



SAND LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DEAR FELLOW SLHS MEMBERS,

AS THE HALYCON DAYS OF SUMMER WERE RAPIDLY DECREASING IN LENGTH AT LAKE GEORGE, FIRST HUSBAND (HE STILL INSISTS) AND I TURNED TO THOUGHTS OF AUTUMN, HOWEVER RELUCTANTLY. THEN THE RETURN OF BRISK AIR AND COOLER WATER STIRRED MORE PLEASANT THOUGHTS OF SEPTEMBER. REPORTS FROM SAND LAKE INDICATED THAT THE LAZY DAYS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST HAD, IN FACT, YIELDED SOME OF OUR SOCIETY'S BEST EFFORTS.

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO SHARE THIS NEWS WITH YOU, STARTING WITH A CALENDAR OF EVENTS THAT IS RAPIDLY FILLING WITH PLANS THAT SHOULD GET EVERYONE OUT OF HIS LAWN CHAIR:

SLHS DATES TO REMEMBER

- SEPTEMBER 25 HEAR YE HOOKERS!
FIRST OF FIVE SESSIONS, TO BE TAUGHT
BY BARBARA PETERSON. CALL HER AT
1-733-5233 FOR DETAILS.
- SEPTEMBER 30 HOUSE TOUR! HOUSE TOUR! HOUSE TOUR!
SIGN IN AND PICK UP TOUR BOOK AT THE
SAND LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH. TOUR HOURS
ARE 1-5 P.M. COST IS \$3.00.
- OCTOBER 13 VISIT THE CATLIN SAW MILL
WE WILL DEPART TOGETHER FROM THE TOWN HALL
PARKING LOT. A SPECIAL TREAT AND A
BEAUTIFUL FALL OUTING FOR ALL. REPLACES
OUR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND PROGRAM
AT TOWN HALL. WATCH ADVERTISER FOR TIME.
CONTACT ADA MILLER AT 674-3739 TO ARRANGE
TRANSPORTATION, IF NEEDED.

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HOUSE TOUR.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

- SEPTEMBER 22 STOCKADE WALKABOUT
HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR - 10 - 4
INFORMATION AT 374-0263.

RMS READ AND REVIEWED

YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS DISCUSSING THE ROLE OF SLHS IN THE 90'S, PARTICULARLY AS IT MAY PERTAIN TO THE GROWTH OF THE TOWN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION?? PLEASE LET US KNOW. IN THE MEANTIME, LIBRARIAN ROSEMARY SUPKIS REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDS, AS FOOD FOR THOUGHT, THREE RECENT DONATIONS TO OUR COLLECTION OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS, LOCATED AT THE TOWN LIBRARY. YOU NEED ONLY PRESENT YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD IN SLHS FOR BORROWING PRIVILEGES.

GOOD BUILDINGS GOOD TIMES. A manual of program ideas for promoting local architecture. Preservation League of NYS. Loaded with a lot of great ideas which could be used in Sand Lake to promote interest in the history of the community. Special events, tours, games, guides, publicity are described in articles about communities promoting interest in their histories. Specific projects are suggested in areas of industry, religion, farming, landscape/townscape, education, culture, recreation, etc. Stimulating!

PRESERVATION FOR PROFIT. Ten case studies in commercial rehabilitation. Preservation League of NYS. Banks, town houses, railroad stations, warehouses, hotels, stores, and even skyscrapers have been saved from neglect and demolition, to be rehabilitated as functional and attractive business sites. Each project is briefly described, including costs and financing.

FARMSTEADS AND MARKET TOWNS. A handbook for preserving the cultural landscape. Preservation League of NYS. A collection of papers presented at a conference in Corning, NY, describing programs for historic preservation used in several communities around the state - programs for historic preservation, rural heritage preservation, farmland retention efforts, neighborhood conservation, town shopping revitalization and community identification.

All three are easy to read and lively. Recommended.

Rosemary Supkis

AN OLD FASHIONED DAY IN THE PARK

BUTLER PARK WAS THE SCENE OF THE THIRD ANNUAL VICTORIAN PICNIC. WE WERE THERE ON JULY 28TH ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS AND SELLING OLD TIMEY STUFFE INCLUDING NOTE CARDS WITH LOCAL SCENES BY JOS. HIDLEY, SAND LAKE HISTORY SETS, CALENDARS, WATERMELON PICKLES, RASPBERRY VINEGAR, AND A VARIETY OF FLORA. SPECIAL THANKS TO BJ AND ROSEMARY, VIVIAN CATLIN AND MARGARET MOUTRAY.

Sept. 1990

TAILGATE SALE CHIC IN SAND LAKE!

THE THOUGHT OF A GARAGE SALE ORIGINATED WITH VALERIE KAVANAUGH IN AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. THE IDEA BLOSSOMED WHEN OUR PRESIDENT DIANNE FREEMAN APPOINTED A STEERING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY ROSEMARY SUPKIS, TO SELECT A DATE AND FORMULATE A PLAN FOR OUR FUNDRAISER. BERYL VANNIER WAS INVITED TO A STEERING COMMITTEE SESSION, AND SHE PRESENTED AN OUTLINE FOR A "TAILGATE SALE." A NEW TRADITION WAS BORN.

MANY OF US ARE PASSIONATE COLLECTORS... WHO SCOUR LOCAL FLEA MARKETS, GARAGE SALES, AND AUCTIONS FOR BARGAINS. THIS FUNDRAISER WAS GOING TO BE FUN! SOCIETY MEMBERS DONATED HUMBLE CAST-OFFS OF AN EARLIER ERA...SECONDHAND ITEMS WE KNEW THE PUBLIC COULD AFFORD. OUR TAILGATE SALE YIELDED COUNTLESS GEMS...A DELIGHTFUL HODGEPODGE OF EXQUISITE CHINA TO FUNCTIONAL CAN OPENERS.

BARBARA WORCESTER, DONATIONS CHAIRPERSON, MADE THE SOCIETY'S TABLES ATTRACTIVE AND IRRESISTIBLE. HER DISPLAY WAS NOT FOR THE FAINTHEARTED! THE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT BECAME A HAVEN FOR VENDORS AND A WONDERFUL PLACE TO EXPLORE IF YOU'RE A GARAGE SALE BUFF.

IT WAS A DRIZZLY DAY, BUT THE HOSPITALITY OF THE SOCIETY MEMBERS EVOKED A WARMTH AND FRIENDLINESS THAT PERMEATED THE ATMOSPHERE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, OUR TAILGATE SALE WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES, AND SPECIAL THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO BERYL VANNIER, KIWANIS AND MILLER'S MARKET FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS DONATIONS. CONGRATULATIONS TO RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS KEN BRADY AND LINDA HENCHEY!

SINCERELY CO-CHAIRPERSONS,

WINIFRED W. EDWARDS
MARY MARGARET A. CIPPERLEY



....AND THERE WERE CEMETERY MEETINGS

TOWN HISTORIAN, MADOLYN V. CARPENTER, WELCOMED TWO GROUPS OF SLHS MEMBERS WHO ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING A CEMETERY CENSUS TO COME TO HER OFFICE TO LEARN WHAT INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN ASSEMBLED AND TO ASK ANY PERTINENT QUESTIONS. BOTH GROUPS WERE INTERESTED IN TAKING A CENSUS OF ANY CEMETERY OR BURIAL SITE IN THE TOWN THAT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THEY WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT ALL THE KNOWN BURIAL SITES IN THE TOWN HAVE BEEN COVERED.

MRS. CARPENTER DESCRIBED HOW THIS INFORMATION WAS GATHERED: VOLUNTEERS VISITED THE CEMETERIES AND COPIED EXACTLY ALL THE INFORMATION ON EACH GRAVESTONE AND INDICATED THE SECTION OF THE CEMETERY IN WHICH THE STONE IS LOCATED. FOR EACH OF THE LARGER CEMETERIES THERE IS A SKETCHED MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE SECTIONS BY NUMBER. THE COMPLETED CENSUS ALSO HAS AN INDEX OF THE NAMES TO BE FOUND ON EACH PAGE OF THE CENSUS BOOK.

THERE WAS PARTICULAR INTEREST SHOWN IN THE SMALLER BURIAL SITES, NOT CONNECTED WITH A FORMAL CEMETERY. WHILE A NUMBER OF THESE FAMILY BURIAL PLOTS HAVE BEEN SURVEYED, MRS. CARPENTER IS ALWAYS EAGER TO LEARN OF A GRAVE OR GRAVES THAT SOMEONE HAS DISCOVERED OR KNOWS ABOUT THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CEMETERY INFORMATION WAS EMPHASIZED BECAUSE THE TOWN HAS NO VITAL STATISTICS PRIOR TO 1883. THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION WHICH AS PERUSED BY THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETINGS - A VERY USEFUL BOOK, VITAL RECORDS OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, WEST SAND LAKE, NY 1784-1899. THIS CHURCH WAS FORMED FROM THE MERGER OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, WEST SAND LAKE, AND SECOND EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF WEST SAND LAKE. THIS VOLUME OFFERS ALL THE BAPTISM RECORDS FROM 1784-1899; THE MARRIAGE RECORDS FROM 1816-1899; AND THE DEATH RECORDS FROM 1817-1899.

THE CEMETERY CENSUSES ARE SEARCHED VERY FREQUENTLY IN ORDER TO ANSWER THE MANY INQUIRIES MRS. CARPENTER RECEIVES FROM PERSONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO ARE DOING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH ON THEIR ANCESTORS. ALSO, VISITORS FROM OUT OF TOWN CONSULT THE CENSUS BEFORE GOING TO A PARTICULAR CEMETERY TO LOCATE THE BURIAL SITE OF A RELATIVE.

SAND LAKE CEMETERIES FOR WHICH THERE IS A CENSUS: BAUER, BRISTOL, CASEY, COON-HUNTLEY, ELMWOOD, HOLCOMB, MILLER, MILLER SNOOK, OLD METHODIST, ORIGINAL LUTHERAN, SAND LAKE UNION, ST. HENRY'S, TABORTON ZION, TRINITY LUTHERAN. OTHER CEMETERIES FOR WHICH THERE IS A CENSUS: FAMILY CEMETERY - WANDERLING RD., DUNHAM HOLLOW, LOG MEETING-HOUSE, SCHODACK, MINICK, POESTENKILL, NASSAU CEMETERIES, STEPHENTOWN CEMETERIES.

