



Historical Highlights

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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JANUARY - APRIL

7TH ANNUAL DINNER, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE 7TH ANNUAL DINNER, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 14TH AT 7:00 P. M. AT THE GLASS LAKE INN.

THE DINNER WILL BE HOT AND COLD BUFFET AT \$7.00 EACH INCLUDING TIP.

MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH MIG CIPPERLEY AT 674-3876 OR ARTHEA GIBBS AT 674-3127. RESERVATIONS CLOSE MONDAY P. M., MAY 10TH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AFTER THE DINNER.

THE NOMINEES FOR 1982-83 OFFICERS ARE:

PRESIDENT	- ROSS FRENCH	RECORDING SECY.	- DAPHNE WESTCOTT
VICE PRES.	- ARTHUR HANDLEY	CORRES. SECY.	- ARTHEA B. GIBBS
TREASURER	- MARION HACKER	CUSTODIAN	- JANE VAN PRAAG

TRUSTEE FOR 3 YEARS - MARY MARGARET CIPPERLEY
TRUSTEE FOR 2 YEARS - KITTY MACE

MARY MARGARET CIPPERLEY WILL REPLACE HELEN GUY WHOSE TERM EXPIRES THIS YEAR. KITTY MACE WILL COMPLETE THE LAST TWO YEARS OF ROSS FRENCH'S TERM. ROSS RESIGNS AS TRUSTEE TO ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS COMPOSED OF MYRA WEHNAU, BERYL VANNIER AND ANDY MACE.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IT HAS BEEN MY OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM EACH OF YOU, AND TO CATCH SOME ENJOYMENT ALONG THE WAY.

MOST OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND MANY OF THE MEMBERS HAVE SPENT MORE TIME THAN I ON SOCIETY WORK. THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN US EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. ARTIE GIBBS HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING. FRAN RUCKDESCHEL, CHRIS ROOT, GRACE PATTERSON BRISCOE, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMITTEES WORKED MANY HOURS AND PUT ON VERY SUCCESSFUL HOUSE TOUR PROGRAMS, OUR ANNUAL BIG EVENT. TO ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU!

PETER B. SPRAGUE

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

- JANUARY NO MEETING SCHEDULED.
- FEBRUARY 9 CANCELLED BECAUSE OF SNOWSTORM. RESCHEDULED JUNE 8.
- MARCH 9 CANCELLED. SLIPPERY ROADS. WILL BE SEEN IN THE FALL.
- APRIL 13 JUDY ROWE PRESENTED SLIDE SHOW ABOUT RENSSELAER VILLAGE AND THE GLASS FACTORY. THE SLIDES USED IN THIS PROGRAM WERE MADE BY FRED GUNTRUM, JR., HEAD PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHER, AND CYNDI TIFFT HERMAN.
- MAY 14 7TH ANNUAL DINNER, ANNUAL MTG. & ELECTION OF OFFICERS. 7 PM AT GLASS LAKE INN. HOT & COLD BUFFET. \$7 EACH.
- JUNE 8 "THE VAN RENSSELAER WOMEN OF CHERRY HILL," (1787-1840's). SLIDE-LECTURE BY REBECCA WATROUS, EDUCATION PROGRAM DIR. AT HISTORIC CHERRY HILL, 523½ So. PEARL ST., ALBANY. 8 PM AT SAND LAKE TOWN HALL.
- OCTOBER 3 HOUSE TOUR '82 IN THE AVERILL PARK-SAND LAKE AREA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE USUALLY HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8 PM. COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF EACH MEETING, OR MAY CALL ARTHEA GIBBS AT 674-3127 FOR INFORMATION.

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DID YOU KNOW?? THE GATEWAY ARCH IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI IS THE WORLD'S TALLEST MONUMENT. IT MEASURES 630 FEET ACROSS AND IS 630 FEET HIGH.

HOUSE TOUR '82

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO HOLD HOUSE TOUR '82 ON SUNDAY, OCT. 3RD, FROM 1 TO 5 PM, IN THE AVERILL PARK-SAND LAKE AREA, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT THE SAND LAKE TOWN HALL.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE TOUR IS ARTHEA GIBBS, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS THUS FAR, ARE:

MADOLYN CARPENTER
MIG CIPPERLEY
ADA MILLER

PAT MULLIGAN
JUDY ROWE
FRAN RUCKDESCHEL
BOB SHUEY

BERYL VANNIER
CHARLES VIENS
ELINOR ZAKI

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CONTACTING HOMEOWNERS ABOUT SHOWING THEIR HOMES ON THE TOUR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHOWING YOUR HOME OR BUILDING, OR WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON THE TOUR, PLEASE CALL ARTHEA GIBBS AT 674-3127. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT HIGHLIGHTS AND IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

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NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES

MAY 2 - POESTENKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOUSE TOUR. 1-5 PM. TICKETS \$2.00 AT POESTENKILL TOWN HALL. AFTER THE TOUR, STOP IN AT THE POESTENKILL CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR REFRESHMENTS.

MAY 15 - BRUNSWICK HIST. SOCIETY PRESENTS HON. DEWITT GURNELL, RHINEBECK TOWN HISTORIAN SPEAKING ON PALATINE HISTORY. PROGRAM STARTS AT 1 PM AT EAGLE MILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON ROUTE 2 AND GARFIELD ROAD.

MORE ON PALLATINE HISTORY - HANK JONES, THE AUTHOR OF THE PALLATINE FAMILIES OF NEW YORK HAS WRITTEN BRUNSWICK H. S. RE PALLATINE SETTLERS. HE WANTS TO FULLY TRACE ALL 800 FAMILIES OVERSEAS IN THEIR GERMAN VILLAGES OF ORIGIN. HE WILL SHARE HIS DOCUMENTED AND GUARANTEED DATA WITH INTERESTED FELLOW-DESCENDANTS OF THE 1709ERS AND LATER ARRIVALS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL BECKY CIPPERLEY ON 279-9501 OR WRITE HANK JONES, P.O. Box 8341, UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA 91608.

APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 - THE RENSSELAER COUNTY PLAYERS HAVE CANCELLED CANCELLATION. THEIR PERFORMANCE OF "EAST LYNNE," SCHEDULED AT TAMARAC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

STEPHENTOWN CELEBRATES ITS BICENTENNIAL IN 1984. HELP STEPHENTOWN TO GET A COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP ISSUED HONORING STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER, III, THE "GOOD PATROON," FOR WHOM THE TOWN WAS NAMED. WRITE A LETTER URGING THE ISSUANCE OF THIS STAMP TO:

WILLIAM F. BOLGER, POSTMASTER GENERAL
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA, S.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20260

NEWS OF OTHER SOCIETIES - CONTD.

JUNE 5 - SEPT. 6 (LABOR DAY) - THE NATIONAL BOTTLE MUSEUM OF THE FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL BOTTLE CLUBS IN BALLSTON SPA EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO ITS FOURTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION WHICH OPENS JUNE 5 AND WILL BE OPEN WEEKENDS THRU LABOR DAY, FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITS INCLUDE:

AN 1890 PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE FEATURING GLASSWARE OF THE PERIOD.

AN EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOTTLES AND CLOSURES USED IN THE CARBONATED WATER INDUSTRY.

AN EXHIBIT ON RENSSELAER VILLAGE, ITS GLASS AND ITS GLASSMAKERS. INCLUDED WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHS, A MODEL GLASSHOUSE AND TOOLS ACTUALLY USED BY 19TH CENTURY GLASSMAKERS.

RENSSELAER VILLAGE
AT NATIONAL BOTTLE MUSEUM

JUDY ROWE AND MEMBERS OF THE GLASS WORKS HISTORY PROJECT ARE BUSILY PREPARING AN EXHIBIT OF RENSSELAER VILLAGE FOR THE NATIONAL BOTTLE MUSEUM OF THE FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL BOTTLE CLUBS IN THE VERBECK HOUSE IN BALLSTON SPA. THIS EXHIBIT MAY BE SEEN ON WEEKENDS FROM JUNE 5TH THRU LABOR DAY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM. ADMISSION IS \$1.00 EA.

GLASS FOR THIS EXHIBIT IS BEING LOANED BY NEW YORK STATE AND ALSO BY PRIVATE OWNERS AND COLLECTORS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PHOTOGRAPHS OF FACTORY OWNERS AND WORKERS, AND MEMORABILIA PERTAINING TO THE RENSSELAER GLASS FACTORY (1805-1852), THE FOX & COMPANY GLASS FACTORY AT DURHAMVILLE (NEAR ONEIDA, N. Y.) WHICH THE FOX FAMILY PURCHASED IN 1845, AND THE BERKSHIRE GLASS FACTORY IN LANESBORO, MASS. WHICH WAS SUPERVISED BY ALBERT R. FOX AFTER THE CESSATION OF BUSINESS AT THE RENSSELAER GLASS FACTORY.

DOES ANYONE HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF KNOWN WORKERS, OR EARLY PHOTOS OF GLASS LAKE (KNOWN AS ROUSE'S LAKE IN THE VERY EARLY DAYS)? DOES ANYONE HAVE LETTERS OR PAPERS PERTAINING TO THE GLASS FACTORY OR FAMILIES CONNECTED WITH IT? JUDY ROWE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

JUDY IS ALSO LOOKING FOR SPECIMENS OF GLASS TO PHOTOGRAPH, AND FOR GLASS THAT OWNERS WOULD BE WILLING TO LOAN FOR THIS EXHIBIT. ALL GLASS IS SEALED IN PLEXIGLASS CASES, AND IS INSURED. PLEASE CALL JUDY ROWE AT 674-5388.

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BUTTERFLY QUILT SQUARES, MYRA WANTS YOU! MYRA WEHNAU WOULD APPRECIATE THE RETURN OF QUILT SQUARES TAKEN OUT TO EMBROIDER--EMBROIDERED OR NOT, SO THE QUILT CAN BE FINISHED. WE WOULD LIKE TO RAFFLE IT OFF AT THE HOUSE TOUR. STOP IN OR CALL MYRA AT 674-3351.

MEMBERSHIP COUPON

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS COUPON TO SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
P. O. Box 492, WEST SAND LAKE, N. Y. 12196 WITH YOUR CHECK FOR
YOUR 1982-83 MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS MAY 31, 1982.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CHECK ENC. \$ _____

PHONE _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$3.00 PER PERSON, \$5.00 PER FAMILY. JUNIORS -
TO AGE 16, AND SENIORS - 65 AND OVER; HALF PRICE. PLEASE MAKE
CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MEMBERSHIP CARDS
WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

250 YEARS AGO

GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 11, 1732, TO PLANTER AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON
AND HIS SECOND WIFE, MARY BALL WASHINGTON, ON POPE'S CREEK,
WAKEFIELD VIRGINIA.

AS A YOUTH, GEORGE STUDIED SURVEYING AT HIS ELDEST BROTHER'S
PLANTATION, MT. VERNON, AND THEN BECAME A SURVEYOR (1748-1752).
ELDER BROTHER LAWRENCE DIED IN 1752 AND GEORGE INHERITED
MOUNT VERNON FROM HIM.

ON JANUARY 6, 1759, WASHINGTON MARRIED MARTHA DANDRIDGE CUSTIS
(1732-1802), A CHARMING WEALTHY WIDOW WITH TWO CHILDREN. THEY
HAD NO CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN BUT MARTHA'S CHILDREN WERE BROUGHT
UP IN WASHINGTON'S HOME.

WASHINGTON WAS A DELEGATE TO THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
(1774). IN 1775, THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS SELECTED HIM
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY. AFTER THE BRITISH
RECOGNIZED U. S. INDEPENDENCE IN A TREATY SIGNED IN SEPT. 1783,
WASHINGTON RESIGNED AS COMMANDER OF THE ARMY IN DECEMBER, 1783.
HE PRESIDED OVER THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA
MAY-SEPT., 1787). WASHINGTON WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT
(FEB. 1789) AND WAS INAUGURATED ON APRIL 30, 1789 IN NEW YORK
CITY, THE FIRST CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES. HE SERVED TWO
TERMS, 1789-1793 AND 1793-1797.

AFTER HIS PRESIDENTIAL YEARS, WASHINGTON RETURNED TO HIS BELOVED
MT. VERNON WHERE HE DIED ON DECEMBER 14, 1799 AND WAS BURIED IN
THE FAMILY TOMB AT MT. VERNON-

FOOTNOTE: WHY IS WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED ON FEB. 22ND?
HE WAS BORN ON FEB. 11, 1732. TWENTY YEARS LATER, THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT ORDERED THE ADOPTION OF THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR. THE
DEFICIENCY WAS THEN 11 DAYS, AND THESE WERE ADDED. THUS, FEB.
FEB. 11 BECAME FEB. 22.



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19TH CENTURY GLASS WORKS
BUILT BY THE RENSSELAER GLASS FACTORY CORP.
- ARTIST'S CONCEPTION -
STACY E. WOLCOTT 7.3-81



PEN & INK SKETCHES BY
STACY E. WOLCOTT
SEPT. 3, 1981

VISIT THE
RENSSELAER VILLAGE EXHIBIT
AT THE NATIONAL BOTTLE MUSEUM OF
THE FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL
BOTTLE CLUBS IN THE VERBECK HOUSE
20 CHURCH AVE., BALLSTON SPA, N. Y.

OPEN WEEKENDS
JUNE 5 THRU LABOR DAY
10 AM - 4 PM
ADMISSION - \$1.00

(SEE PAGE 4.)