

The Museum at The Creamery

# THE SKANEATELES HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

### Unraveling the Roosevelts

Skaneateles has been home to many Roosevelts and visited by more, including two Presidents and a First Lady. This fall, Ken Burns is exploring the lives of Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt on Public Television in “The Roosevelts: An Intimate History,” and on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Museum at The Creamery, Kihm Winship will introduce you to our three Eleanor Roosevelts, our three Henry Latrobe Roosevelts, and explain who was cousin to whom and where they lived.

Please join us at 7:30 at 28 Hannum St., and if you haven’t seen our Roosevelt Hall exhibit, now is the perfect time to see wonderful photos of what it used to look like.



Little by little, the areas around the museum are being cleaned and replaced with ground cover and perennials.

I would like to thank the following people for their help with ideas, mowing, mulching, planting, weed control and plant donations: Mike Dempsey, Pat Elkovitch, Betsy Foote, Bob Green, Sally Holben, Jim Lanning, Cullen McGlynn, Dave Miller, James Motyl, Beverly Ponticello, Liz Sweetman, Laurie Winship, and the Village DPW.

This is a work in progress, one weed at a time. The area behind the museum has seating and is a pleasant place. Feel free to visit.

Julie DiBagio

The purpose of the Skaneateles Historical Society is to conduct and encourage historical research and to collect, preserve, and exhibit historical material in connection with the Town of Skaneateles.

**CREAMERY HOURS, SEPT-OCT**

Fridays and Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.  
or by appointment  
Sept 18-20, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

**New Web Site!**

Our newly designed web site is almost ready. Hopefully, in October, the transformation will be complete. Check back to see when the exciting new format is up at [skaneateleshistoricalsociety.org](http://skaneateleshistoricalsociety.org)

**OCTOBER PROGRAM**

Our program for October will be a talk by David Bates on the acquisition and partial restoration of the Skaneateles Boat Company's No. 5 Double End Rowboat.

Dave will tell the story of how he came to know the boat's owner, learned of its "rescue" and rediscovery, plus her travels from CNY to Michigan and finally Old No. 5's homecoming. A story that spans more than a century! Come and see how it was hung in the Boat Building, with special lighting to spotlight the beautiful interior workmanship.

This historic, little 15-foot "pulling boat" has a surprise ending chapter to share, too, and we hope you can attend this program: October 28, 2014 at 7:30 PM in The Museum at The Creamery.

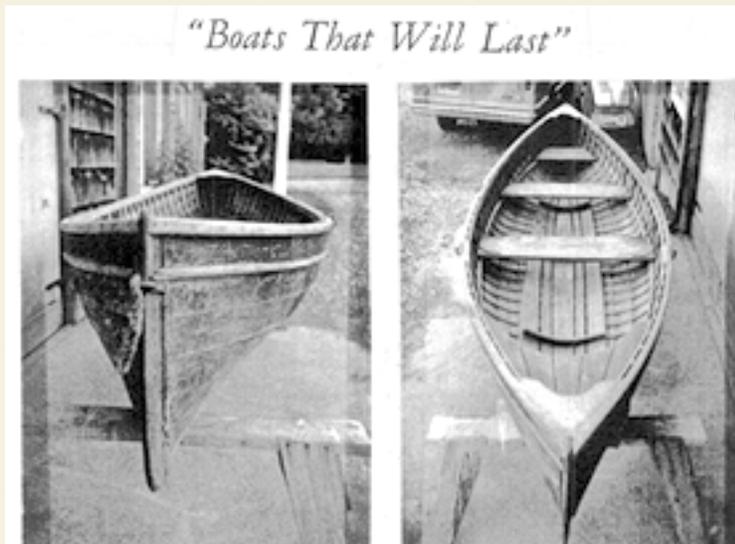


Photo from 1922 catalog



Photo provided

With the summer months usually filled with family reunions, it was no different at The Museum at The Creamery in July when Hall descendants gathered to enjoy the artifacts and history of their ancestors. The Hall family records date back to 1806 when David Hall (9/16/1744 to 9/6/1816) first arrived in Skaneateles from Pelham, NH.

Left to right, Sox Sperry, Addie Hall Vogel, Robert Hall, Chris Sperry, and Judy Hall Stirling.



Our sincere thanks to the Feldmann family for opening their home for our fundraising house tour in August. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, who also participated, and the Skaneateles Historical Society are happy that we had the chance to show the community these two unique buildings.

Pictured are Debbie Feldmann Loescher and Shirley Feldmann.

Photo courtesy of Julie DiBagio.

## GIFT SHOP NEWS

We have several new items for sale at our gift shop. Key fobs feature the logo from Skaneateles Boats, Inc. They are beautiful reproductions in brass. Skaneateles Boats built Comets, Lightnings, and Rhodes Bantams as well as other popular boats.

We are now selling Skaneateles Sugar Shack products, including containers of maple syrup in a variety of sizes.

Handmade pendant necklaces, made by a local artisan, feature a variety of miniature images; some from nature, some from Skaneateles history.

We have a wonderful variety of unique gifts that are not available in other stores, so please come visit.



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## AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Do you shop at Amazon? If so, they have started a new program that donates a percentage of all eligible sales to a charity of your choice. The Skaneateles Historical Society is now participating, so all you have to do is go to:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7339639>

and shop as usual. No cost to you, a benefit to us--what a great deal! Give it a try!

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## Recent Acquisitions

Scrapbook of M. Lindsay Poor, 1890s

The stories of Richard Long, 2003-2008

Hall family memorabilia

Letter from the Skaneateles Railroad Co. re. sugar purchase certificate, in conjunction with the Rationing Board

Old advertising brochures from local businesses, including Tucker Hardware and Wallace-Hahn Pharmacy

Skating chair, used to push children on the ice while the adults skated

Lions Club memorabilia

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## The Krebs has reopened!

We thought it would be fitting to honor the Krebs by sharing some interesting photos and information.

First, the former Loveless house gardens, next door to the Krebs, have been beautifully restored by Master Gardener Beverly Ponticello. The photo below is one view.



And, here is the famous brownie recipe that Cora Krebs was always happy to share.

### *Cora Krebs Brownie Recipe*

*1/2 cup Butter  
2 squares Unsweetened Chocolate  
1 cup Sugar  
1/2 tsp. Vanilla Extract  
Pinch of salt  
2 Eggs  
1 cup Chopped Walnuts  
1/2 cup Pastry Flour*

Melt together over a double boiler the butter and chocolate squares. Set aside and cool to room temperature.

Mix together in a large bowl the sugar, vanilla, salt, eggs and walnuts.

Add the flour.

Stir until the flour is mixed completely into the batter and no lumps are evident.

Grease a 9"x13" pan.

Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degree oven, 18-20 minutes.

The Brownies are done when a cake tester or knife comes out clean.

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**ACBS Annual Meeting and International Boat Show**

This international event is being held in Skaneateles, based at the Skaneateles Country Club, for the first time ever, from September 14-21. The Museum at The Creamery will be open special hours on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Sept. 18-20, from 12-4 p.m. Narrated historic village tours will be given on Friday and Saturday at 12:30 and 2:00, leaving from and returning to the Country Club. Cost is \$10 per person.

BOARD MEMBERS: President, Karlene Miller; V-P, David Bates; Secretary, Mona Smalley; Corresponding Secretary, Karen Lengyel; Treasurer, Betsy Foote; Town Historian, Beth Battle; Village Historian, Jorge Battle; Members-at-large, Julie DiBagio, Robert Green, John Havemeyer, David Miller, Barbara Patrick, Susan Spalding, Bill Stinson, Lewis Wellington, Richard Whalen

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Everyone who helped out at the Open House fundraisers, especially Betsy Foote for chairing the committee  
Everyone who came to the Open House, and all the bidders on the Silent Auction items  
Julie DiBragio for her outstanding efforts in planting, weeding, and generally sprucing up our land

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