NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Skaneateles and St. James’

By Kihm Winship

When I was a member of St. James’ church, I was fascinated by the number of memorials, but wondered how anyone could be expected to remember someone they never knew. So I began looking into the histories. I found stories that began and ended in Skaneateles, and stories that took place all over the world. Between 2007 and 2013, I researched more than 100 stories about the people of St. James’ – some inspiring, some amusing, some terribly sad. Many lived in the 19th century but had problems we can easily relate to in the 21st. Some had fortunes, some had hard luck, some had both. I didn’t want their stories to be lost, so I have gathered them together into two books scheduled for publication in November, and will be sharing the stories at the Museum at The Creamery on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m.
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Our newly designed web site is almost ready.
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skaneateleshistoricalsociety.org

Holiday Open House and Dickens Festivities

Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1-4 p.m. for our annual Open House. Kihm Winship will be signing copies of his two-volume history of Skaneateles and St. James’ Church, and in addition to these books our gift shop will be selling unique gifts for everyone on your list.

Karlene Miller, our retiring Board President (see p. 5) will be honored at 3:00. Be sure to stop by to express your appreciation for her many years of service.

Dickens characters are likely to stop by, perhaps even singing as they come in. Will it be snowing?

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!
Ken Jennings Wooster, our web master from 2008 to 2014, grew up on Fennell St. He tells wonderful stories about his childhood, and remembers so many interesting details. One of my favorites is how he used to try and talk to the German prisoners of war who were brought over from the prison camp near Montezuma Swamp to work in our local sauerkraut factory. Ironically, the blades used to shred the cabbage were manufactured in Germany, so during the war, replacements were not available.

After graduating from Skaneateles High School in 1948, Ken attended The New York State College for Teachers at Albany. He joined the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, went to graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and taught mathematics at SUNY Cortland.

In honor of Ken’s many years of hard work, The Board of Directors purchased a paver that will be placed outside our entranceway.

ACBS Annual Meeting and Boat Show

This international event, held in Skaneateles in September, was a wonderful success for the Country Club as well as the entire village. The Historical Society sold items from our gift shop at the Country Club, and sponsored well-attended historic village tours on the Laker Limo.

Jim Fields, Manager of the Country Club, reported in their newsletter that one visitor from Florida commented on the friendliness of everyone he encountered, and said, “Why would anyone want to live anywhere else?” Well, he wasn’t here in the winter, but still—it’s hard to argue with that!
Shop the Creamery Gift Shop This Holiday for Unique Gifts

Have you visited our Museum Gift Shop lately? We have added a wide variety of gifts that will get you started on your holiday shopping. We have new pottery in stock from Westerwald Pottery in Pennsylvania, which is only sold at our gift shop. Also new this year are beautiful brass keychains with the Skaneateles Boat Co. logo. Our new Christmas ornament is shown to the right. We have a large selection of books that make wonderful gifts. Local author Kihm Winship is releasing two new books: *Skaneateles and St. James’* and *The Windows of St. James’, Skaneateles*. Kihm will be signing his books at our holiday open house, so be sure to stop by.

Why not support your local historical society by buying your Christmas Cards at our gift shop? We have a variety of painted and photo cards featuring holiday village scenes. Don't forget our members receive 10% off all purchases, so stop and shop with us this holiday season.

The Historical Society has this wonderful photo of two men enjoying some accordion music after a successful hunting trip. However, we have no information on it. No date, no names, no location. Is it even Skaneateles? If anyone can shed some light on this photo please call us or send us an email. Thank you!
Karlene Miller Retiring as Board President
by Julie DiBagio

Karlene Miller is retiring after thirteen years as Board President of the Skaneateles Historical Society. When asked, she said that the time has been eventful and passed quickly.

Karlene came to the board in 2000. She served on the board only a few months before she was approached to serve as President, following Bill Pavlus. Her concern was that she was "the new kid on the block." Her eyes lit up as she recalled all the events that followed. "The Creamery was just a box." An expansion project was started in 2007 that changed that. The boiler building was acquired and renovated, an addition for archival storage was added to the existing building where an ice house used to be, and the connector wing was built, all with the pro bono help of Bob Eggleston and others. Fund raisers were held and the new Boat Building opened in 2011.

The board added more members, and Laurie Winship was hired as Museum Director. Karlene noted that nothing could have been accomplished without a congenial working relationship among board members. She said that one of the best parts of her job has been the planning and sharing of ideas at board meetings.

Karlene and her husband have been docents at the museum. She enjoys this, as well as giving tours of the village as the occasion arises.

Going forward, Karlene hopes to stay on as a board member, working in research. She wants the Historical Society to continue to be an active part of the community. She would like to see an annual fund raising event become a part of the museum's agenda.

Karlene sums up her time with these words,"It has been a pleasure to work with people. I am glad I was able to do this and I wish the Historical Society to be successful for many years to come."

Thank you, Karlene, for your dedicated leadership, time, and effort.
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Horse harness
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