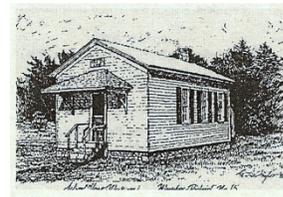


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December 28, 2019

New Year Greetings to Members & Friends!

As I reflect on 2019, 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 2020, as you will see in the enclosed brochure.

Our Schoolhouse programs, which educate and entertain area grade schoolers, were kept afloat through the coordination of Bill Lane and through gracious volunteer work of **Stephanie Empson, Kristin Quinn, and Suzie Wells**. Kristin Quinn and her family also helped us to put together this year’s holiday social, and we are so very thankful for that.

In 2020, our focus remains on developing a new generation of leadership for the Historical Society. **In particular, we need:**

- 1) More volunteers to help with the Social for 2020, including music teachers who are willing to bring students to perform a recital. Please contact me if you or someone you know is willing to do this.**
- 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 2019:**

- At long last, thanks to our Treasurer, Larry Titus, we launched our Facebook presence, at [www.facebook.com/hftmhs/](http://www.facebook.com/hftmhs/)
  - Expect us to post our events there moving forward.
- We received a number of intriguing items into our museum collection:
  - Quaker items (books, documents and clothing) belonging to Marjorie Quick, donated by John Mathews.
  - Three wool blankets made by the Hunt Brothers Woolen Mills in North Bloomfield and Honeoye Falls plus photos, and documents related to the Hunts. Donated by Lauren Pfluke Seeman, a descendent of the Hunt family. This donation happened because of our Facebook page.
  - Two framed portraits, photos, documents and a restored goat cart donated by the family of Edna Cousineau.
  - Custom BrewCrafters sign, growlers and a Caged Alpha Monkey beer tap handle donated by Mike Alcorn.
  - A framed portrait, photos and 1940 HFHS memorabilia. Donated by Lynne Dale. This is Lynne's second donation.
  - The Lima Historical Society transferred a WWI uniform worn by Urban Drowne.
  - A number of smaller donations were received from Gary Albright, Bill Lane, Lynne Menz and Paul Worboys.
- Two exhibits were prepared for display at the Town Hall. The most recent, the Sibleyville Inn, will be coming down shortly.

- There are two new displays in the museum. Jaren Miner and Dee Kammermeier redid the large clothing case. A display of "give away" items (calendars, yard sticks, etc.) is in the Entry Gallery.
- Bill Lane's Mendon Ponds Park presentation was memorialized as a book: The Creation of Mendon Ponds Park, which is available for purchase at our Museum and monthly meetings for \$10.
- We hosted **schoolhouse and museum visits** by HF-L students as well as students from other school districts.
- Finished working with **Brian Anderson** and the **Village of Honeoye Falls administration** to determine if it is time to replace our furnace with a new HVAC system, which has made a discernible difference in the stability of temperature and humidity in the first floor of the museum.
- Received a \$600 grant from the **Maletta Foundation** to use toward improvements for our Museum and facilities.
- Approved the Society's 2020 Budget; there is no change to our membership dues for 2020.
- Published a new holiday postcard, available at the museum and at the Honeoye Falls Marketplace.

#### Goals for 2020:

- Work with the Village of Honeoye Falls to determine how to stabilize temperature and humidity on the second floor of the museum.
- Increase community outreach on our new Facebook page.
- Continue to 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 2020, 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.

— If this sentence is highlighted, you did not remit your 2019 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](mailto:president@hfmhistorical.org).

Finally, if you haven't already, please visit our website at [hfmhistorical.org](http://hfmhistorical.org). **As with 2019**, 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** 2020 programs at once! Of course, you will be able to see these events on our Facebook page as well, at [www.facebook.com/hftmhs/](http://www.facebook.com/hftmhs/).

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 2020 bring you great joy!

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 2020 Program Brochure & Membership Renewal Form