MYRA WEHNAU, WHO SERVED LONG AND FAITHFULLY AS OUR LIBRARIAN. BARBARA MOHAN WILL BE AN ABLE REPLACEMENT. SHE IS CURRENTLY REORGANIZING AND UPDATING LISTINGS. SHE WILL BE AFFIXING OUR BOOKPLATES, DESIGNED BY OUR OWN PAT BROCK, IN EACH VOLUME IN A NEW PROJECT THIS YEAR TO IDENTIFY AND PROMOTE THE SOCIETY'S RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS.

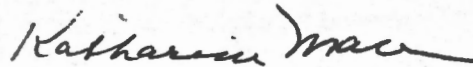
THERE WERE SEVERAL INNOVATIONS IN PROGRAMMING THIS YEAR. ONE WAS "INSIDE TOWN HALL", A VIDEO PROJECT PRODUCED AND PRESENTED BY 6TH GRADE STUDENTS OF THE EXTENDED TASK GROUP OF SAND LAKE SCHOOL. THE OTHER TOOK THE FORM OF A MINI HOUSE TOUR, PRESENTED AS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO MEMBERS ONLY. OTHER THAN THIS ONE OCCASION, WE CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH AND PROMOTION OF NEIGHBORING HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, AND OUR 'OPEN DOOR' POLICY OF WELCOMING ALL INTERESTED COMMUNITY FOLKS TO OUR MEETINGS TO ENJOY THE FORMAL PROGRAMS AND THE REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIABILITY WHICH FOLLOW.

OUR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY ADA MILLER, AND ASSISTED BY RUTHEA BACKER, HAS OFFERED DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS, PRESENTED WITH ORIGINAL DECORATIONS APROPOS OF THE TOPIC OF THE EVENING AND THE SEASON OF THE YEAR.

NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED IS THE SOCIETY'S PURCHASE OF AUTHENTIC RENSSELAER GLASS FACTORY ARTICLES WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO THE TOWN OF SAND LAKE WHERE THEY CAN BE PRESERVED AND DISPLAYED AS PERMANENT EVIDENCE OF OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PAST.

ALL OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE 1985-86 YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED ONLY WITH THE FULL AND HARMONIOUS COOPERATION OF YOUR ABLE OFFICERS, TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS. SOME HAVE BEEN MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY IN THIS REPORT, OTHERS ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ALL HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN EVERY WAY TO MAKING MY TERM AS PRESIDENT SUCCESSFUL AND PERSONALLY REWARDING. I THANK EVERY ONE AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KATHARINE MACE
PRESIDENT

USED BOOK SALE

THE SOCIETY IS MAKING PLANS TO HOLD THE USED BOOK SALE IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE DATE AND PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

WE DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER TO HOLD THE SALE, AS THERE WERE SEVERAL SIMILAR SALES IN THE AREA IN JUNE.

WE THANK THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MANY NICE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

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THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU HAVE EXPERTISE AND/OR INTEREST, PLEASE CALL PRESIDENT KITTY MACE, 674-5035 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (ASAP).

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DATED MATERIAL. OPEN AT ONCE.



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1986-87 MEMBERSHIPS

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS COUPON TO MEMBERSHIP, SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 492, WEST SAND LAKE, NY 12196, WITH YOUR CHECK.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CHECK ENC. \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE BELOW, YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS, HOBBIES, COLLECTIONS, ETC.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$4.00 PER PERSON, \$6.00 PER FAMILY, JUNIORS TO AGE 16, AND SENIORS (65 & OVER) HALF PRICE. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE MAILED.

HAVE A MEMBERSHIP QUESTION? CALL ELINOR ZAKI, CHAIRPERSON 674-2005.