

# Kanestio Historical Society Times

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2015 has been a busy year for the Society. We continue to recover from the fire and are back to somewhat normal functions although we need Volunteers.

January, February and March were spent organizing and inventorying the many boxes of paper documents, pictures and artifacts from our storage shed. A computer data base has been created which currently covers our 2nd floor storage area, pictures and the books and files in the Historian's Office.

Thursday afternoons in April the Society hosted "Tea with the Volunteers". Volunteers gave one-on-one tours of our 2nd Floor Exhibits, Archival Storage Area, reference books, scrapbooks, photos and the main floor displays. Tea and dessert was served in fine china tea cups on beautifully set tables.



May was spent in preparation for our Craze Days Sales. Many items were donated and our first fund raiser of the year netted us \$400.

In June we began preparing for our July Garden Tour. Posters, programs and windows were created to promote the nine gardens on the tour. The weather was perfect on Tour Day and those who attended were rightfully impressed. Many thanks to Edith Simpson, Lois Carlton, Gail Davis, Betty White, Pat Baier, Sally Weed, Cathy Witherow, Carol Roffe and Sue Knapp for sharing your beautiful gardens with us. Local artist, Betty Merring did a water color of the Carlton Cabin which is now on display at the Historical Society. Zoe Witherow was our fairy guide for the day. Michelle Iannucci and Suzanne Miller provided music. We raised \$500 from this project.



August was a busy month as we tackled the storage shed. Stan Arthur installed temporary lighting and we are sorting through the collection looking for items that need to be cleaned and put back into displays. There is still much work that needs to be done in the shed but we need volunteers.

The Class of 1965 held their 50 year class reunion and several of the attendees spent time reminiscing with the exhibits we prepared for them. Thanks to Nancy Hartman and her committee for including us. DID YOU KNOW that we have old yearbooks, Totems, class graduation pictures, programs from musicals, plays and sporting events for your use and reference.



John Marshberger from Norfolk, VA, Joel Wiegand from Sioux City, IA and Larry Wortz from Emmetsburg, MD and their families on their way to Plymouth Mass for a reunion of the crews of the USS Canisteo. These people went out of their way to visit the town that bore their ship's name. They gave us a call and we were able to open the building for them and share our collection of items from the ship.

## DONATION



Valarie Davidsen donated this replica model of the Prince de Neuchatel. This model is one of 3 built by Dr. Donald Davidsen. Dr. Davidsen was a well-known Canisteo Veterinarian, Legislator for Steuben County, Assemblyman and Commissioner of Agriculture for NYS.

## Memorial Contributions

Memorial Contributions are used to buy the larger ticket items that our operating budget cannot cover. Memorial Contributions cannot be used to pay utilities, insurance or other operating expenses.

This year the memorial fund has purchased a projector to be used with our computer and a large display cabinet.

Donations were made in the names of Elizabeth McPherson, William Tucker, David Simpson, Richard "Pete" Stephens and David Smith.

Memorial Committee : Tom Kittle, Margaret Koch, Margaret Stephens, Gail Davis

HELP NEEDED  
VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to help with displays and windows. We also need people who are willing to greet visitors during our open hours to free volunteers to work in the archival area on the 2nd floor.

Upcoming Programs

Sept 15 - 7PM Mr. Walter Hollien presentation on restoration of old mills.

Oct 20 - Mr. Carroll Wade from Jasper will tell the story of his Uncle Carroll Whipple's WWII Adventures

Nov. 3 - Election Day Pie Sale and Crafts. 9 AM - noon

Nov 17 - 6PM. Harvest Supper. Bring dish to pass, table service and beverage. Election of Officers.

Dec. 12 - Christmas Cookie & Craft Sale 9AM to noon.

Dec. 15 - 6 PM Annual Christmas Party

Directors

Margaret Stephens	2015
Jose Huerta	2016
Sally Florence	2017
Russell Pierce	2018
Sue Babbitt	2019

2015 Officers

George Dickey	Co-President
Larry Stephens	Co-President
Jeanne Gore	Secretary
Gail Davis	Treasurer
Sue Babbitt	Corresponding Secretary

We Need your Help

The Society would like to send a newsletter a semi-annually but we need someone to take on this job. Officers will help with articles and information but we need someone with the time and skill to put together a newsletter.

Our source of income for newsletters is dues. The majority of our members hold lifetime membership. We have very few annual memberships and these do not generate enough income to cover newsletter expenses. We ask lifetime members to remember the Historical Society when planning your charitable contributions.

E-mail Delivery

Costs involved in the newsletter (paper, postage, plus time involved) could be reduced if we could deliver your newsletter by e-mail. Please furnish your e-mail address to us at **Kanestiohs@gmail.com** to be added to our e-mail list

# August Outing



On August 18th members and guests of the Kanestio Historical Society visited a One-Room School - home owned by Bob and Pat Krein on Stone School Road in Bath. The Schoolhouse which measures 24 ft by 30 ft was the original Reed's Corner Schoolhouse in Dansville. After the purchase was made, the schoolhouse was dismantled and labeled board by board in May 2002. Three flatbed trailers were used to transport the building to its new location.

On June 8, 2002 a family work day was held where all the siblings and spouses gathered to get started. In July 2002 the process was reversed as the schoolhouse was slowly reassembled replacing missing or deteriorated boards. By early August the frame of the schoolhouse was up. By mid July 2004 the schoolhouse was completed.

During the early stages a basement was added. Several original items from the early school days were preserved. They included the original slate board, a portrait of George Washington that had to be retouched and a bookcase with several early schoolhouse books. To keep the interior as original looking as possible the following antique items were purchased: school desks, church pew, teacher's desk, antique bed, antique dressers and a map rack.

On July 25, 2004 the Kreins had an open house. Of the 50+ guests that visited there were eight guests that had attended the schoolhouse. Another milestone was a visit by 100 year old Alice Moose who had taught in the one-room school in its early days. One final touch was the original schoolhouse wooden door, complete with initials which is used as a door to a downstairs bedroom.