

FACTS AND ARTIFACTS

THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1978

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OUR MAIN ATTRACTION THIS YEAR HAS BEEN THE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS ARRANGED BY OUR VICE PRESIDENT, KITTY MACE. A READY, WILLING AND ABLE OFFICER, KITTY ALSO PRESIDED THIS FALL IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

WE AGAIN PUBLISHED A CALENDAR DEPICTING THE HISTORY OF OUR TOWN.

THE SANFORD YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND WAS ESTABLISHED WITH OUR DONATION PLUS THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHERS WHO LOVED SANFORD, AND WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE PUBLICATIONS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

JUDY ROWE AND MADOLYN CARPENTER ARE CONTINUING THE RESEARCH OF THE RENSSELAER GLASS WORKS AT GLASS LAKE. MADOLYN AND CHUCK VIENS ARE GATHERING PICTURES AND INFORMATION SO WE CAN PRESENT THREE SLIDE PROGRAMS ABOUT THE HOMES, BUSINESSES AND EVENTS WHICH HAVE SHAPED THE HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THE TOUR COMMITTEE, KATHY FASCO, ALAN FUESS AND JIM MILLER, IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN EARLY FALL TOUR OF HOMES REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STYLES FOUND IN THE THREE VILLAGES OF SAND LAKE.

WE HAVE BEEN SERVING REFRESHMENTS AT OUR MEETINGS, WITH ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF MIG CIPPERLEY, OUR HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN. WE HAVE WELCOMED OUR GUESTS AND HAD THEM SIGN THE GUEST BOOK, AND GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER VIA NAME TAGS.

WE HAVE PURCHASED OUR OWN CAMERA SO THAT WE CAN PHOTOGRAPH OUR SPEAKERS AND EVENTS.

WE WILL END OUR 1977-1978 YEAR WITH THE ANNUAL DINNER ON FRIDAY, MAY 12TH AT 7:30 P. M. AT THE CROOKED LAKE HOTEL. JANE VAN PRAAG IS IN CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS. JANE, OR ANY OF THE OFFICERS WILL BE GLAD TO TAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR ROAST BEEF, CHICKEN BREAST OR SEAFOOD PLATTER. TICKETS ARE \$5.25 EACH.

AT THE DINNER, WE WILL ELECT OUR NEW OFFICERS. WE WILL HONOR LOU LEITGEB, FOUNDING TRUSTEE, AND PROUDLY PRESENT HIM WITH AN HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGIES TO PROMOTE OUR SOCIETY. DOOR PRIZES, SOME DONATED BY BERYL VANNIER, FROM HER ANTIQUE SHOP, WILL BE DRAWN DURING THE EVENING.

IN THE COMMUNITY WE HELD A PLANT SALE AND A BAKE SALE. WE HELPED THE TOWN HISTORIAN WITH THE CEMETERY CENSUS. IN OUR COUNTY, WE SHARED IN THE RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE AT WALLOOMSAC AND PARTICIPATED IN A.R.C.H.S. (ASSOCIATION OF RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES).

OUR 1978-79 SEASON HAS GREAT PROMISE AND NEEDS YOU! SENIOR CITIZENS CAN NOW PURCHASE MEMBERSHIPS AT REDUCED RATES; \$1.50 PER PERSON, \$2.50 PER COUPLE. THE RENSSELAER GLASS WORKS PROJECT NEEDS HELPERS TO GATHER, SORT AND TYPE THE MATERIALS. THE NATIONAL REGISTRY PROJECT WANTS YOU TO RESEARCH YOUR HOME AND HELP DETERMINE IF YOURS QUALIFIES AND IS SIGNIFICANT TO BE PRESERVED.

FUTURE PROGRAMS WILL INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. COME AND VISIT THE HOMES ON THE TOUR THIS FALL! EXHIBITS AT THE TOWN HALL ARE IN OUR FUTURE, AND YOU MAY BE CALLED UPON TO DISPLAY AN ITEM AND TELL US ABOUT IT. THE SOCIETY DEPENDS UPON EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION. SUPPORT YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART. YOU ARE A MEMBER OF A GROWING SOCIETY WHOSE MOTTO IS, "PRESERVE THE PAST-- ENRICH THE FUTURE!"

JOAN FUESS, PRESIDENT

NEW NAME FOR NEWSLETTER

WE HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE OUR NEWSLETTER A NEW NAME. DETAILS OF THE SELECTION OF A NAME WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY. IT'S TIME TO PUT YOUR "THINKING CAPS" ON!

THIS NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY BY THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE SOCIETY WAS GRANTED A TEMPORARY CHARTER BY THE REGENTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ON JUNE 27, 1975.

PRESIDENT: JOAN FUESS

EDITOR: ARTHEA GIBBS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2ND AT THE HOME OF JOAN FUESS.

VICE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WERE ARRANGED.

- JUNE 13 - BOB LATHAM AND ART DELL, JR., MEMBERS OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY ANTIQUE BOTTLE CLUB ON ANTIQUE BOTTLES.
- JULY 11 - LOWELL, McALLISTER, DIR., DYKEN POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, "COMMUNITY USE OF THE CENTER."
- AUG. 8 - CONNIE MULLIGAN, "COLONIAL COSTUMES."
- SEPT. 12- BOB HARRIS, "SOURCES OF RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORY."
- OCT. 10 - LINDA McLEAN, SLIDE LECTURE ON ARTIST FREDERIC EDWIN CHURCH AND HIS ESTATE, OLANA IN HUDSON, N. Y.
- NOV. 14 - PANEL OF EXPERTS; BERYL VANNIER, BOB HARRIS, BOB SHUEY, JOAN DAVIS, FRED AND JANE BENNET SMART.
- DEC. 12 - H. LANSING MACE, "CHRISTMAS IN THE POSTAL WORLD."
- JAN. 9 - CANCELLED. STORMY WEATHER.
- FEB. 13 - YVONNE WELCH, "STITCHERY, PAST AND PRESENT."
- MAR. 13 - VELMA BUSHELL, BUTTONS, ART IN MINIATURE."
- APR. 10 - WILLIAM SKERRITT, "SCRIMSHAW, OLD AND NEW."
- MAY 12 - ANNUAL DINNER AT CROOKED LAKE HOTEL.

KITTY MACE

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

THE BIGGEST STRIDE TAKEN FOR MEMBERSHIP WAS THE DECISION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MAKE YEARLY DUES HALF PRICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. THIS BENEFITTED THE WHOLE SOCIETY AS WE PROMPTLY GAINED SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS.

ANY GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD FOR WE NEED TO HAVE ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN INVOLVED IN HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS TO PRESERVE SOME OF THE PAST AND PRESENT FOR FUTURE SAND LAKERS TO BE PROUD OF.

THE LARGER THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE GREATER THE INTEREST AND HOPEFULLY A HIGHER RATE OF SUCCESS WITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECTS.

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ONE SUGGESTION FOR INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE TO SEND A FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR ONE YEAR TO NEW PEOPLE MOVING INTO THIS AREA AS A WELCOME FROM US, AND HOPEFULLY TO HELP PROMOTE THEIR INTEREST IN THEIR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

BERYL VANNIER

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

THANK YOU LETTERS WERE WRITTEN FOR GIFTS MADE TO THE SANFORD YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND, AND A LETTER WAS SENT TO LOU LEITGEB IN APPRECIATION OF HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS A TRUSTEE OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MIG CIPPERLEY

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HUDSON-MOHAWK INDUSTRIAL GATEWAY TOURS

- MAY 20 WALKING TOUR - CONGRESS PARK-RUSSELL SAGE TOUR.
1 PM MEET AT VAIL HOUSE, CONGRESS & FIRST STREETS.
- MAY 14 BOAT TOUR - TROY TO WATERFORD AND RETURN. VIEW HISTORIC
1 PM SITES ALONG THE WAY. PHONE GATEWAY FOR RESERVATIONS AND PLACE OF DEPARTURE. 274-5267. BRING YOUR LUNCH.
- JUNE 3 WALKING TOUR - DOWNTOWN TROY. MEET AT FULTON ST. & 5TH AVE.
1 PM
- JUNE 10 WALKING TOUR OF THE BLEACHERY ON PEBBLES ISLAND. BRING LUNCH
10:45 AM MEET AT THE BLEACHERY.
- JUNE 10 BOAT TOUR - 1 PM TROY TO WATERFORD AND RETURN (SAME AS 5/14)
- JUNE 11 BOAT TOUR - 1 PM SAME AS JUNE 10 TOUR.
- JUNE 24 -WALKING TOUR OF HARMONY MILLS, COHOES. MEET AT SCHOOL AND
1 PM CATARACT STS., COHOES.
- JUNE 24 BOAT TOUR. WATERFORD FLIGHT TOUR. TOUR GOES THROUGH THE
10 AM LOCKS. BRING YOUR LUNCH ON BOAT TOURS.
- JUNE 25 1 PM. BOAT TOUR TROY-WATERFORD (SAME AS 5/14, 6/10 & 6/11)
- BOAT TOURS - \$6.50 NON-MEMBERS, \$6.00 MEMBERS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND STUDENTS \$4.00, CHILDREN UNDER 12 50¢. PHONE GATEWAY FOR RESERVATIONS.
- WALKING TOURS - \$2.00 NON-MEMBERS, \$1.00 MEMBERS, SENIOR CITIZENS, STUDENTS AND CHILDREN.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1977

SAVINGS ACCOUNT \$ 839.67

DUES	\$ 77.00	
INTEREST	35.53	
PLANT SALE	<u>100.00</u>	212.53
		<u>\$1052.20</u>
TRANSFERRED TO CHECK. ACCT.		<u>250.00</u>

BAL. IN SAVINGS ACCT. 12/31/77 \$ 802.20

CHECKING ACCOUNT \$ 191.75

ANTIQUES PROGRAM	5.00	
BOOK SALE	59.00	
CALENDAR SALES	212.39	
DUES	74.00	
MEMORIAL FUND	215.00	
TRANSF. FROM SAVINGS ACCT.	<u>250.00</u>	\$ 815.39

BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCT. 12/31/77 \$1007.14

DISBURSEMENTS

CALENDAR ADVANCE	\$215.00	
DONATION TO CHURCH OF THE COVENANT	75.00	
DUES TO AMERICAN ASSN. STATE & LOCAL HISTORY	16.00	
FLOWERS FOR SANFORD YOUNG	21.20	
LIBRARY FUND	89.00	
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE AND SUPPLIES	125.26	
PHOTO SUPPLIES	72.00	
POST OFFICE BOX RENT	6.00	
REFRESHMENTS	6.41	
SANFORD YOUNG MEMO. FUND TRANSF. TO SVGS. ACCT.	<u>300.00</u>	\$ 960.87

TOTAL INCOME \$ 46.27

CASH ON HAND 12/31/77 \$ 4.21

BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT 42.06

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BALANCE IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT 802.20

TOTAL ON HAND 12/31/77 \$848.47

SANFORD YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND \$332.23

NEWS FROM YOUR TOWN HISTORIAN, MADOLYN CARPENTER

I EXPECT TO BE IN MY OFFICE UPSTAIRS IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ADDITION, 10 AM TO 3 PM ON MONDAYS. YOU MAY REACH ME AT 674-2200 ON MONDAYS.

THE TOWN OWNS MANY HISTORICAL BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS THAT MAY BE BORROWED. THE RARE BOOKS MUST BE USED AT THE TOWN HALL, BUT OTHERS MAY BE TAKEN HOME TO STUDY.

MANY OF OUR TOWNSPEOPLE HAVE DONATED OLD DEEDS, OLD PICTURES, FAMILY HISTORIES, CLIPPINGS, ETC. TO THE TOWN HISTORIAN FOR THE FILES. I APPRECIATE THESE ITEMS BECAUSE I FEEL THAT SUCH THINGS SHOULD BE KEPT IN OUR TOWN, RATHER THAN TAKEN OUT OF TOWN TO BE SOLD TO SOME COLLECTOR WHO HAS NO FEELING FOR NOR ROOTS IN OUR TOWN.

IF FOLKS LIVING IN THE OLD HOUSES IN THE TOWN HAVE RESEARCHED THEIR HOMES, I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A COPY OF THIS DATA FOR THE FILES AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT OUR TOWN.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAPE YOUR MEMORIES OF THE TOWN AS YOU KNEW IT, IF YOU ARE ONE OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. JUST CALL ME AND WE WILL SET UP A TIME CONVENIENT FOR YOU. YOUR REMEMBRANCES WILL BE INVALUABLE TO OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

OUR CEMETERY CENSUS, WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1975, HAS NOT YET BEEN FINISHED. THE SAND LAKE UNION CEMETERY, TABORTON CEMETERY, BAUER CEMETARY, COON-HUNTLEY CEMETERY, HOLCOMB ROAD CEMETERY, MILLER-SNOOK CEMETERY AND TRINITY LUTHERAN CEMETERY ARE FINISHED. WE STILL HAVE TO FINISH ELMWOOD CEMETERY AND ST. HENRY'S CEMETERY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT ON THESE, PLEASE CONTACT ME. THE INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE HEADSTONES ARE AN INVALUABLE AID TO GENEALOGISTS. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP MANY PEOPLE FROM AS FAR AWAY AS TEXAS AND FLORIDA IN TRACING THEIR FAMILIES WITH THESE CEMETERY LISTS, THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO SPENT MANY HOURS IN COPYING THE INSCRIPTIONS AND HELPING WITH THE TYPING.

I HAVE BEEN LOANED SEVERAL DIARIES TO COPY, WHICH GIVE MUCH INFORMATION ON OUR TOWN AND ARE VERY INTERESTING TO READ. THE INK HAS FADED IN SOME, OR THEY WERE WRITTEN IN PENCIL, AND HAVE BECOME ILLEGIBLE WITH MUCH HANDLING OVER THE YEARS. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE OLD DIARIES, HANDLE THEM WITH CARE AND DO NOT STORE THEM NEXT TO WOOD, SINCE WOOD HAS AN ACID WHICH WILL EAT THE PAPER. STORE THEM IN ACID-FREE BOXES IN A DARK PLACE.

PLEASE SEARCH YOUR ATTICS OR BOXES OF OLD PHOTOS FOR A PICTURE WHICH MIGHT SHOW THE OLD RENSSELAER GLASS FACTORY AT GLASS LAKE. TO DATE, IF ANYONE HAS SUCH A PICTURE, WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF IT. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THERE SHOULD BE A PICTURE OF THE GLASS WORKS SOMEPLACE AS IT WAS QUITE A LARGE OPERATION FOR THOSE TIMES. IF YOU HAVE SUCH A PICTURE, I WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY FOR THE TOWN FILES.

THE MATERIAL I HAVE COLLECTED FOR THE TOWN HISTORIAN'S FILES BELONGS TO THE TOWN AND IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR SOCIETY IS GROWING AND WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL PROGRAMS AND DOING RESEARCH ON OUR AREA.

OUR MONTHLY PROGRAMS HAVE COVERED A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, BOTH ANTIQUE AND MODERN.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WISHES TO STATE THEIR APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO LOU LEITGBE FOR HIS YEARS OF ADVICE AND GUIDANCE.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1978-79 OFFICES

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, BOB HARRIS, FRAN SANDLES, CHARLES VIENS, BOB DUNWORTH AND MIG CIPPERLEY, PRESENT THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL DINNER ON MAY 12, 1978:

PRESIDENT	BERYL VANNIER
VICE PRESIDENT	KRISTINE CIPPERLEY
TREASURER	ADA MILLER
RECORDING SECY.	ELINOR ZAKI
CORRESPONDING SECY.	ARTHEA GIBBS
CUSTODIAN	JANE VAN PRAAG
TRUSTEE	JAMES MILLER
TRUSTEE	ANDREW MACE

NEWS OF RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- MAY 8 - - 8 PM AT THE COACH HOUSE. SLIDE LECTURE BY RICHARD HESTER, PROFESSOR AND CURATOR OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AT SUNYA, AND CONSERVATIONIST OF ANTIQUE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF EARLY 19TH CENTURY PIANOS, INCL. THE ASTOR PIANO IN THE SOCIETY'S PARLOR.
- JUNE 7, 14, 21 AND 28 - - 12 NOON - 1PM AT THE COACH HOUSE. LUNCH HOUR PROGRAMS. COME AND BRING YOUR LUNCH. RCHS WILL PROVIDE YOUR BEVERAGE. FILMS RUN ABOUT 1/2 HOUR. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. THERE IS NO CHARGE.
- JUNE 7 - - FILM "PARADE OF TALL SHIPS" IN NY HARBOR, BICEN. YEAR.
- JUNE 14 - - COLOR FILM ON PHILADELPHIANS' RESTORATION OF RUN-DOWN 18TH CENTURY HOUSES INTO HANDSOME HOMES.
- JUNE 21-28 - - TO BE ANNOUNCED. . . .

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NOMINATIONS FOR 1978-79 OFFICERS

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, BOB HARRIS, GRAHAM SANDERS, CHARLES VINEG, BOB BURNETT AND MRS. CIPPERLEY, PRESENT THE FOLLOWING STATE OF NOMINEES TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL DINNER ON MAY 12, 1978:

ANDREW MAZUR
JAMES MILLER
JANE VAN FRAK
PATRICK GIBBS
TIMOTHY GARY
ADA MILLER
KRISTINE CIPPERLEY
BERYL KENNEDY

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