JANUARY PROGRAM

Skaneateles Railroad

If you’re interested in photos of the Skaneateles Railroad, be sure to join us on Tuesday, January 28, for a presentation by Paul Shinal. He will show pictures of some of the old stations, as well as discuss industries along the line over the years.

Paul, a life-long resident of Seneca Falls, was on the faculty of Cayuga Community College. He is now secretary of the CNY Model RR Club, active in the Historical Society at Skaneateles Junction in Elbridge, and financial advisor to the CNY Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society in Syracuse. He is also building an HO scale model at his home.

Please join us at 7:30 at the Museum at The Creamery. Bring a friend or neighbor! Refreshments will be served as always.

The Sarah Kuse, our most recent boat acquisition. Photo by Dave Miller.
CREAMERY HOURS, JAN-APRIL
  Fridays, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment

SPECIAL HOURS FOR WINTERFEST
  Friday, January 24, 1-4 p.m.
  Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Come see our fascinating ice-cutting tools!

PLEASE HELP!
There will be a training session for docents, our tour guides, as soon as it can be arranged. If you’re interested in joining us, please call 685-1360. We are also looking for people to help with routine maintenance jobs and some indoor painting.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Personal accounts of Lightning #1

Hume Laidman and his wife, Peggy Ayars Laidman (daughter of Lew Ayars, the second owner of Lightning #1,) will discuss the early days of owning the boat as well as review the initial history of it. Their talk will span 1938 through 1971 when it was sold to John Ryan. Be sure to join us to hear stories not previously covered in past writings about this famous boat. The program is on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:30 at The Museum at The Creamery. If you haven’t been in to see Lightning #1 in person, now is the perfect opportunity!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS
A china plate hand-painted by Hildegard Edwards
Scrapbook of clippings from Skaneateles High school activities, 1925-1938
Line drawings of sandbagger The Laura
Dickens Christmas Ale glass from The Sherwood

DO YOU HAVE OLD YEARBOOKS?
We are looking for two Skaneateles High School yearbooks, one from 1979 and one from 1992, that we need to complete our collection. If you’re interested in donating them, call us at 685-1360. Thanks!

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December 13, 2013, will be remembered by me as a sad day in our history. The former Waterbury Felt Co. closed. It was the last day for Clear Edge Filtration, which was moving to Tulsa. They made large filters for anything from coal to gold. The many industries along the creek benefited from waterpower furnished by dams along the creek until the City of Syracuse stole the water in 1896 but the stronger mills continued using other sources of power.

I remember the noon whistles at Waterbury’s and Glenside Woolen Mill, the sidewalks around the Glenside, the school that at one time went through three years of high school, St. Bridget’s church and three-story church hall, Cronauer’s General Store, Rodak’s store and restaurant, O’Hara’s Meat Market, Tom Major’s gas station, barber shop and candy store (now the Post Office.) The church hall served as a movie theater, dance hall, held plays and many community events. There were other stores, bars, and garages in the area. From School St. south on the east side of Jordan Rd. were numerous homes to and beyond the Stauffer site. The Methodist Church was in the middle and the railroad ran along the west side of Jordan Rd. All are gone now. The Glenside Woolen Mill made casket cloth and upholstery for General Motors and is now a smaller Welch Allyn plant.

Rodak’s is now the Red Rooster but not much is left of the real community feeling with the gutting of mills, garages, general stores, school, theater and two churches and numerous homes. There is, however, a hazardous waste site left by Stauffer, which was originally the Draycott Paper Mill.

There is much more good history of the Glenside aka Skaneateles Falls, which I will take up at the May 27 program at the Historical Society.
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January marks membership renewal time, and we ask that you please look at the address label on this newsletter issue to see your current status. The label date - 2011, 2012 etc. - shows the last record we have for your dues payment. (And please call or email me if you feel this date is incorrect.) If you’re a life member or joined after September 2012, continue to enjoy your membership privileges--the newsletter and a 10% discount in our gift shop--without renewing at this time.

As always, thank you for your support!

David Bates
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: $1,000.00
Our new gift shop volunteers. Will you consider helping out?

Nina Popow, for serving on our Board.

All the members who helped decorate, and undecorate, the museum for Christmas. It looked very festive.

Special thanks to...