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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT DINNER**

Our popular candlelight Holiday dinner will take place at the Historical Center (Grange Hall) on Friday December 5 at 6:30. Instead of a covered dish as in the past, we will be have the dinner catered in buffet style.

COME JOIN US IN HOLIDAY "FOOD AND FUN"...BE SURE TO RETURN THE RSVP FORM!

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**CRAFT FAIR CANCELLED (DEC. 6)**

Early response from our vendors indicates too many conflicts to support our annual Craft Fair. We are hoping to reestablish this next year.

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**1777 CREEK MEETING HOUSE TRUST FUND**

Donations have been received for the newly established trust fund to

- a) preserve the Society's National Landmark building
- b) preserve artifacts and manuscript items related to town history through purchase or conservation procedures

Donors may wish to earmark either or both of these to their donations. Besides cash donations, other options include:

1. contributing stocks which have had substantial gains. The current value of the stocks is considered when computing the tax exemption. Please discuss this with your accountant as to how this exemption applies.
2. name the Society in a will to leave a bequest

More options will be noted as the Society undertakes a long-range fundraising program noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember that the Society is a tax exempt non-profit educational organization. The Society's Board of Directors thanks again the donors who helped establish this important fund. (Donor names are released only after permission is received.) For info: 266-5684 (President)

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**FUNDRAISING KICKOFF & CLASS SCHEDULED - WED. NOV. 19**

A formal fundraising drive and program is being chaired by David Ruff to meet our operational and long-term needs. The Fundraising Committee has been formed and has scheduled an introductory class on fundraising principles and techniques at the Historical Center this Wednesday Nov. 19 at 7:00PM. The 2-hour class and discussion is open to all members and friends who have an interest in fundraising for our Society or another organization they might belong to. The class is based on a recent seminar hosted by Marist College, and will cover agencies providing support services for fundraising, including bequests. To attend, call Craig Marshall at 266-5684 so sufficient training packages can be provided. Or, call to get a copy of the package. There is no charge.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Bodin  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cahill  
Barbara D'Alessio  
Gladys Estony

Nancy Fitzpatrick  
Clarence Gardner  
Gerianne Hannibal  
Mr. & Mrs. Michele Kraushaar

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Long  
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Rand  
Mr. & Mrs. Tobias Ricciardeli  
Louis Weinberg

## BUY A XMAS TREE - HELP THE SOCIETY

Member Viola Schoch and owner of Primrose Hill Farm is offering a \$1.00 donation to our Society for members and friends who purchase a tree at the Farm. This is a popular local place on Fiddlers Bridge Road to choose and cut your own. Douglas Fir, Norway and white spruce 6'-10' are available for \$30. Potted trees of several varieties about 4' tall are \$20. Saws and wheeled carts are available, as is baling for \$2. The farm features a Christmas Shop, wreaths, hot chocolate and coffee, and special events:

Dec. 6 & 7: Llamas and alpacas from Woolly Acres  
Dec. 13: Michael Minter, Magician (1:30 & 2:00)  
Dec. 20: Santa Run by Clinton Fire Dept

(prices include tax)

The Farm is open daily 9-4 from Nov. 28 thru Dec. 21. Tel: 889-4725

**Please mention "Clinton Historical Society" and the donation will be made.**

Thank-you.

## THANKS SHEILA !

Member and local artist Sheila Dwyer undertook a major project in restoring the badly deteriorated large Grange sign that has hung on the Creek Meeting House for many years. Keeping as much as the recoverable paint as possible, she masterfully restored the sign to its original beauty.

THANK YOU, SHEILA !!

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## RESULTS ARE IN: "PROGRAMS A SUCCESS!"

We've often wondered how well our monthly programs were being received, and what topics members would like to hear more about. Now, thanks to Jack Cleary, each attendee receives a feedback form to rate the subject and speaker and to make comments. The last 3 meetings have had between 28 and 35 attendees who gave very high ratings (1-10; 10 = excellent) as follows (averages):

- 9.8 Dave Schmitt "African Safari"
- 9.7 Villach students/teachers "Austria/USA Comparison"
- 9.8 Jim Shockley "Dutchess Co. & the Civil War"

We thank the attendees for their suggestions on future topics; we will search for speakers.

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## "1777 CREEK MEETING HOUSE" by GEORGE GREENWOOD

At long last we have more information and vintage pictures of our town National Landmark in a bound professional pamphlet. Member George Greenwood has spent many hours researching our meeting house, visiting others, and taking high quality descriptive photos. He has authored this as a "labor of love" to the benefit of our Society and others interested in historic structures. The pamphlet is \$5.00.

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## 1820's MEMOIR PUBLISHED by BILL McDERMOTT

Town and other local residents are in for a treat, as a 56 page child's eye view of Clinton in the 1820's has just been published by the Society. Flax-spinning, gathering wood, neighbors working together, and lengthy descriptions of the writer's life with his family and relatives and their work and memories fill the pages of this memoir. "SHORT LEGS AND LONG APRONS: A KNICKERBOCKER CHILDHOOD" was developed and published by CHS Research Director Bill McDermott. It is based on the journal written c. 1850 by Edmund Knickerbocker about his life as a 10 year old growing up in our town. Bill was able to include a copy of an original family lithograph in color of Edmund's grandmother's house and surrounding fields. This just-released publication is \$8.00.

## GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS -- 'NOT SOLD IN STORES (YET)'

The above publications by George and Bill, and the ones listed below, make great holiday gifts. They can be ordered by calling Bill at **266-3819 or 266-5010**:

- "History of Dutchess Co. Railroads" (68 pp) \$8.00
- "Permelia Feller's Diary - 1870s" (67 pp) \$8.00
- "History of the Town of Clinton" (325 pp) \$19.95 hardcover  
\$12.95 softcover

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***INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER !!***

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HOLIDAY DINNER  
FRI. DEC. 5 6:30PM

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