

NEXT MEETING: FRI. MAR. 3

7:30PM - HISTORICAL CENTER

"FDR'S TOP COTTAGE"by **Linda Bouchey**



President Franklin Roosevelt's residence in Hyde Park is a famous tourist attraction, but few are aware that he built and maintained a cherished 'hide-away' a few miles away to escape to an informal environment. "Top Cottage" located on land adjacent to Eleanor's Val-Kill became FDR's personal project from planning thru construction after he privately bought the parcel. In 1945, Margaret Suckley of Wilderstein (and FDR's friend) took a pictorial inventory of "Top Cottage", and slides of these vintage photos will be part of Linda Bouchey's presentation to us. Linda will cover why FDR started this project, little known facts about the site, and bring us up to date on the plans to restore and open the property to tourists. This is a chance to learn more about the personality and private life of one of our most famous presidents. Join us!

*** NEW SEASON STARTS ***

"OPEN MIKE"**FOLK MUSIC****SAT. FEB 26****7:30 PM****MASONIC HALL**

Schultzville, Town of Clinton

\$ 5.00 per person at the door

 **Musicians: "Open Mike" format** 
7:00 sign-up at the door. Info: 266-3899

-- Shuttle parking at the Town Hall -- Proceeds to M. Hall restoration --

*** **RECENT NEWS** ***

- The Advisory Council approved repairs and improvements to the Creek Meeting House/Historical Center. A contractor will re-point the mortar where needed to maintain the integrity of the stone construction. Member Tom Loveland is heading a team to replace the cement kitchen sink and drain system for improved appearance and functionality. An alarm system for security and fire has been purchased and will be installed. Besides protecting our building and its archives, this system will help attract exhibits from outside sources.

- The Valentine's Dinner and Music event was a great success. Over 70 members and residents enjoyed a varied buffet with a really fine music presentation following. Thanks to our chairpersons Marian Thompson and Linda Stokes and their committee. And special thanks to resident performers Vince Sauter, Carol Leigh, Russ Bonk, and Tim Hoolihan, the latter 3 filling in at the last moment when illness cancelled the featured performers. **\$1,200 was raised** to support the Masonic Hall restoration. Thank you!

- A sound system has been purchased by the Masonic Hall Preservation Group for the Coffee House, Valentine's and Vineyard affairs, and other Society functions. Funds were raised by the Group to replace the system generously loaned all last year by performer Denise Finley Jordan. Thanks Denise!

- The **Century Museum** group will hold their annual **Table Top Exhibit Sunday March 12** from 10-4PM at our Historical Center. This is an eclectic display of members' private collections of varied type not normally offered for public viewing. Admission is free.

- Nominations for officers and trustees are open, to be voted upon at our upcoming Annual Meeting April 7. Please give candidate names to Secretary Macy Sherow at 266-3907. All members are eligible to nominate or hold office.

STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

-- CAN YOU HELP?

The Society has obtained glass display cases to exhibit artifacts in a more secure environment. As we have already attracted the loan of artifacts from outside collections (vintage post cards; upcoming D.C. Sports Hall of Fame) we are positioning ourselves to be able to exhibit even more private collections to offer a greater variety to the community. Secure cases are requirement for this. Storage space in both buildings is insufficient and we are seeking off-site space with good accessibility (no stairs). The space need not be heated, but must be dry and secure (garage, barn, shed, etc). If you can offer a 10'x10' area or more, please contact Craig Marshall at 266-5684. Thank you!

DUES ARE DUE JAN. 1

The Society dues period is now Jan. 1-Dec. 31.

Your mailing label has the date of current dues paid shown after your name. If it doesn't say "00" please mail \$5.00 individual or \$8.00 family dues payable to "Clinton Historical Society" to:

Clinton Historical Society
P.O. Box 122
Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

Please send your new 911 address also!

2000 CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

Friday Mar. 3 "FDR's Top Cottage"

by Linda Bouchey

Friday Apr. 2 Annual Dinner 6:30PM

- pot-luck or catered dinner -
- annual elections -

Friday May 5 "Inst. of Ecosystem Studies"

by Jill Cadwallader

Friday Jun. 2 "Poughkeepsie: 1898-1998"

by Joan Spence

Friday Sept. 8 "Rombout Hunt"

by Bette Davis

Friday Oct. 6 "Take the Trolley!"

by Charles Benjamin

Friday Nov. 3 "Blacksmithing & Engraving"

by Marty Johannes

Friday Dec. 3 "Holiday Dinner & Auction"

-- 7:30 PM at CHS Historical Center --

-- no meetings Jan., July, August --

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