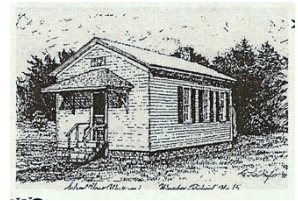


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New Year Greetings to Members & Friends!

As I reflect on 2018, I can say without hesitation that we had a wonderful year, filled with yet another series of great “first Thursday” programs that I hope you enjoyed. Our program committee has done another bang-up job for 2019, as you will see in the enclosed brochure.

We are very thankful to have the enthusiastic **Larry Titus** step up to the permanent Treasurer role. He has already worked hard to get our operations in digital form, streamlining processes. **Charles Woolever** has also decided to become our de facto Vice President, bringing his passion for history to our organization.

We thank our Schoolmarm **Mary Lynne Parmelee** for her eleven years of service; she just made a bonus appearance at this year’s holiday social. As she bows out for 2019, she is attempting to share her considerable experience with two young ladies who are attempting to fill her shoes. More to come on that at a later date!

Longtime volunteer **Sara LeCount** will be moving out of our area in 2019. We will miss her dearly, but before she goes, she will share her considerable textile experience with us once more in our special April 4, 2019 program featuring pieces from our very own museum: “The Fabric of History: Five Key Textiles from the HF-M Historical Society Museum Collection.” Please make plans to attend this very special final appearance of our very good friend.

In 2019, our focus remains on developing a new generation of leadership for the Historical Society. **In particular, we need:**

- 1) Individuals who can help us organize our Annual Holiday Social;**
- 2) Volunteers to step forward to share in our rotation schedule to offer docent services for our 2-hour Sunday afternoon museum hours.**

I’ve said it before, and I will say it again: our Society is one of the smoothest-running organizations I have had the pleasure to be involved with. If you choose to get involved, I suspect you will find great enjoyment in helping us out, and we will provide you with the support that you need. Please see me at a meeting or call me at 624-5148 to discuss your potential involvement, or the involvement of someone who you recommend we reach out to.

Here are some highlights from 2018:

- A fantastic new program on Mendon Ponds Park presented
- New exhibits including Mendon Ponds (90 years), ice harvesting and advertising items given away by local businesses.
- While we missed the presentation on **Honeoye Falls Railroads** from David Monte Verde, that program has been rescheduled for September 5, 2019.
- The Society co-sponsored the Festival on the Green during Fathers’ Day weekend and opened the Museum during all three “Movies in the Park” (thanks go to **Jaren Miner** for also staffing one of the movies), as well as during the annual Girl Scout Pumpkin Fest.
- Donations continue to arrive at the museum. Chief among these is an oil painting of early Mendon settler **Abram Cole**.
- **Ron Lord, Kevin Yost** and **Gary Albright** each donated several items.

- We acquired a number of items related to the **Sibleyville Inn**.
- We added cobbler's lasts and stands from the estate of **Frank Oppedisano**.
- We hosted **schoolhouse and museum visits** by HF-L students as well as students from other school districts.
- Continued implementing the recommendations set forth in **Gary Albright's** 2016 conservation assessment by:
 - Reviewing the results of our year-long installation of humidity and temperature monitors throughout the Museum;
 - Supported by that data, working with **Brian Anderson** and the **Village of Honeoye Falls administration** to determine if it is time to replace the furnace with a new HVAC system, pending final approval in 2019.
- Received a third \$500 grant from the **Maletta Foundation** to use toward improvements for our Museum and facilities.
- Replaced our cumbersome A-frame "Museum Open" sidewalk sign with an eye-catching and easier-to-manage flag.
- Approved the Society's 2019 Budget; there is no change to our membership dues for 2019.

Goals for 2019:

- Work with the Village of Honeoye Falls to finalize the installation of a new HVAC in the museum.
- Pursue a restoration grant for our newly-acquired portrait of Abram Cole.
- Continue to collect recommendations to expand our Historical Society website. Please contact me to offer your thoughts and insights.
- Continue indexing our archival materials and donations of artifacts to the Museum.
- As stated in my introduction, we have a wonderful set of programs planned for 2019, as detailed in the accompanying program guide. Please mark these on your calendars. I hope that you, like I, consider these part of your evening nourishment on the first Thursday of each month.

As noted above, the **financial budget for 2019** was approved at the quarterly Trustees Meeting on December 5. Membership dues are being kept at the same amounts that were set in **2002**. The dues support our program expenses and enable keeping our Museum open to the public.

— If this sentence is highlighted, you did not remit your 2018 dues. —

Please fill out the enclosed **membership renewal form** and return it with your dues payment. Remember to **include your e-mail address** to receive timely and detailed notices of Historical Society program meetings and other events of interest. Any questions, please call me at 624-5148 or e-mail me at president@hfmhistorical.org.

Finally, if you haven't already, please visit our website at hfmhistorical.org. **As with 2018**, the website contains a link to a handy, **single** iCalendar file that will populate your e-calendars (Outlook, Gmail, mobile phone, tablet, etc.) with **all ten** 2019 programs at once!

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We hope to see you on the first Thursday of each month to enjoy our programs. May your 2019 bring you great joy!

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 2019 Program Brochure & Membership Renewal Form