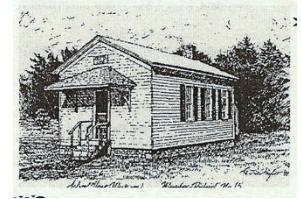


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New Year Greetings to Members & Friends!

As I reflect here at the end of 2021 and reflect on 2022, I am thankful for the things that we have regained in the past year — reopened restaurants and stores; a return to traveling; and families finding ways to be with one another. I hope that your upcoming holidays help you find ways to reconnect with your loved ones. If you lost a loved one in 2021, I am deeply sorry.

For the Historical Society, 2021 saw a return to regular programming, without cancellations. Zoom was a help for sure, allowing us to double our normal in-person attendance levels. We even saw youngsters attending with their parents, which is something we rarely see during in-person events. At least the first three programs of 2022 will be hosted on Zoom, which should make attending safer not just in regard to COVID, but in regard to winter driving as well. One thing that still stung in 2021 was the need to cancel of our annual holiday social once again. This is something that we hope to host *with vigor* in December 2022!

Speaking of 2022, you will find that our program committee has done another bang-up job. Please have a look at the enclosed brochure. There is something for everyone!

Our 2022 goals are largely a restatement of 2021's: our focus remains on developing a new generation of leadership for the Historical Society. **Will you please consider stepping up?** In particular, we need:

- 1) **More volunteers to help with the Social for 2022, 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 am always proud to share that our Society is a smooth-running organization. Because of this, 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 2021:**

- Our Facebook presence ([facebook.com/hftmhs/](https://www.facebook.com/hftmhs/)) has continues to take off! We post frequently, asking the community to help us unidentified people and places in photos in our collection. Please visit and help us solve these mysteries!
- On the Museum front, we have received donations from local donors as well as donors from around the country who found us via our Facebook pages. In addition to donations, we search local garage / estate sales and purchase items off eBay. The most significant additions to the museum's collections during 2021 were:
  - The Major Downey Hook and Ladder Company banner (Fire Department).
  - A woodcut drawing of Rochester Junction by Wayne Sheeler.
  - Four large storage bins of clothing and textiles donated by Cindy Mathews.
  - Two large signs which once hung outside the Ti Amo Deli and Bakery.
  - The Society had received a grant for restoration of an oil painting of Mendon resident Abram Cole. The restoration is complete, and the painting is on display in the museum.

- Jaren Miner worked with Sarah LeCount to identify and date many of the items from the Mathews donation. The quality of items in this donation allowed us to replace items from our collection which were soiled or damaged.
- Efforts continue to catalog the archival collections. Items discovered which do not fit in our museum were passed along to other historical societies or libraries. When a suitable site for an item cannot be identified, it has been sold on eBay. Funds from these sales are being used to purchase items for our collections.
- Our museum volunteers have resumed their weekly work! Special thanks to Gary Albright, Kathy Eastman, Bill Lane and Charles Woolever for all they do to curate, cultivate, and document our collections each week of the year. **Please also be sure to take a Sunday afternoon between 2–4pm to stop by and see the fruits of their labor!**
- Approved the Society’s 2022 Budget; there is no change to our membership dues for 2021.

**Goals for 2022:**

- Continue work with the Village of Honeoye Falls to determine how to stabilize temperature and humidity on the *second* floor of the museum.
- Continue evolving our online presence, bringing a new web site. Stay tuned to <https://hfmhistorical.org> for more information.
- Continue indexing our archival materials and donations of artifacts to the Museum, while introducing *photographic archiving* for the first time.
- As stated in my introduction, we have a wonderful set of programs planned for 2022, 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 2021 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 2021**, 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** 2022 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, and on Sundays afternoons for museum hours. May your 2022 bring health, safety, joy, and a return to life as you love living it!

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 2022 Program Brochure & Membership Renewal Form