



SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Volunteers Appointed

Can you assist them?

Hospitality

Pat Detmar

Membership

Barbara J. Worcester

Publicity

Arthea Gibbs

Memorial Gifts

Arthea Gibbs

Library Coordinator

Rosemary Supkis

Oral History

Diane Freeman

Constitution Review

Eleanor Zaki

Rosemary Supkis

'Mig' Cipperly

Newsletter

Barbara Mohan

Diane Freeman

Marge Larsen

Iona Mosher

Rosemary Supkis

Volunteers Wanted

Acquisition Review Committee -

To establish guidelines to control any acquisitions

Speakers Bureau

To talk or demonstrate history or early crafts for area groups. We would list your expertise and have each individual make appointments of your choice. A wonderful chance for education of our purpose and public exposure.

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PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

Our summer is now history! Did you record your accomplishments? Have you thought about some project we might want to consider? We need input from the membership to assist the officers and committees to move forward. Work and dreams continue as we ask "How do we increase our budget?" Are we known as a 'working' society? How can we preserve and protect our heritage?

Presently we still solicit oral history, but need volunteers. Consideration is being given toward a future 'home' and possible exhibit space. Communication with the Town Library is alive and well as we seek to contribute toward emphasis on local events of our past. The newest suggestion is to establish a speakers bureau of local persons who might use their expertise to educate others by speaking before youth groups, senior groups and/or community groups. This could become a public relations/publicity component of our society.

If we have accomplishment in our future, we NOW need volunteers to join our officers. **Will YOU??!!**

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The Society is seeking an item of real value to be raffled in the Spring. Please call Ross French 674-5710 for details.

FAMOUS PERSON HAD SAND LAKE CONNECTIONS

In October of 1800, a young man made his appearance in the Town of Sand Lake, with his clothes tied up in a cotton handkerchief and over his back, and his boots hung over his arm. He first inquired for a school, and then a place to work. He was directed to a certain "farm on the mountain", where he chopped wood mornings and nights to pay for his board while he persued his first employment as schoolmaster in the neighborhood. The young man gave his name as "Patches" Marcy.

Mr. William L. Marcy attended Brown University, and then came to Troy to study law with two prominent lawyers. Following admission to the bar he practiced law in Troy, and became surrogate of the county. During the War of 1812 he volunteered and served for two years. After the war he became the first recorder of Troy and then managed the anti-Federalist newspaper, The Troy Budget.

From 1821 to 1830 he held three important State offices, Adjutant General, Comptroller, and Judge of the Supreme Court. While serving a term as United States Senator, he became Governor of the State of New York, holding this office for three terms.

In 1845 he became Secretary of War, and then Secretary of State in President Pierce's cabinet. Mr. Marcy was the leading candidate for the presidential nomination in 1852, but he was not successful because New York State did not remain solid in his support.

Sand Lake honored Mr. Marcy by designating a road in his name. Marcy Avenue is located approximately 1500 feet west of the Church of the Covenant, off Route 43, bordering Firemen's Pond.

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The information on "Patches" Marcy prompted some research by the editorial staff. It was found that Marcy Avenue was the western boundary of Interlaken Park, a subdivision proposed by Averill. The plans included a beautiful park, and country homes for the affluent. Why was it never built?

At present (1992) there is only one house on Marcy Avenue and it is relatively new. Near the intersection of Marcy and Prospect Avenue is an old house that was the summer home of the Cuning family. A son of early movie actress Mae Murray was adopted by Dr. Cort

Cuning of New York City, but raised by the Troy Cunnings, who operated a shoe store there. This boy, John, later coninued the shoe store operation. John's father was Prince Midvani.

WE THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS RESEARCH: MADOLYN CARPENTER, JOHN KACHARIAN, MARGE LARSEN, MARY O'DONNELL, AND ROSEMARY SUPKIS.

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// A display of Crooked Lake
// memorabilia is planned for the
// future. Do you have any
// item(s) or photo(s) to loan or
// a special memory to share?

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Ms. Barbara Urban, Social Studies teacher at Doyle Middle School, will present a program on the WPA and CCC in Rensselaer County at the November 10 meeting. She has had a great interest in this topic because her family members were involved.

Ms. Urban wants to contact other Rensselaer County residents who have first hand knowledge of either organization. She will be working with the Gateway to uncover more information.

Our December Meeting will be with Poestenkill at the Christmas-decorated home of Cornelius Slingerlands in Feura Bush. To car pool or request a ride, call Barbara J. Worcester, 674-8127.

At the October regular meeting of the Sand Lake Historical Society, in observance of Columbus Day, Richard Carman, retired Social Studies Supervisor in Troy, presented an interesting program on Exploration 1400-1500.

Some suggestions for further reading in the Sand Lake Town Library:

The European Discovery of America - The Northern Voyages
by Samuel Eliot Morison

The European Discovery of America - The Southern Voyages
by Samuel Eliot Morison

Cartier Sails the St. Lawrence
retold by Esther Averill

Men, Ships, and Seas by Villier

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