

ART SHOW OPENING SUCCESS

Over \$1,000 in artwork was sold at the Art Show opening this past weekend, with 15% being donated to our historical society. 40+ artists are displaying their talents in our art show and sale. Watercolors, pen & ink, oils, charcoal, and many other mediums present the viewer with original artwork by our local and creative artists. One always discovers an enjoyable surprise or a favorite piece.

Weekends thru May 31 - 10-4PM!

CHS Historical Center, Clinton Corners

PRESERVATION AWARD TO HARRY HENCK

Town resident and new CHS member Harry Henck received the Society's Preservation Award in a formal presentation at the May 7 program meeting.

Harry was an active member of the Town of Clinton Planning Board for 20 years and served as chairman for the majority of that time. He was also active on the Master Plan Committee and the Zoning Law Revision Committee. All of these efforts helped develop and increase the effectiveness of our laws which preserve our community, its rural character, and its values. Harry continues to serve the community as a member of the core group restoring and preserving the Masonic Lodge in Schultzville. On receiving the award, Harry noted that he was accepting it on behalf of all the citizens who were a part of this important effort over the years.

JAZZ AT THE MEETING HOUSE?

Given the success of the "open mike" folk music sessions at the Masonic Hall, the Society wonders if there is similar interest in classic jazz in the area. Trustee Marilyn Buchenholz has begun a survey to see if our 1777 Creek Meeting House Historical Center in Clinton Corners might be a good venue for these programs. A rhythm section would be provided as backup for 'open mike' performers to drop in and contribute their talent. "Passing the hat" has worked out well in similar jazz venues to support the performers and the venture, with some proceeds given to the society as a fundraiser for the building preservation fund. If you are a performer who would be interested, please call Marilyn at 876-4320.

SOCIETY UPDATES

Schoolhouse Exhibit...well attended; Taconic Newspapers has asked for info and pictures for an upcoming article on early schools. Thanks again to Eleanor Rogers, Viola Schoch, and George Greenwood!

Tax Exemption for the Masonic Hall has been granted by the Town Assessor, based on the educational and cultural use planned for the facility. Thanks again to attorney and resident David Sall for his donated legal services.

Parking Lot Stone was donated anonymously to dress up and preserve our parking area. THANK-YOU!

Dues...now run Jan-Dec. Your mailing label has the last year paid. Send to: Jim Carberry RR1 Box 348 Staatsburg 12580. \$8.00 family, \$5.00 individual.

April 24 was standing room only--again! Come see what you're missing!

"OPEN MIKE" FOLK MUSIC

SAT. May 22

*Featuring
Andy Ferraro*

7:00 PM

MASONIC HALL Schultzville \$5.00

Musicians: "Open Mike" format 6:30 sign-up at the door. Info: 266-5494

--- Shuttle Parking at the Town Hall --- Held 4th Saturday every month ---

NEXT MEETING: June 4 at 7:30PM

"Canal Life of Yesteryear"

Dick Valinski regaled us last year with his personal memorabilia and experiences about items from 'grandma's attic'. Another historical interest he has developed is the significant canal boating industry of the 1800's. The Erie Canal is perhaps the best known of these projects, but closer to home we have the Delaware & Hudson (D&H) canal story. This canal, built in the 1820's from eastern Pennsylvania to Esopus/Kingston, was hugely important to the development of our Hudson Valley area. The Roundout Creek was the terminus for coal shipments by canal boaters for almost 80 years. Their life on the canal makes for interesting stories which Dick will share with us.

BRING A FRIEND! NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

VINTAGE D.C. PHOTO EXHIBIT

Our Annual Summer Exhibit at the Historical Center will show **150+ photos** from glass plate negatives and cut roll film taken in Dutchess Co. between 1870 -1944. This is a private collection never before exhibited. More info to come!

1999 CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

Friday Apr. 2 Annual Dinner 6:30PM

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

Friday May 7 "Hudson Valley Mansions"
by Tom Daley

Friday Jun. 4 "Canal Life of Yesteryear"
by Dick Valinski

Friday Sept. 10 "Madam Brett Homestead"
by Lorraine McCauley

Friday Oct. 1 "Farming in Clinton: History"
by Dave Tetor

Friday Nov. 5 "Stoutenburgh of Hyde Park"
by James Spratt

Friday Dec. 3 "Holiday Dinner & Auction"

-- 7:30 PM at CHS Historical Center --
-- no meetings Jan., July, August --

"DID YOU KNOW?"

Before centralization in the 1950's, our town of Clinton had ten one-room schoolhouses. Most of these structures were built in the 1850's, and all survive today, eight of them as private homes. There are no public schools in Clinton now.

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FRI. June 4, 7:30PM

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