

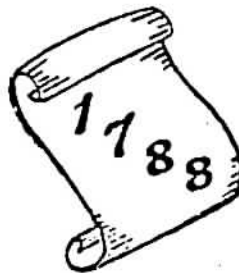
- Historical Center (Grange) -

FRIDAY SEPT. 8
NEXT MEETING

*****Reminder*****

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(by Craig Marshall, VP)

After a long absence, the Society newsletter returns with this issue to keep you informed of recent and planned activities and announcements...future issues will occur as needed.

Our first announcement is that Bill McDermott has accepted the position of Exhibit Coordinator to get our new museum/Historical Center up and running. The Board of Directors is delighted with Bill's acceptance and is in the process of seeking his replacement (effective 9/15) for the office of Society president. In the meantime, I as Vice President will step in with the Board temporarily to perform duties of president, as well as new duties associated with the ownership and operation of our Historical Center. In this and future issues, we'll describe where you as volunteers are needed to relieve the Directors and to fulfill the expanded mission of the Society.

The Board and membership are especially grateful to Bill for his long years of service to our Society. In 1975, he and Louise were part of a handful of people who conceived the Clinton Historical Society, and Bill served as its first president. For the last 12 years he has been our president guiding us to our present level of strength in membership and programs. The Historical Center would not have come to fruition without Bill's dedication and patience, and it is a visible and valuable example of his leadership.

THANKS BILL, FROM ALL OF US !!

THE GREAT RAILROAD EXHIBIT

Our first Historical Center exhibit "Dutchess Co. Railroads: 1868-1938" has been acclaimed by railroad buffs and non-railroad folks alike. Since its opening on July 1, over 600 people have viewed the vintage photographs, original oil paintings, video on local railways, railway memorabilia, model train layout, and original Poughkeepsie RR Bridge blueprints. All of this has been presented in a high quality professional style, thanks to Bill McDermott and George Greenwood who put MANY hours into a very creative display.

A recent addition to the exhibit is the Gift Shop where reproduction postcards of local RR stations can be purchased. Other sale items include rail spikes, telegraph line insulators, and history books and booklets of Clinton and Pleasant Valley. Also, our two partners in this exhibit are selling T-shirts to support their organizations...the Hopewell Model Railroad Club, and the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge Co., Inc.

The exhibit goes well beyond an interest in railroads. The many photographs show life, scenery, and local buildings of Clinton and Dutchess County as it changed from agriculture to industry. These are rare photos from private collections which possibly may not be seen again. So, be sure to view our exhibit before it closes on OCTOBER 1!

And thanks again to Bill and George for demonstrating the value our new Historical Center will have in the community for years to come...
GREAT JOB !!

SOCIETY EVENTS AT COMMUNITY DAY

Once again, our Society has taken responsibility for Clinton Community Day, to be held Saturday, Sept. 2. Chairman Bill McDermott has held planning sessions with community organizations who will be participating. Our Society will be very active again this year with fund-raising and informational events to support the new Historical Center and museum. With our new responsibility for the historical Meeting House, we are looking for added volunteer support from our members. Our CHS events and support needs are the following:

1. Promise Tree....see related article. We're looking for donated non-skilled and skilled services, as well as articles, to sell.
2. 50/50 Tickets...enclosed are tickets for the 50/50 drawing which was a popular event last year, with \$201 going to the winner. Please encourage your friends to participate also... you need not be present to win. A return envelope is provided.
3. R.R. Exhibit/Gift Shop.... volunteers are needed for the crowds we expect at our Rail Road Exhibit (see related article), working in 2 hour shifts. Call Louise McDermott at 266-3819 to sign up...with a friend?
4. French Fries Booth...YES, those great tasty french fries will be

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The PROMISE TREE

Glenda Schwarze and Barbara Cleary are providing an opportunity for members and residents to support the Historical Center through unique contributions. Called the "Promise Tree", this event will be a sale of donated goods and services at very attractive prices. Promised services could include leaf raking, lawn mowing, car washing, planting, painting, and special trade skills that homeowners typically need. For promised goods, they are seeking crafts, homegrown veggies, homemade foods, antique, and gift items.

Each item will be marked with the market value and the sale price... sales are first come, first served. If we get your donations, we're sure to get the sales...hopefully making this an annual event!

To donate, please call Glenda at 266-5203, or Barb at 876-6842. THANKS! (...and be sure to view the Tree for something you'd like to have!)



COMING EVENTS

Bill McDermott has once again put together a Society program that will touch everyone's interest. Here's the line-up thru February:

- Sept 8 - Member Jim Carbury traveled the route of Lewis and Clark this summer. He will show us slides and pics of the expedition sites.
- Oct 6 - David Thompson will bring a sample of his 'old tools' collection, and tell us how our forefathers used them.
- Nov 3 - Peter Dwyer, a contributor to T.V. programs, will present "Hudson River Barges", relating to a major industry in our Hudson Valley.
- Dec 1 Our Society's Holiday Party!
- Jan (no meeting)
- Feb 2 - Michael Spross will engage our latent interest on buried treasure, as he presents "Digging for Treasure Locally" (to be confirmed)



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**"LEWIS & CLARK
SHADOWED"**

by

Jim Carbury

(Community Day--cont'd)

- back again this year, thanks to the generosity of Gary and Linda Stokes, new owners of the Schultzeville General Store. Volunteers are needed for cooking and serving. Call Craig Marshall at 266-5684 to pick a 2 hour shift.
5. Community Day Program booklet... well received last year, with a nice income from local advertizers. We need 2 volunteers (quickly) to follow-up on ads from last year and to do some 'cut & paste' layout. Call Craig Marshall at 266-5684.
 6. Historical Society Booth...we have albums of vintage photos of local homes, maps, books on local history, and other resources that are always sought by Clinton residents. We need volunteers to staff the booth. Call Craig Marshall at 266-5684.