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Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. “[Bars], saloons, restaurants, theaters and schools were closed, masks became a scapegoat, a symbol of government overreach, inspiring protests, petitions and defiant bare-face gatherings. All the while, thousands of Americans were dying in a deadly pandemic...” 2020? No. The above is from an online article entitled “The Mask Slackers of 1918,” referring to the influenza pandemic that swept across the United States in 1918-19, from *The New York Times*! **[Left: Workers at an information desk wearing masks in San**

Francisco in 1918. Credit...Hamilton Henry Dobbin, via California State Library]

Within a day or so of our well attended and greatly enjoyed March 10 program on the History of Burden Lakes, things began to shut down quickly — locally, nationally, around the world! This, of course, resulted in cancellation or postponement of our April, May and June programs, as well as our planned fundraising event at June Farms and another fundraiser of the silent auction of barn quilt squares by local artists. But things are starting to come back, Sand Lake Historical Society included....

Upcoming programs and events

September 8: Dinner (in a box!) and Annual Meeting at Butler Park. Our postponed May Annual Meeting will take place (only four months late!) beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Butler Park on Gettle Road. Enjoy a choice of either *Vegetable sandwich* (including zucchini, roasted red peppers, Mozzarella cheese, pesto mayo) on a brioche roll, or *Grilled Chicken Breast sandwich*, with lettuce, tomato and onion, with ranch dressing (all dressings will be on the side). Your meal will also include macaroni salad, homemade kettle chips and a brownie for dessert.

The cost is only \$20. ***Please note the following: all COVID-19 guidelines will be followed; masks will be required and social distancing should be practiced.*** Also, please bring a chair if possible!

Note also that ***we must limit total attendees to 50***, so get your reservations in soon (and no later than September 1)! A reservation form appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Annual Meeting will include election of Trustees. The Nominating Committee (Rosemarie Sniezek, Pete Finn, Barbara Mosher Matrese) has recommended the following slate of nominees for election at the annual meeting: *Nancy Perry* (three-year term; replacing outgoing trustee Joan Fuess), *Bud Whitney* (three-year term; replacing outgoing trustee Dawn Vink), *Jim Powers* (2nd three-year term), and *Michelle Mosher Schultz* (2nd three-year term). Nominations also be accepted from the floor.

Also, in keeping with what has become a bit of a fall tradition in SLHS, Town Historian Bob Moore will update us on what's been happening in and around his office!

**August (all month, Saturdays and Sundays):
Barn Quilt Squares display and silent auction
at the Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY
Highway 43, Averill Park, NY 12018.**

A display of barn quilt squares created and donated by 13 local artists can be seen Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m., through the month of August at the Sand Lake Center for the Arts. These unique, 2' by 2' squares were originally chosen as the featured artwork project relative to our "Down on the Farm" at June Farms" fundraiser (now tentatively rescheduled to May 21, 2021). It is also a *silent auction fundraiser*, and bid sheets will be available through Sunday, August 30.

Participating artists include Kathryn Pierce Benson, Holli Boyd-White, Sharon Dawes, Paul Jureller, Mary Pierce LaFleur, CarolLynn Langley, Nancy Mulcahy, Claire Robelotto, Stacy Schafer, Virginia Scholz, Judi Stone, Arthur Thorman, and Elaine Wilson.

The Barn Quilt Squares display will be held in the stage area. Following Statewide COVID-19 guidelines: Only 15 people will be allowed in the building at a time; Anyone entering the building must wear a mask and maintain social distancing; They will exit out the back after viewing the display.

And be sure to check out the Summer Juried Art Show "The Power and the Glory" in the lobby!

The small collage here cannot begin to do justice to these wonderful works of art. Please take a look at the images at <https://sandlakehistory.org/barn-quilt-squares/>, then head to SLCA to view and bid!



SLHS Dues are (not) due!

Normally, we would have reminded you earlier this past spring that your dues might be due, as the membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. But as we know, this has not been a normal year! As previously noted, the Society's spring and summer have been postponed...along with just about everything else. Our lives have been significantly impacted by the Pandemic; some far more than others.

The Sand Lake Historical Society Board of Trustees has decided to extend the memberships of all dues-paying members by one year. If you were due to renew this spring, you're now good through May 31, 2021, if your membership expires in 2021, you're now good through 2022, etc.!

Of course, if you are so inclined, you may submit dues, and that will extend your membership by yet another year! Please note that ***you are under no obligation to do so***; any amount you might wish to offer beyond a year's dues (other than "upgrading" to a lifetime paid membership) will be considered a donation.

Documenting your...er...stay at home?

The Manuscripts and Special Collections (MSC) unit of the New York State Library is encouraging all New Yorkers to keep a journal documenting what their daily lives are like during the pandemic: challenges you're facing; obstacles you've overcome; and creative ways you've found to connect with family, friends, community. MSC asks that you consider donating your journal at a future date to the New York State Library, where they will be preserved for future generations to study and learn from. More information at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/mssc/covid19/>

If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, you might also wish to check out activities via the State Library's Summer Reading Program; more information at <https://www.summerreadingnys.org/nysl-covid-19-personal-history-initiative/> While the above website is geared towards libraries and librarians, there is much useful information for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.!

Officers and Trustees of the Society 2019-2020

Officers: *Jacqueline Tremont (2022)*, President; *Jane Minotti (2021)*, Vice President; *Sharon Dawes (2022)*, Recording Secretary; *Rosemarie Sniezyk (2021)*, Corresponding Secretary; *Michelle Mosher Schultz (2020)*, Treasurer. **Trustees:** *Holli Boyd-White (2021)*, *Peter Finn (2022)*, *Joan Fuess (2020)*, *Michael Perry (2022)*, *Jim Powers (2020)*, *Sue Powers (2021)*, *Ann Winnicki (2022)*, *Dawn Vink (2020)*.



Sand Lake Historical Society
Membership Application/Renewal 2020-2021
(Please print clearly)

New Member Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Would you prefer to receive newsletter via: Email or Postal Mail *(check only one)*

Do you have any particular historical interests or expertise? If so, please let us know:

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to *Sand Lake Historical Society*. Mail to:
Sand Lake Historical Society, Post Office Box 492, West Sand Lake, New York 12196

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Sand Lake Historical Society
September 8, 2020, Annual Meeting Dinner Reservation
(Please print clearly)

Please return form by September 1, 2020, if you are planning to attend!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number of Reservations (\$20.00 each) _____

Sandwich choice (please indicate how many of each below):

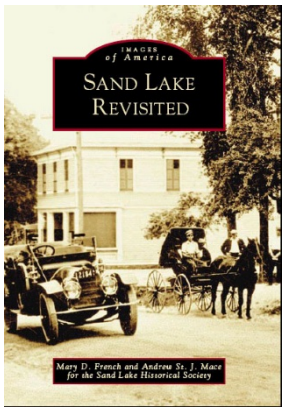
Grilled Chicken _____

Veggie _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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*Feel free to write one check for the total amount of membership/renewal
AND your Annual Meeting reservation(s)!*



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