



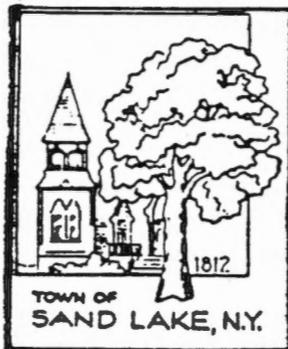
Historical Highlights

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer 1987

Saturday, August 22: join the Historical Society and the rest of the town in celebrating Sand Lake's 175th Anniversary. Your editor will represent the Society in the parade, driving a 1952 Triumph Mayflower sedan (the one that looks like a little tiny Rolls Royce!). Trustee John Kacharian plans to exhibit his 1812 American Flag, as well as participate in the tennis tournament. The Society will have a booth at the celebration in Butler Park following the parade.

If you would like to join us at the booth, contact any of the officers.



175th Anniversary

*Sand Lake a place of picnics,
porches & progress.*

August 22, 1987

The July 25 group trip to Lindenwald was cancelled because too few people could make it when the date rolled around. Individuals, though, are welcome at Lindenwald without a reservation during their regular hours. The site is open weekdays, free of charge. Special events at Lindenwald include a nature walk around the grounds, conducted by Professor Bill Cook of Columbia Greene Community College's Institute of Natural History, on August 29 at 1:00 p.m. Reservations required (758-9689).

The Van Alen and James Vanderpoel houses are open weekdays as well. There is a small fee for these two sites.

OTHER PROGRAMS: FUTURE...

Sunday, September 13: HOUSE TOUR '87.
The tour will begin at the West Sand Lake Fire Hall and continue to homes in West Sand Lake, Averill Park and Sand Lake. The homes date from 1788 -- the earliest home in the town -- to contemporary homes.

The West Sand Lake Fire Hall, the former fire house dating from 1876, will serve as headquarters for the tour. For a \$3.00 donation, participants receive tour books and refreshments and can view a special exhibit of articles from town fire companies, prepared and hosted by firemanic historian Robert W. Shuey.

This tour is sponsored by the Sand Lake Historical Society as part of the Town of Sand Lake 175th Anniversary Celebration. Contact Tour Chair Alan Fuess (674-2154) or Arthea Gibbs (674-3127) for more information or to help out with the tour.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no regular membership meetings in August or September, due to these special 175th Anniversary events. The regular meeting schedule will resume in October.

...AND PAST

April 14: Bobbi Ballard, deltiologist of Poestenkill, showed some of her fabulous collection of postcards and greeting cards.

May 12: A "Happy Hour" at the home of Marion and Woody Hacker, followed by dinner and the Annual Meeting of the Society at the Salem United Methodist Church hall. Speaker for the evening was John Miller, Park Ranger, who discussed the restoration of the Martin Van Buren National Historical Site in Kinderhook (Lindenwald).

June 9: Charles L. Ballard of Poestenkill, Professor Emeritus of HVCC, presented a slide-illustrated program on the **Troy & New England Railway**, the electric trolley line that ran between Albia and Averill Park from 1895 to 1925.

OFFICERS NAMED FOR 1987-88

The following officers were elected at the Annual Meeting of the Sand Lake Historical Society on May 12: **PRESIDENT** -- Chester D. Gavryck; **VICE PRESIDENT** -- Diane G. Freeman; **SECRETARY** -- Mary French; **TREASURER** -- Katharine Mace; **CUSTODIAN** -- Francille Egbert. Elected to the Board of Trustees for three-year terms were Rosemary Supkis and John C. Kacharian. Alan Fuess was elected to the Board of Trustees for two years, filling the unexpired term of Diane Freeman.

The following appointments have also been made: **NEWSLETTER EDITOR** -- Andrew Mace; **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** -- Elinor Zaki; **LIBRARIAN** -- Rosemary Supkis; **PUBLICITY** and **MEMORIAL AWARD** -- Arthea Gibbs.

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SLHS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Susan M. Whipple and Andrew G. Dorman of the Class of 1987 at Averill Park High School are this year's winners of the Sand Lake Historical Society Awards for Excellence in History. This year's awards were in memory of Society members Helen C. Guy, Myra H. Wehnau, Mildred C. Hale, Roy E. Kehn and Edward T. Zeronda. The awards were presented at the Awards Assembly for Seniors and their parents on Friday evening, June 19.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whipple of RD#3, Averill Park. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dorman of RD#4, Troy.

Melanie R. Smead of Taborton, a 1987 graduate of Catholic University of America, has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the honor society for academically outstanding seniors in the school of arts and sciences and the school of philosophy. Melanie received a BA in English. Melanie, a 1983 graduate of Averill Park High School, was a 1983 recipient of the Sand Lake Historical Society Scholarship Award for Excellence in History.

1987-88 MEMBERSHIP

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Make checks payable to Sand Lake Historical Society. Membership cards
will be mailed to you. Questions? Call Elinor Zaki -- 674-2005.

HONORARY MEMBER NAMED

At the June meeting, Arthea Gibbs became the sixth person to be voted an Honorary Member in recognition of her service to the Society. John Wilford (now deceased) was the first recipient of the award. Others to be so honored by the Society include the late Sanford Young, Jane Van Praag, Charles Viens, and Beryl Vannier.

NEW BOOK TITLES AVAILABLE...

...FROM THE RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 59 SECOND ST., TROY, NY 12180:

Historic Troy, New York: A Self-Guided Tour; a new 12-page booklet describing history and architecture of Troy. The booklet covers Lansingburgh, Oakwood Cemetery, East Side/Pawling Avenue and South Troy as well as five downtown historical districts -- price n/a.

...FROM GENEALOGICAL PUBLISHING CO., INC., 1001 N. CALVERT ST., BALTIMORE, MD 21202:

Genealogies of Mayflower Families: 3 volumes, with articles on 20 of the 23 Mayflower passengers who left children and on other immigrants -- \$45.00 each.

Landholders of Northeastern New York, 1739-1802, by Fred Q. Bowman; covers land within present Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Warren and Washington counties -- \$20.00.

Early Families of Herkimer County New York: Descendants of the Burnetsfield Patentees, by William V.H. Barker; families established in the area prior to the Revolution, and detailed genealogies for 87 of the families -- \$25.00.

Going to America, by Terry Coleman; British and Irish immigration during the mid-19th century -- \$14.95

Ireland and Irish Immigration to the New World; from 1815 to the Famine, by William Forbes Adams; testament to the pertinacity of a great people in the vanguard of an epoch-making emigration -- \$20.00.

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...FROM THE ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART, 125 WASHINGTON AVE, ALBANY, NY 12210, (518) 463-4478:

Borders & Scrolls: Early American Brush-Stroke Wall Painting 1790-1820, by Margaret Coffin; new research on rare American decorative wall painting, with comparisons to similar painting on stoneware, furniture, etc. of the same period, and including 54 illustrations and 28 color plates -- \$14.95.



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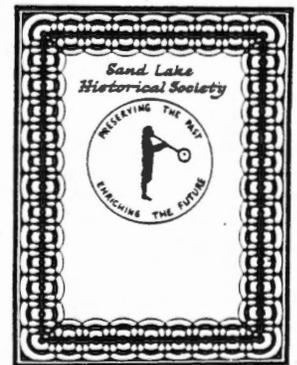
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A REMINDER....

The Sand Lake Historical Society has its own Library of local and area history and related items -- from Greenen Bosch to Pine Bush: Albany's Last Frontier; from Stove Manufacturers, Troy, NY to Tin Horns and Calico; from Troy As We Knew It to East Albany and Beyond. These and many other titles are available through the Historical Society Library at meetings or through the Librarian.



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