

MASONIC PROPERTY REPORT

The Clinton Historical Society continued its efforts in the past few weeks towards its goal to acquire the Warren Masonic Lodge property in Schultzville. Progress to date includes:

1. Letter of application...to the Masons formally requesting to be considered as future owners of the property. This letter to the Trustees outlines our intent to have the property restored, maintained, and used by the Clinton community.
2. Meeting with the new town assessor to inform her of our intentions to apply for property tax exemption based on educational use. She will not be able to render an official position on this until we are owners of the property.
3. Townwide article appearing in the *Clinton Watch* newsletter as 'early awariness' to inform residents of our plans and goals, and to solicit their ideas and support for this project. We are pleased to report that the response has been very positive, and includes:
 - offers of professional landscape & electrician services, and non-professional labor
 - cash donations and pledges of additional financial support
 - ideas for use as a community center with a focus on how Clinton children might benefit
 - offers of commitments for the maintenance of the building, and staffing of exhibits and other events

Next checkpoint: Vote by the Masons (TBD)

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER!

FRIDAY APRIL 3 6:30 PM

Next month's meeting will be our Annual Meeting and will be highlighted by two special events:

COVERED-DISH DINNER....

Bring your favorite covered dish! Desserts and refreshments will be provided. Our Society always enjoys a wide variety and plentiful amount of homebaked goodies. Bring your appetite! (And your own table settings if you prefer china).

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

NED LEADBITTER
ON
"OLD STAATSBURG"
(all NEW slides)

Many of us thoroughly enjoyed Ned's presentation on "Old Staatsburg" last year, so much so that we're inviting him back BY POPULAR DEMAND! His collection of vintage photos, and his attendant stories and anecdotes, is so large that we will be treated to a whole new program on the Staatburg-of-Yesteryear. If you missed his first program, come see why Ned is one of our most popular speakers.

"Join Us - Bring a Friend!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

POST CARD SHOW

Sat & Sun. April 25-26, May 2-3
10AM - 4PM

DAFFODIL FESTIVAL

Sat. April 25 10AM - 5PM
Historical Center, Town Hall, & Rec Ctr

ART SHOW & SALE

Sat. & Sun. Apr. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24
10AM - 4PM

RAIL HISTORY EXHIBIT

Weekends Jul. 4 - Sept. 13
10AM - 4PM

CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

Friday Apr. 3 ANNUAL DINNER

"Old Staatsburg"

by Ned Leadbitter

Friday May 1

"Steamboat Era of the Hudson River"

by Roger Mabie

(of the Hudson River Maritime Museum)

Friday Jun. 5

"Growing Up in the 18th Century"

by Dick Lahey

Friday Sept. 4

"Vintage Victorian Clothing"

by Tom Tierney

Friday Oct. 2

"Clinton's Earliest Hamlet"

by Bill Benson

Friday Nov. 6

"Vanderbuilt Gardens"

by Marguerite Spratt

--- All meetings at 7:30 PM at the Historical Center, Clinton Corners ---
(April 3 meeting at 6:30 PM)

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**DINNER MEETING:
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