

KANESTIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY TIMES

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Greetings from Your Co-president:

My report as co-president this 1st quarter of 2009 is divided into thanks to MANY people plus my enthusiasm for the Society's upcoming activities. First as George and I agreed to take on the co-presidency, we knew that John and I would be away off and on for at least the first 3 months of the year (more off than on). So many thanks to George for taking the reins of meetings, dealing with furnace problems and whatever the future holds. Next are the other officers - we appreciate Stan as secretary, snow shoveler, and general troubleshooter along with Barb helping with research and windows, etc. Also Larry, thank you for the FINE and THOROUGH job recording and taking care of our finances and at the same time keeping your sense of humor. Maggie Koch as well does a fine and timely job with our correspondence.

Many others quietly go about their tasks, whether it be calling, baking cookies, arranging and manning our craft tables, doing research, window displays, cataloguing, greeting visitors, etc., even doing extras like setting up the train display upstairs. Each task is much appreciated. And finally, thank you to Steve Cotton for offering to put together the January newsletter! Your time and efforts are invaluable! Thank you to each and every one.

I'm enthused as well about the activities planned for February and March. Maggie DeKany is spearheading our second annual spaghetti supper at Somer's Hall. It was a great success last year. Watch for details to come. She'll need lots of help. Also look for our antique appraisal in March or April - always a fun afternoon!

Please, keep in your thoughts and prayers those of our members undergoing physical hardship this winter. We will look forward to hearing good reports of a successful January, February and March for the Kanestio Historical Society.

See you in April - Sue Babbitt

UPCOMING PROGRAMS / EVENTS

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| January | Quilting – Betty Hammond |
| February | Crafts & Hobbies |
| February | Fundraiser – Spaghetti Dinner |
| March | Mt. Morris Dam engineer – Army Corp of Engineers – Tom Wenzel |
| April | Trolley line from Canisteo to Hornell – Jose Huerta |
| April | Fundraiser – Appraisal Fair |
| May | Ron & Virginia Putnam |

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- PROGRAM & MEETING HI-LIGHTS

October Program: Native American Life - Stephen Runkle

October Meeting:

- Catalog Committee: trying to 'catch up'
- Newsletter: Dues not paid in 2 years – it was agreed that the newsletter would be stopped. If dues have not been paid within the past year and member had not contacted us by the end of December then those newsletters will be stopped also.
- Maintenance: Scott Mulhollen needs to be contacted about the furnace. One bank of lights are not working, George will replace the bulbs. Weeds have been cleared behind the building and in front of our shed.
- School: John Dannemiller offered to help and will be a go-between, between the society and the school. Steve Cotton will be working with student volunteers; let Steve know if you have any suggestions of work that the students can do.
- Nominating Committee:
 - Co-Presidents: George Dickey & Sue Babbitt
 - Treasurer: Larry Welles
 - Secretary: Stan Arthur

November Program: Harvest Dinner - Dish to pass (note time change)

November Meeting:

- Maintenance: Scott Mulhollen checked the furnace; it appears to be alright. Barb Arthur will lend a lamp to be located in the front window. If this light is on it indicates the temperature is low in the building and the furnace isn't running. A sign will be placed in the window with the lamp with phone numbers listed in the event that the furnace malfunctions. Steve Cotton and high school student Matt Cole cleaned off the shed roof, eaves on both buildings as part of our fall maintenance. Displays will be rearranged displays upstairs to make room for a train display by George Dickey. Floor tiles have been donated for the bathroom floor, more discussion needs to follow.
- Treasurer: A year-end audit will need to be done.
- Windows: Stephen's Tree Farm will be donating a tree on 11/20/08 for the front window display.
- High School Year Book: The society will purchase a 1/8 page in this years Canisteo/Greenwood year book.
- Fundraiser: Dec 13th Cooking & Craft sale. Spaghetti Dinner to be held in February

December Program: Christmas Party / Gift Exchange

December Meeting:

- Began planning for the Spaghetti Dinner in February. Those present selected items to furnish for this fundraiser. (Details on last page of this newsletter.)
- This fall's fundraisers were a success. Crafts \$192.90, Pie Sale \$570.00, Cookie Sale \$355.50 (60 dozen of cookies were provided.) and we received a large donation of \$750.00. Thanks to everyone that helped.

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The Wimodaughian Library 2009 House Tour

The Wimodaughian Library is making plans to host a House Tour as a library fundraiser during the 2009 Crazy Daze celebration in the village. This year's tour will be held on June 6th with the following homes on the **tentative** schedule. Watch for details:

1. Tom & Leigh Garmely – 13 Prospect Street (old Heckel residence)
2. Steve & Connie Cotton – 1 Spring Street (old Moogan residence)
3. Pete & Lisa Wall – 100 Greenwood Street
4. Dick & Carolyn Kerr – 59 Greenwood Street
5. John & Sharron Cox -- 18 East Main Street (Victorian Reflections Bed & Breakfast)
6. Shelly Laker – 8 Buffalo Street
7. Heather Young – 11 Buffalo Street
8. Anne Adams – 29 Chestnut Street

Gramley Residence

You enter the front doors through the vestibule leading into a wide central hall. On the left is a large living room and to the right is a formal study. To the rear of the hall is the kitchen with a formal dining room that opens to a screened porch which overlooks the gardens. The first floor also consists of an office and half bath. The open stairs leads to four large bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor. The four fireplaces and pocket doors are original characteristic of this Stately Colonial Style home.

Attorney Leverett Simpson built this house in 1912 from plans in an architectural magazine and supervised every detail himself. The garden walk leads to a Gazebo out behind the house. This home originally had a widow's walk accessed through a separate stairs in the attic.

In 1937 the residence was sold to the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Church for the official residence of the District Superintendent. The well-known Rev. Norman Vincent Pearle's father was the first superintendent to occupy the home. The Rev. Mr. Pearle was a frequent visitor during this period, often writing in the garden Gazebo.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Heckel purchased the home in 1961; it has been the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gramley for the past three years.



This is just one of the houses you will see; mark your calendar.

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Did you know?

The Pioneer Cemetery (located above the circle within the Hillside Cemetery) was originally named the OLD UNION BURYING GROUNDS. In 1897 its trustees were:

Lawrence Allison
Lorenzo Davison
John H. Consalus
Orton O. Lain
Julius M. Hitchcox

Canisteo Times July 23, 1913

The entire business section of the village of Cameron was wiped out by fire this morning. Lost in the fire:

- 1.) Mrs. Wm Watt's Building
- 2.) Frank L. Smyth's Store
- 3.) The Post Office
- 4.) Ira Ferguson's Store
- 5.) The Odd Fellow's Hall
- 6.) H.G. Butterfield Department Store
- 7.) Frank H. Smith's General Hardware
- 8.) Sherer Bros. The Cameron Hardware Co.
- 9.) The Town Hall
- 10.) G.L. Williamson's General Store
- 11.) Crocker Estate house occupied by G.W. Williamson
- 12.) Crocker Estate house occupied by J.D. Cardman
- 13.) Lee Hall's Blacksmith Shop
- 14.) J.D. Baker's House
- 15.) Crocker Estate Meat Market occupied by Jerome Odson's Barber Shop
- 16.) Mrs. Effie Harrington's Home

The Coat Hanger

In 1903 Albert J. Parkhouse arrived to work at The Timberlake

and Novelty Company in Jackson, Michigan. He went to hang up his coat and hat and found all the hooks were in use. Annoyed he picked up a piece of wire and bent it into two large oblong hoops opposite each other twisting both ends at the center into a hook. The company thought it was a good idea and his employer applied for a patent on January 25th, 1904 and U.S. Patent #822,981 was granted and assigned to John B. Timberlake. The company made a fortune. Parkhouse never got a penny.



TRAINS – TRAINS – TRAINS

Have you stopped by the historical society during the holidays this year and seen our Town Historian George Dickey's trains?

With the help of a high school student James Eldridge we made room to house the train set upstairs in our building.

The train was enjoyed by many children during the Village Christmas festivities on November 29th. The set was a reflection of the day of steam locomotives and passenger trains.

Enjoyed by everyone was an Erie Steam Locomotive freight train. A Erie Diesel passenger train, and a Duel Diesel Locomotive.

The set included railroad yards, a gas station, 4 stores and 5 houses. The

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streets had cars and trucks that reflected the era of the steam and passenger car days.



Recent Acquisitions:

Donor: Connie McDaniel Cole

- Photo: 1889 Main St Flood
- Photo: Depot St Voorhees Planning Mill
- Photo: Taylor St Sept 14, 1887
- Photo: Park from Mitchells Corner Sept 14, 1887
- Musical program at Academy Hall, benefit baseball club 1915
- Photo: Dr. Emery C. Pixler log cabin 1920
- Hornellsville 16th annual commencement at Shattuck Opera House
- Presbyterian Church program July 10, 1898
- Photo: Main & Depot 1880's
- Photo: Main St early 1970's
- Photo: Fire Station early 1970's
- Photo: Main St. Sept 1887 (2)

Donor: Ruth Stanton (articles from Adrian Stanton

- Yearbooks 1914, 1915, 1916
- Photo: 1924-25 Basketball
- Masonic – By-laws directory
- History of Morning Star Lodge – Bill Stewart
- Jack plain
- Drawknife
- Auger
- Barrel taps (2)

Donor: Joan Coombs

- Old Photo of Jesse B. Campbell w/ frame
- Photocopy: Discharge papers of Jesse B. Campbell June 27, 1865
- Marriage certificate of Jesse B. Campbell to Martha J. Raymond, Canisteo Feb 23, 1865

Donor: Steve Cotton

- Receipt from July 10, 1875 L. Allison & Co Leather Dealers, Canisteo
- Book: Sinclaire of Caledonia Genealogy of Descendants of Duncan Sinclair

Donor: George Dickey

- Scrapbook – Town Historian 1993 – 1998

Donor: Dick Welles

- Printing Block Hough Hatchery 89 Greenwood St. (located where woodburn monuments is today)
- Check Writer: Hough Hatchery
- “Knob-n-Tube” (early lighting system in homes between 1880 – 1930)

Donor: Lee Carrier

- 6-inch wooden ruler manufactured by Canisteo Ruler Company

Donor: Dale Carney

- First State Bank mug
- Antique clear perfume bottle w/stopper

Donor: Richard Gilles

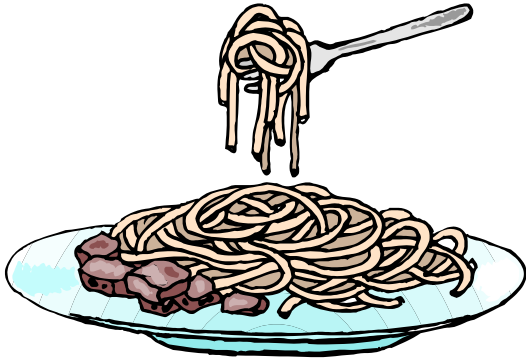
- Erie-Lackawanna RR ticket from Hornell, NY to Hoboken, NY - from Johnny Nelson Estate

Did you know?

In 1857 Canisteo's school set on Greenwood Street across from the present Baptist Church.

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Fund Raiser Coming
We need your help.
Spaghetti Dinner
February 21, 2009



Food Donations need to be brought to the Historical Society Building by the February 18th, 2009

****REMINDER** Have you paid your 2008-2009 DUES**

Kanestio Historical Society
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Members present during our December Meeting selected items they would donate in preparation for our Spaghetti Dinner in February. Several items are still needed for the event. If you can donate one of these items please call the society at 607-698-2086 to sign up.

| Item | quantity |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 2lb box thin spaghetti | 4 |
| Box of tea | 1 |
| Large bag 1 ¼ oz size Meat Balls | 1 |
| Head of Iceberg Lettuce | 8 |
| Seedless Cucumber | 3 |
| Tomatoes | 6 |
| Bottle Italian Dressing | 3 |
| Butter 2 lbs | 1 |

Cash donations will also be accepted to help with the expenses of this fund raiser.

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