

(YOUR) LOCAL COLLECTIBLES EXHIBIT**-- MARCH 22-23 & 29-30 --**

Our Society is offering an opportunity to residents and collectors to share their collections with their neighbors. Themes for collections or individual items will be Town of Clinton History and Family History, County Manufacturing, Postal Services, "One Room School" memorabilia, and Community Organizations of Yesterday (Fire, Grange, church, Scouts, sports, 4-H, etc).

The exhibits will be displayed on both table and vertical panel space set up by the Exhibit Committee for each theme of about 6'x8' in size. Even if you have only one or two items, we encourage you to share them. They will be properly identified and included with similar collectibles in the appropriate theme area. Security will be provided for protection of all items.

If you have a collection or item(s) that you would be willing to show, please contact exhibit chairman George Greenwood at 266-3991 for more information. The Society appreciates your participation.

NEXT MEETING: FRI. FEB. 7***"NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE IN THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY"*****by Larry Thetford**

Who were the neighbors of our local forefathers? What was their life like? What evidence exists of their activities? These questions and more will be answered as local historian Larry Thetford reveals little-known facts and stories about the early inhabitants of our area. This promises to be a great cure for mid-winter 'cabin fever'....BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US !!

SOCIETY TAPS UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT ARCHIVES

The Society is pleased to announce that the railroad photographs from the archives of the University of Connecticut will be exhibited at our Society's Historical Center this summer. The loan of these photographs was the result of a recent two-day visit by Bill McDermott to the university's research facility.

The University is the repository for the vast New York and New Haven Railroad (NY&NHRR) archive. That collection traces the growth of the NY&NHRR from 1850 to 1950. Bill's recent visit was a follow-up to an earlier three-day visit made to mine that rich collection of Dutchess County railroad material. Other items being considered on loan for our Society's exhibit include timetables, maps, & stock certificates. These will be reviewed during visits in the Spring.

Though built independently beginning in 1868, all of Dutchess County's railroads except the two lines owned by the New York Central Railroad, were purchased by the NY&NHRR. Even the Poughkeepsie RR Bridge became property of the NY&NHRR.

UPDATE: RECENT ACTIVITIES AT THE HISTORICAL CENTER

STEERING COMMITTEE...has been meeting to plan and organize activities to help preserve the building, raise funds, promote membership, and develop programs for the benefit of the membership. Thanks to the Committee: George Greenwood, Barb and Jack Cleary, Macy Sherow, Glenda Schwarze, Jim Carberry, Louise and Bill McDermott, Tom O'Shea, and Craig Marshall.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM...Phase I is completed, having gone far beyond the original plan to upgrade the system. As more was done, even more was found to be in need of immediate attention. Our cherished building is now more safe, thanks to the dedicated efforts (and unbelievable volunteered time) of the "E-TEAM": Toby Ricciardelli, George Greenwood, Jack Cleary, and Bill McDermott !!

TREASURER...our new Treasurer, Jim Carberry, has completely revamped our funds and accounting system to better track gross income and expenses, as well as detailed income/expense tracking for our fund raising projects. Based on his research and recommendation, the Board of Directors has voted to invest part of its treasury in low-risk money market funds to provide a better return than offered by savings banks. These changes are needed due to the increase and size of our current financial position. Jim's knowledge and expertise are greatly appreciated. THANKS, JIM!

SECRETARY...also with our increased activity and responsibility for our historic building comes a need to keep better records of the Society's activities. As a chartered organization, these records are auditable and important to maintain our charter. Further, they serve to document decisions, plans, and discussions for benefit of the Society's future endeavors. Macy Sherow has been doing an outstanding job as Society Secretary. Together with his wife Doris who helps get the Newsletter out, we count the Sherows as valued members. THANKS DORIS & MACY !!

SEE YOU FRIDAY BRING A FRIEND !!

WORK PARTY - SAT. FEB. 15

Small inside jobs anyone can do...PLEASE HELP!

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**NEXT MEETING:
FRI. FEB. 7 7:30 PM**



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